

District 1 Leadership Group

Commission Summaries, 1/13/2018

Senior Commission – Warren Gannon

Parks Commission – Daphna Woolfe – no report this month

Arts Commission – Ramona Snyder – no December meeting

HCDC – Martha O’Connell

Neighborhood Commission – Gary Cunningham

Senior Commission – Warren Gannon, Chair

The Work Plan for the Commission has been approved by Commission Members, PRNS Staff and the City Council. The Plan includes:

1. To improve access to affordable, suitable housing alternatives for older adults.
2. Monitor and advocate for transportation options for Seniors
3. Assurer that programs and services for older adults responds to the needs of current and future participants.
4. Become aware (and publicize where possible) of programs, services, policies and research that can benefit the health and wellness of San Jose’s older adults.
5. Support Age Friendly San Jose
6. Raise awareness in City Government and the community regarding the work of the Senior Commission.
7. Research a strategy that will increase communication to all residents of the City.

HCDC – Housing and Community Development Commission - Martha O’Connell, District 1 Commissioner

This will be my last report as the D1 representative to the HCDC. Davlyn Jones resigned as the HCDC Mobilehome Park Resident Representative and I applied for the position. I was confirmed by the City Council on 12-19-17 as the new mobilehome resident representative and thus I resigned from the D1 spot.

It has my pleasure to do the best I could for D1 and I thank Councilperson Jones, Chappie, for his faith in me. I commend Davlyn for her previous service. I will be happy to help with new D1 representative in any way that I can. This Commission is one of the most daunting, has the longest meetings, and requires a depth of knowledge of all housing issues to do a good job.

Since my last report there has been only one meeting. I am proud to report that one of my last acts as your representative was to craft a compromise motion on the contentious issue of adding duplexes to the scope of the Apartment Rent Control Ordinance.

A motion to not include duplexes was made but my substitute motion to only include duplexes that were **not** owner occupied passed by a vote of 6-5, superseding the original motion.

The remainder of the meeting covered information items and feedback on federal funding priorities and potential impacts on affordable housing development.

Neighborhood Commission – Gary Cunningham, District 1 Neighborhood Commissioner

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1. **Illegal Fireworks Campaign.** Prior to the Fourth of July and New Years’ holidays, significant efforts were made to educate the public about the ban on illegal fireworks, and the dangers. Outreach included public service announcements, advertising, press releases, billboards, flyers and e-flyers, and social media messages. The NC has been active in participating in the outreach. The NC has received positive feedback from the community and has been encouraged to continue its efforts. The NC will be evaluating the effectiveness of the campaign.

2. **Illegal Dumping.** Illegal dumping has been reduced as a result of the city’s new and improved free junk pick up policy. Extensive outreach has been made publicizing the policy. The NC has been active in developing the policy and participating in the outreach. Code enforcement is still an issue because of staffing.

3. **Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC).** The committee is in support of Measure B, which enacted a ¼ percent sales tax for 15 years and requires Independent Citizens Oversight with public review of spending, and all revenues controlled locally. A plan is continuing to be developed that defines the ICOC role and responsibilities, identifies the work product, and develops the necessary processes to fulfill the requirements of the ICOC.

4. **2018 Neighborhoods Commission Caucuses.** Caucuses will be held this year for Neighborhood Commissioners in SJ odd-numbered districts. The District 1 caucus is scheduled for 12 May which is the same date as the May D1LG meeting. Coordination of the caucus and the D1LG meeting is in process.

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