

CITY OF WINTERS

GRANT AVENUE DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Community Meeting #1 – March 7, 2011

Comments Worksheet

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. We value your input and ideas. Please jot down any thoughts or observations related to tonight's meeting on this worksheet and leave it at the sign-in table on the way out. We will refer to your comments as we proceed with the project. Thanks!

- # Are there any important existing conditions or concerns that we missed in tonight's presentation and discussion? Or, anything you would like to elaborate upon?

Trees are shade

Good lighting at night

Building close to street with back parking

There needs to be a plan for a flood drainage way and it could be multiuse – make it a real amenity- so properties should not turn their back on it – but face it. Putah Creek frontage too should be utilized to advantage - not the back of businesses – but incorporated into the use of the property

I really think we need to capitalize on our ag history. Ag tourism is up and coming. We should try to revitalize Charlie Rominger's vision. Make Winters unique. Bring in an olive press, a co-op where local organic farmers can distribute their vegetables, a destination "fast" restaurant like a Buckhorn Grill/Little Buck. Visitor Center or kiosk to draw people into the town. History project photos.

Flood area a concern. Flood area designed as attractive area. Need to somehow incorporate the creek. Attract people to creek. Soil needs to be preserved such as a demonstration garden.

Presentation person must wear a mic. Speaker voice is not real strong. A plan displaying all entrances to the city. South bridge area, West area from the lake.

Pedestrian friendly very important. Totally integrated with downtown.

Concerned on the nature of the businesses and business character this plan attempts to attract. I really hope this plan will include specifications on the type of businesses that will be the western entrance of the town. Many businesses want their corporate identity to be instinctively recognized and unique, and to define the look of their facades. Facades, colors & building materials are what attracts the eyes first, landscaping second.

- # What are some of your ideas for development along Grant Avenue? Architecture, landscaping, site design, parking, anything that comes to mind.

Give the “Winters Store” a facelift

First priority should be making a safe path for pedestrians and bicycles to follow to get to commercial development by the highway. The stoplight at the Arco/BK should have pedestrian crossing. There should be safe crossing at Lorenzo’s as well.

There should be a green belt that separates the highway commercial development. It should be wide and inviting with separate bike and walking paths that pull people downtown and to Putah Creek Nature Trail. Make it an amenity as well as a flood solution.

I like buildings mostly facing street. Keep mix of houses interspersed. Keep it looking small town, not big city. Encourage to get people parked and out of their cars...walk to shops.

Straight lines are less desirable than wavy lines, i.e. sidewalk.

Facing forward building with seating in front and parking in rear.

Design and architecture be designed so a profit approach can be visualized by potential development.

Architectural form with corrugated metals that resemble agricultural buildings would be a nice addition.

It would be difficult to copy existing old buildings and would be nice to integrate and modernize our community.

Pull together the look and attraction of the whole city, make design & flow inclusive of the town and not starkly defined as “west,” “east” and “downtown.”

I like the example given of buffers along the gateway an example was St. Helena & cultivated vineyards along the roadway. I think an agricultural buffer would be great. Plantings/gardens that are edible would be good – community gardens in some areas would be wonderful.

Connection to downtown (strong pedestrian connections)

Improved signage that leads people to local businesses and the downtown.

General comments on the project?

Must have flashing ground crossing lines for pedestrians.

Unfortunate that this workshop didn't organize smaller, guided group discussions so that participants could offer more input. Too hard to hear people in audience.... should have had a PA system.

If Baker is developed impacts less residential areas than E. Main.

If plans are not planned for trees greenery please present as such, why show trees when none is planned

We need linkage on both sides of the street. Continuity to the downtown core.

Thank you for this public meeting. These processes are very good for creating a vision that the whole community can be proud of.

Build a kayak ramp for Putah Creek recreation.

Landscape design

Street landscape: Nature trees & bushes, Manzanita (low growing), wild rices, Buckeye trees, iron arbor with wild grape (birds love the wild grape)