

JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) PUBLIC SCOPING AND COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Proposed Special Use Permit for 'The Mark' Residential Tower
File No. SP20-021

When: Thursday, September 17, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 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/92833967687>

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 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 an 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 408-638-0968 or 888-475-4499 (Toll Free) and when prompted, enter meeting ID: 928 3396 7687. You may dial *9 to raise a hand to speak during the Open Forum.

Public Comments prior to meeting:

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

PROPOSED PROJECT(S)

Meeting Purpose: To describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and the planning process, and to obtain community input on the project, including issues to be discussed in the Supplement Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the Downtown Strategy 2040 EIR. Public input on the scope of the SEIR is encouraged so that the review addresses all relevant environmental issues. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the SEIR will be available for review online beginning on August 25, 2020 in the EIR Library of the City of San Jose’s Planning Division web site: www.sanjoseca.gov/ActiveEIRs. 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: Special Use Permit (SP20-021) to allow the demolition of two existing multi-family residential buildings and one single-family home and the construction of a new multi-family residential building (21 stories above grade) with a total of 222 residential dwelling units, and a four-level automated parking system, including one basement level, with associated landscaping and amenities.

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

Project Manager	Environmental Project Manager	Applicant Contact
Laura Meiners laura.meiners@sanjoseca.gov (408) 535-7869	Maira Blanco maira.blanco@sanjoseca.gov (408) 535-7837	Paul Ring pring@urbancatalyst.com (650) 888-5885

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 Planning Permit Process

The Project Manager for the proposed project will summarize the development review process.

III. Project Overview


IV. Project Presentation

The Project Applicant will present the proposed project

V. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping

VI. 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.

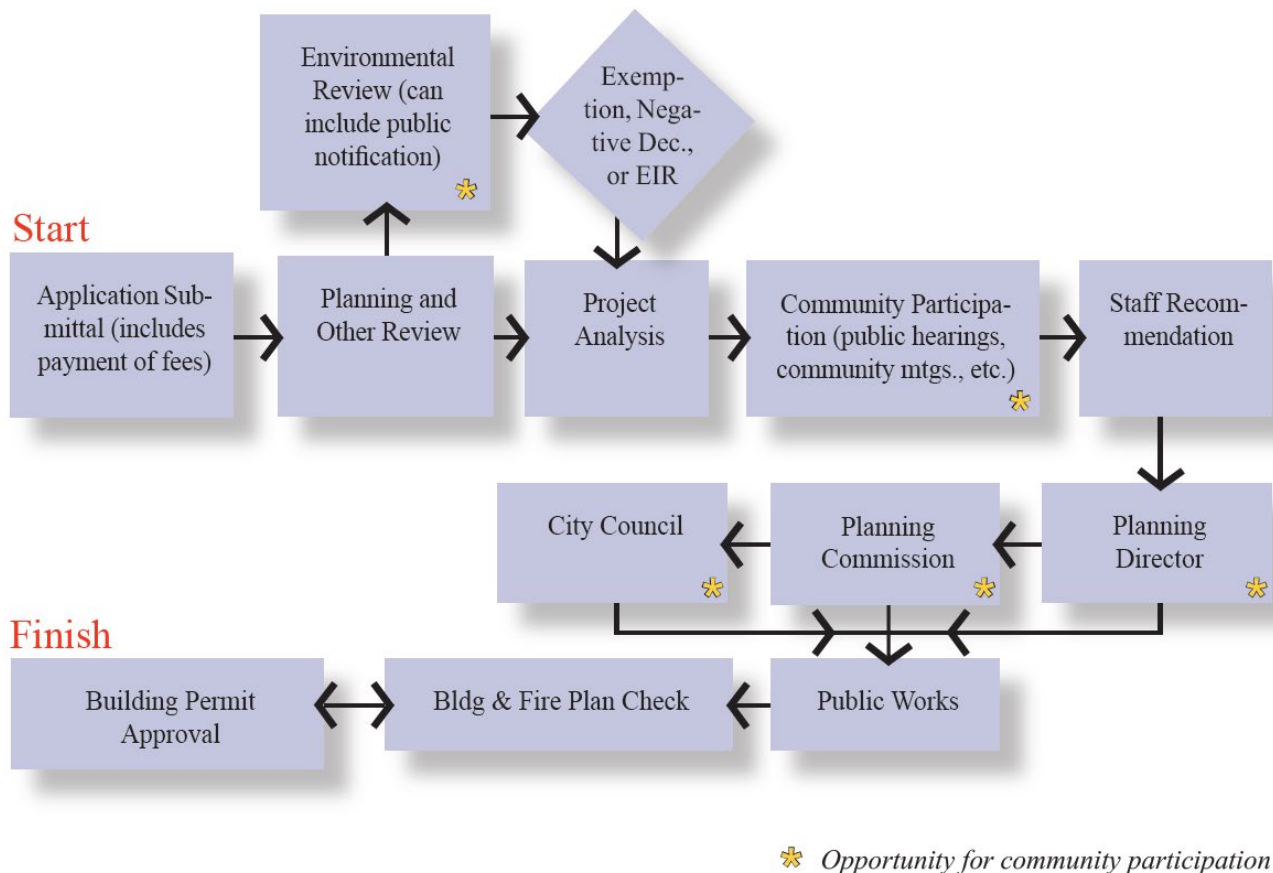
VII. Next Steps

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

Please provide best contact information to receive project updates by submitting an email request to Laura Meiners at laura.meiners@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).

The public can provide written formal comments to the environmental documents during the Notice of Preparation (NOP) circulation process, the EIR Scoping Meeting, the 45-day public circulation period of the draft EIR, and during the public hearings.

The NOP will be posted on August 25, 2020 and will be available for public comments until September 25, 2020. A draft of the EIR will be available for public review and comments after it is completed. Public comments and staff responses, including any additional analysis necessary to respond to public comments, will be included in the Final EIR.

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.