

**TO: Envision San José 2040
Task Force**

FROM: Michael Brilliot

**SUBJECT: October 26, 2009
TASK FORCE MEETING**

DATE: October 20, 2009

This memo provides information to assist you in preparing for the October 26, 2009 Envision San José 2040 Task Force Meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Environmental Leadership (continued):

Continuing with the development of Environmental Leadership key element, the Task Force has been provided with draft goals, policies and implementation actions for:

- Riparian Corridors
- Stormwater
- Natural Communities and Wildlife Habitat

At this coming Monday's meeting, staff will briefly present the proposed goals, policies and implementation actions for Riparian Corridors. Following the staff presentation, Task Force members will be given the opportunity to discuss and provide input on these draft goals, policies and actions.

The goals, policies and actions related to Stormwater, and Natural Communities and Wildlife Habitat will not be presented by staff and are "consent" items. If Task Force members wish to discuss any of these proposed goals, policies and actions they will need to identify which one they would like to discuss. If no specific goals, policies or actions are "pulled from consent," there will be no discussion on these topics.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions for Healthy Neighborhoods:

The Task Force has been provided with draft goals, policies and implementation actions for:

- Historic Preservation and Archeology
- Quality Neighborhoods

Staff will briefly present the proposed goals, policies and implementation actions on the above topics, followed by a Task Force discussion. The proposed Historic Preservation goals, policies and actions were developed with input from the Historic Landmarks Commission provided at their September 2 and October 7 meetings.

Staff has received input that some Task Force members are concerned that the existing Discretionary Alternate Use policies in the San Jose 2020 General Plan can detract from the achievement of historic preservation goals. We are not scheduled to discuss Discretionary Alternate Use policies at Monday's

meeting; however we will be discussing them with the Task Force in April of next year, identifying how they might be modified to further the Envision San Jose goals, including historic preservation.

Agenda Item 6 - Task Force Recommendations (vote on motions as needed)

Following an opportunity for comment by members of the public (Agenda Item 5), the Task Force will then have an opportunity to further discuss and vote on recommendations related to the topics discussed for Agenda Item 3 and Agenda Item 4 as well as to endorse the consent items.

Announcements

In response to Task Force and public input, staff will now print all public and Task Force correspondences received by noon the day of a given Task Force meeting, and will bring these materials to that meeting. Copies will be made for both the public and the Task Force. When possible, we request that correspondence be provided to staff seven days prior to the meeting, allowing us to include the correspondence in the on-line meeting packet at the same time we post and distribute the other electronic materials via email. Correspondences to be distributed to the Task Force and public in hard copy should also not exceed 10 pages.

Reading Materials

To prepare for the discussion on Historic Preservation and Quality Neighborhoods, the Task Force is provided with the following reading materials:

“Past Meets Future, Saving America’s Historic Environments,” National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1992.

“Characteristics and Guidelines of Great Neighborhoods,” American Planning Association.

Links to these materials are posted on the Envision website.

Resource Materials

To provide additional background materials for Monday’s meeting, a number of resource materials are included in the meeting packet on Riparian Corridors, Stormwater, Natural Communities and Wildlife, Historic Preservation and Quality Neighborhoods. These materials are not required reading but are provided for those interested in exploring or understanding a specific topic further.

Links to these materials are posted on the Envision website.

Task Force Correspondence

Harvey Darnell submitted to the Task Force a checklist proposed by Citizens for a Livable San Jose to evaluate exceptions to the Riparian Corridor Policy Study setbacks.

Commission Correspondence

A letter from Pat Colombe, on behalf of the Historic Landmarks Commission, was submitted to the Task Force regarding how historic preservations should be addressed in Envision San Jose 2040.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009. The focus of this meeting will be a discussion of General Plan Land Use Diagram concepts, grand boulevards and complete streets. Due to

the Thanksgiving Holiday, staff would like the Task Force input on whether the November meeting date should be moved to either Monday, November 16, or November 30.

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