



Quarterly Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2006

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- Future of the Board
 - Two positions were filled:
 - VP, Vendome neighborhood association—Brad Montano
 - Secretary—David Perkins
 - Functions will need to be revisited and redistributed
- Mural Project Update
 - Saturday, June 3—Artists will be meeting with the neighborhood at Ryland Park to discuss the ideas for the mural project. Time to be announced.
- Feedback on Cirque du Soleil event
 - Increased business in Japantown
 - Appreciated that the City implemented blocking off N. San Pedro, where the neighborhood was not overrun by cars/parking problems
 - Nice to have complimentary tickets
 - Lights posed a problem to residents that lived across the street
 - Signage needed to be improved
 - Liked that they moved the sign up further on Taylor to direct traffic correctly
 - City reacted in a timely manner to resolve issues that weren't working.
 - Increase community involvement in the event
 - Reduced litter by providing garbage cans
- Off Leash Dog Park Proposal

A representative from the Willow Glenn Neighborhood is working with a team to develop a “park-share” for off leash dogs. The idea is to designate an area of a park where dogs could be released to play off leash in a controlled manner. The park share program would meet specific conditions, such as only in parks of a certain size and off-leash area would be designated by appropriate signage.

 - Proposal to begin in Willow Glenn and expand to other communities in San Jose
 - Ideally, walk with your dog to an area where you can take your dog off leash
 - Proposal is to copy existing communities that have implemented an off leash dog park area, such as Carmel, San Diego, Coronado, Petaluma, Santa Cruz—great communities with high-end housing
 - Working directly w/City council on this effort and Ken Yeagar
 - City statute allows for this type of park
 - Establish pilot areas and work with the residential community to make improvements and address concerns



- Final design options for San Pedro Street Entrance at Taylor
 - Option A: increase each corner of N. San Pedro at Taylor, forcing cars to make a “harder” right-hand turn. Plan would include planting 4 trees. Jackson and 4th street is an example of the corner that is being proposed for this option. Curbs will be red striped.
 - Option B: Leave the corners as is and instead put in a median that includes two trees. Plan has been approved by the Fire Department. Santa Theresa and Coleman is an example of the treatment proposed. Curbs will be red striped.
- Update on Japantown Main Yard Project
 - Old city repair yard
 - RFP – selected development team: Olson Co to come up w/dev. Project
 - 100 seat community theatre to be built for plays and rental use
 - Next store to Fuji Towers will be a 10-story senior housing facility
 - Develop a traffic plan to move traffic to the east with the new development