

GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
6:00pm – 8:30pm

City Hall W118-120

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

Absent: Jim Eller, Greg Jamison.

Staff: John Weis, Kip Harkness, Ruth Shikada, Eva Terrazas, Ben Tripousis, Jenny Nusbaum, Walter Rask, Matt Piven.

Field Paoli Staff: Frank Fuller, Heidi Sokolowsky, Dennis Dornan, Aditi Rao.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Harkness reviewed the meeting agenda and briefly discussed the exercise “Destination Diridon: A Great Place” planned for the evening. Committee members then introduced themselves and their affiliations.

II. Work Plan

Harkness mentioned that a work plan would be distributed prior to the next GNC meeting and would be discussed at that meeting. In order to move through the work plan and keep to schedule, it requires the Committee to meet twice a month, during the 2nd and 4th week of each month, until March 2010, for a total of 17 meetings. Harkness informed the committee that recommendations developed during the process would be considered tentative until the end of the process.

Also mentioned was the upcoming Walking Tour of the Diridon Station Area on August 19 at 6pm.

III. Walking Tour Debrief

Committee members shared their reactions of, and observations to, the walking tour. Members acknowledged the opportunities presented in the Diridon Area from expanding creek trails, incorporating elements of the historic structures into the

development, and they also acknowledged challenges, such as the PG&E substation, Autumn Street realignment, and the historic designation of some area structures.

IV. "Destination Diridon – A Great Place"

Fuller led the committee through an [exercise to determine how the Diridon Area could become a great project – a "project of the century."](#) Committee members broke out into three groups to answer key questions about what makes a great city, and how the Diridon Station Area could become a great place. The sub-groups then reported out to the larger group.

V. Group Discussion of Placemaking

The entire committee discussed several placemaking themes. Comments included more thoughts on parking, and thinking about how to link the surrounding neighborhoods to the Diridon Area. The Committee agreed that both issues required additional attention.

VI. *Public Comments:* Kevin Fish, Kathryn Mathewson, Bonnie Mace, Marc Morris, John Urban, and Brian Grayson spoke on the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.