

**NORTH SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TASK FORCE**  
**August 23, 2007 – 6:30pm**  
**Novellus Campus**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. The task force (TF) introduced themselves.**

**2. The facilitator asked for the TF to speak to their reading of the NSJADP**

- Jean Marlowe cited her reading of the nsjadp and the reference to the master plan (MP) as it relates to the approvals of conversions.
- JH shared his tour and cited schools as an issue that struck him about North San Jose (NSJ).
- Jean Marlowe spoke about the attractive nature of NSJ and the size of Agnews.
- Joseph Fota shared his thoughts about the park needs.
- TF member spoke about the lack of police staffing and also fire department.

**3. Work Program (WP)**

- TF discussed work program and the priorities established through the exercise from the last meeting.
- The time constraints as it relates to the WP as approved by the Mayor and City Council was discussed, and the potential need for additional meetings, work, or subcommittees was presented to the TF.

**4. Parks presentation**

- The presentation and results and the use of the product from the presentation and input from the TF was discussed.
- Parks staff offered that the MP concept will be done for the entire area as opposed to one for each development/neighborhood.
- A question was about the inclusionary requirements for housing.

- A question was asked the requirements of land designation and the relationship of the amount of units developed.
- A question was asked about the role of the parks department and the parks commission as it relates to park amenities at specific sites once development begins.
- A question was asked as to what point of the planning process is the location of the park established on the site to be developed.
- What is the community that determines the park uses on a site? It was explained that it is a city-wide open meeting but that generally the surrounding community provides the most feedback.

*The Parks Master Plan process was explained:*

- (1) *Land appropriately zoned by Council*
- (2) *Parks master planning with the community*
- (3) *Community's conceptual plan goes to Parks Commission*
- (4) *Commission makes recommendations to Council*
- (5) *Council makes approval of a Master Plan*

**The exercise was explained and established the agreed upon guiding principles as follows:**

*A) Provide passive areas into park system.*

- A few questions for clarification were asked.

Consensus was established

*B) Provide trails and connections to trails.*

- Concerns about safety. Concerns about the use and value, better use of land for other uses. Concern for wildlife. Concern about connection to the trails and the use of private land.

Consensus was not established

- An option was discussed to just cite trails with no connections and there was still no consensus.

*C) Provide sports field to serve the area.*

- There was discussion as to who it serves, residents or employees of the area?

Consensus was achieved

*D) Provide recreation facilities for the area.*

Consensus was achieved

*E) Provide for a mixture of park facilities.*

Consensus was achieved

*F) Provide a center park/plaza to create a “there” for NSJ.*

- Question was asked as to what the principle means exactly and the need and use of it. There was direction to staff to define it more clearly.

Consensus was not established

*G) Provide recreational facilities for employees.*

- Are the employees contributing anything? What type of facilities? There are already facilities for this. Point was made as to the importance of facilities for employees. What is the financing for this? The employers should provide them. Parks should be open for use by all people.

Consensus was not established

## **5. Public Comment**

- Roger Barnes from the SCSD provided his support for joint use facilities.
- Michelle Beasley shared support for a walkable environment for NSJ and its parks, schools, bikes, and pedestrians.
- Public comment for the need for open space and also for its use during disasters. Suggested that a CD of the meetings be available for the public.