

Peery Park Specific Plan Community Workshop #4
San Miguel Elementary School
July 9, 2015

Meeting Summary

City Councilmembers Present:

Glenn Hendricks
Gustav Larsson

City Staff Present:

Kent Steffens, Assistant City Manager
Hanson Hom, Director of Community Development
Connie Verceles, Economic Development Manager
Amber El-Hajj, Senior Planner/Project Planner for the Peery Park Specific Plan
Carol Shariat, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner
Stephanie Skangos, Associate Planner
George Schroeder, Associate Planner
Tim Maier, Assistant Planner

Consultants Present:

Erik Calloway, FTS (Freeman Tung + Sasaki)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commissioners Present:

Richard Kolber

Introduction & Presentation

Hanson Hom, Community Development Director, thanked everyone for coming and mentioned how important public input is in developing the Peery Park Specific Plan. Mr. Hom mentioned that tonight's workshop was the fourth Peery Park Community Workshop. The first workshop was held on October 16, 2014, and covered existing conditions, workplace trends, market analysis and a broad brush approach to a strategic framework. The second workshop, on December 3, 2014, focused on the envisioned future, conceptual regulatory framework and priorities for the Peery Park District. And, the third workshop was held on January 21, 2015 and covered transportation and transportation demand management.

Mr. Hom said that the input received at the first three workshops, on-line surveys and stakeholder interviews, culminated in the preliminary draft policy framework that was presented to the City Council on April 28, 2015. At that meeting, the Council approved the conceptual policies and ideas that were presented by staff and also asked staff to return to the community for one additional workshop on topics that were related to protection of the surrounding neighborhoods so that comments from that workshop and all of the previous work could be used to create the draft Specific Plan document. City staff mentioned that the draft Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report should be

out for public review in fall 2015. Mr. Hom also mentioned that there would be an interactive exercise following his presentation.

Mr. Hom gave the presentation for the fourth community workshop. In his presentation, Mr. Hom covered the five topics that would be used as the Stations in the interactive exercise: Land Use & Zoning, Street Framework & Connectivity, Transportation and Transportation Demand Management, Open Space and Community Benefits. The slides that were covered in Mr. Hom's presentation can be found on the Peery Park webpage.

Q and A Summary

Next, there were a few questions from community members and Hanson Hom responded.

Q. The PPSP area borders Mountain View, are you coordinating with M.V. on this effort? Traffic in that area will be affected by this project.

A. Mountain View has been and will be kept in the loop on the project and environmental impact report.

Q. Where are the proposed new pedestrian connections going to be from SNAIL to Mathilda? Since the bus stops are across Mathilda (on the west side) will there be mid-block crosswalks or any new signals?

A. We don't anticipate there would be any mid-block crosswalks or signals so pedestrians would have to cross at an existing intersection to get to a bus stop. The conceptual pedestrian access points between SNAIL and Mathilda can be found on some of the graphics at the Land Use Station.

Q. How can the City Council prevent unfinished constructions, like downtown?

A. The Specific Plan sets long-range parameters for developers and policy for guiding decision makers on individual projects. The Specific Plan does not approve any specific projects. Unfortunately not a lot can be done to predict situations like what has occurred downtown.

Q. How will the plan address adjacent residential neighborhoods? What will the allowed building heights be near the multi-family residential developments?

A. The City has considered the relationships between the residential neighborhoods and new development. The proposed height allowances can be found at the Land Use Station and comments are encouraged on the graphic.

Q. Why is the City pursuing pedestrian connections to San Aleso/Mathilda from the adjacent neighborhood?

A. We have heard different opinions on this idea; some residents are very opposed while others are interested in this connection. Please put your comments on the related graphic tonight and also tell us if there are certain conditions that could make this concept successful while still alleviating your concerns.

Q. Why do some of the maps not show Encinal Park?

A. Encinal Park is currently on land that is zoned M-S (Industrial and Service) but we have no intention of removing the park. The plan encourages additional open space and we will look at designating the park as a public facility with the plan adoption.

Group Exercise

Amber El-Hajj, Senior Planner, introduced the group exercise and community members moved throughout the room and posted their comments on large posters at each of five subject stations: 1) Land Use & Zoning, 2) Street Framework & Connectivity, 3) Traffic and Transportation Demand Management, 4) Open Space, and 5), Community Benefits. A summary of many of the comments received in the interactive exercise can be found on the Peery Park webpage.

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