

GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10, 2009
6:00pm – 8:30pm

City Hall W118- 120

Present: Michele Beasley, Christopher Cabrera, Helen Chapman, Kevin Christman, Jeff Cooper, Henry Cord, Jim Eller, Leslee Hamilton, Paul Higgins, Randi Kinman, Randall Knox III, Pete Kolstad, David Malandrino, Chris Morrissey, Sarah Muller, Dan Orloff, Frank Enriquez Penrose, Jodene Perrin, Rebecca Richmond, John Ristow, Joe Rubino, Raj Saklikar (substituting for Adam Wilson), Dominic Spaethling, Debbie Wade, Eloy Wouters, PhD, Richard Zappelli.

Absent: Larry Clark, Harvey Darnell, Brian Fitzpatrick, Greg Jamison, Brian Mundy.

Staff: Bill Ekern, Kip Harkness, Dennis Korabiak, Paul Krutko, Hans Larsen, Jenny Nusbaum, Manuel Pineda, Walter Rask, Henry Servin, Ruth Shikada, Eva Terrazas, Ben Tripousis, John Weis, Leland Wilcox.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Reed welcomed the committee members and discussed the extraordinary opportunity at the Diridon Area, in particular the potential ballpark project. He also thanked the Committee for their commitment to finding solutions to the impacts from future development in the Diridon Area.

Councilmembers Sam Liccardo (District 3) and Pierluigi Oliverio (District 6) also thanked committee members and spoke about the long-term importance of the project, both to the City of San Jose and to the greater region.

II. Diridon Station Area and potential Ballpark Project

Paul Krutko, City Manager's Office, provided an overview of Diridon Area which included Autumn Street Re-Alignment, BART Connection, High Speed Rail, and the expansion of Diridon Station.

John Weis, Redevelopment Agency, introduced staff working on the projects within the Diridon Area and provided an overview of the potential Ballpark Project.

III. Interest Identification

Kip Harkness facilitated a discussion by engaging each committee member to share his/her concerns or interest in the Diridon Station Area. The top ten general

areas of interest which surfaced during the conversation are listed in the table below.

IV. Work Plan Development

Committee members were asked to rank the ten issues that they deemed to be the most important by placing dots next to their key interest areas. The results of voting are shown below.

Interest Area	# of Votes
Parking	14
Transportation	13
Retail	10
Maintaining neighborhood quality of life	9
Traffic	9
River park(s) and trails	8
Benchmarking: lessons learned from similar projects	8
Smart Growth principles	8
High-Speed Rail	8
Connectivity (trails, roads, and neighborhoods)	6

IV. Framework and Schedule

Kip Harkness provided an overview of process for discussing issues, schedule, and ground rules for the committee. Committee members agreed that eight meetings between now and August was not realistic and recommended a moderate schedule moving forward. Staff said they would return with a revised schedule.

V. Public Comments

Residents expressed concerns about the environmental impacts associated with the ballpark, including traffic to the west of Highway 87 and parking on Sunol Street. They also reflected on making the project work for youth in the area, placing a higher priority on high-speed rail, and being more responsive to the area's residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.