

WILLOW GLEN SPUR FOCUS GROUP

Meeting Notes for 3rd Meeting September 3, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Denelle Fedor, Ed Shikada, Matt Cano, Jeannie Hamilton, Kevin Mank, Javier Aguirre (Supervisor Alvarado's Office), Tony Filice, Larry Ames, Michael LaRocca, Yves Zsuttu, Kristina Lee, Tony Filice, Julie Mark, Zahir Gulzadah, Rick Gooch.

NOTE: Incomplete list of meeting attendees

The meeting was convened at 3:30 PM.

Three presentations were made to the group:

1. Street Crossings: The Department of Transportation presented an analysis of all street crossings from Los Gatos Creek to Coyote Creek. Traffic volume data, aerial photographs and other data were provided to support recommendations for traffic controls. The presentation is posted on the project's website.
2. Pedestrian Bridges: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services provide an overview of recent pedestrian bridge projects in San Jose and the region. Photographs and cost data was provided to suggest what might be possible related to the development of a railway crossing bridge near Highway 87. The presentation is posted on the project's website.
3. CPTED: The Police Department presented an overview of Community Policing Through Environmental Design. The Police use the design principles to recommend methods to enhance the safety of trail projects. The presentation included photos of the trail alignment between Highway 87 and Coyote Creek. The presentation is posted on the project's website.

Issues discussed:

- The cost of bridge development seems high, Campbell of Los Gatos installed a pedestrian bridge recently for less than \$1,000,000. Larry Ames to contact the agencies to determine the cost of the project and what strategies were employed to keep costs down.
- A tunnel might be an alternative to a bridge structure at the railway tracks. Police staff was not supportive of a tunnel for public safety reasons. Planning reported that the City had closed several tunnels.

- High speed rail is planned and it is not known the height or constraints associated with the proposed elevated railway. It is difficult to develop a conceptual proposal or related cost estimates for a pedestrian bridge at this time.
- The alignment between Almaden Road and Pomona presents the greatest concern for the Police because of the constrained conditions and lack of “eyes on the trail”.
- Traffic volume for Broadway Avenue seems too high. DOT staff reviewed their data and corrected the volume count in the presentation. The posted presentation includes the accurate vehicle count.

The group was directed to the project binder for a list of grant sources reviewed by Trail Program staff on a regularly basis to help fund trail development. The group was asked to review the sources and report at the next focus group if they are aware of other trail-related sources that might be considered for project development.

Project website address:

www.sjpark.org/Trails/WillowGlenSpur/FocusGroup-WillowGlenSpurTrail.htm