

**City of Redwood City General Plan Visioning
Stambaugh / Heller - February 15, 2005
Community Comments**

Group 1 Comments

Group 1

- S Increase the walkability of this neighborhood
- S Maintain different services / businesses
- S Improve Jardin De Ninos Park (more benches)
- S Keep the Raiser Walkway open longer hours
- S Provide off-street parking
- S Parking of cars in yards (is a problem)
- S Businesses parking vehicles on-street in neighborhood a problem
- S Improve JPB right of way (dirt, garbage, sofas, loitering)
- S Vigorous (code) enforcement needed
- S Crime on Chestnut
- S More housing, but smaller scale
- S Drive-up/drop-off for post office and library
- S Abundance of grocery stores (needed) w/ proximity to local residents
- S More greenspace (parks, pocket parks)
- S Improve street lights (More!)
- S Traffic signals at intersections
- S More trees on ECR
- S All housing should reflect neighborhood character
- S Local shuttle/bus service (smaller buses, more frequent trips)
- S Downtown loop for shuttle

Group 2 Comments

Preserve:

- S Our Bayfront
- S Historic buildings and character
- S Good location

Challenges:

- S Opportunities could be better
- S "If we could afford to move away, we would go away."
- S Absentee landlords

- S High proportion of renters to homeowners
- S Income inequity between Stambaugh/Heller and other RC neighborhoods
- S Blight image
- S Opposed to increasing density
- S There is heavy pedestrian traffic on Stambaugh. Density increase will increase traffic.
- S Increasing density, providing affordable housing
- S Stambaugh/Heller shouldn't carry more than its share of additional housing
- S Stambaugh/Heller is near the train station and transit
- S Lower income, more cars
- S Dealing with economic and social issues
- S Increase density and improve public transportation

Entertainment:

- S Bair Island, bird watching
- S Main Street Cafe
- S Fox Theater
- S Century Theater
- S Restaurants

Downtown:

- S Don't like parking meters
- S RC is sensitive to parking
- S Parking meters are counterproductive

El Camino Real:

- S Don't narrow ECR like (they did in) Menlo Park
- S Not enough parking
- S Too many traffic lights concentrated at Oak, Chestnut, Roosevelt, Maple

Open Space & Recreation:

- S Least favorite park Jardin de Ninos, too small, too much concrete, uninviting, harsh hard metal (like McDonald's), next to a major intersection

Favorite Parks:

- S Edgewood, Stulsaft, Stafford
- S Need a bigger park, someplace for kids to play other than the street
- S Need more access to the bayfront

Circulation & Transportation:

- S Stambaugh/Woodside pedestrian overpass is uninviting
- S Reduce lanes on Middlefield from 4 to 3 (w/ center left turn lane)
- S Change timing of signals @ Woodside/Middlefield (CATRANS)
- S No bike paths in the neighborhood
- S Confusing street pattern in downtown RC, signage might help
- S Street signage needs to more visible

What do you like about Stambaugh / Heller:

- S Historic nature, character of houses
- S Walk to post office, city hall, library, train station
- S Light industry and retail are conveniently nearby

Problems:

- S Blight, noise. Ice cream vans (too many on one street), push carts, bicycle carts
- S Trash dumped on sidewalk, abandoned vehicles

If there was one thing you could change:

- S Get rid of ice cream vans
- S Change sociological / cultural aspects, increase pride in the neighborhood
- S Decrease high resident, tenant turnover
- S Daylight Redwood Creek, our best treasure
- S Plant trees on Middlefield, trees that give shade
- S More trees
- S Underground overhead utilities
- S Better maintenance

Group 3 Comments

Preserve:

- S Older homes, appreciation of history
- S Charm of downtown buildings
- S Preserve natural resources, Bair Island
- S Pedestrian feel, walkability
- S Like small buildings

Improve:

- S Accessibility, street crossing Woodside Road at Plaza, pedestrian signs, make safer for pedestrians
- S Street cleaning, put kids to work
- S Money to rehabilitate and promote buildings
- S Parking signage, limited parking (is a problem)
- S Clean up parks
- S More parks
- S Better connection to Bayfront via Maple Street
- S Parking signage to downtown
- S Street lighting

Downtown :

- S Downtown celebration
- S Fox Theater, restaurants need to be open late
- S Want nightlife downtown
- S Widen sidewalks so there is enough space to walk
- S Public safety, dialogue with County, acquire the "Garden Motel"

Parks:

- S Clean up old park and build new one(s)
- S Want more parks for all ages
- S Poor bathroom facilities

El Camino:

- S Street Trees (needed)
- S Not pedestrian friendly
- S Need to slow down traffic
- S Safer crossing at James/ECR, need more left turn lanes
- S Underutilized properties
- S Want "mixed use", more than one use
- S Open up creek

Circulation & Transportation:

- S Want mini-bus
- S Integrate bike paths to rest of RWC
- S Parking meters
- S Sidewalk and street repair