



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Downtown Community Task Force

09/16/2021

6:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The DCTF Chair, Adam Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 8 - Adam Thompson, Dan Ondrasek, Rob Mayer, Debra von Huene, Ana Vargas-Smith, Butch Coyne, Atisha Varshney, and Chan Thai

Absent 1 - Mathew Reed

A motion was made by Member Coyne to excuse Member Reed from the meeting and to excuse member Varshney for all meetings until February 2022 for maternity leave. The motion was seconded by Member von Huene. Note that Member Varshney left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Aye: 8 - Thompson, Ondrasek, Mayer, von Huene, Vargas-Smith, Coyne, Varshney, and Thai

Absent: 1 - Reed

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Review of Building Heights/Shade and Shadow Refinements

A motion was made by Member Coyne, seconded by Member Thai to recommend the reduction in building height as shown on the presentation slide.

Aye: 8 - Thompson, Ondrasek, Mayer, von Huene, Vargas-Smith, Coyne, Varshney, and Thai

Excused: 1 - Reed

2. Update on the Release of the Online Community Survey

Staff provided the Task Force an update on the release of the Online Community Survey that will occur the week of September 20, 2021.

3. [21-1226](#) Introduction of work on the Form Based Zoning Code for the Downtown Precise Plan.

Recommendation: There is no recommendation.

David Sargent of Sargent Town Planning, a member of the WRT consultant team, provided an overview of the Form Based Zoning Code including; Code organization; Heights and Frontages; Adding Historic Landmarks to the Map; Building Placement; Massing; and Articulation. The Task Force provided feedback on these code elements to the consultant.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jonathan Evans stated that the FBC should not go to Council until it includes historic structure protections.

Patricia Leung stated that Block J should be townhomes and that the Plan should include more attention to historic preservation.

Mary Grizzle stated that this Plan needs to be adopted as soon as possible.

Skip Pearson asked if the parking garage could be taller. Then only one garage is needed, not two.

Member Varshney announced that she will be out for approximately four months on maternity leave.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Coyne, and seconded by Vice Chair Ondrasek to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m..

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Thompson, Ondrasek, Mayer, von Huene, Vargas-Smith, Coyne, and Thai

Excused: 2 - Reed, and Varshney

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