Greenprint Sub-Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, July 8, 2009
City Hall - Room T-955

Attendees: Helen Chapman, John Guisto, Michael LaRocca, Larry Ames, Leslee Hamilton, Virginia Holtz, Jean Dresden, Rafael Gomez and Dave Mitchell

Absentees: Connie Langford, Mike Flaugher, Susan Espinoza and Richard Kohl

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation on cross connections from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and to discuss the draft document that will be released to the public for comment on Friday, July 10th. John Brazil from (DOT) gave an interactive presentation on the bike network in San Jose. He explained the terminology used to differentiate between bikes and trails, bike lanes and bike routes. He also talked about the bike master plan process that is currently underway. Concerns raised by the committee included bike safety related to bike racks and numbering the bikeways for better signage similar to what other cities have done, like San Francisco.

The discussion moved to the draft document which the Sub-Committee received by mail prior to the meeting. The Committee generally had good comments about the overall document saying it was well put together and they liked the way the chapters are now organized. They had some minor edits that would make it easier to follow and read by the average resident.

Dave asked the Sub-Committee for their help in drafting a paragraph addressing the unmet "need" issue so that staff can present it to senior staff for consideration to include it in the document.

Some of the significant concerns raised included:

- The 1/3 mile goal and the 3.5 acres/1,000 population General Plan objective are not compatible.
- "Secured", "Potential" and "To be Determined" parks are not defined in Appendix C.
- More language needed in Chapter 5 that talks about underserved areas.
- Land acquisitions are not identified in the document besides the 51 underserved areas.
- No statements of "risks" are in the document (i.e. more charter schools are coming online).
- Indentified "needs" need to be more prominent in the document, especially at the beginning since most people will only read the Executive Summary.
- Clarification language needed regarding households to be served in underserved areas.
- There is a disparity between the money spent in each of the 12 Urban Planning Areas.

The draft document will be posted on the Department web site on Friday, July 10th and comments will be due August 31, 2009. Notice of its release will be sent via e-mail to past

community meeting attendees, homeowner associations and SNI groups. Ads will also appear in the local papers including ads in Spanish and Vietnamese and two community meetings will be held in September.

At the September meeting, the Sub-Committee will get an opportunity to review the public comments that were received and discuss them.

Next meeting:
September 23, 2009