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Juliet –

It was great to get to tour the Google site with you, Anton, Charles, and Erica yesterday. I wanted to follow up on a few of the questions regarding City process and possible other information that would be useful to us during the CEQA process.

1. Discontiguous Sign District – We understand the context is in development. At this point, we do not need the entire context or evaluation of every sign. A summary of the reasoning for establishing the district and some of its characteristics may be enough for us to determine potential impacts on the sign as a result of the project. If you could send that to us as soon as possible, it would be of great help.
2. Groupings of buildings – For the 3 houses on West Julian, they only qualify as a Candidate City Landmark as a grouping. Individually they would not rise to the level needed for Landmark status. Can you please confirm this approach.
3. Relocation Process – The City is fairly lenient regarding relocation of historic buildings, taking the stand that relocation is better than demolition even if the relocation site is not necessarily within a similar neighborhood. The criteria are generally that the relocation site be visible, that the structure is maintained to a reasonable level, and that it remains within the City of San Jose. There is no approval process to select a site, however a permit for relocation would require approval from the City. Can you please confirm or correct our understanding of the City's relocation policy and approval process.
4. Interpretive Panels – Interpretive panels go to the HLC for comment, but otherwise are subject to permitting by the City. Can you please confirm or correct our understanding of the City's interpretive panel policy and approval process.
5. Lakehouse District – If you have any additional information regarding the Lakehouse district aside from the 2006 Landmark nomination packet, we would love to review that. Specifically, information on the Arata House at 454 West San Fernando would be helpful.

Thanks again for any assistance on the above issues. We look forward to working with you as we move the CEQA process forward.

Regards-

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