

Corte Madera General Plan Update

Summary Meeting Notes August 8, 2002 Small Neighborhood Meeting -- Ring Mountain and Mariner Cove Groups

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The following issues and concerns were raised:

- Concerned about how traffic will increase with the new affordable housing development proposed on the Bay Lumber site. Also, location is not well-served by transit.
- Paradise Drive serves as a major arterial for the eastside which also divides the Town.
- Major traffic, circulation problems since Paradise is used as a major arterial for vehicles with high speeds which is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Also, Paradise is used for recreational activities. Paradise was not designed properly for all of these activities.
- Need the ability to walk from one place to another in a safe manner.
- ½ of neighborhood school children go to school in the Reed School District in Tiburon and ½ go to school in the Larkspur School District. This divides the community and becomes a fragmented sense of community.
- East side desires a sense of neighborhood. When the public schools closed on the east side, neighborhood was lost. Should consider a district boundary reorganization so that all of Corte Madera children go to Larkspur.
- Half of the population feels isolated and cut-off (isolated) from rest of the community.
- Lacking services on the eastside. Need the following services: gas station, post office, elementary school, bank, pharmacy, bus service
- There are three private schools on the east side: Montessori, Marin Country Day, and Alliance Francaise. School children are driven to these schools from all over which contributes to the traffic and congestion on our streets.
- No continuity between the east and west part of Town. Highway 101 serves to divide the Town.
- Emergency access problems. During the 1982 flood, people couldn't get out of the area. This is a major problem.
- Need to fix flooding problems. Don't like the Army Corps project because it blocks views.
- Need an emergency disaster plan for the east side. Bond was used in the lagoons and again concerned that the east side may be considered of lesser importance to the community.
- Need a vision plan (like Christmas Tree Hill Plan) for the eastside.
- Need to install signs which indicate: "Watch out for school children."

- Recreational facilities in Town are in seismically in poor condition and need to be made structurally sound.
- Why does Corte Madera serve as the “regional recreational center” for Southern Ross Valley (including Larkspur, Kentfield, Greenbrae, Ross and some of San Rafael)?
- Need regional recreation centers in Marin County that serve the entire populace of southern Ross Valley.