

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:31 p.m. in Conference Room 118 – 120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair; Council Member Sam Liccardo, Vice Chair; Council Member Ash Kalra (1:36 p.m.) and Council Member Pierluigi Oliverio.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, Assistant City Attorney Ed Moran, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon and Deputy City Clerk Susan M. Davis.

REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

(1) General Plan and Urban Village Implementation.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Oliverio and carried unanimously, the General Plan and Urban Village Implementation was deferred to the Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting in September 2014. (3-0-1. Absent: Kalra.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities. (Economic Development)

Documents Filed: Copy of the San José Economy News dated June 2014.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh offered the report on Economic Development Activities and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

The Committee received the verbal report.

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(2) **Levitt Pavilion and St. James Park.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner and Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox, dated May 9, 2014, noting that a verbal report will be presented. (2) Staff presentation dated May 19, 2014 summarizing the Exploratory Committee Update, Work Plan, Goals, Criteria and Focus Areas.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh presented introductory remarks. Jack Wimberly provided an overview of the Exploratory Committee. Jim Reber was present.

Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios offered highlights of the strategy to revitalize St. James Park, zeroing in on crimes, street lights, areas of activation, long term activation, masterplanning and stakeholders.

Committee discussion ensued.

Council Member Liccardo thanked Staff for their leadership and the noticeable progress in maintenance at St. James Park.

Council Member Oliverio suggested that Staff consider other open space venues in the Downtown and pointed out that all the parks in the City of San José have issues of maintenance. Council Member Oliverio requested that Staff document how many hours were expended for this effort in the next report back to the Committee.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner responded to the concerns expressed by Council Member Oliverio.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Liccardo, seconded by Council Member Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

(3) **Business Outreach and Development Work Plan.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Assistant to the City Manager/Senior Business Development Manager Chris Burton and Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox, dated May 9, 2014, recommending acceptance of the report.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh presented introductory comments.

Senior Business Development Manager Chris Burton and Downtown Manager Lee Wilcox offered the report.

Action: Upon motion by Council Member Oliverio, seconded by Council Member Kalra and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report. (4-0.)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(4) **Status Report on Development Services Staffing and Performance Targets.**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, dated May 6, 2014, noting that Staff will provide a status update.

Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas presented the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Liccardo requested that Staff circulate to the Committee the number of Customer Satisfaction Survey submittals sent out and returned.

The Committee received the verbal report.

(5) **Micro-Housing: Another Tool in the Battle Against Homelessness.**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing Leslye Corsiglia, dated May 9, 2014, noting that Staff will provide a verbal report. (2) Staff presentation dated May 19, 2014 summarizing Micro-Housing: Another Tool in the Battle Against Homelessness.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh provided introductory remarks. Housing Development Officer Adam Marcus and Homelessness Response Team Manager Ray Bramson offered the report and responded to Committee questions and concerns.

Council Member Liccardo requested that Staff provide a cost estimate for the Shipping Containers scenario to the Committee.

Council Member Oliverio requested that Staff determine what Housing funds are available for this purpose and to circulate a list of identified locations of City owned properties for micro-housing sites.

Council Member Herrera pointed out the need for short term solutions and direct answers for an exit strategy.

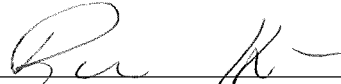
The Committee received the verbal report.

OPEN FORUM

There was no public testimony from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rose Herrera adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.



Council Member Rose Herrera, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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