



ITEM 1: SUMMARY OF MEETING #8

Summary of Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting #8 Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Task Force Members Present

1 Kathy Narum, City Council	2 Dirk Christiansen, Pleasanton Downtown Association
3 Herb Ritter, Planning Commission	4 Laura Olson, Pleasanton Downtown Association
5 Justin Brown, Planning Commission	6 Jan Batcheler, At-Large
7 Jim Merryman, At-Large	8 Teri Pohl, At-Large
9 Steve Baker, Economic Vitality Committee	

City of Pleasanton Staff

1 Gerry Beaudin, Director of Community Development	2 Shweta Bonn, Senior Planner
3 Adam Weinstein, Planning Manager	4 Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager
5 Kendall Granucci, Office Manager	6 Pam Ott, Director of Economic Development
7 Mike Tassano, City Traffic Engineer	

Professional Services

1 Sophie Martin, Principal, Dyett & Bhatia

Guest Speaker

1 John Ellis, Principal, Mithun Solomon Architects

1. Welcome

A. Welcome and Agenda Overview. The meeting was called to order and the meeting agenda was discussed.

B. Guest Speaker Introduction. Introduction of the guest speaker was postponed until Item 3.

2. Walking Tour of Downtown Pleasanton

Staff and the professional services team led Task Force members and members of the public on a walking tour of Downtown Pleasanton. The group began at City Hall and visited six different sites over the course of an hour. Staff and Dyett & Bhatia provided an overview at each stop of what participants should consider and observe, and answered questions and engaged in a brief discussion at each point with Task Force members and members of the public. Topics discussed included:

- Connection of the Civic Center site to the rest of Downtown
- Building and streetscape design that creates a walkable environment
- Use of public realm/right of way
- Building heights, massing, and architecture
- Concepts for Division Street
- On- and off-street parking, and parking management
- Infill residential development types and design

The Task Force reconvened at City Hall following the walking tour and had the opportunity to share any additional thoughts or comments.

3. Guest Speaker – Best Downtown Planning Practices

City staff introduced John Ellis, AIA, a Principal at Mithun Solomon Architects, an invited guest who spoke on best practices in downtown planning, approaches to sustainable development and growth management, examples from nearby communities that could serve as examples for Pleasanton as it considers reuse of the Civic Center site, and context-sensitive residential development types. Mr. Ellis then responded to questions and comments from the Task Force and the public on his presentation.

4. Public Comment

A. Review and Approval of Meeting #7 Summary. The Task Force voted to approve the prior meeting summary.

B. Correspondence. The City provided a summary of correspondence from the public received. Topics raised included:

- Building heights
- Parklet location
- Pedestrian malls
- Venues and opportunities for public involvement in the process
- Use of the transportation corridor and opportunities for trail connections
- Downtown trees

C. Feedback from the August First Wednesday Street Party

Staff reviewed comments received since the last Task Force meeting, which included comments on height, the newly installed parklet, potentially making Main Street a pedestrian only street, interest in participating in the Downtown Specific Plan Update, use of the Transportation Corridor as a trail, and trees in Downtown Pleasanton.

D. Meeting Open to the Public. Members of the public were given the opportunity to comment. Topics raised included:

- The need for additional parking at Amador High School.
- The way in which a parking structure is integrated is important since the downtown is a small-scale downtown.
- A Task Force member comment that the update should be just that and that we should be able to use a lot of the existing plan.
- A Task Force member commented that the food hall concept was a good idea.

5. Task Force Check-In. City staff provided an overview of the Task Force's progress and upcoming schedule, including upcoming public participation opportunities (release of the second online survey) and a tentative date for the community workshop (November 1).

6. Brief Announcements from Task Force and Staff. City staff announced upcoming events.