

## WAG - September 12, 2016

### **Vision**

- Never envisioned a separate Urban Village Plan, consultants and Planning have the expertise to actually write the Plan, with your input.
- We need a forward thinking vision.
- Willow Glen has identity.
- What should we call this area?
- Orchard? What are we?
- Different definitions of vision:
  - Vision vs. capacity vision
- Vision – then policies to get us there 20, 30 years later, etc.; not being presented the big ideas; bigger picture view.
- SCAG perspective – important to discuss overall vision first.
- Disconnect between vision and what was presented by the planners.
- Should be focusing on big ideas, big designs.
- SCAG consultants are focusing more on vision than WAG consultants.
- Part of the issue was not having consultants from day 1.
- No identity in the area – need to have a discussion, then build off that as a vision.
- Reconcile what planning/community vision sessions with group.
- Start with vision, before talking about money.
- Consulting group should have a visioning session with the advisory group.
- Discussion is not about issues today but a vision for the future.
- Winchester property owners presenting to WAG their thoughts on the Urban Village Plan and their vision for the future – set parameters for the property owners to present.
- We should be saying what we don't want and making a broader envelope and to let the world create.
- Destination, building for the community vs for the region.
- Santana Row – should transition and welcome the neighborhood.
- It hasn't been recognized that the area has already changed over time and it's all going to continue to change.
- What do we want the area to be for our kids?
- How do we get people to invest time and voice their likes/dislikes (imagery)

### **Workshops and Recommendations Discussion**

- Pass on WAG discussion of the workshop until materials are finalized by Planning and consultants.
- If you disagree with elements of the Urban Village Plan write a letter from advisory group and present the letter before council.
- Planning will make recommendation.

- If there is a disagreement- here is what we recommend and why, why it differs from Planning.
- Presentation recommendations could have come out without any of these meetings
- Need to review what worked and what didn't work when in front of Planning Commission and City Council.
- Hours of the presentations for the WAG and nothing is different.
- This process is more of an experiment than a model.
- The WAG should discuss with Planning Commission and City Council what works and what does not work.
- Any plan can change over time (in regards to Urban Village Plan).
- The SCAG has not had much time to get over anger.
- Consider displacement, WAG brought in the discussion because the community wanted the discussion.
- There is a learning curve for the community members having to learn the Planning process.
- Planning vs for the community expectations of how the area should grow.
- Public comments not showing up in records; put input in the public records.
- Feedback, responses to questions.
- Need to have a clear way/process to answer questions from the community + WAG.
- Need to see feedback from staff and what they got out of the workshop. Reconcile what came out of the workshop.
- Is any government agency ready/able to tackle big ideas (implement) – coordinate with all agencies.

### **WAG Discussion**

- Have a good momentum with WAG meetings, should figure out a way to continue once this process is completed.
- WNAC as the next step?
- Building on knowledge of group, spent the last year learning about the Planning process.
- This group should continue meeting.
- Build on opportunity, the knowledge of this group into the future (D1 Leadership Group & WNAC, natural transition from this group)
- SCAG Informal dinner will be held to get to know other group members.
- Development sub-committee
- 2 groups (WAG/SCAG) should have a joint meeting.
- WAG should celebrate the fact that they have continued to meet, most similar groups would eventually give up, but WAG has continued to meet and stay engaged.
- The group is too big at times.
- Consider breakout sessions or sub-committees.
- No talks of connecting the two urban villages.
- Don't start with how to fund the plan, start with the big ideas.

- SCAG Update: meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 2 big projects, Signature Projects, so a sub-committee was created to discuss development projects (5-6 members).
- SCAG & WAG need to meet/coordinate as a regional approach
- The Winchester Overpass – point of connection. What happens to bridge the gap?
- This group has momentum and has stayed involved. May not be experts in planning but have a strong concept of what the look and feel of the area should be.
- Continue this group as part of the NAC.
- More overlapping members between SCAG & WAG (maybe chairs meeting together)
- Upcoming Agendas: co-chairs to sit with staff, go over, and revise.
- Placemaking conference in Vancouver – Thursday and Friday of this week, someone should attend.