



**Task Force Meeting No. 28 Synopsis
October 26, 2009**

Task Force Members Present*:

Jackie Adams, Shiloh Ballard, Michele Beasley, Judy Chirco, Gary Chronert, Brian Darrow, Pastor Oscar Dace, Pat Dando, Harvey Darnell, Dave Fadness, Enrique Fernandez, Sam Ho, Nancy Ianni, Lisa Jensen, Charles Lauer, Shirley Lewis, Linda LeZotte, Sam Liccardo, Pierluigi Oliverio, David Pandori, Dick Santos, Patricia Sausedo, Erik Schoennauer, Judy Stabile, Neil Struthers, Alofa Talivaa, Michael Van Every, Jim Zito.

Task Force Members Absent:

Teresa Alvarado, Frank Jesse, Matt Kamkar, Leslee Hamilton, Karl Lee.

City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present*

Ru Weerakoon (Mayor's Office), Roma Dawson (D3 Council Office), Peter Hamilton (D9 Council Office), Junko Vroman (ESD), Jennifer Seguin (ESD), Mary Tucker (ESD), Karen McDonough (ESD), Wayne Chen (Housing), Ron Eddow (Housing), Ashwini Kantak (CMO), Mary Nacu (Library), Nanci Klein(OED), Joseph Horwedel (PBCE), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Akoni Danielsen (PBCE), Andrew Crabtree (PBCE), Lee Butler (PBCE), John Baty (PBCE), Michael Brilliot (PBCE).

Public Present*:

John Fernandez; David Dudek (Hensley Historic District); Brain Schmidt (Committee for Green Foothills); Lynda Serena (PAC SJ); Heinz Bodeker; Lenora Porcella (Hensley Historic District); Patricia Curia (PAC SJ); Marc Fontana (De Anza Student); Vince Cantore (Summerhill Homes); Marie Arnold (LWV); Walter Soellner (SUN); Sandra Soellner (Arts Commission); Larry Ames; Roz Dean (Coalition for a Downtown Hospital); Clarice Shephard (SUN); Carlos Babcock (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition); Neela Srinivasan (De Anza College); Mary Nacu (Library); Cooper Kai Tak Cheng (De Anza College); Hullene Salomon; Marcus Salomon; Sandy Nguyen; June Rono (ESUHSD); Craig Chivatero (JJNA/13th St. NAC); James Williams; Robert Solis (Buena Vista NA); Richard Zappelli (WGNA); Jonathan Miller (Hensley Historic District); Matt Bruensteiner; Diana King; John Mitchell (Clock Tower); David Marsland; Aurelia Sanchez; Roland Lebrun (STFNA/FOSTP); Nicole Mareau (SCC Farm Bureau); Kerri Hamilton (CEEJ & Healthy Silicon Valley); Jean Dresden; Terri Balandra (FLAG); Pat Reardon (LWV); Brian Grayson (PAC-SJ); Martin Deslson; Helen Chapman (SHPNA); Ruth Cavagnaro(sp); John Urban (Newhall NA); Mara Craggs (Newhall); Bonnie Mace (D8CRT); Jack Nadeau; Joe Head (Summerhill Homes); Eric Thadaw(sp); Monica Limas (SUN); Leah Toeniskoetter

*As verified by registering attendance on Sign-In Sheets.

1. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.

2. Review and approval of October 19, 2009 synopsis

The synopsis was approved.

3. Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Environmental Leadership (continued)

a. Riparian Corridors

Akoni Danielsen (City of San José Planning) provided a presentation on riparian corridors. Laurel Prevetti responded to a Task Force comment by noting that the City's Riparian Corridor Policy Study was adopted by the City Council and clarified that the proposed General Plan Action would support more protection of Riparian Corridors by resulting in City Council adoption of a riparian corridor policy. Task Force members expressed concern about balancing existing property rights and environmental protection, and suggested that the General Plan should be general with companion implementation documents, such as the Riparian Corridor Policy Study, that include specific details. Akoni Danielsen explained that the HCP/NCCP includes an encroachment fee for setback exceptions, with the fee going toward mitigation within the watershed. Joe Horwedel, responding to a Task Force member question, estimated that a small portion of the proposed development in the land use study scenarios would be located within 200-feet of a creek. Task Force members suggested that the policies should specifically include a 100-foot riparian setback standard for all but limited instances.

b. Stormwater

The Task Force requested discussion of proposed changes to policies SW-1.5 and SW-1.4.

c. Natural Communities and Wildlife Habitat

The Task Force requested discussion of proposed changes to policies NR-2.8 and NR-4.6.

4. Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Healthy Neighborhoods

a. Historic Preservation

Patricia Colombe, Chair of the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) introduced the topic of historic preservation, identified many of the far-reaching benefits of historic preservation, and referenced a comment letter from the HLC on the proposed goals and policies. Lee Butler introduced the main themes covered by the proposed Goals, Policies, and Actions for Historic Preservation. A Task Force member introduced a letter from the Hensley National Register District Owner's Association. The letter suggested that the District should be rezoned to a R-1 zoning designation. Task Force members discussed points regarding proposed Policies HP-1.2, HP-1.19, HP-1.21, and HP-2.7.

b. Quality Neighborhoods

Michael Brilliot introduced the main themes covered by the proposed Goals, Policies, and Actions for Quality Neighborhoods. Some Task Force members identified additional goals and policies, regarding healthful cities, to be incorporated into the plan, including policies that address equity for low-income and nutritionally-deficient areas and policies that limit access to un-healthy foods or promote access to healthful foods. Task Force members acknowledged that while it may be appropriate to have healthful community policies distributed through multiple Plan sections, a healthful community goal should be clearly articulated as an important General Plan policy. Task Force members discussed points regarding proposed Policies QN-1.4, 1.7, 2.2, and 2.4.

5. Public Comment

22 members of the public spoke during the public comment period. Comments included support for the rezoning of the Hensley area to a single-family zoning designation, for improved access to healthful foods, for strengthening the existing Riparian Corridor Policy, for clarity and consistency with historic preservation goals and policies, and for preserving existing neighborhoods in San Jose.

6. Task Force Recommendation (vote on motions as needed)

Staff provided a very brief synopsis of the information heard at the meeting and noted that, as applicable, revised goals, policies, and actions will be presented at the November Task Force meeting. Task Force members voted in approval of the Riparian Corridor, Stormwater, and Natural Communities & Wildlife Habitat Goals, Policies, and Actions, with the minor changes suggested by the Task Force, and deferred voting on Quality Neighborhoods and Historic Preservation Goals until the November Task Force meeting.

7. Announcements

The Task Force decided to keep the November 23rd date for their next meeting. Shiloh announced a November 14th housing tour hosted by Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Staff announced that the deadline for participation in the Wikiplanning exercise had been extended until November 15, 2009.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.