

City of Georgetown, Texas
San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee

Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held in the Friends Room of the Georgetown Public Library and broadcast virtually at the below address:

<https://georgetowntx.zoom.us/j/93974746481>

Webinar ID: 939 7474 6481

Steering Committee Members Present: Linda Barton, Rick Vasquez, Shorty Valdez, Beth Akins, Christina Calixtro, Miguel Ferguson, Vrn Thomas, Terry Pagan, Marcos Gonzales

Steering Committee Members Absent: Liliana Vargas, Paola Chairez, Jesse Valdez,

Staff Present: Sofia Nelson, Planning Director; Britin Bostick, Downtown and Historic Planner, Cesar Acosta, Long Range Planner, Nat Waggoner, Long Range Planning Manager, Carter Coleman, APD

Public Wishing to Address the Board

A. At the time of posting, no persons had signed up to address the Board.

Nat opened the meeting at 6:07pm with a general overview of the meeting agenda and goals, then proceeded with the meeting presentation.

Legislative Regular Agenda

D. Presentation and discussion of the neighborhood plan and community meetings schedule. Nat Waggoner, PMP, AICP, Asst. Planning Director- Long Range Discussion regarding options to schedule for the next meeting. Committee agreed with emails or polling. The consensus among members is that polling via email is good for coordination and availability. Texting reminders also helps prior to the meeting.

Staff reviewed the meeting timeline and stated the next San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee is scheduled for June 23rd to review materials prior to the Public Community meeting scheduled for June 30th.

The Steering Committee agreed with a 6:00pm start for the June 23rd meeting. The Steering Committee agreed holding the June 23rd meeting in person with a virtual option. The location of the June 23rd meeting will depend on availability of Getsemani with the Library as back up. Vasquez stated Getsemani is available for June 23rd and June 30th

The Steering Committee agreed with holding the Public Community meeting, June 30th starting at 6:30pm at Getsemani.

E. Discussion of outreach for the upcoming neighborhood plan community meeting. Nat Waggoner, PMP, AICP, Asst. Planning Director- Long Range

Staff stated the next San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee is scheduled for the week of August 19th and the next Public Community meeting will be during the first week of September. Staff asked for input to determine the dates for those meetings.

Staff presented a list of stakeholder list to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee requested to add St. Helen's Catholic Church as a means of communication and announcements. Staff also presented a list of social media posts to communicate to the public.

Staff encouraged each Steering Committee member to invite members of their community to attend the June 30th Public Community Meeting. The Steering Committee stated they could possibly reach out to approximately 57 community area homes. Cesar Acosta will contact committee members to follow up on contact progress.

Staff presented and the Steering Committee reviewed the sign and flyer.

- A bit wordy, but not sure what to change.

Questions and concerns from the Steering Committee.

- People want to know their time will not be wasted.
- Anticipate being asked questions that the committee members will need to be able to answer
- What can he say to put people at ease that their voices will matter, and input will be respected? Perception of distrust of City and that the City already has plans to proceed and voices will not matter – waste of time
- People may wonder if they have not done this already. How is this different from the meeting a couple of months ago?
- Will District 1 City Councilperson be there? Asked for confirmation.

- A lot of neighbors are elderly; some do not use internet. How can people without internet ask questions? Who can they contact for information? It was suggested to add a phone number to the yard sign for public to contact.

The Steering Committee reviewed the signs presented and discussed locations to place the signs.

- Down Maple Street.
- Ok with placing in yards.
- In front of Getsemani.
- At entrances to neighborhood – Pine Street.

Staff presented a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

- What is the role of the Steering Committee?
- What is a neighborhood plan?
- Why should/can I be involved?
- Who do I reach out to for suggestions/input?
- How long will this process take?
- What topics will this plan address?
- How did this project come to be?

The Steering Committee added to the list of FAQ's.

- Is the City aware of builders having plans in the works, and is that prompting this initiative?
- Who has the final say on the plans?

It was asked and Carter Coleman, APD stated the edits to the flyer will be within 24 hours. Yard signs will need to be ordered. City staff stated early next week the FAQ's will be ready for distributions. Staff will notify Steering Committee members when ready.

- F. Updates related to the San Jose Neighborhood. Nat Waggoner, PMP, AICP, Asst. Planning Director- Long Range - *Item Not Discussed.*
- C. Nomination and selection of a Vice-chair and Chair for the San Jose Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee. Nat Waggoner, PMP, AICP, Asst. Planning Director- Long Range
Motion by Vasquez to nominate Christina Calixtro as Chair of the San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee. **Second** by Gonzales. **Approved.** (6-1)
Motion by Chair Calixtro to nominate Marcos Gonzales as Vice-chair of the San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee. **Second** by Vasquez. **Approved.** (9-0)

- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 regular meeting of the San Jose Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee.
Motion by Chair Calixtro to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes of the San Jose Neighborhood Steering Committee. **Second** by Valdez. **Approved.** (9-0)

Motion to adjourn at 7:21pm

Christina Calixtro, Chair

Attest, _Marcos Gonzales, Vice Chair