

Parkmerced Resident Meeting Summary December 11, 2007

Traffic & Transit

- Don't replace circles on Font with stop signs. Stop signs decrease air quality and increase wear and tear on cars.
- What will it be like with thousands of more cars?
- I'm happy to see you are trying to address parking and auto traffic realistically by looking at ways to legitimately getting people out of cars.
- Include student trips in your evaluations.
- Don't you need San Francisco permission to change the streets?
- Some people will always speed.
- Same problems have existed on 19th Avenue for 40 years—it's a problem & has to get solved.
- Brotherhood Way feeds Sunset and nothing will change that.
- Concerned that by changing external streets to slow traffic you'll move cars into Parkmerced.
- SFSU student travel was not measured with your survey & needs to be considered when evaluating traffic to/from/thru Parkmerced.
- Funneling traffic thru Parkmerced to SFSU.
- Extending MUNI would be very costly. Much of your plans sound like pie in the sky ideas and your timeframe doesn't sound realistic.
- More stops on MUNI, as shown with change to M-Line, slows down transit.
- I like bringing MUNI into Parkmerced, but Amsterdam (shown in photo) buildings have very thick walls. Noise will be a problem here.
- 85% federal employees live outside SF because it's too expensive
- 19th Street & Holloway—gridlock impacts transit operations.
- Light rail in South San Jose didn't change behavior when it was installed, what makes you think this will?
- Look at using advances in computer technology. There are computer driven cars in development. Don't implement old technology like MUNI.

Housing

- What is the current population & what is envisioned in the future?
- What will be the final population or number of units?
- For sale will change area negatively, so keep it all rental.
- How many of the current units will be demolished and rebuilt?
- It sounds like all the Garden units are going to be replaced.
- What happens to people who are not moved? We've been told no improvements will be made to inside of current units without cost increase.
- Will our rent carry to new units?
- What is the justification for rent increases?
- Rent control won't be legally enforceable.

Parking

- How can you create more parking but be “transit friendly”?
- What’s considered appropriate parking?
- Where do SFSU students park?
- Who puts in new parking meters, you or the City?

Other Projects

- How does SFSU expansion relate to Parkmerced?
- You’ve said you are not coordinating with SFSU— that doesn’t make sense (same w/ Stonestown).
- SFSU might use imminent domain and this would likely be to the South.
- Plans benefit SFSU student access.

Long-Range Process

- Don’t see how you could get process approved and done in 2-3 years.
- Mistake to plan on things you have no control over (economy, MUNI, Caltrans).
- The premise makes sense, but actual implementation seems to benefit SFSU.
- These are good ideas, but very challenging with existing bureaucratic gridlock.
- Multiple agencies involved with this process.
- What is the plan for area changes?
- What is the status of the historic resources survey you are conducting? How would you build on parcel that might be historic? Will this discussion occur?
- Value engineers will alter plan negatively promising the moon and can’t deliver.
- You are not looking at regional impacts.
- Parkmerced is a crown jewel—focus on caring for it rather than changing it.

Current Renovations

- Dark paints depressing & dark and reduces the sense of security
- Why are you painting if you are planning to tear down?
- Poor conditions are mostly associated with the Garden units. The towers are in OK shape.

Current and Future Demographic

- Why do you currently advertise for college kids? There is a conflict with your marketing strategy and bringing in more families.
- Students are ruining Parkmerced.
- College students make life a living hell—happy to see no new students.
- Who are your preferred future residents?

Communication/Outreach

- There is a Wednesday community meeting interested people should attend.
- All comments are not included in the boards around the room. SFSU made a mistake not showing/allowing community input.
- Community & Interest groups should be involved.
- Need to improve maintenance & resident relations.
- Need to take care of people here now and not be so focused on the long-term.