

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

The comments below were recorded from Comment Sheets.

City Goals and Directions

What things should Redwood City preserve? What should it try to change or improve?

- S (Concerned about) future congestion due to natural growth
- S Preserve farms/ranches, recreation, western wear stores, churches/house of worship. Improve by building more farms/ranches and tear down apartment buildings at 721, 729, 715 Chestnut Street.
- S Preserve old historic homes and promote new building in same general theme. Improve pedestrian crossings and provide signalized left and right turns from Chestnut Street; many accidents occur at this intersection.
- S Preserve wetlands along the bay, including Cargill Salt Ponds. Big opportunity: create a city with world-class open space areas along the bay and in the hills (along Edgewood Road). Use an open and green Redwood Creek to connect these two enhanced open spaces on both borders of town.
- S Improve cleanliness. Please remove mountain of dirt, leftover from railroad construction near Buckeye Street along RR. People dump couches, chairs, beds, and household garbage there.

City Places - Downtown, Bayfront, El Camino Real, Others

Where do you usually go for entertainment movies, restaurants, shops, cafes, etc.?

- S Quizno's, Talk of Broadway, Court House Café, Mimi's Café, Bangkok Restaurant, Apple Health Foods
- S Tarboosh, Court House Café, etc.
- S Fox Theatre

How often do you visit downtown? What are its best (and worst) features?

- S Future congestion due to natural growth is an issue.
- S Worst feature is loss of unique shops downtown such as the Hawaiian Fabric Store that made downtown unique; people used to come from around the bay are to shop there.

Do you use El Camino Real much? How could it be improved?

- S Daily El Camino use. More setbacks needed; minimum setback could be OK w/street trees
- S El Camino needs more trees, should be more attractive.

City Open Space and Recreation

What are your favorite city parks and open spaces? Your least favorite? Why?

- S Red Morton Park needs to be improved to be like Alum Rock Park in San Jose
- S Favorite is Red Morton. Least favorite is Jardin de Ninos - no lawn or flowers, also very small
- S Favorite open space is Bair Island. City needs more parks. Small pocket parks are OK, but there is a minimum size (needed) for certain play activities.

Is there a type of open space or recreation the city doesn't have, or needs more of?

- S City needs a downtown park.

City Circulation and Transportation

Other than congestion, what are the biggest issues related to getting around Redwood City?

- S Lack of signage and street cleaning, also need controlled/ limited parking.
- S Need left-turn signals at every intersection.
- S City needs to bring back the mini bus. San Carlos has one, why not RWC?

Do you like to walk or ride a bicycle? Do you do it as much as you would like? Why or why not?

- S Yes I ride a bike, but not as much (as I would like) because of unsafe road conditions
- S Bike lanes could be improved.

Stambaugh / Heller Assets and Issues

What is the best thing about living in the Stambaugh / Heller Area? The biggest problem?

- S The King's House owned by Peninsula Christian Center (good).
- S It is close to the necessary things - banks, grocery stores, restaurants and daycare. Traffic is unsafe for school children, pedestrian overpass bridge needed.
- S People do not obey the law, they park commercial vehicles in residential areas overnight, weekends, and holidays. On Spruce and Buckeye, people park 10-15 cars around their houses. Vandalism and theft including stolen license plates, ripped convertible roof tops, and other damage occurs.

If there was one thing you could change in Stambaugh / Heller overnight, what would it be?

- S Build ponderos (sp?) such as Virginia City, Nevada.

- S The safety element, especially street lighting in the residential areas.
- S Repaint all the red curbs and add stop signs. Cite owners for having junk on their front yards; canopy tarps are used as garages.
- S More trees, clean-up debris

What issue or issues will be the greatest challenge for Stambaugh / Heller in the future?

- S Development, redevelopment
- S Housing (affordable)

Other Concerns, Comments, Ideas

- S Tear down / rip out apartment buildings at 715, 721, 729 Chestnut Street
- S Senior housing hasn't been built since 1980's. Why not? Restore the neighborhood's beauty and historical character.
- S Thank you for all your work.