

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Proposed General Plan Amendment
File Nos. GP22-005, C23-100,
C23-101, C23102, & C23-103

When: Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:00 p.m.

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ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

Electronic device instructions:

For participants who would like to join electronically from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, please click this URL: <https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/j/98532548959>.

Please ensure your device has audio input and output capabilities. During the session, if you would like to comment, please use the 'raise hand' feature in Zoom conference call or click *9 to raise a hand to speak.

1. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause audio feedback.
2. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
3. If you wish to speak during open forum, click on "raise hand." Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
4. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

Telephone device instructions:

For participants who would like to join telephonically please dial +1 408 638 0968 or 888 475 4499 (Toll Free) and when prompted, enter meeting ID: 985 3254 8959. You may also click *9 to raise a hand to speak.

Public Comments prior to meeting:

If you would like to submit your comments prior to the meeting, please e-mail laura.maurer@sanjoseca.gov. Comments submitted prior to this meeting will be considered as if you were present in the meeting.

PROPOSED PROJECT

Meeting Purpose: To describe the applicant’s proposed project, the City’s review process, and to obtain community input on the project located in the Willow St. Neighborhood Business District (Calle Willow). Comments, concerns, and questions raised at this meeting will become part of the public record and will help inform the project’s design as it moves forward in the review process. There are continued opportunities throughout the permit process to publicly comment on the project as illustrated in the permit process chart below.

Proposed project: A City-initiated General Plan Amendment to change the Envision San José General Plan land use designation of 35 parcels from Mixed Use Commercial to Neighborhood/Community Commercial, 17 parcels from Mixed Use Commercial to Mixed Use Neighborhood, 2 parcels from Mixed Use Commercial to Residential Neighborhood, and 2 parcels from Mixed Use Commercial to Open Space, Parkland, and Habitat within or adjacent to the Willow St. Neighborhood Business District (Calle Willow) on a total 8.99-gross-acre site.

If you have questions regarding the project or this meeting, please contact one of the following people:

General Plan Amendment/Conforming Rezoning Project Manager
Laura Maurer laura.maurer@sanjoseca.gov (408) 535-3839
Environmental Project Manager
Cassandra van der Zweep cassandravanderzweep@sanjoseca.gov (408) 535-7659


AGENDA

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview, and Background**
The Project Manager for the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement will welcome participants, provide an overview of the agenda, and introduce presenters.
- II. **Summary of the City of San Jose General Plan Amendment Process**

The Project Manager for the proposed project will summarize the General Plan Amendment and Conforming Rezoning.

III. Open Forum

The Project Manager will facilitate questions and comments from members of the community via the Zoom Raise Hand function (at the bottom of your screen, click on icon

labeled “Raise Hand” . Your hand is now raised). Each speaker will be limited to two minutes each. Each individual may be limited to speaking once depending on the time available. Comments may be submitted in writing after the meeting if additional comments are to be made.

IV. Next Steps

V. Meeting Adjournment

Please provide your contact information to receive project updates by submitting an email request to laura.maurer@sanjoseca.gov.

STEPS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Project review is an essential part of the land use and development process. The flow chart below gives a basic depiction of the steps involved.



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CEQA requires developers to disclose the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction of a project. When the City reviews a project for CEQA compliance, it is determining if the project will or will not have significant environmental effects in the following subject areas: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, population/housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic,

and utilities/service systems. This knowledge helps local officials to make informed decisions about whether to permit discretionary projects and, if so, with what conditions and or mitigation measures. A project can take one of three tracks:

- (1) Exempt – no possibility of impacts; or
- (2) An environmental initial study is conducted, and a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration is adopted. This indicates that the initial study found no significant environmental impacts, or that the impacts can be reduced with mitigation measures, or
- * (3) An initial study is prepared and determines that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) is required (This is the least common outcome but is typically required for large-scale projects).

*This project is submitting a Declaration of Consistency (DOC) with the EIR for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan.

COMMUNITY MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

The City of San José is committed to providing the information and opportunities to encourage residents to follow development activity in their neighborhoods and to actively participate in the land use development process. The intent of this community meeting today is to inform property owners, residents, and other interested parties about the proposed development, answer questions, and receive public comments. Staff will take notes on the discussion, respect all input and opinions, and respond to policy and process questions.

If you wish to speak, please refer to the following guidelines:

- Questions and comments will be taken at the end of the meeting during Open Forum
- Please use the Zoom Meeting “Raise Hand” function or press *9 on your phone to indicate you’d like to speak. Speakers will be called upon by staff and unmuted to speak.
- Depending on the number of speakers, each person will be called upon to speak only once. If time allows a speaker may be called upon more than once. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes of speaking time each time they are called.
- Persons on the Zoom Meeting call will refrain from behavior which disrupts the public meeting, or which may intimidate others who wish to voice their opinions. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing, or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Harassment of meeting participants including City staff will not be tolerated in any form. If a participant engages in harassing behavior, City Staff will end the meeting or remove the participant from the Zoom Meeting call.