

Community Outreach “Day After” Report

Submitted by	Kathleen Podrasky
Date submitted:	Friday, January 26, 2018
Meeting date, time, and location:	Thursday, January 11, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Scottish Rite, San Jose
Organization Sponsor:	VTA
Topic presented/discussed:	Curtner Station Joint Development
How was meeting noticed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailed notices ½ mile perimeter of the Curtner Station Park & Ride Lot reaching (2803 records) • Parking lot drop @ 200 cars • Parking lot A-Frames near elevator and TVM • Council District 6 to neighborhood groups • VTA Board of Directors • Next Door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evans (29) ○ Communications Hill-North (430) ○ Mill Pond 1 & 2 (129) ○ Villa Cortona (61) ○ Latitude 37 (6) ○ Canoas Garden (459)
Length of presentation/meeting:	1.5 hour
Meeting attendees:	35 (3 did not sign in)
Demographic estimate:	Residents of immediate area, nearby mobile home park, mainly of retirement age, mainly Caucasian.
Special accommodations:	N/A
Title VI, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach:	Notices were provided in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, with language statements in Chinese, Korean, Tagalog *Future meetings we need to bring in VTA Title VI staff to forward notices to their LEP lists.
Presentation format:	Formal presentation @ 30 min followed by workshop/breakout stations
Media present:	No
Elected officials present:	City of San Jose Councilmember Dev Davis, District 6
Key attendees:	City of San Jose Councilmember Dev Davis, District 6
VTA staff present:	Josselyn Jacobson - Real Estate Kathleen Podrasky – Community Outreach Jessie Solis – Real Estate

Consulting team present:	PlaceWorks Bruce Brubaker Charlie Knox Cliff Lau
Materials provided at event:	Agenda/Code of Conduct Fact sheets (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog) Blue Comment Cards (translations same as above) Display Boards with sticky notes – markers/pens Presentation slides Ohlone/Chynoweth meeting notices
Questions/Comments: (Questions answered by staff)	<p>From Comment Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure there is enough park land before you start. This is a transit station in an expensive city. Don't let parking stop housing construction! -How many units & approximately how many people are we talking about adding to this area? -This area is too congested to add 333 housing units, parking for them, and managing traffic. -I am greatly concerned regarding the impact of traffic in the area, parking, crime, homeless encampments & overall negative effects in the area. -Please consider traffic impact. Need to study parking and heavy traffic. -If not enough parking, people will try & park at Cathedral of Faith – Will each apartment have more than one parking space? <p>Verbal comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dev Davis encouraged community participation and addressed community participation helping to shape Tamien development <p>Comments during presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are you taking parking from employer shuttles? -Traffic Concerns – school drop off -Parking lot full on holidays and special events -Landscaping should be native drought tolerant -Where do retail guests' park? -Fare inspectors are not seen, especially during popular (busy/peak) times. -Larger park area for kids -What will happen to the substation? -What is maximum number of units possible, vs. viable # of units? <p>From workshops</p> <p><u>Retail Amenities</u></p> <p>Retail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery, grocery, grocery! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nearest is far. Not walkable. • Dry cleaners (would be used by all local neighbors) • Pharmacy (none nearby)

- Coffee shop
- Boba
- Local errands that are walkable
- Make it a destination people can walk to. Dog park, grocery, coffee, dry cleaning
- Retail land owners across the street (currently Jack in the Box & Subway) have had issues keeping tenants due to crime and safety issues
- NO: Smoke shops, liquor stores,...

Open Space:

- Any open space will attract homeless, tents, etc
- Area needs more play areas for children

Station:

- Current concepts have the station kind of hidden between 2 buildings. Open it up for safety and wayfinding
- Maintain visibility – too closed in around station
- Safe crossing from station
 - Clear Ped wayfinding
- Plaza?

Traffic:

- Bad traffic on Curtner – Do not have exit from resi building onto Curtner – won't be able to get out
- School Drop off
- Always flooding under freeway @ Mill Pond
- Cars drive WAY too fast on Canoas – Traffic circle? Speed bumps? Reduced speed for school?

Church:

- Charter school serves 650+ students/day (high school & Pre-school)
- 1,000 families + food services on T/TH
- Special needs children come to work once a week – need good wayfinding and safety from station
- Lots of seniors coming & going
- Church looking at affordable workforce housing on site for teachers, etc
- Do not agree with plans to occupy this land and impact the traffic problems in this area. Please consider this.
- Cons: Parking, traffic
- Grocery Store, playground, traffic lanes need to be (not clear)
- Plaza?
- Concern: Access to seniors, students, families, who access school and community services across the street (Cathedral of Faith)
- Will each unit have more than 1 parking space, if not, what is the plan for other cars?
- Traffic back up?
- Left turn lane (to Curtner?)
- School drop off

Placemaking/Architecture

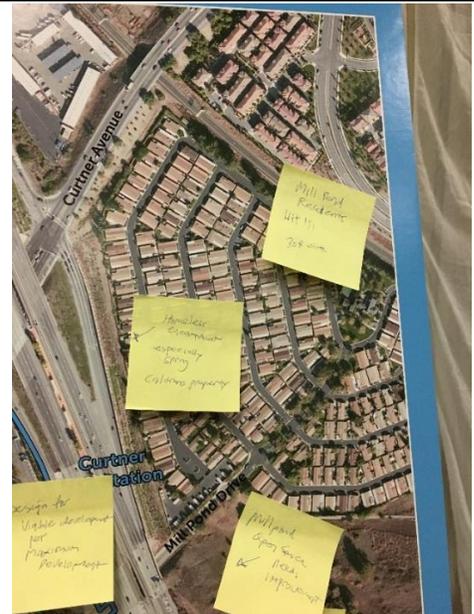
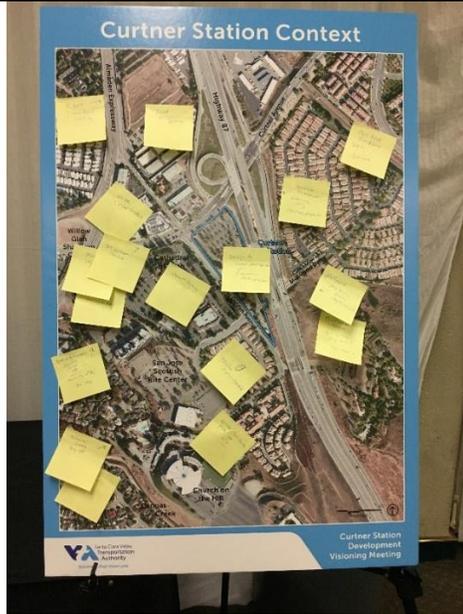
- Landscape/green, play area, nature plants, no palms
- Nicer
- Need grocery store
- Future transitional housing
- Widen Canoas Garden Road
- Mucky – needs improvement for peds
- 707 Curtner transients
- Church uses VTA parking on Sundays
- Street parking
- End of Rincerada access closed off – route to VTA bus stop
- Achiever School Drop Off
- Traffic signal needed
- Some residential parking on VTA lot (or residents park on VTA lot?)
- Homeless encampment
- Mill Pond open space needs improvement
- Flood under bridge. This is only access for 200+ homes

Community Context

- Full service – no grocery store near by
- School/Church traffic
- Event parking
- Curtner wideing
- Homeless
- Cleanliness/Safety of station (pee in elevator)
- Grocery – 7/11
- Walkway both sides (referring to Carol Drive?)
- Carol Drive parking in VTA
- New road from Communications Hill
- Is VTA landlord or Lease?
- Peak parking time is Sunday
- Likes dog park concept
- How long before occupancy?
- Remove access from Curtner
- Scool kids
- Open Space/Park

Meeting Pictures:





Notes:

From comment cards, attendees indicated interest in the following areas:

- Design Features \ \
- Property Acquisition \
- Construction Impacts \ \
- Community Meetings \ \ \ \
- Environmental Effects \
- Schedule \ \ \

Recurring themes:

- grocery store in area that residents can walk to
- Park/Dog Park
- Church & event parking
- Parking in general – overflow of neighborhood goes to VTA lot
- Traffic concerns
- Homeless encampment concerns

Consider advertising a soft start time – then presentation time. Presentation begin @ 6:15 and people were still arriving. Tamien 11/15/17 had an advertised start for 6 and presentation time 6:30, and attendees began arriving @ 5:30 while staff was setting up for the meeting. This is a moving target.