

Corte Madera General Plan Update
Summary Meeting Notes
August 8, 2002
Small Neighborhood Meeting --
Christmas Tree Hilldwellers Association

Participants:

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The following issues were raised at the meeting:

- Traffic at intersection at base of hill.
- Speeding on the hill is a problem. Need ways of informing and enforcing the 15 mph limit. Traffic signs are merely advisory rather than regulatory.
- Better trail (pathway) maintenance needed.
- Construction street closures are not coordinated or adequately noticed (including work in adjacent areas of Larkspur).
- The Recreation Center needs to be refurbished/improved.
- Bicycle safety is generally poor in Town.
- Need blind curve mirrors for traffic safety carefully located.
- Need more properly placed lighting for traffic safety.
- Fire safety is a big issue. There is a lack of City attention to fire prevention. Prevention rather than response should be the focus. Control of non-indigenous, pyrophytic trees. Parking blocking emergency access/egress. Dead and down wood not cleared. Need to thin fuel, especially around homes. Need sprinklers and fire-resistant materials. Don't want a controlled burn. Need to balance safety and neighborhood character.
- Legal nonconforming and unpermitted second units.
- Lack of Town maintenance up on hill.
- Character of hill as it evolves over time. In favor of improvements at the same time preserve character (cottage feel, wooded). Avoid oversized homes.
- Views. Protect views from road. Ridgeline views are important. Views up the hill from on-hill vantage points.