



Task Force Meeting No. 1 Synopsis November 20, 2019

Task Force Members Present: Teresa Alvarado, David Pandori, Dev Davis, Pam Foley, Sylvia Arenas, Michelle Yesney, Melanie Griswold, Linda LeZotte, Jessie O'Malley Solis, Luis Arguello, Asn Ndiaye, David Bini, Eddie Truong, Pat Sausedo, Vincent Rocha, Nate LeBlanc, Karl Lee, Michael Van Every, Erik Schoennauer, Don Little, Harvey Darnell, Juan Estrada, Kiyomi Yamamoto, Jason Su, Kevin Zwick, Leslye Corsiglia, Shiloh Ballard, Andre Luthard, Jim Zito, Sam Ho, Smita Patel, Tamiko Rast, Margie Matthews, Jesus Flores, Shawn Milligan, Ray Bramson, Bonnie Mace, Susan Butler-Graham, and Roberta Moore.

Task Force Members Absent: Steven Solorio, Pastor Oscar Dace, Trixie Johnson.

City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present: Rosalynn Hughey (PBCE), Michael Brilliot (PBCE), Jared Hart (PBCE), Kieulan Pham (PBCE), Jessica Setiawan (PBCE), Robert Rivera (PBCE).

Public Present: Over 40 participants from the public (See attached sign-in sheet)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting convened at approximately 6:00 p.m.

2. Task Force Roles and Responsibilities

Kieulan Pham provided an overview of the schedule of Task Force meetings, responsibilities of Task Force members, and meeting ground rules. Responsibilities for Task Force members include regularly attending meetings, being on time, and reviewing materials ahead of meetings. The Task Force ground rules set forth general rules including starting and ending meetings on time, listening actively, and staying focused on the topic at hand, among other things. Vera Todorov then discussed the Brown Act (California Government Code 54950) and how it pertains to the Task Force members during the General Plan 4-Year Review process.

3. Background and Scope of General Plan 4-Year Review

Michael Brilliot presented an overview of the history and background of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (Envision 2040). The presentation included information regarding the General Plan update process from 2007 to 2011 and Envision 2040's key vision concepts and 12 Major Strategies.

Michael Brilliot also outlined the scope of the 4-Year Review that was approved by City Council on June 11, 2019 and briefly detailed the environmental review process, which will complete in October 2020. The 4-Year Review's scope includes considering the following:

- (1) Reviewing various Urban Village implementation policies and strategies and consider allowing mixed-income housing with mixed-used developments within urban villages;
- (2) Exploring allowing single-family parcels currently designated Residential Neighborhood to redevelop to 2-4 units per parcel with certain parameters;
- (3) Exploring policies that would allow limited housing in neighborhood business districts and determine shifts in planned housing capacity to facilitate future residential development in those areas;
- (4) Exploring changes to commercial space requirements for affordable housing developments;
- (5) Analyzing the reallocation of jobs capacity from North Coyote Valley to other General Plan growth areas, and consider potential General Plan amendments to ensure that the City achieves its General Plan employment goals and furthers its Innovation/Regional Employment Center Strategy;
- (6) Discussing the long-term future of North Coyote Valley and the Mid-Coyote Urban Reserve to achieve key city objectives including the preservation of open space and wildlife habitat, flood and groundwater protection, agriculture, climate change resilience, and passive recreation;
- (7) Exploring shifts in planned housing capacity to Downtown;
- (8) Consider moving to Tier II of the General Plan's transportation goals, policies and actions to further support the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and further the achievement of the Green House Gas reduction goals of Climate Smart San José; and
- (9) Explore reworking or closing the Evergreen-East Hills Development Policy (EEHDP).

4. Four-Year Review Progress Report

Jared Hart gave a follow-up presentation reviewing progress towards the implementation of key goals identified by Envision 2040 to be evaluated as part of the 4-Year Review. The presentation outlined development trends, the availability and affordability of housing, Urban Villages, economic development goals, environmental goals, and healthful community goals.

5. Urban Village Overview & Staff Recommended Policy Changes

Jessica Setiawan presented Staff recommendations to changes in Urban Village policies. The presentation outlined the following recommendations:

- Urban Village Boundary Modifications
 - Eliminate the Evergreen Village Urban Village (V55)
 - Eliminate the E. Capitol/Foxdale Dr. Urban Village (V52)
 - Modify the boundary of the Race Street Light Rail Urban Village (VR9) to exclude the Reed & Graham site and the adjacent industrial lands
- Urban Village Growth Horizon Changes
 - No wholesale move to Horizon 2
 - Shift Five Wounds BART Urban Village (VT3) and S. 24th St./William Ct. Urban Village (V57) to Horizon 1
- Eliminate the Residential Pool Policy (General Plan Policy IP-2.11)

- Revise General Plan Policy IP-5.5 to remove the three jobs-first objectives listed
- Revise the Signature Project Policy (General Plan Policy IP-5.10) with objective standards for clarity

6. Task Force Discussion on Urban Village Changes & Public Comment

Task Force Discussion

The Task Force members asked questions and discussed Staff's recommendations.

Below is a consolidated list of questions and comments raised by Task Force members to staff for follow-up by the next Task Force meeting:

1. How much affordable housing was produced in the last 8 years or so have been in Urban Villages (UVs)?
2. Within other UVs, are there deed-restrict or other existing affordable housing developments, similar to the apartments in the E. Capitol/Foxdale Drive Urban Village?
3. What are the positive and negative effects of moving the Reed and Graham asphalt plant business out of the neighborhood and keeping the property within the Race Street Light Rail Urban Village? Such as long-term community, fiscal, and environmental costs.
4. If the Residential Pool Policy is eliminated, can projects move forward in UVs without the constraint of a pool?
5. Why are staff's recommended changes to Signature Project Policy IP-5.10 so prescriptive?
6. Staff should consider UV recommendations from an equity perspective.
7. Staff need to respond to the SPUR Urban Village letter that was submitted on November 20, 2019.
8. Staff should consider shifting all Urban Villages near rail transit stops to Horizon 1 and consider revising Urban Village boundaries to capture the walk/bike shed from rail transit stops.
9. Staff should consider eliminating or accelerating horizons. How would that happen and what are the implications?

Public Comment

The majority of public comment was centered around increasing housing production. Suggestions included increasing the housing supply and capacity for the entire City, providing flexibility in commercial requirements for mixed-use developments, providing quality urban design and services for affordable housing, and allowing residential on specific sites. One speaker mentioned concerns for Del Monte park with the continued operations of the Reed and Graham asphalt plant. Another speaker would like to move the Reed and Graham business and have the area redeveloped to connect Willow Glen to Downtown on Lincoln Avenue and have better access to the trail.

7. Announcements

The Task Force was reminded about the need for each Task Force member to sign and return to Staff a copy of the City's Code of Ethics. Next Task Force meeting will commence on December 18, 2019.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Attachment: Public Attendance Sign-In Sheets