

# M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

*Meeting:* Evergreen Visioning Project Meeting #3

*Date:* October 15, 2003

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The third meeting of the Evergreen Visioning Project Task Force was held on October 15, 2003 at the Eastridge Mall Community Room at 7:00 PM.

**Task Force Attendees Present:** Alan Covington (Charrette participant), Bill Kozlovsky (Quimby Hills), Chris Corpus (Charrette participant, KONA SNI), Cindi Schisler (Meadowlands), Daniel Gould (Silver Creek Valley Country Club), Garth Cummings (Charrette Participant), Gordon Lund (Groesbeck), Ike White (Mt. Pleasant), Khanh Nguyen (Charrette participant, West Evergreen SNI), Mark Milioto (Evergreen Little League), Mike Alvarado (Charrette participant), Rick Caton (Charrette participant), Sandra Randles (Charrette participant), Scott Nickle (Charrette participant), Sherry Gilmore (Charrette participant, Holly Oak), Steve Tedesco (Charrette Participant, Boys & Girls Club), Sylvia Alvarez (Charrette participant, EESD Board of Trustees), Tom Andrade (Charrette participant, EESD Superintendent) Victor Klee (Charrette participant), Vince Songcayawon (EBPA)

**Members of the Public Present:** Jim Zito (SJ Planning Commissioner, Quimby Hills alternate), Vikki Lang (Evergreen Little League alternate)

Other: Councilmember Dave Cortese, Don Rocha, PBCE Deputy Director Laurel Prevetti, Bonnie Moss, Rabia Chaudhry

## I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Councilmember Cortese welcomed the group and commented that the committee was growing as more and more neighborhood leaders are added to the roster, hence the fluctuating attendance we see at each meeting. He then asked the group to roll up their sleeves and really work towards finishing edits to the Guiding Principles so that they could move on to other planning efforts. Any more commenting to the Guiding Principles after the 10/15/03 meeting will occur offline and this document needs to be finalized by the November meeting.

## II. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR VISIONING PROJECT

The group reviewed comments to the Guiding Principles as submitted by various members of the task force:

Gordon Lund's Comments: Items 2, 4 and 8 could be considered together as all three relate to the environment. Item 1 will be absorbed into item 15 of the Guiding Principles. Items 3 and 5 can be eliminated as they are already reflected in the Guiding Principles.

Daniel Gould's Comments: Item 1 will be added to the Guiding Principles and will be changed to read "all public schools." An additional Guiding Principle will be added, indicating that each Principle must have a performance measure. The suggested rewording to Guiding Principle 16 has been accepted.

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Cortese asked the group to take a moment to review some elements of quality transit oriented development as provided by San Jose City Councilmember Ken Yeager. The group asked questions about “setbacks” - Committee member Sylvia Alvarez commented that the setback at the new Lunardi’s is too narrow and Cortese assured the group that this would be taken into account. The group also asked about types of “high level architecture” and Prevetti indicated that, for example, three-dimensional buildings are interesting to look at. Committee member Sherry Gilmore recommended that the Guiding Principles be reordered and Cortese responded that this would be done once the edits are complete.

The group resumed studying Dan Gould’s comments and it was decided that his New Item 1 would be added to the Guiding Principles. New Item 3 will be added as well, with “adequate” to replace “20%”. Committee member Bill Kozlovsky added that this items should also make mention of access/egress.

Cortese commented that another Principle should be that traffic calming around schools be a priority. He also commented, with support from Committee member Gordon Lund, that Guiding Principle 14 should be modified to include “well-lit and defensible.”

Committee member Gordon Lund asked if the city already has Guiding Principles. Cortese and Prevetti responded yes, but they are more template and universal. The process being engaged in right now is valid.

Scott Nickle’s Comments: Cortese commented that 1a was similar to Guiding Principle 16 but that we would add “vital retail/businesses” to the Principle. 1B is already incorporated in Guiding Principle 12. 1C and 1D would be considered in the context of implementation. Cortese asked the group if 2A is controversial and could be distilled to read, “move away from single family residence dominance.” This prompted much discussion about the future of neighborhoods in Evergreen. Committee member Mike Alvarado asked if a Guiding Principle should be created that promotes home ownership. Cortese responded that it was a topic worth discussing and asked for a placeholder on this topic. A field trip will be arranged for committee members to tour various developments that incorporate different types of housing, side by side. It was decided that 2B would be dropped as discussion on this subject is reemerging and there are some granny units in Evergreen.

Committee member Ike White commented that oftentimes people do not realize that the part of the district wherein he resides and represents (north of Tully and east of White) is Evergreen. Cortese said that he would send a letter to Mike Donohoe, President of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS, letting him know that the area is referred to as “North Evergreen”.

### **III. NEXT STEPS**

Councilmember Cortese asked the group to review the balance of the comments and be prepared to complete the Guiding Principles at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9PM.