
MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2020

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Members: Ernst Calais, Dan Mountsier, Susan Lanza, Kelly Doyle, Melissa Reggiardo, Kathy Sutherland, Kevin L. Christman, Marla Weinstein, Kiyomi Yamamoto, Walter Wilson, Harvey Darnell, Rev Ray, Nathan Ulsh, Bill Souders, Jean Cohen, Jim Goddard, Edward Saum, Jason Baker, Michael Lane, Maria Noel Fernandez, David Meyer, Jeffrey Buchanan, Rob Rennie, Sondra Weber, Jason Su, and Rob Rennie

ABSENT: Members: Greenbelt Alliance, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Lofts on the Alameda, San Jose Downtown Residents Association #2 (Renter) *, San Jose Downtown Residents Association #3 (Former Homeless Resident), San Jose State University, San Jose Unified School District, Santa Clara County, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council / Unitehere, St. Leo's Resident, The Silicon Valley Organization, and Market Almaden NAC

STAFF: Lori Severino – Diridon Program Manager; Kim Welsh – Deputy City Manager; Nanci Klein – Director of Economic Development; Rosalynn Hughey – Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement (PBCE); Robert Manford – Deputy Director, PBCE; Tim Rood – Planning Division Manager, PBCE; John Tu – Planner IV, PBCE; Jose Ruano – Planner II, DSAP Project Manager, PBCE; James Han – Planner II, PBCE; Jacky Morales-Ferrand – Director of Housing; Kristen Clements – Housing Division Manager; Jessica Zenk – Transportation Deputy Director; Eric Eidlin – Station Planning Manager, Department of Transportation; Nicolle Burnham – Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; Dave Javid and Suhaila Sikand, Plan to Place; and Diana Benitez, Raimi and Associates

Call to Order and Orders of the Day

Dave Javid convened the Station Area Advisory Group at 6:05 p.m. on the Zoom webinar.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Kim Welsh welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Spanish interpreter made an announcement. She reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives.

II. Meeting Minutes for SAAG Meeting on September 16, 2020

Dave Javid asked for motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by SAAG Member Jason Baker, seconded by SAAG Member Jason Su and carried, the SAAG members approved the meeting minutes for September 16, 2020. Absent Members: Sarah Cardona, Greg Peralta, Raul Aldana, Cecilia Martin, Charlie Faas, Stephen McMahon, Miguel Márquez, Melissa Cerenzo, Rechelle Blank, Sarah McDermott, Laura Winter, Madison Nguyen

Documents Filed: Meeting Minutes and Meeting Summary for SAAG Meeting on September 16, 2020.

III. General Process and Community Engagement Update

Dave reported back stats on community engagement since February 2018 and shared an updated timeline of the multiple planning processes affecting the Diridon Station area. He also shared the upcoming community engagement opportunities.

IV. Diridon Station Area Updates

Tim Rood, Nicolle Burnham, Eric Eidlin, Kristen Clements, and Kim Walesh provided updates on the Draft Amended Diridon Station Area Plan and Draft Diridon Station Area Affordable Housing Implementation Plan that were recently released. The particular topics addressed were heights, open space, public art, transporting, parking, environmental sustainability, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approach, affordable housing, displacement prevention, incentive zoning analysis, small business, and community engagement. Following the presentation, the SAAG asked questions and provided comments.

V. Downtown West Update

Tim Rood, Nicolle Burnham, Jessica Zenk, and Nanci Klein presented updates on the development review, environmental review, and Development Agreement processes for the Downtown West Project. The particular topics addressed were timeline, design standards and guidelines, open space, mobility, parking, Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), district utilities, sustainability, and interim insights related to the Development Agreement.

VI. Public Comment

The following people made comments to the SAAG: Bill Rankin, Tessa Woodmansee, Gavin Lohry, Mike Reinhart, Kathryn Hedges, Blaire Beckman, Roland Lebrun, and a person over the phone who did not identify themselves.

VII. Adjournment

Dave Javid made some closing comments, including a reminder about the next scheduled SAAG meeting for Winter 2021. He adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Lee Wilcox
City Manager Chief of Staff

ATTEST:
Station Area Advisory Group Secretary

Tara Reid, Secretary