

ATTACHMENT #22

Correspondence as of October 25, 2018

From: Mark Apton [<mailto:mapton@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:49 PM
To: PlanningCommission; Mayor and Council
Subject: Coleman and Tasman, Committee Meeting;

Dear Mayor, Council and Planning Commission,

Thank you for all the great work you do.

Both these locations are great for High Density Housing. High Density housing means bigger impact on resources.

The developers make a fortune off our rapidly disappearing land. They directly cause the need for more schools. But they do not pay and they are very good at avoiding the issue. During the public input time, they spent exactly 3 minutes talking about the schools. The majority of the 5 hours was about the cost of the developers investment. The developers had all their "facts and figures" ready. The Planning Commission tried to evaluate the developer's "numbers" but was clearly outgunned. A few Audubon people tried to fight the developers but they were equally unequipped and out numbered. Our CAC (Citizens Action Committee) was no where to be found. Your commission is doing the heavy lifting trying to defend the objectives of the citizens of this city, but someone asked why we do not get a profit and cost analysis from the developers. I think it was the City Clerk who said, "we are not in a position to ask this of the developers", I find it odd that we are only allowed to hear about the developer's expenses but not their profits? One person brought up formaldehyde, He was completely ignored. The traffic issue at Coleman was similarly dismissed. The developers complained about the necessity of having open space and the cost. The developers propose 2 acres out 45 acres with ~5 thousand units and the riparian setback at Tasman. impact fees were mentioned by the developer but I did not hear of any. These are issues that need through study. The developers need to build now and we need the housing. These are not afterthoughts that are to be discussed at 11 pm on a week night with no community present. I believe we have very hardworking, bright, high integrity people leading our city. We can do better than this with the citizens help and input. I am urging the people on Nextdoor to watch the videos of the meetings. In other major cities, the developers must produce a complete cost/profit balance sheet before the permits are issued. We need more transparency on the projected costs and profits of these developments.

Thank you,

Mark Apton

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From: Daniel Lewis [mailto:danlewis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:11 AM
To: PlanningCommission
Subject: City Planning principles - Do not block views of the mountains

Hello,

I truly hope City Planners consider the lovely mountains surrounding the bay area. Each project should avoid obscuring the mountain views from surrounding properties, roadways, and even within the project being proposed. Everyone deserves to enjoy at least a glimpse of these mountains. That can only be achieved through good planning.

Gateway Crossing has the potential to obscure mountain views for many. Let's work together to keep Santa Clara a scenic, livable suburb and not become an overcrowded urban center.

Thank you,

Daniel Lewis (Santa Clara, CA)

Debby Fernandez

From: PlanningCommission
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Jim Crouch; PlanningCommission
Cc: Debby Fernandez; Reena Brilliot; Amelia Morgia; Elizabeth Elliott; Nuansri Vongchanyakul; Rebecca Elizondo
Subject: RE: Coleman and Brokaw Project

Dear Mr. Crouch,

Thank you for your email regarding the Coleman Crossings project at 1205 Coleman Ave. a copy of your email will be given to the Planning Commission for consideration during the hearing tomorrow night and included as part of the administrative record for this project.

Sincerely,

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From: Jim Crouch [<mailto:hondosworld@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 8:18 AM
To: PlanningCommission
Cc: 2-Jim
Subject: Coleman and Brokaw Project

Planning Commission:

I would like to share my view of the Coleman Brokaw Project. I used to walk at lunch from the BAE facility on the corner at lunch. There are several points I would like to share especially on why Brokaw Rd should be brought into Benton by use of an additional road with underpass/overpass with regards to the rail system/upcoming BART system.

First and very important. Why is not this thoroughfare being put in for safety of its citizens. By this mean you have the police station right off Benton. Add in the Fire Department. Look at the route that if there was

not the thoroughfare being put in! Look at the response time of a serious fire and/or a serious police emergency. Very important. With Coleman looking as it might very well be the next El Camino with High Density Housing would it make sense that the public agencies are able to respond in a timely matter?

The second point I would like to emphasize is that of the Historical Downtown of Santa Clara. You have the railroad as well as BART planning on coming in. What better way to make this exciting and upcoming vibrant Downtown Santa Clara very accessible to those traveling to our area. With direct access off of Coleman to the Historical Downtown Santa Clara you make our city even more accessible to those in areas on the East Bay and Peninsula.

Now is the time to really think about a connection between Brokaw Rd and Benton. Once this opportunity is passed by the chances are that we will possibly never have again this chance. Let us remember in the 1960s what happened with the Urban Renewal of the Downtown area. Please stop and think of how much that disaster cost the community in revenues as well the loss of business. It is very important Planning Commission to stop and really think about this. We all know that growth will not stop in this valley but we must have roads to support that growth as well revenue that could very well increased by it.
Thank you!

Best Regards,
Jim Crouch
Santa Clara Ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Amvargas@yahoo.com [mailto:amvargas@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6:39 PM

To: PlanningCommission

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Subject: Brokaw Underpass

Dear Planning Commission

Great discussion expected tonight—I will be watching the live stream. Lots of changes expected around our Historic Downtown. Glad to see that Brokaw reopening is being considered as a long term solution to the existing gridlock on Coleman.

As a core lead for Reclaiming our Downtown, Historic Landmark Commissioner, resident of the Old Quad—its Safe to say I have concerns but also see great opportunities for our Historic Downtown.

Brokaw was once an open road to Benton. In the 60s the decision was made to close it to encourage travel along Dela Cruz. We now have way too much travel on Dela Cruz and Coleman.

Timing is right to reverse that decision but more importantly to support a long term solution for the numerous developments in the pipeline for the surrounding area.

With the BART train and its high density transit oriented development proposed for Santa Clara Station, the 1600 unit Hunter Storm development on Coleman and numerous others along the El Camino—opening access to Brokaw to Santa Clara Historic Downtown makes absolute sense.

Access Benefits:

- 1) Enable traffic intended for Santa Clara Downtown, SCU, Old Quad and Campbell Ave neighborhoods to break sooner from the airport and regular commuter traffic. Better flow for the rest of the commuters.
- 2) Public safety—more direct routes by SCPD SCFD in responding to emergencies from nearby stations to Coleman Ave
—save time and save lives. Too many risks for emergencies/ accidents with the interchange of 880, 101 and 280 HWYS and the nearby Airport and Avaya Stadium—very few quick ways for emergencies respondents to cut through the Gridlock.
- 3) New Revenue opportunities for SC Historic Downtown. Right now Santa Clara Downtown is not accessible to most commuters on Coleman. One entry point to Santa Clara off Coleman is not working. If you can't see it it might as well not exist—but we can fix that!

Brokaw Road is a Historic exit to the Santa Clara Downtown—proper signage on the reopened road provides new access, directs new visitors and revenues from the airport/Avaya Stadium events to the SC Downtown.

In summary

It's a Win win long term for Public safety, will improve commute for SC bound visitors and residents and increase revenues for the Historic Downtown.

Many thanks and best regards

Ana Vargas-Smith

Debby Fernandez

From: smtp.gmail.com <dwestsfo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 1:38 PM
To: PlanningCommission
Cc: Donna West; Debby Fernandez
Subject: Tonight: Planning Commission :18-526 Public Hearing: Actions on Gateway Crossings Project located at 1205 Coleman Avenue

Good evening Planning Commissioners,

Thank you so much for what you all are supporting and helping with. Thumbs up!

This email is about Agenda item 18-526, the Public hearing related to Downtown Gateway Crossings. I am sending as a resident of 30 years and business owner of 15 years of the City of Santa Clara. I am a member of the Core Team Reclaiming Our Downtown, I am sending this as myself, yet I did receive over 20 comments from other members about this project.

I admit it was not so much of the High Density created in this area, there were a few people with this concern and the proximity close distance to the airport – aviation.

My ask is that we hold this project until those of us meet with the Downtown Task Force and assemble a Precise Plan for this entire area that includes solutions for street development, transportation, police and fire, user friendly architecture, etc.

Let's create a Precise Plan for this entire area providing solutions to all questions. This should be with a city-wide, all districts, new faces committee that wants to create a community again with a Downtown. I already volunteered to be a part of this additional committee bringing my extensive 2 year research I have done with urban planning, downtown's, what failed, and Santa Clara history - why every Downtown project failed before.

The areas of concern:

- are new street development – connection to our Downtown and Kaiser Hospital with second tunnel, as this area is already congested - daily commute, soccer games
- architecture that is ugly and boring, no style
- no green space
- affordable housing for beginning tech workers now begins at \$3,000 per month - many tech workers are moving away, what about hospitality workers?

Quote from another person, "Current architecture looks like designers watched dyPstopian (science fiction) future movies of ruined cities and built 'before' versions. Most are hideous, uninteresting, and have no aesthetic value."

Thank you.

Sincerely and smiles,

Donna West

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From: Mary Grizzle [mailto:mogrizzle2@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 10:39 AM

To: PlanningCommission

Subject: Downtown Gateway Project

It is extremely important that the tunnel street connecting our downtown be part of the precise plan. It will be a major gateway for incoming travelers and for San Jose residence to visit the new downtown. Reclaiming Our Downtown believes that everything from the depot to the Monestary and all the other areas surrounding the downtown be under the same protections that a precise plan can provide. Without a precise plan we are left with hodgepodge building that can break the success of a fruitful and vibrant downtown.

Thank you for your consideration

Mary Grizzle

-----Original Message-----

From: DORA WUETHRICH [mailto:doramw@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 5:47 AM

To: PlanningCommission

Subject: Building in Santa Clara

Please take note that I am against building more in Santa Clara. We are already overcrowded. I live by de la Cruz Blvd and Montague and it takes me 20'! To get to el camino real!! I don't see new trees planted, road are not been fixed, no new parks, no open space, no decent downtown. We need better play grounds for our schools, beautify our neighborhoods. We need a good, reliable clean public transportation. We need to take care of our homeless persons.

We don't want to become Los Angeles.

If there is land, use it for the good of residents of Santa Clara: build parks so our children can enjoy nature and all of us have a place where to walk.

I hope my opinion counts and it is heard.

Dora Wuthrich

Sent from my iPhone