



Quarterly Meeting Minutes November 01, 2005

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Agenda

- Welcome from the Indian Health Center presentation
- Board Association Elections
- Cirque Du Soleil Event Update/Traffic plan
- Traffic Calming proposal
- New Business

Indian Health Center

- Offer services to everyone including dental, health, and counseling
- Founded in 1978 and in this current location since 2002
- Reach out to the native community to provide assistance and services

Board Association Election

- Both Secretary and Vice President seats remain open

New Police Sergeant

- New police sergeant replaced Sergeant Graham during the shift change process. The new sergeant was unable to attend the neighborhood meeting.
- Residential concerns that will be brought to the attention of the new sergeant:
 - Residents would like to voice concerns about burglaries within the neighborhood, increase patrols and work with the sergeant to increase response time
 - Issues at 58 Fox Avenue. Residents seem to “rent/loan” space out to various bands for either concerts or rehearsals. The San Jose Police Department has been contacted a number of times to no avail—police do not respond to the call. Suggested solution:
 - Problem to be reported to code enforcement
 - When calling on the property, report the disturbance as penal code 415. This is the state code for a public disturbance and the police are required by law to respond.

Cirque Du Soleil Event Update/Traffic Plan

- 05 DEC 05—Event to begin setting up and will take one month to complete installation
- 18 JAN 06—Date of first showfirst show. This will be the dress rehearsal. There will be a total of 60 shows
- Parking and Event Coordination: presentation objective is to present the parking plan, gather feedback from the neighborhood and distribute a final plan to residents
 - Over 1,000 spaces will be available in designated private facilities, the County Garage, 675 N. First St., 777 N. First St., and City of San Jose Facility (Old City Hall).
 - The designated parking listed above will be paid parking locations at \$5.00
 - Signage for parking/traffic flow will be installed all throughout the area to help direct traffic to the proper parking locations

- Comments from residents that attended the meeting on the traffic/parking plan:
 1. **Street Closure During Event:** A temporary closure at N. San Pedro/Taylor and George/Miller have been communicated to the neighborhood as part of the plan. The plan presented did not fulfill this commitment. Residents would like to make mandatory a street closure during event times only.
 2. **Direct Traffic:** Neighborhood would like to make mandatory having someone direct traffic before and after the event.
 3. **Overflow Parking:** Neighborhood concerned about overflow parking in Guadalupe River Park area. Currently this site is being designated for employees of Cirque Du Soleil.
 4. **Additional Directional Signs:** Neighborhood requested additional directional signs be placed at Coleman and the frontage road to Mission/vice versa
 5. **Event Should Promote “Desired” Traffic Pattern:** Maps to the event should use routes that avoid “clogging up” neighborhood streets, promote all public transit options (VTA Lightrail, CalTrans and buses) and any available shuttles. Maps should include freeway routes, such as 880 South, exit N. First Street and direct to parking lot, for example. This type of direction will reduce the amount of traffic commuting through our neighborhood streets.
 6. **Change Timing of Parking Meters:** Neighborhood requested to change the timing of paid parking meters to non-metered parking close to event time.
 7. **Collect Traffic Statistics Throughout the Event:** Neighborhood requested traffic statistics be collected and results provided to the neighborhood at the conclusion of the event. This will assist all parties in any future plans, such as this in the same site.
 8. **Checkpoint Meeting:** Neighborhood requested a checkpoint meeting once the event has started to discuss status and get input on making process improvements
- Next Steps
 - VNA Secretary to type up complete notes/comments from residents that attended meeting and send them to President to pass on to City officials managing the event traffic/parking plan
 - Neighborhood comments are to be presented to City supervisor and final analysis to be given to VNA President to share with neighborhood
 - The City representatives for the event traffic/parking plan assured residents that we would have an opportunity to respond to the final analysis if we continued to feel it did not meet neighborhood needs



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Traffic Calming

- Presented traffic calming process to date (presentation to be posted to Vendome Yahoo Group)
- Overall, residents not very happy with progress not being made. Overall issue identified as needing to gain political support as we are currently not being heard. Next steps are to:
 - Write a new petition identifying 3 accepted solutions by residents, ranked in order of importance:
 - a. Enforce original plans, making the DOT build the islands to spec
 - b. Install speed humps
 - c. Install one-way pass through (refer to presentation)
 - Solicit signatures
 - Hold a “critical mass” event and end at City Hall and present the petition to Cindy Chavez and have her commit to a timeframe when she can provide us with a decision

New Business

- David Pandori to work on writing a proposal to the historic society to erect a plaque for the Vendome Hotel on N. First Street
- David Pandori to write a proposal for President to submit to request renaming the Light rail station from Japantown/Ayer to Japantown Vendome
- Vendome sign: Brian of Brian’s Welding to provide a mock up of the sign to Cousins project to ensure correct signage is erected at the Coleman/Santa Theresa location