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Should have copied you on this.

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Jon / Andrea –

Info for Monday's meeting. I'll prepare and plan to make the presentation with your support for Q&A. I will focus on answering (to the extent possible) the questions that DANG presented in their recent comment letter. Please let me know if you would like me to resend that to you.

-Nicolle

From: Jean Dresden [<mailto:Jean@sjparksadvocates.org>]
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Small parks and no play for Diridon?

Hear all about proposals for Diridon Station Area Plan from Parks staff at our joint meeting with DANG--a coalition of four neighborhoods surrounding Diridon Station Area.

Monday June 8 at 7 pm via ZOOM

The draft Diridon Station Area Plan is moving towards completion and staff released a video and confusing survey last month. The survey questions focused on service preferences for a community center and nothing about parks. The presentation listed all the things planned for the big community center, but where will the City get money to pay to operate it? Or will it be only for those who can "pay to play?"

The map Google submitted shows some green space, but eliminates the 5-acre park and "green fingers" of the earlier Diridon Area Plan. The Los Gatos Creek trail route on the map is abandoned for an on-street alternative. The park in front of the train station is gone with the new Caltrain Station.

Who will own the green spaces? Who will be allowed to visit? Will it be private like eBay's soccer fields on North First? Or will open space be only for those who can afford to eat in the adjacent restaurants? What if Google abandons the project? Will the green spaces disappear under a new owner's high rise?

The Diridon Station Area plan covers all of the area around the station, not just Google's land. But it seems Google is driving the design. Will there be anywhere OUTSIDE in fresh air that people who live and work there can have active play?

Even if you don't live near Diridon Station, you'll want to give feedback on this trend. Higher density housing and office buildings are coming throughout the city. Will this serve as a template? No active outdoor space? No public parks?

Honored Guests who will answer these questions:

Jon Cicirelli, Director of PRNS

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director

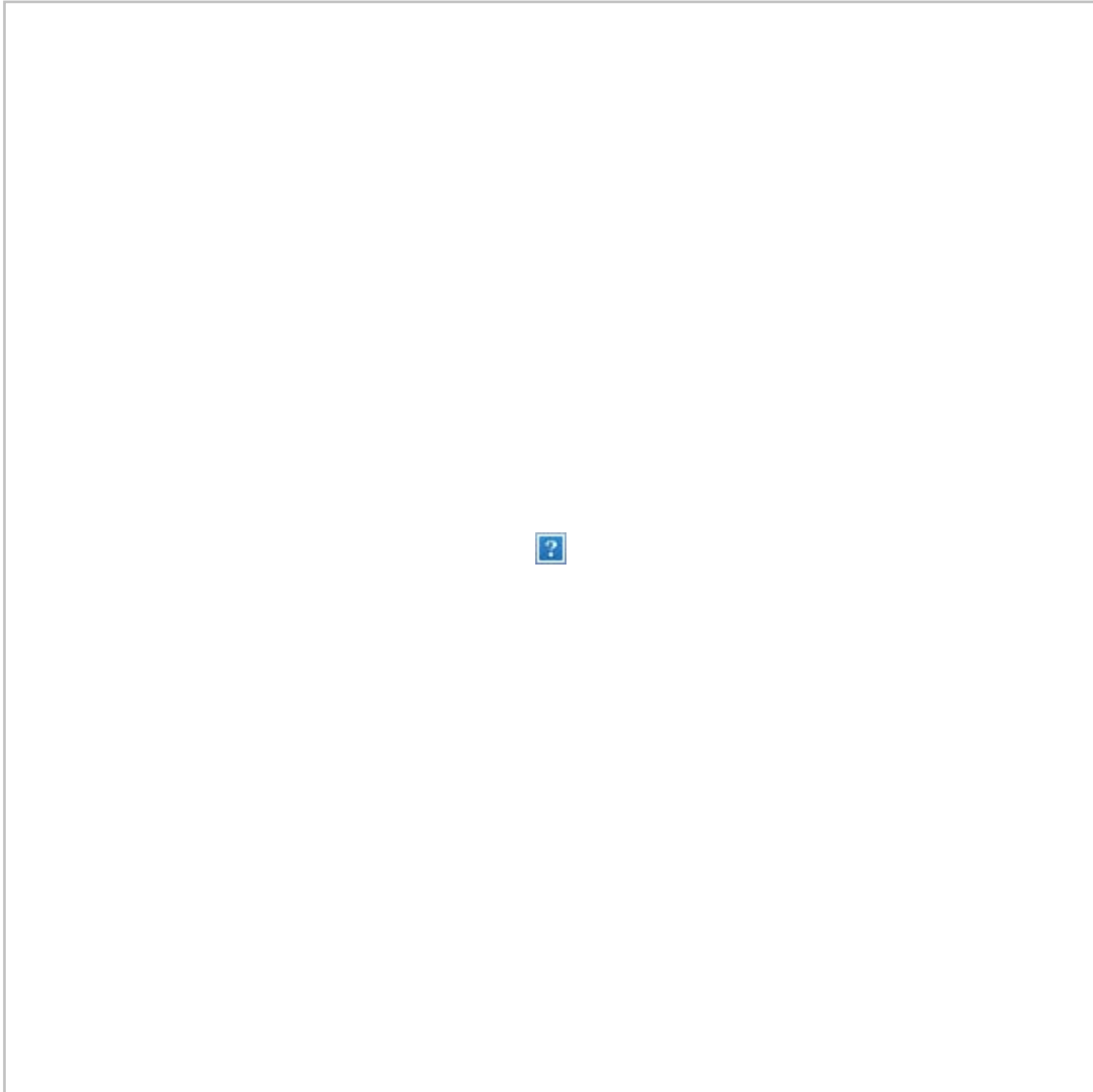
Andrea Flores-Shelton, Interim Deputy Director, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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--Jean Dresden



Google's Downtown West plan showing the Google green spaces and existing open space in lighter green. The new Diridon Integrated Station Concept has a wider footprint than shown here.



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