
MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Members: Members: Ernst Calais, Dan Mountsier, Jonathan Martinez, Kelly Doyle, Sebastian Petty, Jodi Starbird, Reginald Swilley, Rev Ray, Nathan Ulsh, Raul Aldana, Stephen McMahon, Melissa Cerenzo, Rechelle Blank, Kathy Sutherland, Harvey Darnell, Kevin Christman, Kiyomi Honda Yamamoto, Charlie Faas, Glen Williams, Jim Goddard, Edward Saum, Marla Weinstein, Jean Cohen, Jason Baker, Sarah McDermott, Laura Winter, Mari Noel Fernandez, David Meyer, Justin Wang, and Jeffrey Buchanan.

ABSENT: Members: Greenbelt Alliance, Lofts on the Alameda, Market Almaden NAC, Plant 51, San Jose Downtown Residents Associations #1 (Homeowner), San Jose Downtown Residents Association #3 (Former Homeless Resident), Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, SPUR, and The Silicon Valley Organization

STAFF: Lori Severino, Diridon Program Manager; Kim Walesh, Deputy City Manager; Nanci Klein, Director of Economic Development, Rosalynn Hughey, Director of the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department; Robert Manford, Deputy Director of Development/Environmental Review; Tim Rood, Planning Division Manager; John Tu, Planner IV of Planning Division; Jose Ruano, Planner II/DSAP Project Manager; James Han, Planner II of Planning Division; Jacky Morales-Ferrand, Director of Housing; Rachel VanderVeen, Deputy Director of Housing Development; Kristen Clements, Housing Division Manager; Jessica Zenk, Transportation Deputy Director; Eric Eidlin, Station Planning Manager; Dave Javid, Principal with Plan to Place; Suhaila Sikand, Plan to Place; Matt Raimi, Principal with Raimi + Associates; and Diana Benitez, Raimi + Associates.

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dave Javid welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters made an announcement. Dave reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives.

II. Meeting Minutes for SAAG Meeting on June 17, 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 Wang and carried, the SAAG members approved the meeting minutes for June 17, 2020. Absent Members: Sarah Cardona, Greg Peralta, Bill Burke, Bill Souders, Cecilia Martin, Shiloh Ballard, Michael Lane, and Madison Nguyen.

Documents Filed: Meeting Minutes and Meeting Summary for SAAG Meeting on June 17, 2020.

III. Project and Community Engagement Update

Lori Severino reported back stats on community engagement since February 2018. Tim Rood provided updates on Google's proposed project (Downtown West Mixed-use Plan) and the City's process to amend the Diridon Station Area plan. This included sharing the tentative timelines and upcoming community engagement opportunities. Jose Ruano shared Downtown Design Guidelines and Standards the updated proposed DSAP building heights. SAAG responded to polling questions to gather their initial preference. Following the presentation, the SAAG asked questions and provided comments.

IV. Progress on the Draft Diridon Station Area Affordable Housing Implementation Plan

Jacky Morales-Ferrand and Sujata Srivastava, presented progress on the Draft Diridon Station Area Affordable Housing Implementation Plan. Sujata shared key analytical findings and initial recommendations related to affordable housing production, preservation, and protection strategies. SAAG responded to polling questions to gather their initial preference. Following the presentation, the SAAG asked questions and provided comments.

V. Public Comment

The following people made comments to the SAAG: Tessa Woodmansee, Roland, Jean Dresden, B Beekman, and a person over the phone who did not identify themselves.

VI. Adjournment

Dave Javid made some closing comments, including a reminder about the next scheduled SAAG meeting for Winter 2021. SAAG responded to a poll on regular meetings or small group discussions. He adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:
Station Area Advisory Group Secretary

Tara Reid, Secretary