

Finally, here it is! THE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA DESIGN CHARETTE - NOVEMBER 2 - 4

The American Institute of Architects – Monterey Bay Chapter, has graciously agreed to conduct a design charette for the City and has rallied 8 architects from the Monterey Bay Chapter and 10 students and 2 professors from the architecture school at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The San Juan Bautista Design Charette will occur at City Hall on November 2 – 4.

This design charette focuses intensively on the city’s urban patterns, history and Third Street Historic District to help the citizens, decision makers, property owners, and business owners understand and define the aesthetics and architectural styles appropriate for new construction and modifications to existing structures per the United States Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Resources. This work effort will add to the city’s existing Design Guidelines. It will go a long way to assure that in-fill development in San Juan Bautista is appropriate.

The American Institute of Architects – Monterey Bay Chapter, is an organization comprised of professional architects who create unique architectural projects all over the world. San Juan Bautista gets to celebrate its unique character and history with this outstanding collaboration of professional architects, professors and students. Their two days in town will focus significant attention on the architecture and history of San Juan Bautista. Property owners, business owners, the City Council, prospective developers, other stake-holders, and the community in general, will benefit from this design charette.

The Design Charette will include four TEAMS, as follows:

TEAM ONE: Program Coordination and Moderation

Team One is comprised of the Steering Committee Members who shall not be assigned to the other teams, rather they will serve as an oversight and coordination team filling in where necessary and helping the entire effort stay on schedule. Team One will be responsible for the organization of the presentation on Sunday, November 4, 2007. Team One will compile the final deliverables for the City and participants.

TEAM TWO: Urban Patterns

Team Two will be responsible for the urban design aspects including:

- A. Regional Linkages – How is the City of San Juan linked to the region and what are the opportunities and constraints for growth and change regionally? Is the current, published vision for the City in the General plan working? What can be identified to offer regional improvements?
- B. Internal Linkages – How is the City currently organized in terms of transportation (both vehicular and pedestrian) and neighborhood distinctions? How does the current land use pattern effect growth and change? How can linkages be improved within the City limits?

TEAM THREE: Historic Resources

Team Three will provide the tie-in to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Resources.

- A. Team Three shall provide general information to the City regarding historic resource program opportunities and guidelines for development within historic and potentially historic districts and individual buildings. Team Three shall attempt to answer the question of what can be done with historic structures and neighborhoods in general

terms as defined by the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Resources.

- B. Team Three shall then demonstrate the historic guideline principles on specific sites within the City including neighborhood identification and application of guidelines to individual structures under fictitious scenarios to be developed by the Team

TEAM FOUR: Main Street Improvements

Team Four will address the historic Main Street of San Juan Bautista in four specific categories:

- A. Disposition of Existing structures
- B. Potential for In-fill Development
- C. Streetscape Improvements
- D. Land Use Pattern Improvements (circulation and access)

SCHEDULE

(All activities to be held in San Juan Bautista City Council Chambers and Fire House training room at City Hall)

Friday evening, November 2, 2007, 7:00 –10:00 PM – Establish Goals

This session would include all interested parties, stake holders, and decision-makers and offer a venue for cataloging input toward establishing directives for a new direction for the City. A brief summary of the City will be provided.

Saturday, November 3, 2007 (all day and into the night) – Work sessions

Sunday, November 4, 2007, 1:00 PM – Presentation

A presentation to all interested parties of the findings and solutions by the architectural teams

Post-Charette – Compilation of Presentation Materials

[A consolidation of the schemes presented would be prepared in a small booklet format.](#)