

NSJNPTF Meeting 12
Thursday, January 24, 2008
Novellus
MINUTES

1. Welcome, introductions and announcements
 - Redevelopment Agency
 - Industrial Recruitment and Retention
 - North San Jose Tour- 2/1/2008
 - Next Meeting 2/7/08

2. Public Comment- No comments received.

3. Schools Part 3: Dennis Korbiak presenter

Roger Barnes said that the City and school district have worked hard to come up with a plan that would work for both the City and Schools; they are in 100 percent agreement with the report.

Joe Amelio Orchard School District said it has been a pleasure working with the RDA and City staff and complemented the Task Force as well. Has 313 current capacity in K-8. In better condition than SCUSD.

Task Force feedback/discussion

- A question was asked by a TF member about whether 3.2 schools meant new or existing. Staff explained that it was 3.2 new needed schools.
- A question was asked by a TF member Does City have first rights over Cisco on the Agnews site? Staff said yes but we need to work with Cisco.
- A question was asked by a TF member about the location of George Mayne school? Staff clarified that it was in Alviso.
- A question was asked by a TF member about the Baypointe Area? Staff indicated that there is not a specific recommendation in the Baypointe area.
- A question was asked by a TF member about the funding mechanism for schools.
- The school district indicated that they could expect 30 million of the revenue from new development.
- A school in the Orchard district cost 14 million according to the Orchard School District.

- A question was asked by a TF member as to how school fees would be split among districts.
- A question was asked about joint school parks agreement. Dave Mitchell said the City is open to joint park/schools.
- A question was asked by a TF member whether the 138 million was in 2008 dollars. Staff explained that the district fees can increase and that the district could purchase sites in advance to reduce future costs.
- A question was asked by a TF member about changing boundaries. Staff said it has been discussed but it is outside the jurisdiction of the City.
- A question was asked by a TF member about the acreage of the Agnews school. Staff said it will range from 11-15 and will vary according to type of school.
- Has the viability of existing buildings on the Agnew site been analyzed for reuse for school in order to preserve buildings and avoid impact of removing buildings?
- Staff said that we have not reviewed a historical analysis. Site for a school will be placed as far away from Cisco as possible. Re-use is difficult because of state standards for Schools make it hard to use buildings.
- A question was asked by a TF member about charter schools. Roger Barnes said a charter school is being discussed at this evenings board meeting in Alviso
- A question was asked by a TF member as to why only one proposal for a High School? Staff responded that a couple of options were looked at. Only one site was 30 acres in size, the VTA site. Size is limiting factor.
- A question was asked by a TF member as to the difference between public versus private charter school. A charter school is usually set up by another organization but is public as it is overseen by the school district. Operates like a private school but is a public school.
- An Eastside district rep said that they have four charter schools but that they tie up school site capacity.
- Kerry Hamilton – public schools must hire credentialed teachers; charters don't?
- ESUHSD – correct; must follow rules of specific charter
- Roger Barnes – High school doesn't allow for joint use with park, takes even more space, so only Alviso was possible.
- Tom – If we don't go with Alviso HS site, when kids from 32,000 units become HS age, where will they go?
- Roger Barnes – projecting about 1500 HS kids, fund half by NSJ.
- Joe Amelio – Orchard has brainstormed building a K-12 school.
- Jeff – Is there any development in Sunnyvale that will affect SCUSD?
- Roger – about 300 units at one site, 900 at old Kaiser site

Kip – Dot Exercise – which sites do you see as the best?

The sites were ranked:

- a comment was made that a TF member does not want to lose their park site to a school site.
- a TF member wanted to see the Agnews site preserved.

- a TF member who was on the subcommittee noted that some sites were difficult due to the costs and availability associated with each site.
- TF member noted that the northern sites were a better suit in terms of location and availability.
- a question was posed that as to the cost of building up and/or having other uses such as fields off-site.
- was joint-uses considered in the analysis of the site? (staff answered that nothing precludes that)

The school report was supported by the TF with a few comments/concerns for addressing:

- Concerned about the language and the use of “cookie cutter”.
- Schools need to be flexible in terms of design and function.
- Rephrase the language to a more positive description (above).
- Would like to note that the urban style should be more featured and the 60% footprint as mentioned by the school district, could be a potential starting point.
- Need to be cautious and better understand the future of development and financing.
- Schools could showcase the public art component.
- All aspects of development and public facilities should be designed to the same vision as VNSJ.
- TF member believes that urban is not necessary or right for NSJ, and that downtown is more suited for that.

Staff reiterated that there is capacity existing today for students and many years off from the residential development going on-line.

Staff will return with a guiding principle to speak to the urban nature and design suited to VNSJ.

4. Rincon South

TF member noted how much development is being built/proposed in Rincon South and some of that is affordable which does not pay for parks.

There are also significant traffic issues and the Rincon South area is used as a cut-through traffic for commutes.

A TF member is concerned about the lack of parks that come from affordable housing that don't pay for parks.

Through the SNI process the funding was flexible to allow for the neighborhood groups to determine what their priority was, parks, etc.

- Staff pointed the question that if the Rincon South Specific Plan were implemented as adopted, would that satisfy the TF members concerns?

The TF member stated that yes, that would be a plan that is acceptable.

A TF member stated that he would like to see the TF make a recommendation that the Agency reinstate the payments for the affordable housing parkland dedication commitment and provide funding for parkland development in the Rincon South area.

- Staff offered to meet to craft some recommendations for adoption and inclusion.

5. Open Forum – Guiding Principle Discussion

- A TF member felt that the open forum should be used to discuss the guiding principles.
- A TF member asked if the CM was supportive of extending the time for the TF.

-CM Chu responded that he would support extending the meetings.

The TF decided to discuss the GP's and determine if they are appropriate:

- Libraries – Has any one explored a high-tech, more computer based, smaller libraries?
- Combine library with community meeting space suggested as an additional guiding principal.
- Libraries should be viewed as an important community meeting space for children.
- New libraries should be more urban in character.
- Seek creative sources of funding for libraries, combine uses in order to get related funding for those other uses.
- Make sure if you build a community center it is large enough to accommodate all of potential users.

-1st passed by a vote of the TF.

-2nd passed by a vote of the TF.

-3rd passed by a vote of the TF.

-4th passed by a vote of the TF.

-5th passed by a vote of the TF.

-6th passed by a vote of the TF.

-7th passed by a vote of the TF.

-8th passed by a vote of the TF.

The 3rd, 7th, and 8th received the most votes.

- Establish cross-cutting GP through the different issues the TF is addressing.

- The TF supported extending the TF meetings one more, to the 28th of Feb.

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.