

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GREENPRINT 2009 UPDATE STUDY SESSION**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Council of the City of San José convened in a Study session at 9:05 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Chu, Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Liccardo, Nguyen, Oliverio, Pyle; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - None.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, Chief Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso; Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Matt Cano, Assistant City Clerk Dennis Hawkins and Legislative Secretary Ruth Krantz.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, dated August 28, 2009, recommending acceptance of the Staff report on the draft Greenprint 2009 Update. (2) Memorandum from the Greenprint 2009 Update Subcommittee, dated August 25, 2009, submitting additional concerns to be addressed in the Envision 2040 process. (3) “Greenprint 2009 Update for Parks, Recreation Facilities and Trails – A Strategic Plan to 2020”, submitted by Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, June 2009. (4) Powerpoint presentation “Greenprint 2009 Update Study Session of the San José City Council”, dated September 8, 2009.

Mayor Reed and Chief Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada presented opening remarks.

Vice Mayor Chirco arrived at 9:57 a.m.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, provided an overview of the Greenprint update.

Greenprint Update Study Session (Cont'd.)

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Matt Cano gave an overview of the New Greenprint Vision and Mission and introduced the three key policy issues to be opened for discussion.

Long Term Priorities – Parks & Recreation Service Levels

Division Manager Matt Cano opened the first key policy issue, presenting Council with a question of “What metrics should be used to guide development of new communities with balanced park system while enhancing existing communities?”

Long-term priorities were discussed, and Staff responded to questions from Council.

City partnership with schools was discussed, including the accessibility to residents in spite of budget limitations.

City Attorney Richard Doyle clarified issues of acquiring future sites for park use.

Near Term Priorities – Financial & Environmental Sustainability

Division Manager Matt Cano offered background on the second policy issue, and presented Council with the question “How do we shape priority project investments today to build a foundation for a sustainable future?”

Council discussion followed.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso responded to questions regarding potential soccer fields and optional sites.

Use of Park Trust Fund under the PDO/PIO

Division Manager Matt Cano addressed the third policy issued, asking “How do we increase ability to provide quality community serving facilities to our residents?”

Council comments and discussion followed.

Division Manager Matt Cano announced the “next steps” for Greenprint, and provided dates for the next Community meetings, Parks and Recreation Commission and Neighborhood Services & Education Committee meetings.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso gave an overview on ways to best approach the next ten years being financially and environmentally sustainable.

Greenprint Study Session (Cont'd.)

Council discussion ensued on money required to procure land and potential bond measures. City Attorney Richard Doyle responded to Council questions regarding the alternative of General Obligation bonds to acquire additional park lands.

Mayor Reed asked that operating dollars be factored into the report, rather than just capital costs. He commented that \$600 million of capital dollars were authorized by the voters, but no funds were provided for operating costs. He added that the General Fund provides funds to operate City parks and recreational facilities.

Mayor Reed opened the floor for public testimony.

Public Comments:

- (1) Bonnie Mace (District 8 Community Roundtable) commented on the necessity of interconnectedness with this plan and the importance of only including schools in the plan if they are usable and accessible to the public. She further stressed the importance of public and private partnerships and the importance of clear guidelines on how they work in unison. She also urged the inclusion of a riparian corridor policy in the plan.
- (2) Jean Dresden commented that schools should not be counted in the Greenprint Analysis unless a signed agreement is available.
- (3) Helen Chapman (Greenprint Subcommittee) commended Staff for their work on this update and offered Vancouver B.C. as an excellent model of interconnectedness and environmental sustainability.

Mayor Reed asked for improved formatting of the report with figures and tables numbered for better tracking. He requested that Staff provide an information memorandum to the Council with bullet points of areas where adjustments may need to be made based on today's study session. Mayor Reed also requested that the Greenprint Subcommittee not meet again until it has been cleared by the City Attorney with appropriate noticing and open meeting requirements.

Mayor Reed adjourned the study session at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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