




Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting

Item # 8 RTC 22-1285 Appointment of a Santa Clara Station Area Plan Task Force

December 6, 2022

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Santa Clara Station Area Plan

Scope and Schedule

- **Fall 2022 - City appoints Area Task Force**
- Fall 2022 - VTA begins consultant procurement process
- Winter/Spring 2023 - Consultant selected; Taskforce commences; outreach begins
- Summer 2023 - Draft land use plan; Environmental analysis begins
- Fall 2023 - Draft Specific Plan available for public review
- Winter 2024 - Draft EIR circulates
- Fall 2024 - Planning Commission and City Council Hearings

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Task Force Structure and Purpose

- Seven-member task force of residents and stakeholders
- Formally noticed meetings open to the public
- Advisory and non-voting
- Time limited to the duration of the Plan process
- Guide Station Area Plan process and contents
- Represent community and build community support

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Proposed Task Force Membership

- Historical and Landmarks Commission – Patricia Leung
- Cultural Commission – Candida Diaz
- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Jane Casamajor
- Reclaiming Our Downtown – Dan Ondrasek
- Santa Clara University – Dave Schoenwetter
- Architect / Santa Clara Resident – Rob Mayer
- Old Quad Residents Association – TBD (representative to be identified by OQRA if directed by City Council)

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Recommendation – Task Force Appointment

- Appoint as recommended by staff with Old Quad Resident Association (OQRA) representative to be determined by OQRA
- Alternative: Appoint as recommended by staff with OQRA to be represented by Jonathan Evans as proposed by OQRA

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From: Mark and Kathy Kelsey <ltmk@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:11 AM
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Cc: Jonathon Evans; Patricia Leung; Adam Thompson; Kathleen Romano; Janet Stevenson; Bob O'Keefe; Jonathon Evans
Subject: Item 8 on City Council Agenda December 6--Action on Appointment of a Santa Clara Station Area Plan Task Force

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Old Quad Residents Association Board of Directors, I urge the council to approve Jonathon Evans as the Old Quad Residents Association (OQRA) representative for the Station Area Task Force. Staff has raised a concern that Mr. Evans shares a household with the representative identified for the Historical and Landmarks Commission. We do not believe that this should be an impediment to Mr. Evans serving on this important Task Force. Both Mr. Evans and Ms. Leung are highly qualified by their expertise and experience. Both bring different and complementary expertise to this work. In particular, Mr. Evans has served as a committed and passionate leader for our Old Quad community. He has capably led the Old Quad Residents Association as our President after serving OQRA in several other capacities. Mr. Evans has served as a member of VTA's Santa Clara Station Community Working Group for the proposed BART Santa Clara station. Mr. Evans has been OQRA's lead representative on community development activities in the Station Area. Mr. Evans represented OQRA for the Gateway Crossing project, The Benton apartment project, and the Republic Metropolitan project at the CalTrain parking lot. Mr. Evans has the full confidence and support of the OQRA Board as our representative on planning for this very important Station Area Task Force. Ms. Leung also brings considerable expertise and experience from her service on the Historical and Landmarks Commission and as a member of the Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee, experience which is vitally important for the Station Area Task Force. Ms. Leung is also a committed and passionate community leader for the Old Quad community. It is a benefit to the community to have both Mr. Evans and Ms. Leung serve on this Station Area Task Force. We are fortunate that two such well qualified members of our community are willing to serve on this Task Force.

I ask the Council to approve all of the members of the Station Area Task Force identified in Alternative 2 of the staff report, including Jonathon Evans.

Mark Kelsey

Vice President

Old Quad Residents Association