



Task Force Meeting No. 25 Corrected Synopsis
August 24, 2009
(Revised September 28, 2009)

Task Force Members Present*:

Jackie Adams, Teresa Alvarado, Shiloh Ballard, Michele Beasley, Judy Chirco, Gary Chronert, Pat Dando, Harvey Darnell, Dave Fadness, Leslee Hamilton, Sam Ho, Nancy Ianni, Lisa Jensen, Frank Jesse, Charles Lauer, Shirley Lewis, Sam Liccardo, Pierluigi Oliverio, David Pandori, Rich Santos, Patricia Sausedo, Erik Schoennauer, Judy Stabile, Neil Struthers, Alofa Talivaa, Michael Van Every, Jim Zito, Brian Darrow

Task Force Members Absent:

Frank Chavez, Yolanda Cruz, Pastor Oscar Dace, Enrique Fernandez, Matt Kamkar, Karl Lee, Linda LeZotte, Jenniffer Rodriguez

City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present*

Roma Dawson (Council Office, D3), Chen, Wayne (Housing), Ron Eddow (Housing), Albert Balagso (PRNS), Matt Cano (PRNS), Dave Mitchell (PRNS), Joseph Horwedel (PBCE), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Andrew Crabtree (PBCE), Michael Brilliot (PBCE), Lee Butler (PBCE), John Baty (PBCE)

Public Present*:

Pat Pizzo, Jean Dresden, Judy Ingoles, Kathryn Mathewson, Virginia Holtz, Sandy Day, Lean Toerlisveller, Vince Cantore, Sippel Robert, Stephen Butler, Xavier Campos, Marie Arnold, Robert Amos, Bonnie Mace, Jack Nadeau, Yolanda Reynolds, Christine Choy, Bob Walker, Mike Flaughter, Terri Balandra, Rosylin Dean, Heather Durham, Travis Smith, James Reber, Larry Ames, Kerry Hamilton, Chet Lockwood, Helen Chapman,

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

1. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

2. Review and approval of July 27, 2009 synopsis

It was noted that the synopsis needs to identify Jackie Adams and Judy Chirco as being present at the July meeting, and the July 27, 2009 synopsis was then approved.

3. Update on the Vision North San Jose Process

Joseph Horwedel (PBCE) presented information on the Vision North San Jose update. Task Force members questioned whether North San Jose retail and hotel projects would detract from Downtown vibrancy, asked about parkland provisions in North San Jose, and cautioned that too much regional commercial in North San Jose could detract from the neighborhood serving retail envisioned for North San Jose's mixed-use areas.

4. Presentation on Guadalupe River Park Master Plan

Task Force Member Leslee Hamilton presented an overview of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens Master Plan. In response to a Task Force question, Leslee clarified that recent changes to FAA regulations actually allow more development potential on a portion of the park.

5. Continued Discussion on Proposed Parks and Recreation Goals, Policies, and Actions

Joe Horwedel (PBCE) and Albert Balagso (PRNS) provided a joint presentation that noted major themes from the previous Task Force meeting, identified major questions that staff has heard from the Task Force and the public, and provided staff recommendations on how to respond to those questions and issues.

Task Force members spoke at length regarding the proposed parks, recreation, and open space goals. Broadly, Task Force comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- The City should consider more creative and flexible ways for private developers to meet open space needs, such as encouraging developers to provide publicly accessible, privately maintained open space.
- The City should consider incentives for public/private partnerships.
- When considering which school areas to count towards meeting parks goals, only those which have permanent joint-use agreements in place should be counted. Permanent joint-use agreements should be pursued for other school sites that also support park use.
- Land bank properties for future parks and recreation uses whenever possible.
- Prioritize the provision of parks and recreation facilities in underserved, lower income, and higher density areas.
- Take maintenance costs into account when evaluating the fiscal impacts of parks.
- Look for opportunities to incorporate public art into park and recreation facilities, such as directional signage that doubles as public art.

Co-Chair Sam Liccardo highlighted the “vision statement” that he and Co-Chair Lewis had prepared, stating that it had been provided in the packet. He later distributed a document containing four proposed policy statements for review by the Task Force. The statements promoted an interconnected city concept through trails; the identification of several future large, geographically dispersed park sites; potential tools such as phasing or triggers that could be adopted to ensure that major open space/park development accompanies residential development; and the identification of major trails (including the Willow Glen Spur/Three Creeks Trail) on the final Land Use/Transportation Diagram. A Task Force member stated objections to inclusion of triggers as a proposed tool, and another Task Force member noted that more time was needed for the Task Force and the public to review and comment.

6. Public Comment

Approximately 20 members of the public spoke during the public comment period. Many speakers supported the completion of the “Three Creeks Trail” or Willow Glen Spur Trail. Many also supported a minimum parkland standard of 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents, some of whom suggested

that school recreation areas, especially those without joint-use agreements with the City, should not be counted towards meeting the 3.5 acres per 1,000 residents goal.

7. Task Force Recommendations (vote on motions as needed)

Co-Chair Lewis requested that any additional motions on parks be forwarded to staff so they can be posted in advance of the next meeting. No votes were taken on any motions.

8. Announcements

The Task Force was reminded that a meeting had been added on October 19, 2009.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.