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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara convenes this day in a workshop session in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California, at 6:36 p.m., to consider the Fairgrounds Development Community Outreach Plan with the following members present: Chair Pete McHugh, Supervisors Donald F. Gage, Blanca Alvarado, Ken Yeager, Liz Kniss, and Maria Marinos, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Chair McHugh states that the purpose of the workshop this evening is to receive public input on the Fairgrounds Development Community Outreach Plan, clarifying that there will be no Board action.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited, the meeting is called to order by the Chair, and the following proceedings are had, to wit:

1. There is no comment under Public Comment.

2. The Board considers a memorandum from Peter Kutras, County Executive, Office of the County Executive, dated October 22, 2008, relating to the Fairgrounds Development Community Outreach Plan (Community Outreach Plan). Mr. Kutras provides a brief overview of the October 22, 2008, memorandum, advising that proposed timelines have been modified to allow sufficient opportunity for public input and the establishment of a Vision for the Fairgrounds property, noting that the Vision will be refined throughout the process.

Larry Klamecki, Special Projects Manager, Office of the County Executive, provides a presentation on the Community Outreach Plan, including an update on the expanded public notification process. He continues by stating that meeting announcements were printed in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, mailed to in excess of 11,000 homes and businesses in the general vicinity of the Fairgrounds, and published in numerous general circulation newspapers and on the County website under "Hot Items." Mr. Klamecki clarifies that the Community Outreach Plan is goal oriented, as opposed to time limited, and is designed to provide the Board with meaningful information about the desires of the community regarding the public use component of the Fairgrounds Development Project. He indicates that in addition to the public use component, the Community Outreach Plan will also address economic variables such as any revenue-generating development that may occur.

Mr. Klamecki comments regarding efforts to enhance the Community Outreach Plan, including use of the County website, database, public service announcements, postal service, and telephone communications. Mr. Klamecki advises of the significance of future public outreach meetings with stakeholders, neighborhood associations, Chambers of Commerce, user groups, and school districts, particularly the Franklin McKinley School District. He clarifies that the timelines in the report refer to the anticipated sequence of events, and will be adjusted as the process develops.

Mr. Klamecki comments regarding the distinction between the City of San Jose and County outreach processes, noting that the County process focuses on the scope and nature of the continuing public uses at the Fairgrounds and is intended to assist the Board in developing a Vision for the Fairgrounds property. He indicates that the outreach plan that will be initiated by the City of San Jose will also be very extensive and is a process that is required for all major development applications. Chair

McHugh requests public comment.

Chris Hemingway, Kathleen Flynn, Laura Palazzolo, Gloria Jabaut, Valentino Loyola, Suzette Galloway, John Haggerty, Tom Klag, Debbie Pluckham, Bertha Ward, Gina Gates, Zarlisht Aziz, Mary Bartlett, Joan Denham-Collins, Tyler Flesner, Elizabeth Sarmiento, Michael Lugay, Andrew Macias, Harry Miller, Helen Chapman, Steve Aregalo, Kerri Hamilton, Linda Combs, Mike Shenoy, Rafael Loera, Eric Zepp, Lee Witt, Avelene Spencer, Pat Pizzo, Lorna Chang, James Kim, Cheryl Flesner, Nick Lyden, Andrea Chang, Julie Witt, LeeAnn Dunn, Doug Dodd, Beth Basham, Bob Frank, Michael Shuck, Jean Dresden, Evelyn McGarry, Katie Kahn, Diana Ramirez, and Joyce Ma, concerned citizens; Alfredo Kuba, member, Defend Animals Coalition; Audrey Sutton, member, Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club; Sara Yoders and Logan Stormo, members, Santa Clara County 4-H Club; Javier Perez, Hans Toensfeldt, Kerri Alaimo, Laurie Alaimo, Noren Calivar, Leila Forowit, Mike Spanton, Chris Lepe, Jose Castro, Bob Fanjoy, and Kathryn Mathewson, members, Friends of the Fairgrounds; Bea Moore, member, Town and Country Dog Training Club; Jean Beeler, member, Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.; Bill Smithers, member, Youth Focus; Mark Doyle and Caitlyn Doyle, members, Adams 4-H Club of Gilroy; Mike Donohoe, Policy Analyst, Office of Vice Mayor David Cortese; Acan Beim, Chief Executive Officer, Herbert, Holden, Slater and Beim; Sharon Sampson, member, Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California; Toni Gregorio-Bunch, member, Rockin Jokers Square Dance Club and California Native Plant Society; Mindy Huelsenkamp, representative, Frontline Sports; Serene Hope, member, Extreme Sports Productions; Chris Cherry, member, Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society; Alexander Talbott, representative, Santa Clara Paint Ball; Ron Larkin, member, Northern California Professional and Amateur Motor/Cross Racers; Michael Montuy, owner, United States Paint Ball Nation; and, Joe Milligan, World Class Shows, Inc., express various concerns relating to the Fairgrounds Development Project, including comments by Ms. Hemingway, Ms. Flynn, and Mr. Kuba in opposition to circuses, rodeos, and the sale of animals on County-owned property.

In addition, Ms. Sutton, Ms. Yoders, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Alaimo, Ms. Jabaut, Mr. Stormo, Ms. Beeler, Mr. Loyola, Ms. Galloway, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Klag, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Lugay, Ms. Pluckham, Ms. Ward, Mr. Flesner, Ms. Sarmiento, Ms. Forowit, Mr. Aregalo, Ms. Sampson, Ms. Combs, Mr. Shenoy, Mr. Loera, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Pizzo, Ms. Hope, Mr. Cherry, Ms. Chang, Ms. Flesner, Ms. Mathewson, and Mr. Frank speak in support of open space and in opposition to residential, commercial, and retail development and associated traffic impacts. Ms. Ward advises

that high-density, low-income housing projects negatively impact the educational system which, she states, is already at full capacity.

(Supervisor Kniss leaves her seat at 8:30 p.m. and takes her seat at 8:35 p.m.)

(Supervisor Gage leaves his seat at 8:31 p.m. and takes his seat at 8:36 p.m.)

Ms. Sutton, Ms. Yoders, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Alaimo, Ms. Jabaut, Mr. Stormo, Ms. Beeler, Mr. Loyola, Ms. Galloway, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Klag, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Lugay, Ms. Pluckham, Ms. Aziz, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Beim, Mr. Flesner, Ms. Forowit, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Castro, Ms. Sampson, Ms. Combs, Mr. Shenoy, Mr. Loera, Mr. Zepp, Mr. Witt, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Gregorio-Bunch, Ms. Huelsenkamp, Mr. Macias, Ms. Hope, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Talbott, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Kim, Ms. Flesner, Mr. Lyden, Mr. Montuy, Ms. Witt, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Dodd, Ms. Basham, Mr. Milligan, Ms. McGarry, Ms. Kahn, Ms. Ramirez, and Ms. Ma express support for continued public use of the Fairgrounds property for sports and recreational activities, including square dancing, soccer, paintball, and motor/cross racing; cultural events and community gatherings; a community park with campground and picnic area; a poetry garden; dog shows and other events sponsored by dog training clubs; 4-H Club activities; weekly open markets; religious celebrations; motorcycle, vehicle, and boat exhibitions; antique shows; preservation of the Fairgrounds property as a historical landmark; various hobby interests; activities sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America; horse racing; outdoor concerts; home and garden shows; school programs; and, community meetings. Ms. Spencer and Mr. Dodd also speak in favor of extending the timeframe for the annual County Fair from a few days to several weeks.

In addition, Ms. Yoders, Mr. Perez, Mr. Toensfeldt, Ms. Alaimo, Ms. Moore, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Haggerty, Mr. Donohoe, Ms. Gates, Ms. Denham-Collins, Ms. Calivar, Mr. Miller, Ms. Forowit, Mr. Spanton, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Aregalo, Mr. Lepe, Mr. Castro, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Gregorio-Bunch, Ms. Pizzo, Ms. Lorna Chang, Mr. Fanjoy, Ms. Andrea Chang, Ms. Mathewson, Mr. Frank, Mr. Shuck, and Ms. Dresden advise of the need for improved public outreach efforts, including their support for the establishment of a Citizens' Advisory Task Force to collaborate with the County regarding the Fairgrounds Development Project. Mr. Lepe and Mr. Dodd express concern regarding the lack of public input in the developer selection process; and, Ms. Dresden speaks of the need for comprehensive planning efforts.

(Supervisor Yeager leaves his seat at 8:40 p.m., and takes his seat at 8:52 p.m.)

3. Chair McHugh announces Monday, November 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., as date and time for closed session to discuss items noticed pursuant to the Brown Act.

On Board consensus, the meeting is adjourned at 9:28 p.m., to an open and public session on Monday, November 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Tenth Floor Supervisors' Conference Room, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California, for the purpose of identifying designated representatives to discuss salaries, salary schedules, or fringe benefits of represented and unrepresented employees; related to labor negotiations; to disclose real property negotiations if discussion will take place to purchase, sell, exchange or lease real property and, subsequently, adjourning into a closed session to discuss items noticed by the County Counsel and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Maria Marinos, Clerk
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