

Vision 2020

Neighborhood Workshop Themes

- 1- Preserve Redwood City's History and Diversity**
- 2 - Protect and Improve the City's Single Family Neighborhoods**
- 3 - Revitalize Downtown**
- 4 - Connect Neighborhoods, Commercial Areas, and Public Places**
- 5 - Change the Character of El Camino Real**
- 6 - Increase Access to Parks and Open Space**
- 7 - Concentrate Development in the Right Places**

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1 - Preserve Redwood City's History and Diversity

- **Preserve historic commercial and residential buildings**
- **Maintain the historic character of Downtown**
- **Celebrate the diversity of ethnic groups and age groups**
- **Incorporate affordable housing to maintain diversity**
- **Provide a variety of housing options, especially for young families, seniors**
- **Create more programs and facilities for youths and seniors**
- **Maintain diversity of employment, with industrial as well as office, retail, and government**

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2 - Protect and Improve the City's Single Family Neighborhoods

- **Maintain a quiet, family-oriented neighborhood character**
- **Focus efforts to create safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists**
- **Preserve existing street trees and provide more street trees**
- **Do not change (increase) the density of development in R-1 areas**
- **Strengthen code enforcement to reduce yard storage, front yard cars, etc**

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3 – Revitalize Downtown

- **The Fox, Little Fox, Main Library, and Courthouse Square are major Downtown assets**
- **More people and commercial activity is needed Downtown**
- **More retail businesses and later hours are needed**
- **Continue and increase renovations of older buildings**
- **Downtown's streets are confusing, better signs are needed**
- **Higher density mixed-use housing is appropriate Downtown**
- **New development and businesses need to be balanced with traffic and parking concerns**
- **Consider establishing a shuttle service that links Downtown to the city's neighborhoods**

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4 – Connect Neighborhoods, Commercial Areas, and Public Places

- **Links are needed across the railroad and various “barrier” streets that divide the city today**
- **A pedestrian network w/safe crossings is needed throughout the city**
- **More bike lanes should provided throughout the city**
- **Traffic is too fast on some streets (e.g. Farm Hill Blvd), and too congested on others (e.g. El Camino)**
- **The Bayfront is cut off from the city by US 101; better connections are needed**
- **Transit should be improved to link neighborhoods and community destinations**

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5 – Change the Character of El Camino Real

- **Install safe and visible pedestrian crossings, especially near Downtown**
- **Improve the overall appearance of buildings and the frontage streetscape**
- **Consider adding bike lanes to El Camino**
- **Encourage new, high quality commercial buildings**
- **Consider El Camino for transit-oriented development (TOD) w/housing over commercial**
- **Reduce congestion -- e.g. phased signals, more transit use – and plan for future transit improvements**
- **Consider somewhat taller buildings with “stepdowns” by neighborhoods**

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6 – Increase Access to Parks and Open Space

- The city needs more open space needed, both natural and recreational**
- The city has a number of popular parks (e.g. Stuhlsaft, Red Morton) get overused, and more recreational facilities are needed**
- All neighborhoods should have pedestrian and bike access to the city’s popular parks**
- The Bayfront is unique open space opportunity that is not realized; more accessible open space and access is needed**
- The city’s creeks should be cleaned up, “daylighted” where possible and incorporated in the city’s open space network**

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7 – Concentrate Development in the Right Places

- **New development should be located near transit and/or where traffic impacts can be minimized**
- **New development should not change the character of single family neighborhoods**
- **Downtown is recommended for new housing that supports district revitalization and transit use**
- **Transit-oriented development (TOD) should be considered along El Camino Real**
- **Development at the Bayfront should incorporate generous open space and related amenities**