



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Acting Chair Clark.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, DENTONI, GUTOWSKI, KRETCHMAN,
MARTINEZ, RUMER ARRIVED AT 6:36 PM
ABSENT: K. KILDOO, PARIS

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

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY KRETCHMAN, SECONDED MARTINEZ, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 4/14/14.

AYES: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, KRETCHMAN, MARTINEZ, RUMER
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: DENTONI, GUTOWSKI
ABSENT: K. KILDOO, PARIS

2) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation by the San Marcos Youth Advocacy Coalition

3) NEW BUSINESS:

A) ELECT CHAIR



Moved by Commissioner Kretchman, seconded by Gutowski to continue this item to next month's meeting due to Commissioner Paris' absence.

B) ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES (VAPING DEVICE) DRAFT ORDINANCE PROVISIONS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO presented the staff report. Staff's recommendation is that the Commission consider the potential amendments to the San Marcos Municipal Code Chapter 8.80 "Smoking in Certain Places" and Chapter 10.10 "Youth Access to Tobacco", and recommend the changes to the City Council.

ACTING CHAIR CLARK stated there are places where the word tobacco has been replaced with smoking materials; however, it was not done consistently throughout.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO indicated that it will be done in the remainder of the ordinance, especially in Chapter 10.10. She added that the definition of electronic cigarettes (vaping devices) has been added.

CHERRYL BAKER, resident, parent and school counselor at Mission Hills High School expressed her concern with the growing trend in vaping and use of electronic vaping devices. She has seen an increase in popularity with electronic vaping devices. She is concerned that our youth think that vaping is harmless and that it is being normalized. One way to send a message that vaping is harmful is to prohibit vaping in any location in our city that is already smoke free. Close to half the cities in the county have already prohibited vaping in their smoke free locations and she urges the Commission's support in doing the same. In February our school district amended their smoking policies to prohibit electronic vaping devices and vaping. She stated that prohibiting vaping in smoke free locations and public places in our city is just good public policy.

KARI MOYA, Program Coordinator for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program. She thanked the Commission for keeping the issue of youth access to e-cigarettes in the forefront. She stated they are here to provide any assistance they can as the city moves forward with this ordinance. She stated they are seeing more and more kids, even as young as middle school, vaping and using electronic smoking devices. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that the use of e-cigarettes among middle and high school students has doubled in recent years. These numbers are likely to rise as electronic cigarette companies are actively targeting youth. She spoke about the different flavors and cartoon characters being used to market the e-cigarettes to children.



KC STRANG, resident and Program Manager for the San Marcos Prevention Coalition stated that the Coalition works to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug use among youth in San Marcos. The Coalition is extremely concerned about the rise and popularity of electronic vaping devices among our youth. He passed out a copy of a press release put out about two weeks ago by the CDC on electronic cigarettes. Last year, 250,000 middle and high school students that had never smoked a conventional cigarette tried vaping and that is a threefold increase from 2011. Of those 250,000 youth they indicated they are twice as likely to smoke a conventional cigarette as those who have never used e-cigarettes. He spoke about studies that have shown there are carcinogens in the second hand vape. It is not just liquid nicotine that is in the vaping devices, they can also vape heroin, meth, cocaine and marijuana. He stated that the ordinance makes sense and is good public policy. The ordinance will send a message that vaping is not accepted in public places. He believes the ordinance will prevent and reduce electronic cigarette use in youth, strengthen community norms that vaping in public areas is not allowed, and reduce unwanted exposure to toxic second hand vapors in public areas.

MELISSA ARENA, San Marcos Youth Advocacy Coalition stated they support banning vaping wherever smoking is already prohibited. She stated that electronic cigarettes are opening our youth to a new generation of smokers.

CELESTE YOUNG, Program Manager at North Inland Community Prevention Program, stated that the big tobacco companies are behind this and are looking for a new generation of smokers. She supports any action the Commission takes to reduce electronic cigarettes/vaping devices in the community.

KRISTINA MULLIS, Prevention and Media Specialist for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program stated that electronic cigarette use has exploded within the last few years and like with any new product on the market, the dangers are still not fully known or understood to the fullest. Electronic cigarettes have gained a reputation of being a vapor alternative to traditional smoking but they are not completely safe. She spoke about second hand aerosol exposure which can cause a variety of health issues ranging from eye, throat and airway irritation from short term exposure to the development of asthma in children after long term exposure. She stated that although the full scope of electronic cigarette dangers is yet to be understood, vape free policies are an important step toward protecting the community's overall health and safety.

NADINE KAINA, Chairperson of the Palomar Health Community Action Council of San Marcos stated that the Council is made up of health advocates who work together to promote healthy living. At their last meeting they voted to unanimously support the banning of vaping in smoke free locations. She passed out a letter of support from the



Palomar Health Community Action Council. The Council is concerned about the negative health effects of electronic cigarettes, the lack of health and safety standards and regulations, and the increasing number of people vaping in public areas. Regardless if a person vapes or smokes drugs, she did not know until recently how these toxic chemicals are emitted into the body and air. If you are sitting in a park bench or outdoor patio and someone is vaping marijuana or heroin you likely would not know it is in the air. She stated that some of electronic cigarettes are being marketed with health claims that mislead the consumer. None of these claims have been reviewed by the FDA or any other public health authority. The CDC recently released a report that said that calls made to the poison center involving e-cigarette liquids with nicotine rose from 1 per month in September of 2010 to 215 per month in February of 2014. She urged the Commission to prohibit vaping in all of the city's smoke free locations.

LETICIA ROBLES, resident and parent, stated that she and her husband recently went to a smoke shop in San Marcos to ask if they had any devices to smoke wax. They were sold a 3 in 1 vaporizer which she passed around for the Commissioners to look at. She thanked the Commission for their consideration to ban vaping where smoking is not allowed.

ACTING CHAIR CLARK stated that the Commission was being asked tonight if they want to recommend the changes that were made to the ordinance to the City Council. There were no questions or discussion from the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER KRETCHMAN stated she was hesitant moving forward with this because she wanted to present it to the Palomar College Associated Student Government and bring back their comments to the Commission.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO indicated that the earliest this would be put on the City Council agenda would be mid-October. The Palomar College representatives could abstain on this vote tonight. If the vote were to pass unanimously tonight with the rest of the Commissioners it would move forward to the City Council. The other option would be to continue this item until the next meeting which is in November.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ stated that if this ordinance passes tonight, the Palomar College representatives and anyone else can speak on this item at the City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ MOVED, AND COMMISSIONER RUMER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN MARCOS



MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.80 "SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES" AND CHAPTER 10.10 "YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO".

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4) REPORTS:

A) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

B) CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMISSION COMMENTARY

ADJOURNMENT: Acting Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

KIM CLARK, ACTING CHAIR
STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

SANDRA GALLEGOS, RECORDING SECRETARY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS