



**Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2016**

Organization	Name
City of Santa Clara	Mayor Gillmor Vice-Mayor O'Neill Council Member Davis Acting City Manager Chief of Police Acting Assistant Director of Public Works Acting Director of Planning and Inspection City Planner Community Relations Manager

Mayor Gillmor called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers and announced that while it had been quite some time since this Committee last met, there was a need to revive the Committee and an intention to meet on a regular basis to discuss community related issues, including traffic, engagement, development projects, etc. Mayor Gillmor noted that this evening's meeting was to receive input from the community and to look at developing a work plan on how issues raised will be addressed and effectively reported with status updates.

General Citizen Concerns:	Lead Department:
Timeliness of posting agendas	City Manager's Office
Committee purposes outdated; should revise and update Council Committee List and website	Mayor and Council Offices
Include reporting abandoned shopping carts option through MySantaClara app	City Manager's Office

Discussion regarding traffic related concerns in focus areas of Pruneridge Avenue and Benton Streets, around school sites and North of Bayshore Area

Mayor Gillmor noted that there was a robust discussion at a community meeting organized to discuss Citywide traffic concerns, which included the focus area of Pruneridge and Benton Streets, particularly near San Tomas Expressway, held last week. Several action items resulted from the discussion, which will be captured and published on the City's website. In addition, a follow-up meeting will be set for a future date. Chief of Police Sellers noted that there is now more police presence in the area, which appears to be helping with the concerns regarding speeding and Community Service Officers have been regularly monitoring intersections in this focus area.

Acting Assistant Director of Public Works, Dennis Ng, noted that beginning in July, lane widening and site improvements will begin on San Tomas from El Camino Real to Homestead,

which will include additional turn lanes on Benton and Homestead. Bike lanes will be extended and will connect to the trail. Staff will monitor progress and communicate to the public over the life of the project, expected to be over the next year. Ng noted that the County of Santa Clara is responsible for the project and will also be putting up signage and information on their website.

General Citizen Concerns:	Lead Department:
Review traffic and speeding concerns at Forbes and San Tomas area	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering
Consider installation of traffic calming to reduce speeding in focus area and/or implementing road diet and/or having a stronger police presence.	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Police
Blind turns at Rosemont at Pruneridge, Loyola at Benton and Pruneridge at Cronin; consider painting curb red so there is enough visibility clearance to make turn safe and/or research feasibility of having no-parking signs.	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering
Review areas City-wide where red curb painting needs to be done, particularly where there are fire hydrants.	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering
Review areas where a lighted crosswalk is necessary, especially Pruneridge at Cronin. Also, review existing operation of traffic signal at Bellomy and Market intersection.	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering
Review drop-off and pick-up options and other traffic related issues near schools, including Central Park school, which is under construction this summer.	Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering

Review of the impact of development, pending and planned, on Santa Clara City borders, particularly San Jose

The Committee noted that in light of the housing/job imbalance and a focus on economic development throughout Silicon Valley, it is important to have connectivity with neighboring cities to understand potential impacts, particularly on Santa Clara borders.

General Citizen Concerns:
Too many high density housing projects; negative impact on Santa Clara culture
Need a balance of for-sale units, for-rent units, affordable units and senior units

There was significant discussion regarding growth in Santa Clara and how new development projects are either under review, construction or already completed, which increases the City's population but the City's borders have not been expanded. There is a need to balance

development projects with community need and look at specific areas throughout the City were high density and retail developments make the most sense (e.g., El Camino Real). It was noted that the higher the density, the higher quality the tenants interested. It was also noted that developers are more interested in housing over retail. A community member recommended that City staff attend Citizen Advisory Committee meetings of other cities to learn about their projects and issues.

Recommendation to Council:

By consensus, the Committee took action to recommend to the City Council the hiring a land-use law firm to assist with research on proposed projects on Santa Clara's borders in neighboring cities.

Discussion regarding ways to more effectively build community engagement with neighborhoods throughout the City

There was a Committee discussion on methods for more meaningful community engagement, including providing tools to residents to engage with not only the City but with one another through various programs. It was noted that this topic had previously been discussed through the Ethics Committee but moving forward, will be under the purview of this committee and the City Manager.

General Citizen Concerns:	Lead Department:
Include information on CERT and HEAT graduates on the City's website	Police Fire
Explore engagement with the homeless	Police

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled for mid-August.