

Vietnamese American Community Center Project Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2009: 6:30 PM – 8 PM
George Shirakawa Center
2072 Lucretia Ave, San Jose, CA 95122

- Present:** *Task Force* – James Dinh, Bryan Do, Dac Doan, Dan Hoang, Dennis King, Cherry Nguyen, Dinh Nguyen, Vuong Nguyen, Mylinh Pham, Martin Renteria, Quyen Vuong
City Staff - Cindy Ho, Richard Keit, Ashwini Kantak, Jennifer Luc, Dan Greeley
District 7 – Steven Le
- Absent:** Lien Cao, Thuy Le, Hung LeDang, Michele Lew, Don Long, Hieu Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Tina Pham, Lynne Tran, Clark Williams

Agenda

I. Review Agenda 6:30 – 6:35

II. September 12th Vision Event Summary 6:35 – 7:00

▪ **Meeting Highlights (Jennifer Luc)**

Jennifer presented a summary of the VACC Vision Event highlighting the following information: (1) Community Input on Services; (2) Community Input on the Shirakawa Center Location; (3) Community Input on Name/Process; and (4) Additional Themes. VACC Task Force Members requested the following information be incorporated into the presentation: (1) Number of participants; (2) Task Force Mission, Vision and Values; (3) Change in wording from Community to Participants; (4) Link number of mentions to services; (5) Clarify that the Shirakawa building is old; and (6) Identify where most time was spent. In addition, the Task Force members requested copies of table top photos from the Vision Event.

▪ **VACC Project Memorandum (Cindy Ho)**

This section was last on the agenda. Cindy informed the Task Force that the original intent was to go to City Council in March 2010 with recommendations on program vision, needs, services, and programs. Instead, the purpose of the Information Memorandum to be submitted in February 2010 is to summarize the work of the VACC Project Task Force and document a set of guiding principles for this project. The Memorandum will be written by staff and reflect Task Force Members' input. Staff will present an overview/outline at the November 18th VACC Project Task Force meeting. To initiate input, Cindy will conduct one-on-one phone meetings with Task Force Members prior to November 18th.

III. VACC Updates

7:00 – 7:45

▪ Budget Implications for the VACC Project (Richard Keit)

Richard informed the Task Force that the VACC Project will be delayed until FY2013-2014 due to the State of California taking \$75 million from the Agency. Based on Richard's message, the Task Force posed the following questions:

- Why is the VACC project on hold?
- Are there monies committed to the VACC project?
- What is the likelihood that this project will go forward in FY2013-14?
- How can we move this project forward in FY2012-2013?
- What are the City's immediate plans for the Shirakawa Center?
- What is the City's plan for presenting the status of the VACC project to the community?
- Assuming adoption of the proposed Agency budget in December, will work on the VACC project immediately stop?
- Is the VACC Project Task Force able to submit its own report?
- Given that funding has been moved out, will the VACC Project Task Force still exist or will the process be re-created?
- What is the position of the Councilmember on this project?

Richard indicated that the Agency budget will be going to Council for adoption on December 15th, and that the VACC Project Task Force has the opportunity to reach out to City Council members with their input and noted two additional dates of importance: November 9th RDA Budget Study Session and November 10th Public Hearing on the Agency's proposed budget. Agency staff will provide responses to the above questions in a timely manner by email and by the November 18th meeting.

▪ VACC Project Task Force Discussion and Agreement on Workplan (All)

The Task Force expressed concerns about delaying the project until FY2013-2014 resulting in a lengthy wait and perceived lack of community trust given the original timeline of the VACC project. Members expressed they would like to continue with next month's meeting to address their concerns and determine project next steps in collaboration with the City.

IV. Summary and Next Steps

7:45 – 8:00

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 18th, 6:30 pm at Shirakawa Center. Ed Shikada and Richard Keit will be present at the November meeting.