

**Parkmerced
Resident Meeting Summary
June 12, 2007**

Comments and Questions about Long-Range Planning

Open Space

- Why do some of the concepts being discussed take 10+ years to implement?
- My area is neglected, how will these changes affect me?
- There are limited “native” plants options.
- Will there be denser housing to allow for more open space?
- More playgrounds are needed.
- Will the green space on Font be converted to parking?
- What about the unused south side of Parkmerced?
- Review and incorporate/work around the original landscape plan.
- Will housing and streets be removed where you are showing green areas and dotted lines?

Traffic

- Traffic calming and parking enforcement needed right away and should be considered short-term improvements.
- Some circles and landscaping encourage jaywalking.
- Crosswalks are much needed, particularly around Montessori schools.
- Bikes on sidewalks are a safety concern.
- Traffic on Lake Merced Blvd is over capacity; keep that in mind if you propose more access points

Transit

- Bring back the #26 bus.
- Is there really a need for bikes and bike amenities?
- Need data on bike usage to better understand who would bike and then need to promote it more. .
- The current bus route (# 17) is very circuitous.
- The bus stops are poorly designed and maintained.
- A shuttle to BART should be done in the short term, and the residents should be surveyed to determine demand.
- Work with city leaders to expedite transit improvements.
- Survey residents on the use of motorcycles.

Retail

- Would like to see coffee shop (not Starbucks), bank, and childcare.
- Childcare involves very complex regulatory issues and it’s difficult to start one.
- Concern about overcrowding and congestion due to retail at the circle.
- What are the plans for retail at the Summerhill site?
- Bring back organized events.

- Will the retail location conflict with existing housing? What are the plans?
- Improve access to Westlake Shopping Center with a shuttle.

Housing

- What buildings will be relocated or demolished and when?
- Will you be rewiring garden apartments? They don't have adequate electrical.
- Will you reuse the maintenance buildings, and if so, what happens to centralized maintenance office?
- Are there plans for renovating occupied units?
- Upgrade electrical when you renovate units.
- Garden units are beautifully designed and provide a variety of housing types (1, 2, & 3 bedroom). Why would you build new units rather than fixing these? .

Process & Costs

- Consider the cumulative impacts of all proposed development projects in the area as you study long-term improvements at Parkmerced.
- Will short-term and mid-term projects go to the Planning Dept for review and approval? What is the planning process for this?
- What are the financial impacts of all these improvements to the residents?

Comments and Questions about Short-Term Improvements

- What is the interior painting policy? Provide a policy for those who wish to repaint or polish floors independently.
- Don't understand why the policy limits us to few paint choices and requires we have to pay you when we move out; policy should better support residents willing to pay for and make their own improvements
- Provide referrals for services such as floor polishing.
- Make a general announcement to stop loud parties.
- What is the pet policy, and are they allowed in the towers?
- Will the next election polling spot be located here (77 Cambon)?
- Bring back yoga. The fitness center is too small for yoga classes.
- Need better signage on the streets, Lake Merced Blvd, to direct people into the farmers market.
- Replace old kitchen floors.
- Need better landscaping (particularly Block 20 patios).
- Provide phone numbers and names of Parkmerced representatives for questions, rent invoices, etc.
- Resident's calls are not being responded to or returned.
- At 750 Gonzales there is a problem with graffiti and vandalism.
- Are the house rules being given out? Post the rules on the website.
- Reduce the noise in the tower including outside doors closing and noise between floors.
- Will you continue these meetings?
- Explain pass-thrus and fees.

