

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

FROM: Michael Brilliot

**SUBJECT: August 24, 2009
TASK FORCE MEETING**

DATE: August 17, 2009

This memo provides information to assist you in preparing for the August 24, 2009 Envision San José 2040 Task Force Meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates: Vision North San Jose Process

Planning staff will provide an update on the progress of the Vision North San Jose project. A major update to the North San Jose Area Development Policy was adopted by City Council in June 2005. The North San Jose Neighborhoods Taskforce met from August 2007 through March 2008 and produced a set of Guiding Principles for North San Jose and made recommendations for other policies which have been incorporated into a draft Neighborhoods Plan and draft Urban Design Guidelines. In June of this year the Council approved an amendment to the Policy to address provision of affordable housing, potential permit extensions and capacity for hotels and large-format retail uses. An additional amendment to further clarify hotel and large-format retail capacity and to provide additional clarification on how to implement the Policy, along with a Neighborhoods Plan and Urban Design Guidelines, are anticipated for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council later this year following additional stakeholder and public outreach.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation on Guadalupe River Park Master Plan

At their July 27th, 2009 meeting, the Task Force members voted and approved a motion indicating that the Guadalupe River Park should be developed as San Jose's grand park. Task Force Member Leslee Hamilton, who is also a City of San Jose Parks Commissioner and the Executive Director of the Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, will provide a brief overview of the current Guadalupe River Park Master Plan (2002).

Agenda Item 5 – Continued Discussion on Proposed Goals, Policies and Actions for Parks and Recreation.

Building on the discussion from the July 27, 2009 meeting, the Task Force will continue its discussion and provide input on key Parks, Recreation and Open Space Issues. To facilitate this discussion, staff has identified the following key questions:

1. How do we successfully provide 3.5 acres per 1,000 population to meet the parks and open space needs of existing and future residents?

2. What types of facilities should be counted towards meeting the Parks Service Goal and to what degree should these facilities be counted towards meeting the goal (i.e. school playgrounds and private, but publicly accessible, facilities)?
3. Given the scarcity of vacant land and large development sites, how should we meet the Parks, Recreation and Open Space needs of residents living in and adjacent to the Villages?
4. Should future Parks investments in underserved areas be focused on enhancing/expanding existing facilities rather than on building new ones?

The meeting packet document entitled, "Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Information for Task Force Discussion on August 24, 2009," provides a summary of staff's recommended policy direction on key parks issues, including the questions listed above. Staff will provide a presentation on these recommendations at Monday's Task Force Meeting.

To further facilitate Monday's discussion on Parks, the Co-Chairs have written a memorandum to the Task Force entitled, "Beyond the Greenprint: A larger Vision for San Jose Parks." This memorandum is included in our meeting materials for your review and consideration.

Included in your meeting packet are the revised draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space goals, policies and actions. This updated version includes proposed revisions that respond to Task Force and community input at our July 27 Task Force Meeting. The updated version also reflects staff's proposed reorganization of the previous document to better reflect the major issues identified by the Task Force and the Community. All changes, additions or deletions are highlighted. While Monday's Task Force discussion is not intended to directly focus on this document, there will be an opportunity to provide specific comments on the revised goals policies and actions. Furthermore, Monday's discussions on the key questions will likely result in the further refinement of these goals, policies and actions.

Agenda Item 7 – Task Force Recommendation (as necessary)

If needed, the Task Force can develop general agreement and/or make formal recommendations to staff regarding parks, recreation, open space, and trails goals, policies, and actions.

Announcements

Given that the continued Task Force discussion on Parks and Open Space took the place of the planned August Task Force meeting on Environmental Leadership, discussion of policies and actions related to Environmental Leadership have been rescheduled to an additional **Task Force meeting on Monday, October 19**, at 6:30 in the City Hall wing rooms. The Task Force Work Plan has been updated to reflect that there will be two meetings in October, scheduled for Monday, October 19 and Monday, October 26.

The Wikiplanning website has been live since August 1st and, thus far, 764 surveys have been completed. Please continue to help promote our Envision San Jose 2040 Wikiplanning website and help us obtain our goal of 10,000 completed surveys.

Reading Materials

To prepare for Monday's continued discussion on Parks, Recreation and Open Space, the Task Force is required to read the following items:

- ◆ A Guide to Neighborhood Placemaking in Chicago
- ◆ Parkland Dedication Ordinance, Park Impact Ordinance, and In-Lieu Fee Summary
- ◆ The Quimby Act
- ◆ Guadalupe River Park Master Plan 2002
- ◆ Guadalupe River Park Master Plan Map

Links to these materials are posted on the Envision website.

Resource Materials

The Department of Transportation has released a draft of its Bike Plan update. The draft is included in this month's meeting packet, providing an opportunity for you to review and comment. Comments may be submitted to bike.ped@sanjoseca.gov on or before August 27, 2009. During September 2009, comments will be reviewed and a final bike plan will be prepared for submission to City Council.

Task Force Correspondence

A letter from Task Force Member Michael Van Every has been submitted to the Task Force.

Public Correspondence

The Task Force received four letters from members of the public providing input on Parks and Open Space. All four of these letters are included in the meeting packet.

Next Meeting

The August Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2009.

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