

Vietnamese American Community Center Project Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2010: 6:30 PM – 8 PM
George Shirakawa Center
2072 Lucretia Ave, San Jose, CA 95122

Present: *Task Force* – James Dinh, Dac Doan, Dan Hoang, Dennis King, Cherry Nguyen, Vuong Nguyen, Lien Cao, Clark Williams, Thuy Le, Martin Renteria, Don Long, Tina Thuy-Hang Pham
City Staff – Mario Maciel, Marie Alberry-Hawkins, Dan Greeley, Cindy Ho, Ashwini Kantak, Ed Shikada, Richard Keit
District 7 – Lan Thao Nguyen
Guests – Hanh Le, Bao Thien Ngo, and Andrew-Brian Vu Nguyen
Absent: Bryan Do, Michele Lew, Quyen Vuong, Hung LeDang, Dinh Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Mylinh Pham, Lynne Tran

Agenda

- I. Review Agenda** **6:30 – 6:35**

- II. Project Updates** **6:35 – 7:20**
 - Interim Proposed Use of the Shirakawa Center (Mario Maciel)
As part of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, the San Jose Transition Center represents a major pilot collaborative between the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County. The project, designed to hold youth accountable and provide immediate intervention services, will be located at Shirakawa Center over 1-2 years effective April/May 2010. The project will only be operational from Thursdays-Saturdays (5:30 pm – 2 am) and will occupy the front offices/lobby of Shirakawa. SJPD will bring mid-level youth offenders to this location for intake, assessment and counseling. Immediate services and course of action will be initiated with youth and their parents. This location was selected due to its proximity to the target clientele. PRNS will convene major stakeholders, including the VACC Project Task Force, in March/April 2010 as part of its community outreach/engagement efforts on the project. Questions were addressed in relationship to anticipated volume, length of time and start date.

- III. VACC Project Information Memorandum** **7:20 – 7:55**
 - City Council Information Memorandum Feedback and Timeline Review (Cindy Ho)
Cindy presented the VACC Info Memorandum in draft form for the Task Force review/feedback. Tonight was the first opportunity for their feedback. The report outline is designed to be short and succinct with four key parts – (1) Summary of

the Task Force work; (2) Perspectives on the Vision; (3) Perspectives on the Project Location; and (4) Set of Guiding Principles for Phase 2 of the project going into FY2013-14. Three main sources contributed to the report as follows: (1) VACC Project general background and Redevelopment Agency budget; (2) Vision Work Associates documentation and 9/12 Vision Event Summary; and (3) One-on-One 30 minute phone interviews with 18 of the 21 Task Force members representing an 86% response rate. Task Force members suggested that major edits be incorporated under Vision and Location to reflect the actions that occurred at the 9/12 Vision Event. Under Guiding Principles, the Task Force members would like to see more information about methodology under "Reflect Community Needs." Cindy will take all feedback this week ending 1/22 and finalize the memo by 1/29 to meet the February timeline for City Council. The Task Force and key staff will weigh in on the second draft before it is final.

IV. VACC Project Updates

7:55 – 8:15

- Sunset of the VACC Project Task Force (Ed Shikada/Richard Keit)

Ed noted two key dates for the Task Force:

- February 23rd Redevelopment Agency Budget Review/Approval at City Council
- May 1st City of San Jose FY10-11 Budget Release

These dates are important since both the Redevelopment Agency and the City of San Jose are undergoing financial challenges in their budgets resulting in significant project delays, including the VACC Project. Ed also stated that the VACC Project Task Force will conclude its work upon completion of the report to the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board.