

NSJNPTF
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MINUTES #7

1. Welcome was made and past homework and the agenda were discussed. The tour was also discussed including sub-committee membership. The next meeting was discussed and also the mid-term report to the Mayor and City Council.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Public comment was opened and there were none made.
4. Library staff opened the meeting and introduced the presentation.

Task force member commented that they would like to see something “grand” considering the location in North San Jose.

A question as to size and how the number of square feet is arrived at was asked.

A comment was made that multi-use should be the direction.

- *Staff commented on the concept of the library/community use being incorporated into a retail use, and asked for feedback from the task force.*

A comment was made that a library should be considered early in the process and that new developments should be considered, such as the @First site.

A comment was suggested in terms of interim uses in vacant office buildings.

A question was posed as to how has the development of new sites is historically done for libraries? Also commented that North San Jose is a developed area with private development and holdings, it will be difficult to buy land for a new site.

- *Staff commented that in the past they have used already owned land or joint-use land because they were unable to buy land due to budget constraints.*

- *Staff commented that they prefer to have a viable site rather than one that is obsolete thereby having a difficult time with its function and outdated facilities.*

A comment was offered that suggested that we should look for a site that is accessible for transit, employees, residents, and retail.

A question was posed that could the city accept land/site instead of a park?

A question was posed as to the future and will libraries still be predominantly books or on-line?

- *Staff commented that they expect libraries to function as the most current ones do, with both concepts.*

A comment was made that re-use is a cost-effective way to acquire a site and afford it.

A suggestion was made as that it may be only possible to acquire a site through incentives for property owners.

5. The next topic of Parks and Recreation Facilities was presented by PRNS staff.

Staff posed a question as to revisit the trails and connections guiding principle. The task force was not unanimous and they reiterated their concerns from the first meeting.

- *The amount of votes by the task force was enough to forward it as a guiding principle.*

The 2nd item, recreational facilities for employees, that was not supported the first time the topic was introduced was discussed again. A comment was made that as a priority it is more important to provide first for the community and neighborhood parks.

- *The item received enough support from the task force to go forward as a guiding principle.*

The topic of what the city should pursue in terms of locating all of the community/regional uses/facilities on one site or to break them up was introduced?

The idea of a central place was offered to the task force for their approval for a guiding principle.

- *The item was supported and will be forwarded.*

6. The next topic of School Planning was introduced by Redevelopment Agency staff.

The task force and school representatives formed a panel for discussion of certain topics and points.

- *The issue of financing was offered as a major issue to be addressed,*
- *Joint use,*
- *Design, urban vs. suburban,*
- *Need for high school,*
- *Upkeep,*
- *Location near retail,*
- *Capacity in current schools,*
- *Financing,*
- *Location near new residential,*
- *Capacity and when do we need new ones beyond the existing ones,*
- *Consideration of other amenities to support the new schools such as pre-schools.*

A school district official spoke to capacity and what kind and what type of schools they have and might need for the future - SCUSD.

A school district official spoke to their capacity in the high school district and that they are looking at expansion or the need for a new school in the North San Jose area.

A task force member spoke to traffic issues and how we should consider the issue as it relates to the location of new schools.

A comment was made about location near retail space and community uses such as parks for the opportunity for a community gathering place.

A question was asked as to class size?

A comment was made that locating all of the different community needs will be difficult given the lack of available land. In addition are there even sites available with willing sellers?

7. The meeting was adjourned.