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Hello SAAG members,

We have several updates for you, and one action item in **green**.

1. Google submitted their application for development review to the City's Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department on October 10. The application for the "Downtown West Mixed-use Plan" and related information is available here:  
<http://www.san Joseca.gov/GoogleProject>.
2. In addition to reviewing Google's development proposal, the City is beginning the process to amend the Diridon Station Area Plan (DSAP) and prepare areawide studies related to parking, affordable housing, and infrastructure financing. We have prepared this [Draft Community Engagement Strategy](#) to cover the comprehensive planning process over the next year. Note that we are planning for four rounds of outreach, beginning with a round this fall, with the next round occurring next spring.
3. This fall, the primary purpose of the City's outreach is to share information about the comprehensive planning process and begin to get reactions to the concepts under consideration – building upon all of the SAAG and public input gathered last year. The City is hosting two Community Meetings and three small group discussions with the SAAG this fall to talk about the Google project, the City-initiated work, the Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan, and other related projects. The Community Meetings will be on Monday, **November 18**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Leininger Community Center (1300 Senter Rd) and Saturday, **December 7**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Gardner Community Center (520 W Virginia St). Additional info is on the project website, and the flyer will be sent out next week. Please help us spread the word!
4. The SAAG Small Group Discussions are scheduled for the following dates and times:
  - a. Tuesday, **November 19**, 11:30AM-1:30 PM, City Hall
  - b. Thursday, **November 21**, 6:00-8:00PM, City Hall
  - c. Monday, **December 2**, 6:00-8:00PM, Bascom Community Center

The general purpose of the small group discussions is to hear about your questions, concerns, and aspirations, and to support dialogue between organizations. The meetings will be open to the public. **We are requesting that each SAAG organization have a representative sign up for one of the three meetings by emailing Tara (copied here) by November 5.** Additional representatives may attend as a member of the public. We will send out additional information and specific discussion prompts in advance to review, so that the bulk of the time can be spent hearing from you all.

5. We are looking at **January 16**, 6-9 PM for the next regular SAAG meeting. Save the date!

6. In addition to these events covering all of the major Diridon Station Area projects, the City is hosting two public meetings specific to the [Google project](#): an EIR Scoping meeting on Thursday, **November 7**, 7:00 PM at the City Hall Wing Rooms 118-120, and a Development Application Community Meeting on Thursday, **December 5**, 5:30 at MLK Library, Room 225. The City is accepting comments on the scope of the Google Project EIR until 5 p.m. on Friday, **November 22**. You can email comments on the [Notice of Preparation](#) to Shannon Hill, [shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:shannon.hill@sanjoseca.gov).
  
7. To expand our outreach capacity for future rounds, the Diridon project team is offering small grants to non-profits, community groups, and neighborhood associations. The application is available here: <https://www.diridonsj.org/partnershipgrant>, and the deadline to apply is **November 20**. This is intended for non-SAAG members to increase opportunities for more groups to engage in the process. Please help us spread the word about this opportunity.

This is a lot of information! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks!

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