



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairwoman Kildoo called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Acting Chairwoman Kildoo.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, K. KILDOO, PARIS, WALSH

ABSENT: GONZALEZ, S. KILDOO, KRETCHMAN, MARTINEZ

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Manager Romero, Interim Building Official Reynolds, Sergeant Haynesworth, and Recording Secretary Gallegos.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

Corrections:

COMMISSION COMMENTARY: Commissioner Clark clarified that it should read that they anticipate everything being ready for the grand opening in April 2014.

MOVED BY CLARK, SECONDED BY PARIS, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 11/13/13 AS CORRECTED.

AYES: CLARK, K. KILDOO, PARIS, WALSH

NOES: NONE

ABSTENTION CAVANAUGH

ABSENT: GONZALEZ, S. KILDOO, KRETCHMAN , MARTINEZ

2) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

3) NEW BUSINESS:

Elect Chair: **MOVED BY PARIS, SECONDED BY CLARK, TO APPOINT KILDOO AS CHAIR.**

Elect Vice Chair: **MOVED BY KILDOO, SECONDED BY PARIS, TO APPOINT CLARK AS VICE CHAIR.**



4) **PRESENTATIONS:**

A) **E-CIGARETTES:**

CELESTE YOUNG of Mental Health Systems and **GENA KNUTSON** of Vista Community Clinic provided a presentation on electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), a battery-powered device that produces flavored water vapor for inhaling. The three main ingredients are propylene glycol or vegetal glycerin (humectants), nicotine, and flavor (fruit, candy, tobacco, coffee, bacon, mix and match). A hollow tube attaches to the e-cigarette and acts as a mouthpiece. E-liquid is dripped through the tube on to atomizer. The use of e-cigarettes is increasing rapidly among adults and has doubled with youth. They are used predominantly by smokers, smokers considering cessation, former smokers, and young adults. E-Cigarettes have not been proved to help people quit smoking. There have been cases where the e-cigarettes have exploded while in use. E-cigarettes are sold at gas stations, convenience stores, liquor stores and even dollar stores. There are three locations in San Marcos that sell e-cigarettes. The County of San Diego and the cities of Vista, Carlsbad, and Oceanside prohibit e-cigarettes where smoking is prohibited. E-cigarettes are not regulated by the FDA.

KC STRANG, San Marcos resident and program manager for the San Marcos Prevention Coalition a nonprofit community coalition made up of over ten different sectors of the community that work on reducing substance abuse. Mr. Strang stated that the Coalition is extremely concerned about the rise and popularity of electronic vaping devices. He has seen an increase in the use of e-cigarettes in San Marcos. He was recently at Double Peak Park and there were young people using them there. He stated there are over 250 companies that make and market vaping devices but none are regulated. Unlike traditional cigarettes, the e-cigarettes come in many different flavors like cotton candy, chocolate. Recent studies show that the vapor was found to have carcinogens. The cities of Vista, Carlsbad and Poway prohibit the use of electronic vaping devices in areas that are smoke free.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO stated that if the Commissioners wanted to prohibit e-cigarettes here in San Marcos, they could direct staff to bring back more information to take formal action on. **ACTING CHAIR KILDOO** stated that she would like to get more information and also would like to know if this Commission or the Community Services Commission would address the use of the e-cigarettes at the parks.

COMMISSIONER PARIS stated that where she lives, the association has banned e-cigarettes. It is disturbing to hear that e-cigarettes are being used at the parks. She also would like to get more information about this.

ACTING CHAIR KILDOO asked if this issue has been addressed by Cal State San Marcos. **COMMISSIONER CLARK** indicated that they are working on it and have a draft version of a smoking policy that addresses e-cigarettes.



ACTING CHAIR KILDOO thanked the speakers for their very informative presentation. She had no idea that e-cigarettes were not regulated. She asked staff to bring back more information.

B) PREPARE SAN DIEGO INITIATIVE:

KIRK LUTHYE of the American Red Cross provided a presentation on Prepare San Diego. The goal is to help one million San Diego County residents prepare for human emergencies and disasters by helping them make an emergency plan, build a disaster kit and get emergency training. It is a four year initiative and San Marcos was identified as a year one community. The target goal is to reach 29,000 San Marcos residents.

ACTING CHAIR KILDOO asked how they will be disseminating information about this program to the community. **MR. LUTHYE** stated that they want to partner with schools, faith based organizations, and nonprofit agencies. They have not yet identified an entity in San Marcos that would like to take this on. They have talked to Cal State San Marcos but nothing has yet been solidified. **ACTING CHAIR KILDOO** suggested the street fairs through the Chamber of Commerce would be a great opportunity to inform residents about this program.

5) REPORTS

a) Sheriff's Department Report:

SERGEANT HAYNESWORTH reviewed the December 2013 and January 2014 disturbance calls. In December there were 110 party calls and 70 in January and the hot spots were in the Borden/Las Posas area. He spoke about a large party that recently occurred and that was on the local news. He showed photos of the alcohol and damage done to the home. He reported there was a DUI checkpoint conducted behind Palomar College. They have been monitoring the party buses at Acapulco restaurant. He reported they have seen the e-cigarettes at the skate parks. He provided a handout with social host information that is on the Sheriff's Department's website which talks about the risks of underage drinking and the social host laws in the County of San Diego.

ACTING CHAIR KILDOO asked about the party incident and if the parents were home. **SERGEANT HAYNESWORTH** stated that the hosts were 18 and the parents were not home. The individuals that hosted the party were arrested and they were also billed for the Sheriff's response.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER stated that the social host ordinance is also on the city's website as is the Good Neighbor guide. We found out about this incident because it was called in to 911. She stated that this is a type of incident we encourage people to call 911. **ACTING CHAIR KILDOO** stated that we need to get the word out to the community that when there are large parties like this that they call 911.



b) Code Compliance Report:

INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL REYNOLDS stated that the property owner of the residence where the social host incident occurred lives on the east coast. Code Compliance staff sent the property owner a letter and information on the social host ordinance. The property owner immediately responded by phone to city staff. The owner was not aware of the activities going on and he instructed the property management company to have them evicted. Mr. Reynolds encouraged everyone to contact code compliance or the Sheriff's Department about these types of incidents or any code violations such as noise issues or building violations.

STAFF COMMENTS:

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO stated that the Mayor's State of the City Address will be held at Green Gables Estates on February 25th at 11:30 a.m. At this event, each of the council members will be honoring a community hero. Tickets may be purchased electronically through the Chamber of Commerce website.

COMMISSION COMMENTARY:

COMMISSIONER PARIS stated that she is already starting to prepare for the annual Tree Festival fundraiser which is held in late November and benefits the San Marcos Senior Foundation. She thanked the speakers for their presentations. She is very concerned about the e-cigarettes. She welcomed new Commissioner Cavanaugh. Commissioner Paris stated that she has been on the Commission since its inception. She retired from the real estate business and currently works with seniors as a caregiver.

COMMISSIONER WALSH stated that he is the student body president at Cal State San Marcos. The next Commission meeting will be his last since he will be graduating in May. The spring semester recently started and the student union is open.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated that she is the university president's designee to the Commission from Cal State San Marcos. At Cal State San Marcos she is the Executive Director of the University Corporation which is in charge of student housing, student recreation and wellness, center of the Clark field house, student union, events and conference services and commencement. The President hosted last week the 10th Annual Report to the Community and it was well attended. The student union opened softly, the contractor is still working through some things that still are quite not right.

COMMISSIONER CAVANAUGH stated that she works in the counseling office at San Elijo Middle School helping with clerical work. She lives near Cal State San Marcos.

ACTING CHAIR KILDOO stated she has been on the Commission since the beginning. It has been varied and interesting and they have dealt with issues not only about students but about the community as well. They are open to public input to make sure concerns are being handled. One of their goals is to



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give city staff and the Sheriff's Department the tools they need to make the community a better and safe place. She has received comments from residents about designated smoking areas at outdoor facilities not placed in correct areas, particularly at restaurant row. She has shared these concerns with staff and asked if this is something the Commission can address since it is private property. She welcomed new Commissioner Cavanaugh.

ADJOURNMENT: Acting Chair Kildoo adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

KATHLEEN KILDOO, ACTING CHAIR
STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

SANDRA GALLEGOS, RECORDING SECRETARY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS