



STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #5 SUMMARY

November 10, 2016 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Hiram Morgan Hill Room, Community and Cultural Center

Introduction

Thirteen members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) for Morgan Hill’s Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) attended the group’s meeting on November 10, 2016. Also in attendance were City staff members, including Chris Ghione, David Gittleson, Judy Viegas and Keri Russell, as well as two members of the consulting team, Ellie Fiore and Scott Davidson. This was the fifth in a series of SAG meetings that have taken place throughout the master planning process.

The meeting began with a welcome and presentation by the consulting team that included an update of the planning process and highlights from the Public Review Draft Plan. Most of the meeting was dedicated to an individual exercise and group discussion in which SAG members prioritized project lists. The SAG’s input will be reflected in the priority lists to be reviewed with the community at large, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Meeting Summary

After a presentation and brief discussion of the Draft Master Plan document and key policies, the group completed an individual budgeting / prioritization exercise. Participants were given stickers representing funding sources and asked to allocate dollars to their top priority projects in three categories:

- Bikeways projects (pink stickers)
- Parks, recreation, and trails projects (blue stickers), and
- Additional projects of any type to be funded with grant funds (green stickers).

A summary of exercise results and group discussion follows. Full results of the exercise are shown in the tables at the end of this document.

Top priority projects (with scores of 7 or above) based on the exercise include:

- Recreational open space and natural surface trails on El Toro
- Improving and expanding the AC/OSC complex, including parking improvements and possible expansion for softball/baseball or volleyball
- Restrooms at Paradise Park and Nordstrom Parks
- Shade structures in all parks
- Protected bike lanes and intersection improvements on Monterey Rd
- Protected bike lanes and intersection improvements on E Main Ave
- Buffered bike lane on Burnett Rd to Coyote Creek
- Enhancing Villa Mira Monte as a history park
- Expanding senior services and the senior center
- Repurposing the Friendly Inn as a Community Center
- Expanding the Centennial Recreation Center

Projects that emerged as lower priorities (scores of 2, 1, or 0) include:

- New neighborhood parks
- Targeted park improvements (Nordstrom and Galvan)
- New off-leash dog areas
- Transitioning parks to low-water landscaping
- Tennis and pickleball courts
- Bicycle boulevards on Thomas Grade and from Monterey to Edmundson
- Intersection improvements at Monterey and Tilton / Burnett
- Expanding aquatic and gymnasium capacity
- Multi-use trail: Coyote Creek Malaguerra staging area to Burnett staging area

The group discussion centered on the following points:

- Adequate parking for facilities and larger parks is important to mitigate impacts to surrounding neighborhoods, including traffic back-ups.
- Improving and maintaining larger neighborhood parks would make these into destinations within the city, making it less important to acquire new neighborhood parks.
- High-use neighborhood parks should be targeted for amenities including restrooms, water stations, shade, and parking.
- Adding shade is a high priority for all City parks.

- The proposed bikeway connection to Sobrato High School does not seem realistic or adequate; a direct route would be preferable. Intersection improvements close to Sobrato should be prioritized as well.
- Monterey Blvd north is dangerous and may never be a suitable bikeway.
- Plan language should reflect that safety for children around schools is a top priority.
- Villa Mira Monte can be expanded and improved, including driveway and parking improvements and meeting rooms and facilities.
- Aquatic and gymnasium capacity expansions and additional dog parks are desirable improvements, but not top priorities.

TABLE 1: PARKS PRIORITIES			
PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	RESULTS	NOTES
P-A1	Develop Inclusive Playground at Community Park	4 Blue 0 Green 4 Total	
P-B1	Develop new Downtown Parks	5 Blue 1 Green 6 Total	
P-C1	New Community Park: land bank for new park	3 Blue 3 Green 6 Total	
P-D1	New Neighborhood Park: West of Hwy 101, between Barrett and Dunn Rds and between Cochrane and Burnett	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	Add amenities to existing parks and re-define as community destinations, not just for homeowners within ½-mile
P-E1	New Recreational Open Space: East side of El Toro Mountain	6 Blue 2 Green 8 Total	
P-E2	New Recreational Open Space: Foothills east of Hill Road and north of Dunne Ave	4 Blue 1 Green 5 Total	Provide access to current owned, e.g., Jackson Oaks
P-F1	Targeted Park Improvements: Nordstrom Park	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	
P-F2	Targeted Park Improvements: Galvan Park	1 Blue 0 Green 1 Total	
P-G2	Improve Parking at AC/OSC and evaluate feasibility of Volleyball / Soccer complex	7 Blue 3 Green 10 Total	
P-H1	New Restrooms: Nordstrom Park	5 Blue 2 Green 7 Total	Why only specific parks?
P-H2	New Restrooms: Paradise Park	6 Blue 2 Green 8 Total	

P-I1	Community Garden: Relocate	3 Blue 0 Green 3 Total	Prefer multiple locations throughout the city
P-J1	Off-leash Dog Area: Oak Creek Park	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	
P-J2	Off-leash Dog Area: Stone Creek Park	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	
P-K1	Enhance Play Environments: All City Parks	4 Blue 1 Green 5 Total	
P-L1	Shade Structures: All City Parks	6 Blue 1 Green 7 Total	
P-O1	Low-water landscaping transition: Hamilton Square Park	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	
P-O2	Low-water landscaping transition: Oak Creek Park	2 Blue 0 Green 2 Total	
P-O3	Low-water landscaping transition: Mill Creek Park	0 Blue 0 Green 0 Total	
P-Q1	Tennis and Pickleball courts: Community Park / corporation yard	2 Blue 0 Green 2 Total	

TABLE 2: BIKEWAYS PRIORITIES			
PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	RESULTS	NOTES
B-A1	Protected Bike Lanes: Monterey Rd	8 Pink 1 Green 9 Total	
B-A2	Protected Bike Lanes: E Main Ave from Monterey to Hill	10 Pink 3 Green 13 Total	
B-B1	Buffered Bike Lanes: W Main Ave from Monterey to Dewitt	5 Pink 1 Green 6 Total	
B-B2	Buffered Bike Lanes: Cochrane and Malaguerra to Coyote Creek Trailhead	3 Pink 1 Green 4 Total	
B-B3	Buffered Bike Lanes: Santa Teresa Corridor	4 Pink 0 Green 4 Total	
B-B4	Buffered Bike Lane: Burnett Rd from Monterey to Coyote Creek	9 Pink 1 Green 10 Total	
NEW	Safety Corridor to Sobrato and Butterfield Extension	1 Pink 0 Green 1 Total	
B-C1	Bicycle Boulevard: Morning Star / Peet from Eagle View to Cochrane	2 Pink 1 Green 3 Total	
B-C2	Bicycle Boulevard: Thomas Grade parallel to E Dunne Ave	0 Pink 1 Green 1 Total	
B-C3	Bicycle Boulevard: from Monterey to Edmundson	0 Pink 0 Green 0 Total	
B-D1	Intersection Improvements: Monterey Rd Downtown	9 Pink 0 Green 9 Total	
B-D2	Intersection Improvements: E Main and Butterfield	7 Pink 2 Green 9 Total	

B-D3	Intersection Improvements: W Main and Hale Ave	7 Pink 0 Green 7 Total	
B-D4	Intersection Improvements: Cochrane and Hwy 101	5 Pink 1 Green 6 Total	
B-D5	Intersection Improvements: Monterey and Cochrane	3 Pink 1 Green 4 Total	
B-D6	Intersection Improvements: Butterfield and Cochrane	4 Pink 1 Green 5 Total	
B-D7	Intersection Improvements: Monterey and Tilton / Burnett	1 Pink 0 Green 1 Total	

TABLE 3: RECREATION PRIORITIES			
PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	RESULTS	NOTES
R-A1	Centennial Recreation Center Expansion	6 Blue 1 Green 7 Total	
R-B1	Outdoor Sports Center Improvements	6 Blue 0 Green 6 Total	
R-C1	Develop Baseball and Softball Complex in SE Quadrant	5 Blue 4 Green 9 Total	
R-E1	Villa Mira Monte Enhancements	8 Blue 5 Green 13 Total	
R-F1	Expand Gymnasium Capacity: Construct new gym at school or City site	2 Blue 0 Green 2 Total	
R-G1	Expand Aquatic Facilities: Re-activate splash pad at CCC	2 Blue 0 Green 2 Total	
R-G2	Expand Aquatic Facilities: Expand capacity at existing Aquatic Center	2 Blue 0 Green 2 Total	
R-H1	Expand Senior Service Center: Conduct feasibility analysis	6 Blue 3 Green 9 Total	
R-I1	New Community Center: Re-purpose the Friendly Inn as a Community Center	6 Blue 2 Green 8 Total	

TABLE 4: TRAIL PRIORITIES			
PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT	RESULTS	NOTES
T-A1	Multi-Use Trails: West Little Llagas Creek Trail from Main to Spring	3 Blue 3 Green 6 Total	
T-A2	Multi-Use Trails: Pave and enhance Madrone Channel Trail	4 Blue 3 Green 7 Total	
T-A3	Multi-Use Trails: Downtown Hilltop Trail (Del Monte Ave to Hale Ave and water tower)	3 Blue 1 Green 4 Total	
T-A4	Multi-Use Trails: Madrone Channel Extension to Coyote Creek	4 Blue 2 Green 6 Total	
T-A5	Multi-Use Trails: Live Oak High School to Madrone Channel Trail	3 Blue 2 Green 5 Total	
T-A6	Multi-Use Trails: Coyote Creek Trail Malaguerra Staging Are to Burnett Staging Area	1 Blue 1 Green 2 Total	
T-A7	Multi-Use Trails: Burnett from Madrone Channel Trail to Coyote Creek Trail	5 Blue 0 Green 5 Total	
T-A8	Multi-Use Trails: Silveira Park Trail	4 Blue 1 Green 5 Total	
T-B1	Natural Surface Trails: Downtown Hilltop Trail (Del Monte to the water tower from the south)	2 Blue 2 Green 4 Total	
T-B2	Natural Surface Trails: El Toro Trail	7 Blue 1 Green 8 Total	