

Help Imagine Menlo Park's Future

VISION PLAN BACKGROUND

The El Camino Real/Downtown Vision Plan is being developed by the community through a series of workshops, surveys and other activities. The purpose of this process is to identify a clear vision for the future of El Camino Real and Downtown Menlo Park. The Menlo Park community has been directly involved in forming the vision to this point and will continue to play an important role as the process continues.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2 – EL CAMINO REAL

Community Workshop #2, which focused on El Camino Real, was held on April 3rd at the Menlo Park Recreation Center. Nearly 100 community members attended to learn more about the Vision Plan process and voice their ideas and concerns about the future of El Camino Real. Input received will help inform the draft vision being developed for the upcoming Planning Commission Workshop.



The workshop began with a presentation by the consultant about the Vision Plan process, a summary of public input and outreach, a discussion of the community impacts of different land uses and an overview of potential development types and open spaces that may be appropriate for El Camino Real. After the presentation, participants worked in small groups to discuss their vision for El Camino Real, as well as review and comment on three conceptual development alternatives. Each group was asked to choose the alternative that was closest to their group's vision, and then modify that alternative to more closely represent their vision. The groups then came back together and each shared their vision with the other workshop participants. Major topics included community identity, economic development, housing, aesthetic character, access to open space, bicycle and pedestrian circulation, vehicular circulation and parking.

Input received from the Community Workshops will help inform the draft vision being developed for the upcoming Planning Commission Workshop.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #3 – DOWNTOWN

Community Workshop #3 was conducted in the same format as Community Workshop #2, but with the focus on Downtown. It was held on May 1st at the Menlo Park Recreation Center. Approximately 70 community members attended to discuss their vision for Downtown.



The workshop included a summary of input received at Community Workshop #2. The consultant also gave a brief presentation of concepts and issues relevant to Downtown. After the presentation, participants broke into groups to discuss their vision for Downtown. As in Community Workshop #2, each group was asked to choose the alternative that was closest to their group's vision, and then modify that alternative to more closely represent their vision. The groups then came back together and each shared their vision with the other workshop participants. Major topics included Downtown identity, appropriate land uses, housing, open space and civic gathering areas, redevelopment of the Caltrain station area, vehicular circulation and parking.



Project Web Site:

http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_eecdowntown.htm

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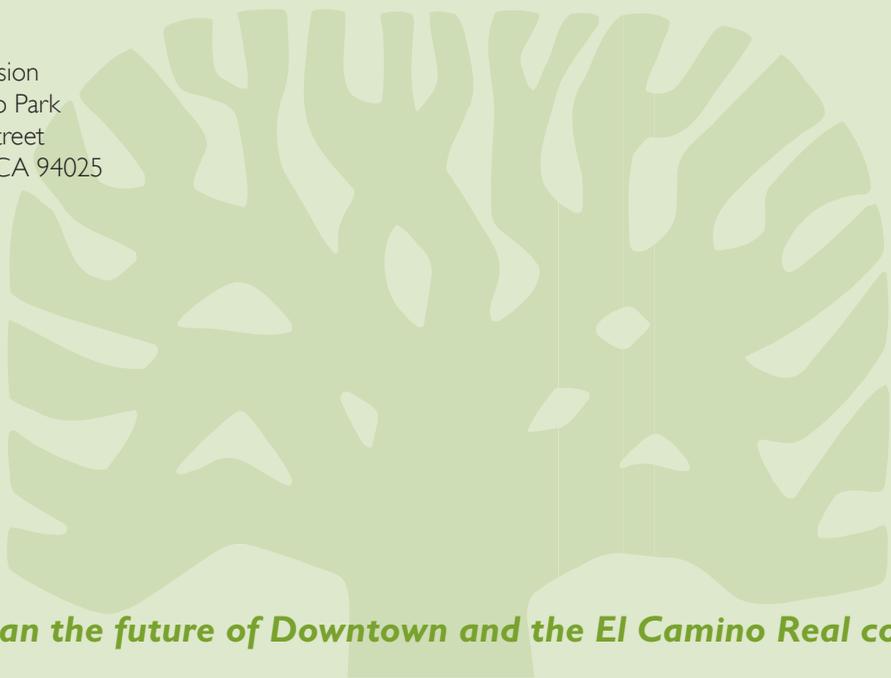
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Help plan the future of Downtown and the El Camino Real corridor.



Planning Commission Workshop

At this workshop, a draft vision, built from the feedback received in the Community Workshops, surveys, and other activities, will be presented to the community and the Planning Commission. The draft vision will include a conceptual plan for the Study Area and written goals. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft vision, as well as issues for which there has not been a clear community consensus. The Planning Commission will hear this feedback, discuss the draft vision and provide comments from the Commission to the City Council.

Monday, May 19th, 2008, 7 p.m.
Little House Senior Center
800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park
**Note New Location*



City Council Meeting

At this meeting, a revised draft vision plan based on comments heard at the Planning Commission Workshop will be presented to the City Council. The draft vision plan will include a written description of the vision, graphic depictions of the elements, and strategies for implementing the vision. The public will have the opportunity to participate with the Council in the review of the draft vision. Following this review, the Council will make recommendations for completion of the vision plan and next steps.

Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park

