

Redwood City Community Participation Program
Stanford University Project
Facilitated by the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Hoover School
701 Charter St.
Friday, January 9, 2009

Notes:

Amanda Neborsky, Principal at Hoover School, invited the City of Redwood City and Stanford University to attend the January 9th monthly Cafecito (coffee with the Principal) meeting to provide more information about Stanford University's proposed project to build a campus in Redwood City for the University's administrative staff.

Over 60 people attended the meeting, which was facilitated in Spanish by the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center. All presentations were conducted in Spanish. The following notes are available in English and Spanish.

Redwood City Planning Department Presentation:

Charles Jany, Redwood City Principal Planner, set the context for the meeting providing:

- Background/input
- History/Overview of site
- Stanford University Project
- Themes for community input
 - Mobility
 - Driving/walking/biking
 - Neighborhood compatibility
 - Spinas Park
 - Public access
 - Parking
 - Safety
 - Traffic/transportation

Stanford University Presentation:

Maria Cacho, Stanford Land Use and Environmental Planning, outlined the University's proposed project including:

- Site Orientation
- Project Design
- Project information

Participants asked questions and offered comments on the proposed project and current traffic and community concerns. Planning Dept. Staff and Stanford representatives were available to answer questions.

Questions and Comments:

- The project is important we like it
- Friendly Acres Neighborhood, Redwood Village, we don't trust the city; if it involves Stanford > how will that help with the impact of traffic?
- There have been meetings with the city, worried about the traffic, especially on Woodside Rd. There is a strong desire to improve the area. We don't want more trouble than what already exists. We need to feel secure.
- Can we use the shuttle for transportation to and from Stanford? Will it be free to the public?
- What are the benefits of the project?
- Is it just offices?
- The major concern: Traffic, especially during school hours
- The project is good, but we still need to focus attention on the problems that exist at Hoover
- There has been a lot of discussion about making changes in the area but little has changed
- They still have not fixed the bridge. It is not constant. It only happens after the meetings
- If Stanford is so close to the school, it would be ideal to have a relationship with the tutoring center of the school etc.
- The neighborhood's image would improve. We would have more lights, cleaner

Next Steps:

Charles Jany informed the participants about the next steps in the process.

- PCRC will type up and translate the notes from this meeting and provide the notes in English and in Spanish to the City.
- The City will post the Spanish and English notes on the City website: www.redwoodcity.org.
- There will be other opportunities for community input.
- Contact information for the City and Stanford was provided.
 - Redwood City: Charles Jany, Principal Planner (650) 780-7239
Cjany@redwoodcity.org
 - Stanford University: Maria Cacho, Land Use and Environmental Planning (650) 723-7773 cacho@stanford.edu
- Participants were invited to fill out a Question and Comment sheet. The sheet included all the questions asked at two previous community meetings.
- Participants were asked to mark a map with the routes they take when navigating their neighborhood when walking, biking and driving.
 - The City and Stanford will use this information in assessing traffic and circulation patterns in the neighborhood

Ten Question & Comment sheets were submitted:

QUESTION COMMENT SHEET

Questions discussed in small groups session at previous meetings.

1. *What do you like about Stanford University's proposed project in your neighborhood?*
 - That it has to do with medicine and that they are going to put more trees on Bay Street.
 - That there will be clinics that will help people who are low income, that don't have insurance
 - help with traffic.
 - I feel the project is fine by me, but we don't know yet how much it will affect us.
 - Very good! Better view
 - How will the project benefit us?

2. *What concerns you about the project? Or what else would you like to see included in the project?*
 - Should be a Clinic for those who are low income
 - Yes because of the traffic
 - For there to be options but also a clinic for those who are low income
 - My only concern is the traffic but I am confident that everything will be fine No worries, everything is fine
 - The impact that the traffic will have, Carlos said that it is a change that will not be avoidable, but I disagree I do not want it to have a negative impact on our streets.
 - Too much traffic. It is already very busy on Woodside Road

3. *How could your concerns be addressed?*
 - Solve the traffic problem
 - Another meeting to discuss more details
 - The concerns are mostly over traffic
 - We have none
 - That they be more careful with the people who are pedestrians
 - Please consider adding a light rail on Woodside Road or a bike lane in the middle intersection

4. *What routes do you take in your neighborhood when driving, biking, walking?*
Please write names of streets and routes
 - Broadway
 - Bay
 - Woodside
 - Broadway
 - Chestnut
 - Cedar
 - Helen
 - El Camino Real

- Middlefield
- Flynn
- Charter
- Stambaugh St.

5. *What current traffic issues do you have in the neighborhood?*

Please write the concern and area (street, intersection, park, etc.)

- Car Traffic and Pedestrian Traffic
- Pedestrian traffic is dangerous because the cars don't stop
- Nothing
- Heavy traffic
- There is not enough space for pedestrians to walk
- In this moment it is ok, but later I don't know
- Woodside Road – students crossing the bridge. Want a pedestrian crosswalk

6. *In what ways, if any, would the proposed project impact how you navigate your neighborhood?*

- Overall the traffic
- The traffic
- The traffic is slow and it is hard to walk
- The city will benefit greatly and overall the people who live here
- The city and the streets will benefit great
- Increased traffic on Woodside Rd.

7. *Is there anything else about this project you would like to communicate to the City and Stanford?*

- The city promised many things and has not complied with all of them, to make the schools safer.
- The city of Redwood City has promised changes for the security of the children who come to the school and haven't done anything.
- Communication about what has already been promised to us, we cannot be confident in the project alone.
- I congratulate you
- I think everything is fine
- Please find more ways to reduce the current traffic before adding more traffic