

## **Parkmerced Long-Range Planning Summary of Public Comments from July 31, 2008 Workshops**

The following is a summary of public comments and suggestions noted during the July 31<sup>st</sup> public workshop. The meeting was held onsite at Parkmerced for the convenience of Parkmerced residents and the nearby community.

Since early 2007, Parkmerced has held numerous meetings with residents and neighbors to discuss concepts for long-range planning and how to improve Parkmerced for the future. At the July workshop, the planning team gave an overview presentation on the long-range sustainability plan and noted activities currently underway to improve environmental management and conservation within Parkmerced. Participants also provided a number of comments on the plan. The responses by members of the long range planning team, along with comments and questions from attendees are included in this summary.

### **COMMENTS**

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- Concerned about preventing oil runoff from parked cars and how increased parking lots and garages would contribute
- Will the towers be torn down? This doesn't seem sustainable.
- How will bioswales and water conservation work with San Francisco State plans?
- Happy with the introduction of bioswales in Parkmerced.
- Suggest looking at farming practices in Spain as they have a similar climate; also should look to city hall organic garden as an example

#### **GENERAL**

- How many stories will the retail buildings have?
- What is timeline for demolition of existing buildings?
- Original concerns have been assuaged, now interested to further explore plans, very excited opportunity.
- Suggest decreasing complex presentation time at public workshops and increasing audience participation; also, should use more "everyday" vocabulary.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Much concern expressed about MUNI's inefficiency and the effectiveness of the TEP project in general.
- Concern about MUNI's proposed changes to stop the M-Line at Parkmerced.

#### **OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPING**

- Should consider adding both racquetball and ping pong facilities.