



**STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HELD ELECTRONICALLY
April 16, 2020 — 4:00 p.m.**

*Study Session, Regular Council & TURA meetings are being digitally recorded
and will be available on the City website.*

1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Chair Ayers-Flood Member Berlant Member Land Member Dolan Member Harrison Member Ponomareff Member Clark	
Also Present:	
Sandra Spelliscy, Executive Director Gabriella Shahi, City of Talent Recorder Jon Legarza	

2. Speakers Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Discussion of Gateway Project

Report by John Legarza

Legarza discussed the details of the Gateway Project including how it will achieve the goals of the community and outlined some of the main themes of the project, such as ensuring that there is an affordable housing component, community makerspace, and the importance of open space. Legarza proposed different ways that the gap in the project can be identified and that there be several charettes and study sessions over the next few months. He discussed different options that could help move the project forward. Legarza also proposed that he would reduce his fees by \$1,500 a month until the travel bans are lifted.

Discussion:

- Member Ponomareff asked Legarza to expand more on the charettes with banks. Legarza says that what he would do is reach out to our community regional banks and bring our interest of the project to them so they can see the financing requirements and needs of the community.
- Member Dolan asked Legarza to clarify that his fees will be \$7,000 a month instead of \$8,500 a month while there are travel restrictions. Legarza confirms.
- Chair Ayers-Flood inquired about the possibility of TURA receiving any grant funding from the state, Legarza recommends reaching out to Community Development Block Grant Funding to try to set up some grant programs.
- Legarza explains that the first 30-60 days of the project will include moving into Phase One, scheduling future study sessions, bringing proposals to the board, scheduling charettes.

4. Adjournment at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gabriella Shahi, City Recorder

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