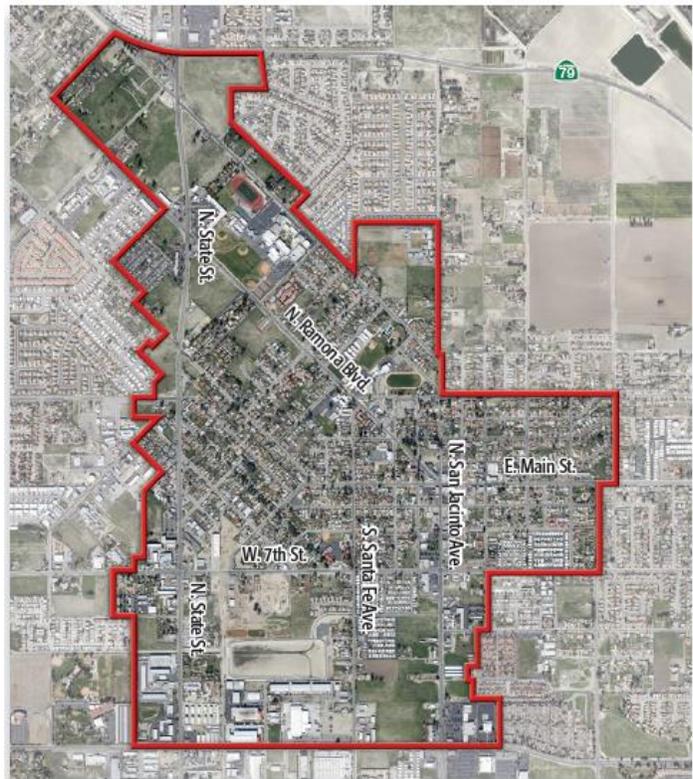


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Downtown San Jacinto Specific Plan Workshop #1: Establishing the Vision for Downtown San Jacinto January 28, 2016 San Jacinto Unified School District Board Room

On January 28, 2016, the City of San Jacinto held the first Community Workshop for the Downtown San Jacinto Specific Plan at the San Jacinto Unified School District Board Room. Attendees learned about the planning process, project goals and objectives, and the overall project overview. Workshop attendees also participated in an interactive Post-It note exercise to identify treasures, challenges, and visions of the Downtown San Jacinto area. Participants had the opportunity to provide their thoughts, concerns, and hopes for the future of their community. The following Treasures, Challenges, and Visions were offered by workshop attendees and provided verbatim in this summary.

Repetitive listing of items/ideas represent their multiple occurrences on individual Post-It notes. These items/ideas are listed repeatedly to fully represent all workshop participants' views and input.



Workshop participants were provided a map of the Specific Plan area

Treasures

Historic Resources

- Virginia Lee Hotel
- Virginia Lee Hotel
- Re-purpose Vosburg Hotel property
- Vosburg Hotel
- Keep historic uses
- Virginia Lee Hotel
- More development of history of San Jacinto
- Historical buildings

- Vosburg Hotel
- Vosburg Hotel
- Rich history
- Virginia Lee, Vosburg, Main Street
- More historical landmarks
- Rich history, culture, traditions

Downtown/Historic Main Street

- Main Street from San Jacinto to Hewitt
- Historic Downtown
- Old Town feel
- Small town feel
- Five-Points Downtown
- Downtown upgrade development
- Downtown
- Downtown
- Downtown improvement of property- Main St.
- Downtown, Vosburg, Main Street

Estudillo Mansion

- Estudillo Mansion
- Estudillo Mansion/Park
- Estudillo Mansion
- Estudillo Mansion and Park
- Estudillo Mansion

Arts and Culture

- Music City
- Arts and Culture
- Ramona pageant

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Livability

- Air quality
- Living in the Estates and Rancho San Jacinto!
- Walkability
- Outdoor lifestyle- “weather”
- Air Quality
- Our geographic location

Sense of Community

- Sense of community
- Community, small town feel
- Service organizations, philanthropy
- Fourth of July Parade
- Community working together
- Family-friendly
- The people
- Local businesses- giving back to the community

Schools

- Our schools
- MSJC
- Schools/education
- Skill schools
- MSJC
- MSJC
- MSJC
- MSJC, SJUSD
- SJUSD
- Our schools

Soboba

- Soboba
- Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians and their heritage

Parks and Open Space

- Green & Clean
- San Jacinto Riverbed
- Open space

- Memorial Park
- Memorial Park
- Veterans' Park and Tank
- View of mountains
- De Anza Trail
- Druding Park
- Military park
- Druding Park
- Parks
- Parks and bike lanes
- Druding Park- Ideal for Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and Veterans Day observances
- Upgrade trails and bike lanes
- Sallee Park
- Druding Park
- Mountain views!
- Views of mountains
- Open spaces

History

- History
- History museum
- San Jacinto Museum
- History
- History- Main St.
- History here and willing to make more; Inform our youth about our Valley, Veterans, and Founding Fathers
- History and Traditions
- Rich History

Youth

- Youth
- Youth development and activity
- Community involvement with youth sports and education

Agriculture

- Agriculture
- Sense of agriculture

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Other Treasures

- Ramona Expressway
- Ramona Market Tacos
- Jobs
- Shopping in our community; Growing local businesses
- A veterans' hospital
- A veterans' retirement center



Post-It Notes were used during an interactive exercise to identify Treasures, Challenges, and Visions for Downtown San Jacinto

Challenges

Downtown Improvements

- Downtown development
- Create “parklets” in the Downtown
- Improve Downtown
- Make Five-Points Downtown a destination area
- Create Downtown pedestrian crossings
- Embrace the Old Town Main Street

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

- Bike and walking paths
- Protected bike lanes
- Need to encourage more pedestrian and bike traffic

Funding

- Money management
- Financial constraints
- Financial opportunities
- Financing
- Money \$
- Money
- More funding
- Budget funding, local economy
- Lack of funds
- Budget cuts
- Budget funding centralized processes (Sacramento)

Community Involvement

- Public attention
- Motivation of community members
- Community integration/unity
- Engaged residential population
- Community involvement
- Lack of involvement

Crime/Public Safety

- Problem neighborhood
- Crime safety

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- Public safety
- San Jacinto “own” Police Department
- Crime
- Public safety
- Public safety
- Crime
- Crime
- Crime
- Crime
- Safety
- Security
- Police protection
- Crime

Lack of Jobs/Poverty

- Job high skills
- 70% of residents leave City to go to work
- Poverty/employment opportunities
- Place for homeless
- Jobs
- Jobs
- Industry
- Homeless outreach programs
- Need more homeless shelter
- Homeless people
- Poverty
- Poverty

Youth Activities

- Age
- Youth engagement/Buy in
- Youth development activities (i.e. sports) other than school
- Youth activities
- MSJC- Bring in more education and reach out to the youth to “be better” in their future
- Let the youth play basketball outside and not have to worry about the troubled ones hanging out causing trouble. Encourage family activities.
- More influence with MSJC

Blighted Areas

- Blight
- Blight areas
- Depressed housing
- Abandoned houses
- Clean empty spaces
- Vacant land
- No more vacant buildings- time limit give more opportunity for small business owners here to grow

Business Development/Commerce

- Bring Chamber back to Old Town
- Supporting our local businesses
- Need to “cater” to an academic community, and bring in commerce that goes along with San Jacinto’s DNA, which is agricultural and equestrian community. Get back to the roots (DNA) and not worry about other cities.
- Empty business space
- Encouraging business development
- Economy
- Businesses closing
- Poor commercial mix- No draw
- Lack of hotels- tourist
- Shoppers leave town

Traffic/Circulation

- Traffic
- Smooth traffic flow
- Transportation
- Narrow Streets
- Major freeway pass-thru

Historic Buildings

- Finish the Vosburg Hotel
- Getting a business in the Vosburg
- Fix Virginia Lee Hotel- put the Chamber in there
- Vosburg design and safety
- Complete the Vosburg
- Historic building site preservation

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Code Enforcement

- Code enforcement
- Homeowners not being held responsible for their homes/property renters or no follow-up and fined

Other Challenges

- Housing recovery- No upgraded retail without housing
- Lack of vision
- School curb appeal
- San Jacinto is a bedroom community, do you really want a light rail running through it?
- More centralized communication; not Facebook or just the Chronicle
- Need community not just a place to live affordably
- Make sure Specific Plan criteria does not kill projects that make City \$\$\$
- Perception of being developer friendly so City can get \$\$\$
- Developers complying to our history and interest
- Put attention on focused strategic purposed planning toward what we need to bring those students in, and promote industrial education and agricultural education. Make desert bloom. Stop complaining and use your shovel to make this Valley grow and prosper water underground- not wasting.

Visions

Economic Development/New Businesses

- Thriving business district
- Tech companies
- Logistics center
- Bring in Costco
- Muscle car factory
- Hotel Resorts
- Home Depot or Costco
- More hotels
- Residential, commercial, and employment hub
- High end retail and restaurants
- Artworks- Yarn shop
- Downtown area as a walkable destination with restaurants
- Night-time entertainment environment
- Job opportunities/well-paying jobs
- Downtown business partnership
- Local run business
- Many small, local businesses
- Education, jobs local, middle class families
- Major development shopping center mall- as gateway is to be variety of shops
- Thriving business at the intersection of Mid-County Parkway/Hwy 79

Bicycle Infrastructure

- Total bike and walking paths
- Parks, bike trails
- Class 1, 2, 3 bike trails interconnected with adjacent cities
- Bike trails
- Bike paths
- Bike lanes that connect to all schools
- Bike lane along levee to San Jacinto wildlife area
- Bike trails
- Bicycle! Integrated Transportation

History

- Historical look throughout
- San Jacinto of 1962
- Historical gem/destination

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- Historical preservation
- Historical preservation
- Preservation of historical buildings
- Historic Downtown as tourist attraction (as Downtown San Diego, i.e.)

Other Visions

- People move here to be part of a great community
- Appreciation of our beautiful little Valley by the youth of our community
- Less Crime
- Land use potential
- Sustainable
- Permaculture activities
- Agriculture potential
- Art music culture
- Tight community involvement
- Community centers
- City of San Jacinto Go Green
- Safer community
- Housing with large lots
- More restaurant choices so we don't have to go to Hemet
- Safe
- Clean well-maintained
- Cleaner San Jacinto
- Festival
- Water Park
- Family water park
- Design honors past
- Bring the railroads back to San Jacinto (Transportation)
- Green belts
- Walking trails
- Sustainable community
- Levee done; industry along Ramona Expressway high paying job with rail transit
- Busing for kids to return
- High-speed rail
- Festival
- Safe
- Safe community
- A place where people want to go, not just rush through
- More youth activity reason to stay

- San Hermitcinto
- Add solar to new developments
- Youth that leave come back to live as a community member



Vision Statements

Following the Post-It note exercise, workshop attendees separated into small groups and developed group vision statements for Downtown San Jacinto. The vision statement describes the community's hopes, dreams, and aspirations; and serves as a tool to help guide short-term and long-term actions. The following vision statements were drafted by workshop participants and provided verbatim in this summary:

Group 1

A vibrant cultural center that embraces the rich history and diversity of the San Jacinto Valley. A safe community in partnership with the City, Chamber, and Schools that attracts small businesses and creates a destination that captures the imagination and interest of visitors and residents alike.

Group 2

San Jacinto...

A family friendly community, a vibrant economy, a rich history, and an enjoyable place to live.

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Group 3

An enviable and sustainable community with great dining destinations, robust retail opportunities, numerous athletic venues, historical sites that embrace its unique cultural identity and amazing educational resources all within walking and biking distance.

Group 4

Take advantage of the opportunity to become a thriving destination that is attractive and sustainable.

Group 5

Higher education for families to want to live here

Higher paying jobs

More connected to other cities

Higher quality infrastructure

Group 6

Eat, Work, Play

Stay in Beautiful Historic San Jacinto.

Come Visit Us!

Your Home Away from Home.

Group 7

San Jacinto, the Heart of the American West.

Group 8

San Jacinto, a place where everyone is welcome, proud of its heritage, and a friendly, family-oriented community. We work towards creating opportunities and prosperity for all.