



1. Cirque du Soleil coming to the Vendome Neighborhood in 2006

Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo" will be coming to San Jose December 5, 2005 through March 10, 2006. The event will be held in the parking lot at the corner of North San Pedro and Taylor Streets. The Vendome Neighborhood will be allotted a block of tickets. The number of tickets to be given will be announced.

The City of San Jose is currently working on plans to handle parking. Two parking options being considered are, 1) using the County Parking Garage and 2) using the parking lot on Hedding and First. Proposals for parking are scheduled to be announced by August 5, 2005.

To limit traffic in our neighborhood, the City of San Jose is looking at temporary street closures during the shows. The City of San Jose will schedule a meeting with the Vendome Neighborhood Association to discuss how traffic issues and parking will be handled and address any concerns by residents.

An attendee at Tuesday's meeting suggested leveraging the Cirque du Soleil event to conduct a 3-month traffic study, whereby traffic calming options would be tested. The proposed study would involve collecting feedback from residents to identify the most effective options for reducing neighborhood traffic.

Tina Morrill, Vendome Neighborhood Association Board member, has asked Sergeant Graham to provide plans on how Crowd control is to be handled.

2. Update from Sergeant Graham

- a. **Traffic:** Officers have continued working on traffic calming measures, issuing citations and giving warnings to those that speed. The traffic offenders have been from the Vendome Neighborhood. The focus is to continue to focus on traffic.
- b. **Crime:**
 - **Robberies:** For the past month, robberies have not occurred at Kelly Liquors and Smile Market, located at 4th and Empire. For approximately a 4-6 month period, these convenience stores were continually being targeted.
 - **Stabbing:** A stabbing occurred on George Street last week (week of April 4). The suspect was a family member and is currently in custody.

3. San Jose development projects update

- a. **Cousins:** development has started. The development will include a variety of stores: Target, CostPlus, Michaels, an Office supply store (Office Depot or Office Max), pet store (Petco or Pet Smart), Starbucks, and sit down restaurants. Target is scheduled to be open by December 2005
 - **Traffic:** Signage will point traffic to downtown. A traffic island will be installed at Coleman and Santa Theresa. Intersections at Hedding and Taylor will be upgraded.
 - **Landscaping:** Cousins will landscape the development and surrounding area. The development will be committed to maintain all landscaping they installed
 - **Architectural Style:** The building facades will be styled after a railway station, incorporating the areas history.
- b. **Brandenburg:** The development has changed from a high-density project to a housing development. There is a strong potential that a grocery store will be included in the new plans.
- c. **Guadalupe River Flood Control:** The flood control project was completed in March 2005. This now removes the Vendome Neighborhood from a flood zone. In order for residents to eliminate the flood insurance requirement from their insurance policies, new maps need to be created. The maps will be updated in 2 stages.

In the first stage, a preliminary map application is to be submitted and the flood zone category will change to an A99. The first stage of rezoning could potentially reduce flood insurance by 40%. At the same time, the rates could also remain the same since a rezoning to A99 does not remove our area completely from flood. The first application to be submitted Spring of 2005.

The Second stage is a final application to rezone the area as Zone X. If approved, flood insurance will no longer be acquired. The second application is scheduled to be submitted in Fall of 2005 and take effect in Spring 2006.

- d. **Classics at N. Keystone:** A 42 condo development project. Developers are currently pulling permits and construction will start this, summer 2005.
- e. **City Heights:** A 16 story high rise development that will be located at San Pedro, St. James and St. James Park. This is a Barry Swenson project.
- f. **Taylor Towers:** currently being built in stages. Interest lists will start this summer. There is currently no date for starting the second and third tower.



4. **Approve Vendome Neighborhood Association Bylaw revisions**

Bylaws approved with a few changes:

- a. Remove reference to the Vendome Neighborhood Association being a corporation
- b. Create an audit committee to review finances when monies are earned

5. **Committee Updates**

- a. **Traffic Calming:** Tina Morrill and members of the traffic committee met with Cindy Chavez about completing the traffic calming project for the Vendome Neighborhood. Cindy Chavez is aware that the neighborhood is upset by commitments not being fulfilled and is working with internal teams to address traffic issues in our neighborhood.

Cindy Chavez is committed to completing traffic calming in our neighborhood prior to leaving office in 2006. She will be contacting the traffic committee with action plans shortly. Cindy would like to hear from neighbors if they have noticed a reduction in traffic with the opening of the frontage road.

- b. **Mural Committee:** **First meeting Thursday, April 28.** The meeting will focus on developing a design and fund raising ideas.
- c. **Pet Images:** Once the Vendome sign is completed, Brian of Brian's Welding will begin the "Metal pet images" project for Ryland dog park. He will work with each person that signed up for a cutout on the design.
- d. **Tree Planting:** Scheduled for Fall 2005. The trees are provided by Our City Forest of San Jose. An attendee suggested that we work with Our City Forest to select larger canopy trees, where power lines are not an issue. Larger canopy trees create more of a neighborhood atmosphere, which is our primary objective.
- e. **Ryland Park:** The remaining funds for Ryland Park need to be spent. A meeting of the Park Committee will be called in early May 2005 to review the landscape design for the First Street side of the park that was submitted last year. Some of the funds are also being proposed for the dog park to complete installation of the decomposed granite. The decomposed granite needs to be "tamped down" and created into a surface vs. the current state of dusty loose gravel.

6. **Open Issues: question and answer portion of meeting**

- a. **Trains:** A request can be made to reduce the speed of the trains traveling through the neighborhood late at night to reduce vibration. At the same time, there are no time restrictions on train traffic.
- b. **Pot Hole** exists at Hobson and San Pedro. Attendee requested to have it fixed.