

**City of Redwood City General Plan Visioning
Palm / Woodside Plaza -December 14, 2004
Community Comments - Comment Sheets**

The comments below were recorded from Comment Sheet handouts.

City Goals and Directions

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

- S The Greens (parks, trees)
- S It should preserve the easy walking / bicycle access to schools, parks, etc.
- S Free concerts in Stafford Park. City Hall is great, should be expanded if affordable.
- S Preserve easy access to downtown.
- S There are plenty of parks downtown, focus on restoration rather than adding more
- S Need a planning commission that wants to improve on what we have, not add to congestion.
- S Hudson Street is horrible, cars down from Woodside to Palm waiting for a short green light
- S Preserve historic housing, the Fox Theatre / Little Fox too.
- S Improve by making (city) more walkable and changing bad architecture from the past.

What is its single biggest challenge? Biggest opportunity?

- S Some streets have too many trees and not enough street lights. They look great during the day but not by night.
- S The challenge is to keep the streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists and to avoid congestion from high-rises. Another challenge is to preserve and expand natural open spaces.
- S Valota is too narrow for a thru street (in the portion) north of Redwood Avenue. We need moderate speed bumps on non-thru streets and police speed checks on bigger thru streets.
- S Biggest challenges are affordable housing and preserving businesses while still developing economically

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

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

- S I usually go downtown. However, I will not be going downtown once the theatre is open. Downtown is too congested already.
- S I go to San Jose to watch movies and downtown RC for restaurants

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

- S (I visit) Every Monday morning and Friday evening.

- S Five days per week.
- S I visit downtown weekly. The best features are the many small, privately-owned businesses and old-time charm. The worst feature is shortage of parking and narrow streets that are not safe for bicycles.
- S Better signage to get to Broadway / Main Street Downtown.
- S Visit three to four times a week.
- S Visit downtown about once a week, from 1997-2003 I worked downtown and was there every day.

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

- S El Camino could use some more lights.
- S El Camino needs to be easier for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross. And it needs bike- and motorcycle- friendly (traffic signal) light sensors.
- S Decorate with pennants, etc.
- S I use El Camino all the time.
- S Use El Camino frequently, about two times per week.

City Open Space and Recreation

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

- S Red Morton Park is my favorite. Five years ago I lived close to Linden Park and it was dark there at night.
- S My favorite park is Red Morton because it's close by.
- S Red Morton, Stafford, Stulstaft.
- S RMSC and Broadway - I like to see the other streets parallel to it spruced up
- S Least favorite is my area - Gordon and Woodside, ugly corner and new box-like unattractive additions. Bed and Bath on one side and another across the street on Gordon. Also a tacky dirty shopping center littered with garbage. It's a rundown area with overgrown trees, no parking, and no maintenance. I love trees.
- S Favorite parks Stulstaft and the waterfront/bayfront.

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

- S The neighborhood needs a measured running / walking track, outdoors and open 24 hours.
- S Needs more natural space such as creeks, forests, etc. (The city should) cater to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- S Would be nice to have bayfront parks.

City Circulation and Transportation

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

- S Biggest transportation issues are narrow streets and dangerous biking conditions. We need bike lanes.
- S I often ride to work on bicycle, but it is very dangerous.
- S I sincerely hope RC would never put in another road to downtown. I feel Redwood Shores should never be connected to downtown, but they need another exit for safety. It's too bad they couldn't connect to Foster City.

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

- S I walk to get around the city, drive to work, and ride my bike or take the bus other times.
- S I walk and ride my bike often.

Palm / Woodside Plaza Assets and Issues

What is the best thing about living in the Palm / Woodside Plaza Area? The biggest problem?

- S The best thing is the sense of community and easy walking/biking access to shopping, parks, etc.

If there was one thing you could change in Palm / Woodside Plaza overnight, what would it be?

- S Don't plant monoculture of trees, i.e. all cork oaks adjacent to one another. This spreads disease between them.
- S Need more shaded sidewalks

What issue or issues will be the greatest challenge for Palm / Woodside Plaza in the future? (No Comments)

Other Concerns, Comments, Ideas

- S I'm a person that not only wants to receive, but I like to give. We have people from different countries here and we need bookstores, schools, stores, restaurants, and more transportation. We can't please everyone.
- S I moved to RC in 1996 because I loved the quaint small town feel.