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Hi Jennifer,

Please see attached for notes that took place at HLC's meeting on 1/15. If you need anything else or I should be aware of anything, please let me know.

Thanks,
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Good morning,

Friendly reminder: Please submit the meeting notes for your items by Thursday 1/23.

Thank you!

Kind Regards,
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Jan 15, 2020 HLC Referral for Google Project

- Polcyn, Saum, Boheim, Arnod, Royer and Raynsford present (Hirst absent)
- James (Staff) provide staff report
- Applicant (Bhavesh P. with Google, Riccardo, Charles Chase Principal the consultation Architectural Resource Group)
 - Building on a decade of engagement and planning, started 2009 with the Google Neighborhood Committee
 - Google is about 30% of the DSAP area
 - Talked to about 3,000 people for feedback
 - Submittal of application in Oct 2019, trigger the NOP and EIR
 - Scoping meeting Nov and community meeting in Dec
 - Of 84 acres, 60 acres is developable
 - Use are in alignment with DSAP plan
 - Large portion is used for surface parking and industrial area
 - About a mile distance from the north to south boundary
 - Wants to create a variety of character zone
 - Core near the Diridon Station
 - North more industrial
 - South more of the neighborhood feel and access to nature
- Consultant
 - Soliciting for comments from the comments and from the public
 - CEQA review, a project has list eligible and existing historic resources both the project area and within 200 feet of the project area, requires a survey
 - Initiated the field survey in Sept 2019 has complete the archival work, working on a conceptual statement
 - Study area composed or mixed use, combination of large vacant parcels
 - Project mixed use in late 19 century
- Public
 - Andre
 - With PACSJ, have submitted comments to the scoping meeting
 - Curious if Julian Street is part of the scope of work, not from an age but architectural
 - Jose
 - Silicon Valley Depa
 - Concern document and seen along with re-development of King and Story with small development, cultural and art impact after that time
 - 10 to 15 murals have gone down since then approximately 2002
 - This had a city impact
 - With Development this size, but concern not just that area but historic and cultural impact of the entire size
 - San Jose has such rich cultural and historic, largest population of Raza and Vietnamese
 - Buildings and Sign and people, rent rates will impact people
 - Concern about a project this size, there should be tough robust protection of these resources, need policies change to protect those things
 - Paul Soto
 - That area is called the horseshoe
 - His mother taught at Garner, went to Washington, went to Lee
 - To hear such a forensic analysis

- There is a death that is happening
- There is no moral conscious
- Cannery, his family worked there and built this City
- He represents a gang of Chicano
- Liz Gonzales
 - From East SJ
 - You want this project to be integrated, but that is counter to Google's culture
 - Consultant who are paying you and who do you represent
 - Colonizing the City
 - They are representing of hundreds of thousands of families
 - This campus would be place of San Jose, if San Jose will not be here anymore
 - There are no details, hope there is an answer
 - They understand of this commission, but the people are the greatest assets and you never mention people or how you talk about this project
- Celgian
 - Have been in this area for a long time, you are tearing up this city
 - You have no compassion, the City does not represent us
 - The City is allowing them to buy San Jose
 - They will fight this project
 - All this area, have lived and worked in this area
- Olga
 - Runs a small business in SJ
 - As a business woman and engineer
 - She needs Google, need business, not crime and tagging on her walls
 - Needs a normal community
 - Wants business here, needs the community overall propensity and it can happen
 - Progress comes with changes and it could be hard for people
- Brian Jesus
 - Concern about the history
 - From Orange County
 - Impressed with SJ of Latin
 - A lot of people don't have time to speak here
 - You worry about building Google, it will be fake and ugly building, will be in the middle of a historic City
 - San Jose has been doing great without Google
 - San Jose and its Culture is beautiful, and Google won't help
- John Mitchell
 - PacSJ
 - Situation of document of the historic resources
 - Digital scanning of building
 - Like the commission, the City adopt a policy that any type of development of historic building
 - Diridon Station itself, a few months ago at a VTA meeting how they will treat it with BART, elevate the track over Santa Clara, add four tracks east, which necessitate the movement of the Diridon Station
 - Going east from the Station is where the Google plans on having an office
- Eliberto Quamcho
 - Comudad

- John Lick and grew up on the east side and have seen all these dramatic changes because of tech companies
- Tech companies are making profit off culture, will cost all the residents, students feel like they can't live here
- Trying to teach, the money they make as teacher, won't be able to afford to live here
- Companies like Google, adobe is driving rent and driving out people, it's a slap in the face
- There is a whole population of homeless people, will get arrested
- Their culture and history should not be displaced by corporation
- Commission
 - Raynsford
 - This is a huge project
 - There is a larger discussion about Silicon Valley in general
 - Focus on narrow on history and memory
 - Christopher building, transition housing building
 - An architectural landmark, not old enough, but related to housing
 - All the different kinds of people and labor struggle, have some kind of a memory, that will be transformed with this project
 - There is a lot of empty space, building new things is not completely bad thing
 - Royer
 - Survey uses 45 years instead of 50
 - Through the survey are you including murals and signs
 - They have observed signs and murals in this area
 - There is one sign
 - There are many vacant lot and surface parking, for opportunity for redevelopment
 - When you redevelop those vacant, massing and height to consider of historic resources
 - Does want Diridon Station to be dwarfing by the new development
 - Ricardo (Google)
 - There are some newer murals
 - Harriett Arnold
 - San Jose Water Company building
 - Bhavesh, there was a HP permit, want to do some work on it for community first use from the existing entitlement
 - Relocation in the future, poor house bistro, there are some residents, and their relocation
 - Chase, have only done the architectural review, no formal recommendation on properties of whether of those site, their work is independently of the applicant's project, they are here to objectively evaluate the project under CEQA
 - Concern about the people who are residents of those listed property
 - As you plan for the future, preservation of history and culture and not just buildings
 - Ricardo are working with tenant, most of occupant were tenant owners and there are two tenants they are helping
 - Polcyn
 - This is a huge project, multiple maps showing different information, trying to digest everything and filter down what is the expectation of commission
 - Commission empathizes with the public
 - Our role is important for some of this cultural important, how do you translate the cultural part of this
 - At looking at the size of the project,

- What is helpful, to break it down in phases are area e.g. core, north, south and have different meetings for each of those areas
- This is a 20-year process, but might be longer than that, it would be nice to know what the intent of the phasing of the buildings are
- Concept of height and local neighborhood, lake house historic district, Diridon and Water company building
 - Commission has lost most of the battle in regards to height
 - These towers would diminish the historic resources
- Tribal Resources
 - This area was of the first inhabitant of the Ohlone
- Boheim
 - Did read of the studies that will be taking place, there are some assurance of those studies
 - It is a land with a lot of history with Ohlone
 - Consider how to honor those people, Spanish and Mexican
 - The town was the first Puebla, 1777
 - This is not the absolute center, but it is close to Cesar Chavez
 - Santa Clara which turns into Alameda is the road that they walked, how do you commigrate and honor that (statue or marker)
 - There are artist and high value of murals, have murals as part of the buildings
 - Will the environmental report
 - Will it analyze the architectural of the buildings?
 - It talks about overall design as it relates to the resources and
 - Would like to see the architectural identity of existing building
 - Will the years built, will it include age of properties?
 - Historic significant will be recognized.
 - Number of historic organized in San Jose, PACSJ, California Pioneer of Santa Clara County, is active organization, would be interested in finding more about this project
 - When building housing
 - Will it be open to Google employee?
 - The housing is not for Google and affordable housing
 - 2.0.8 - Diridion Station is depicted, there are four tracks that needs to be laid, Diridion Station is in the area
 - The Station is not within the project boundary and the applicant has been coordinating with that group to understand the details
 - Commission are concerned about the landmark of the station
 - Compatibility
 - Looks at height, if there is a historic landmark, the building should be compatible
- Saum
 - Unlike other public hearing, they are not being ask for a recommendation, is to provide additional comments, in the scope, the most questions and comments to be addressed in the EIR
 - For the last three years and now vice present of the neighborhood association west of the project, 3/4 miles away, rener for 11 years, a lot of his life is focused around this area
 - There is opportunity for a historic analysis
 - Glad that murals and signs are given more historic consideration
 - 34 structures are on historic inventory

- They will develop design guidelines, those building hope will go before the HLC. Adjacency of those building to historic resources, emphasis that design criteria, that they come back later, find grate analysis in terms of compatibility
- When adjacency to historic resources, the scale needs to match
- He also represents his association on SAGG, the analysis in the EIR and DISC
- Diridon and DISC needs to be address in this project
- Development Design Guidelines, recommends that historic design guidelines, that it gets incorporated, the downtown historic guidelines should be extended as well
- Lakehouse City Landmark District
- There is a lot of historic context in this area, diligent analysis helps the City embraces the cultural resources and can only improve the project.
- This project would go before HLC
- Early referral helps them to provide comments soon rather than later
- Polcyn
 - Are there design guidelines- yes there are DSAP, in the process of updating that
 - Diagram, only has the maximum allowance height, there are some high buildings, this concern them, would like to specifically what are the plans and proposal
- Arnold
 - Break this up in phases, a lot of information right now
- Royer
 - Suggest, viewing this as an infill instead of a redevelopment project to bring in the existing culture and what is currently in this area
- Raynsford
 - Not sure infill is correct, because so little fill
 - Needs to be careful urban design in relates to the urban fabric, especially with the Diridon Station
 - Google's rendering has the station as the axis, but depends on the height of the buildings
 - Someone needs to fill in the dialogue between Google and DISC
 - Might need to push back against engineer with multiple tracks
 - Likes the idea of cultural places near parks
 - What is the general sense of the urban design
 - Seems like hotel near SAP off to the side, shouldn't it be the urban center
 - Integration of the park, there is a lot of opportunity to tie these together, not just giant glass building next to park
- Boehm
 - Height is a criteria factor, maximum height based on TERPS
 - Will seek variety, won't be a solid plane
 - Page 7, have listed some structures that will be analyze