

GREATER DOWNTOWN SAN JOSÉ ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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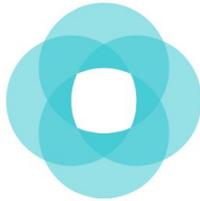
Approved on June 17, 2020

1. **Welcome / Roll Call** (1 Minute)

Wisa: Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the fourth meeting of the Greater Downtown San Jose Economic Recovery Task Force. For those tuning in for the first time, I am Wisa Uemura, I am executive director of San Jose Taiko and co-chair of the Arts and Special Events Committee and the task force co-chair. And my co-chair Cache Bouren, owner of Haberdasher, co-chair of the Food and Beverage Committee and co-chair of the task force. For attendees, thank you for joining us. There will be an opportunity to participate during public comment. If you would like, feel free to click the raise hand feature and we will call on you.

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We are all present here. We will move quickly onto old business.



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2. Old Business (10 Minutes)

a. ACTION ITEM: Approve [June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

Wisa: First item of business is to approve the June 3rd meeting minutes. Are there any comments, revisions, on the minutes? There was a typo, I can send an email to D3 staff. If everybody's comfortable, I'd like to ask for someone on the task force to make a motion to approve the minutes.

Taki: Motion to approve.

Wisa: Thank you, Taki. Second?

Chris: Second.

Wisa: We will all have to unmute, those in favor of approving say "Yay".

Everyone: Yay

Wisa: Are there any oppositions? Alright, so motion to approve our June 3rd minutes are unanimous.

b. INFORMATIONAL: Councilmember Peralez's Report

Wisa: I am giving the floor to Councilmember Peralez.

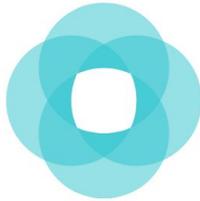
CM Peralez: Thank you, Wisa. I know there is a lot to discuss today, I will keep my responses brief here. So, Fernanda had a question from the Food and Beverage Committee:

Is it possible for a business to get a low-cost permit to set up curbside food pick up outside of their business if there is not already space to do so?

We have included this in the draft recommendations that we will discuss today so we will get into that a little later today.

Now onto the survey results, my office did send out to all the committee members earlier this week. If you have not seen the results, the survey is on our website which is sjd3.com/covid19survey. I appreciate everyone that participated and enjoyed reading through all the responses to get a better idea of how this is impacting them and how we can move forward.

So, the letter, Friday June 5th, we had all of you sign on to the letter. And the Health and Equity Task Force, led by Councilmember Carrasco and Assemblymember Kansen Chu, signed on with their task force and as well as Mayor Liccardo and the Silicon Valley Roundtable. So the coalition letter was submitted for the public engagement for our Public Health official. I think we all need to thank Chris Patterson-Simmons for representing all the signatories on the letter and speaking at the special hearing last Friday, reading off a synopsis of the letter and ensuring that public comments were answered and that they knew



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the letter was submitted. And there was some reaction, which is what we wanted. So, I appreciate all your efforts on that.

The budget, as I mentioned last week, my office did submit a budget request for a \$100,000 to revitalize downtown through this task force and it would be great to just have all of your voices to lend support for that, that would give us a little bit of wiggle room in this task force to initiate some of the efforts that we're asking for.

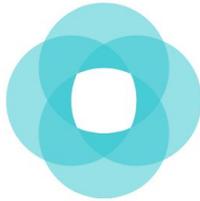
And finally, our task force chairs have asked to share with you all of the policy process related to today's discussion itself. From our discussions with the co-chair, there is an intent to submit a letter to the council with the draft recommendations that you agree upon. My intent is to take your letter and submit along with a policy memo that will be asking for your recommendations, agendaized for a council discussion and it will go through a process that we call, Rules and Open Government Committee that it will first go to, those happen on Wednesdays. And then our Rules Committee will be able to decide to move that on to Council meetings or to another committee, but I do not think that will happen. But it is important to have support both at the Rules Committee meeting to ensure that they move this to the full council. Those are my reports, thank you.

Wisa: Could you comment briefly on the timeline on that?

CM Peralez: Yes, so when we submit a memorandum to Rules Committee, we have to send it out at least the Thursday before that following Wednesday. So as soon as we are able to compile the results through this task force. If we don't finish that today, hopefully we can finish it some time next week so that we can get it out to Rules the following Wednesday, which would then leave us with the very last Tuesday in June at City Council to have this discussion. If we can get through the discussion today and come to some form of agreement then my office can work on something sooner, ensuring we can be at the council meeting in June.

Wisa: Yes and just for the public record, council is on break in July, that's why we want to get this in by the end of June. Thank you councilmember.

Cache: The main object of today's meeting is to have a discussion on the draft recommendations that we generated from each of our respective committees. If we're not able to discuss all of these, we will probably have to schedule an additional task force meeting this week. We are hoping to get everyone on board so we can move quickly but ensuring everyone is heard.



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3. **Approval of Task Force Recommendations** (1 hour)

ACTION ITEM: The task force to review and consider approval of the draft recommendations for San Jose City Council.

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<Following 1 hour of discussion>

Wisa: Thank you everyone. I don't think we can get through everything because there is still one more recommendation to go through and several to consider. I'd like to see how open we all are to scheduling an additional meeting to finish this discussion.

April: I'm in favor of that.

Chris: I agree.

Fernanda: What's the timeline though? That would take us to the third or fourth week of June?

Wisa: No, we would try to find a meeting date before next Wednesday's final meeting. Next Wednesday is still our final meeting and we are hoping to approve. Right now, the general plan is that our subcommittees would not be meeting in between, so we are looking at either Friday or Monday.

Chris: So, Wisa this won't hinder us, say next week things change in our community to open, this won't hinder us opening right?

Wisa: No.

Taki: I can do Tuesday or Wednesday.

Wisa: There's a lot of us, we would need at least the majority in order to finish the conversation. We do need to decide on a date.

Taki: I'll make Friday or Monday work.

Wisa: Friday at 9am?

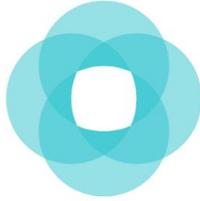
CM Peralez: Friday does work better for my team so that they can put together the document by next Wednesday and we need to finish up before Thursday so can submit to Council, otherwise, this won't be heard until August.

Wisa: Okay, D3 will send out the link for Friday 9am zoom meeting.

4. **Public Comment** (15 minutes)

Members of the public may address the task force on any issue for a prescribed duration of time at the discretion of the meeting facilitator.

No Public Comments



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5. Next Steps (4 minutes)

The Task Force will discuss next steps.

Wisa: On Friday, we will be taking a look at the additional recommendations. Staff will take all of the information and send us a new draft. Are there any announcements?

Blage: Just wanted to mention. If you are interested in doing quick registration form for both sidewalk seating and outdoor dining on sidewalks or business operations and outdoor dining on private property, the information and applications can be found at sanjoseca.gov/alfresco

Chris: Quick question for Blage, for those that have not registered, are they going to be fined?

Blage: They will not be fined, we just encourage them to register as soon as they can. We would also like to know who's interested in this, it will help us build what comes next in this recommendation. The more people we see registered, it will inform our conversations moving forward.

6. Adjournment

Wisa: Thank you to everyone who participated today. Our next meeting is this Friday at 9am, the zoom link is forthcoming. Thank you everyone, stay healthy and be safe.

Meeting is adjourned.



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