

**Vietnamese American Community Center Project
Task Force Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, September 23, 2009: 6:30 PM – 8 PM
George Shirakawa Center
2072 Lucretia Ave, San Jose, CA 95122

Present: *Task Force* - Lien Cao, Bryan Do, Dennis King, Thuy Le, Dinh Nguyen, Mylinh Pham, Martin Renteria, Quyen Vuong
City Staff - Adriene Braddock, Cindy Ho, Richard Keit, Ashwini Kantak, Jennifer Luc, Ed Shikada
District 7 – Steven Le

Absent: James Dinh, Dac Doan, Dan Hoang, Hung LeDang, Michele Lew, Don Long, Vuong Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Cherry Nguyen, Tina Pham, Lynne Tran, Clark Williams

Agenda

- I. Review Agenda** **6:30 – 6:35**

- II. Budget Updates for the City of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency (SJRA)** **6:35 – 6:45**
Ed Shikada and Richard Keit delivered updates on the state of the current City and SJRA budgets, respectively to Task Force members. The VACC Project along with other projects will be delayed due to the State of California take of \$75 million from SJRA. The contract with VisionWork Associates will not be renewed after September 30th. Due to Agency layoffs and increased workloads, staff time on this project will be limited going forward.

- III. 9/12 Vision Event** **6:45 – 7:15**
Reflections and Feedback – Task Force members thought the turnout for the Vision Event was good. The hope is for the continuation of the VACC project, the VACC Task Force and ongoing community dialogue. There are still questions in the community that will need to be answered and the “lag” time on the project will allow for that to happen. Trust in the community is not yet restored, but the Vision Event enabled the City and the Task Force to receive a key opportunity for ongoing community dialogue. The Task Force would like to see this project continue and completed. The biggest loss would be postponing the VACC project over the next two years. The Task Force would like to ensure the remaining dollars (\$2.65 million) continue to be earmarked for the VACC. The Task Force was encouraged to serve as advocates for this project to the City Council during upcoming budget hearings.

The Task Force would like to have the time and opportunity to do the following:

- provide their input, vision and consensus on the VACC project;
- increase the community's understanding of the VACC project;
- educate the community (in small groups) about this project.

The following areas would continue to receive attention: physical center, project concept, how you get there, relationship with the City, and service provision.

IV. Implications for the VACC Project **7:15 – 7:45**

VisionWork Associates will not continue after September 30th. Agency Staffing – Cindy Ho and Jennifer Luc remain with the project but with limited time.

V. Summary and Next Steps **7:45 – 8:00**

Task Force members will reconvene and decide if the majority will want to continue committing to the project and how best to proceed. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 28th, 6:30 pm at Shirakawa Center. Following that, another Task Force meeting is planned for November 18th, 6:30 pm at Shirakawa Center. Ed Shikada and Richard Keit will be present at the November meeting.