

San Jose Neighborhood Commission SJNC Brief Meeting Recap

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2009

The Neighborhood Commission of the City of San Jose convened in a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. 901 E. Santa Clara St. Roosevelt Community Center

- Present: 20 members... 30 less two open seats and several excused
Ernest Guzman – Community Services Supervisor (Staff facilitator)
- Call to Order: Beth Shafran-Mukai, President
- Welcome: Mayor Chuck Reed addressed the Commission and spoke of the work that lies ahead and role of the commission.
- Brief Address: City Manager's office informs the commission that the City faces negotiations with 10 of the city's 12 labor bargaining groups and comments on the budget process.
- Public Comment: Public Safety and Transportation and the City budget are two areas currently not addressed by other city commissions and should be considered by the Neighborhood Commission (Ed Rast)
- Brief Address: Tom Manheim, Dir. Of Communication, City Manager's Office requests input from the Commission on Civic Engagement, i.e. when should City Departments and Council engage the public on issues and decisions under consideration. (to be considered by the SJNC)
- By Laws: Revised SJNC By Laws were presented, discussed, modified and approved.
- Discussion: Committees: SJNC will begin with 4 standing committees:
 - Caucus Committee (support neighborhood caucus process)
 - Workplan Committee (workplan development)
 - Outreach / Communications Committee
 - Executive Committee (Pres. VP and committee chairs)Ad-Hoc Sub-committees to be formed as appropriate
- Mission Statement was presented and adopted as follows:
Study, review, and evaluate issues, courses of action, and policies/ programs affecting San Jose neighborhoods, and make recommendations to the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board regarding such issues, but only as set forth in the Commission's workplan which must be approved by the Council.

Work Plan: Three workplan areas were presented, considered and adopted:

- 1) Budget input as it relates to neighborhood interests
- 2) Civic Engagement – developing greater community involvement in matters affecting neighborhoods and the City.
- 3) Communication and Outreach – enhance and improve neighborhood and community input to the Council

The Neighborhood Services Committee and Council will review and approve this workplan or return it to the SJNC for further refinement.

Polling and Survey process was presented and discussed. To be continued.

Next Meeting: In November (date TBD) will be devoted to review and comments on a budget planning and priority setting tool (process) currently under consideration by the City Manager's office.

Note: The commission is made up of 30 members of the community; 3 from each of the 10 Council districts in the City. All have been chosen by a neighborhood caucus process.

Your 3 District 6 representatives are:
Larry Ames,
Frank Throckmorton,
David Dearborn

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