



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Cohen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 13, 2024

Approved

Date 8/13/24

SUBJECT: PDC21-035, PT22-003, PD22-002 & ER21-284 - Planned Development Rezoning, a Vesting Tentative Map, and a Planned Development Permit on Certain Real Property Located at 0 Seely Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the recommendations in our joint memo co-authored by Mayor Mahan, Councilmember Candelas and Councilmember Ortiz
2. Amend recommendation 1b in the previous group memo to “Align the nesting bird study area to the guidelines set forth in the EIR. The zone of influence will be determined by the qualified ornithologist/biologist in the field at the time of the survey based on assessment of aerial imagery and current conditions surrounding the Project site, and potential for proposed Project activities to result in impacts to nesting birds.
3. Encourage continued robust discussion regarding design of the park and how to make sure the park is designed in such a way as to pay tribute to the history of the Eiichi Sakauye family farm, his internment during WWII and his leadership in the San Jose community.

BACKGROUND

Thank you to my colleagues for working with me to improve the Seely project based on concerns about the project from key stakeholders in our community. As a result of the feedback, we are making progress towards a project that will bring significant benefits while honoring the historic value of the land.

Since the last memorandum I’ve received feedback on our proposed study area being overly broad. I’ve revised the language proposed in our original memo to align with City and State standards for nesting bird studies.

This project will be the first major housing development to break ground since the acceptance of our housing element. I look forward to North San Jose bringing us closer to meeting San Jose’s housing goals for the city and bringing needed amenities to the River Oaks neighborhood.