

Mads Odom

From: Fred [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 9:36 AM
To: Scott Davies; Dan Tangney; Judith Mayer; Christian Figueroa; Matthew Simmons; Peter Lehman; Joel Yodowitz; David Loya
Subject: Info for Thursday 4/27 meeting / Comment on Tuesday 4/25 meeting

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To: Planning Commission Chair Davies, Commissioners Tangney, Mayer, Figueroa, Lehman, Simmons, Yodowitz
Community Development Director David Loya
From: Fred Weis
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023
General Subject: **Notes on the Planning Commission meetings of April 25 (yesterday) and April 27 (tomorrow)**

Bold and red are used to highlight, so you can skim.

I try to set things up so you can get the basis of what I'm saying in a minute or two -- the same in my articles on Arcata1.com

1. **Information:** A good place to start to see what's going on with me and my thoughts **is the Newest Articles at Arcata1.com**
You can use this easy-to-remember address: arcata1.com/new
2. **Rezoning:** There are two articles on the rezoning of specific areas: **The [17th & Q](#) and [Eye Street / Craftsman's Mall](#)**. There may be more coming before the Thursday meeting, so if this is helpful to you please check back. By utilizing Google Satellite images (aerial views) with the outline of the rezoning area superimposed on the aerial image, you can better see the neighborhood, houses, roads, schools, etc. If the links do not work, use arcata1.com/new

I originally started Arcata1.com to provide better maps and visual information to the public. For people to see where the Gateway area is, among my earliest articles is one showing aerial views with outlines of the Gateway and locating points of streets and well-known sites. See: [Aerial Views of the Gateway area](#) or look on Arcata1.com under "Gateway - Maps" on the menu.

The rezoning maps supplied in your packets are wholly inadequate for making informed decisions, IMO. And inadequate to the public. As mentioned in my Monday, April 24, message, "When a local Realtor with 25 years experience -- who has been on committees and is involved in community planning -- tells me he cannot figure out where these parcels are from looking at the maps... that's a problem."

3. **MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets).** PS-6G and PS-7. Initiated by Commissioners Lehman and Mayer. At about 1:48 on the April 25 video. Proposals included "The City shall also keep a compendium of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs)" and "information—including the MSDSs—shall be made available to the public."
Staff response: "this is unnecessary as it is required by law. But we can add it if the commission wishes to."

Please pursue this. There does not seem to be any accessible collection of MSDS information available to the public. What Commissioner Lehman speaks to **is not what is "required by law"** as Director Loya has mischaracterized. I take what Lehman speaks to as a central location for all city-wide MSDS and related information.

To add to the issue, the search engine used on the City's website is not a good one. (The IT is not your jurisdiction of course, but you may want to push on an improvement here.) Trying to find material of any kind on the City's website is cumbersome and often without success. The City personnel know this. As an example, try entering "MSDS" -- yields nothing of value.

4. **Large City Park:** I spoke last night about a City park to be located in the heart of the Gateway Area. we may have, in 20 years, potentially 1,000 or 2,000 additional people in this area. The Gateway Plan's hope is in the community benefit program encouraging developers to provide 1,000 or 2,000 square feet as a privately-owned public-accessible park. These "parklets" are good and are valuable to the formation of community and neighborhood -- but they don't replace a large community park.

If I were the parent of a 6- or 8- or 10-year old, what would I want? Stewart Park at 15th and I is ~10 minute walk from the heart of the Gateway. But involves crossing Alliance at L Street, or perhaps walking over to J Street and then up. The Community Center Park is ~15-20 minutes, on the 7th Street overpass (ugh). The Arcata Marsh is ~25 minutes. Redwood Park is ~30 minutes. Many people (not the young or the old) can bike. **But what we don't want is for people to drive to a city park.**

We are aware that the overall plans involve the creation of a block-size privately-owned public-accessible park in the master-planned Barrel District -- potentially at the spot where Wing Inflatables currently is. To me, that's all very well and good, **but that may not happen for 20 or 30 years.** It also pre-supposes that a) the property owner will actually do this; and b) the Coastal Commission will allow tall buildings in the Barrel District (to offset the cost of the park). David Loya has been in conversation with the property owner, Brad Floyd.

It's also not a particularly central location. What I'd like to see is for the Commission to actually target a specific property, and see about starting talks with the owner while simultaneously actively pursuing grant monies. As a theoretical possibility, a property might be appraised for \$1 million -- the City and owner come to terms at \$600,000, and the owner can use the \$400,000 difference to reduce taxes.

Suitable spots might include in order of suitability IMO: The car wash site (with a daylighted creek); the AmeriGas block; the ~half-block lot to the west of the Tomas / Open Door Clinic on 8th Street behind the Creamery; the area west of N Street between 9th & 10th at the end of the Creamery block, and two lots on M Street north of 12th and south of Bug Press and "13th" Street. **The ideal candidate is directly alongside the L Street corridor** (assuming that will become a linear park.

For pricing, the only even-vaguely similar properties that have sold recently include the full block where the data center is (previous Myrtletown Lumber, Arcata Lumber, etc) which sold for \$2.13M in December 2019 and the post office half-block at \$1.4M in February 2022. Both had operational buildings and rental income. I have no idea what the price might be on the properties mentioned above.

Yes, this would be difficult. To paraphrase what David Loya told us recently, just because something is difficult does not mean that it shouldn't be pursued.

5. **A form to help with the Framework:** I have mentioned to David Loya and Chair Scott Davies that I have developed a one-page form that would work in conjunction with your current "Framework" process. Its use would not alter or replace any aspect of the Framework -- it would augment it. It

would involve just a few minutes of extra work (which either each of you or staff could do, or a combination) and would, I believe, further increase the efficiency at your meetings. It would also help eliminate the "I thought we were talking about what's on Page 56" and "What is that in reference to?" type of discussions, which occur perhaps more frequently than you may realize.

The format is very similar to what Commissioners Simmons and Lehman are already doing -- just formalizes things a bit, and adds some missing info that will help the process. The idea is to make your comments easier to read, to process, and to understand -- and at same time have the discussion be complete and faster. I developed the form and have been adjusting it, based on what you have actually been submitting as your comments. I should be able to present this to you -- in writing -- next week. As per the current style, I'll present it as a 45-second "elevator pitch" and then a couple of pages of examples and backup material. If you can be more efficient on the smaller (but very much important) areas, then you will have more time to discuss the more visionary material.

Thanks,

-- Fred Weis


April 27- 2023
TO The Arcata Planning Commission;

I have heard that members of The public are encouraged to voice their opinion on an upcoming decision about to be made concerning our neighborhood.

I have lived on R Street for 41 years and indeed our neighborhood has changed. I appreciate my neighbors who keep their homes and yards up.

Part of the beauty of our neighborhood and the city of Arcata is the open space of farmland and the Arcata Bottom Area.

It seems to me the people who run the city, ie planning commission and Council do not have the residents interests in sight. You want to promote your own view of the city. You have lost sight of the quaint beauty of a rural area which is a draw of tourists and visitors. This brings money into our area.

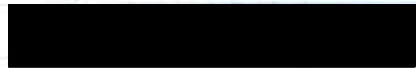
Cal Poly Humboldt is a driving force in our area

but I implore you, do not
let it define us. Arcata
will grow but I would like
to see more businesses in
the Area, not more housing.
I can not attend this
meeting as I do not get off
work until 6:30 pm. I'm
sending it with my neighbor.

Please Consider our Views

Sincerely,

Donna Hammers



Mads Odom

From: Fred [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Scott Davies; Dan Tangney; Judith Mayer; Christian Figueroa; Matthew Simmons; Peter Lehman; Joel Yodowitz; David Loya; Delo Freitas; Jennifer Dart
Subject: Rezoning areas - Three satellite view images

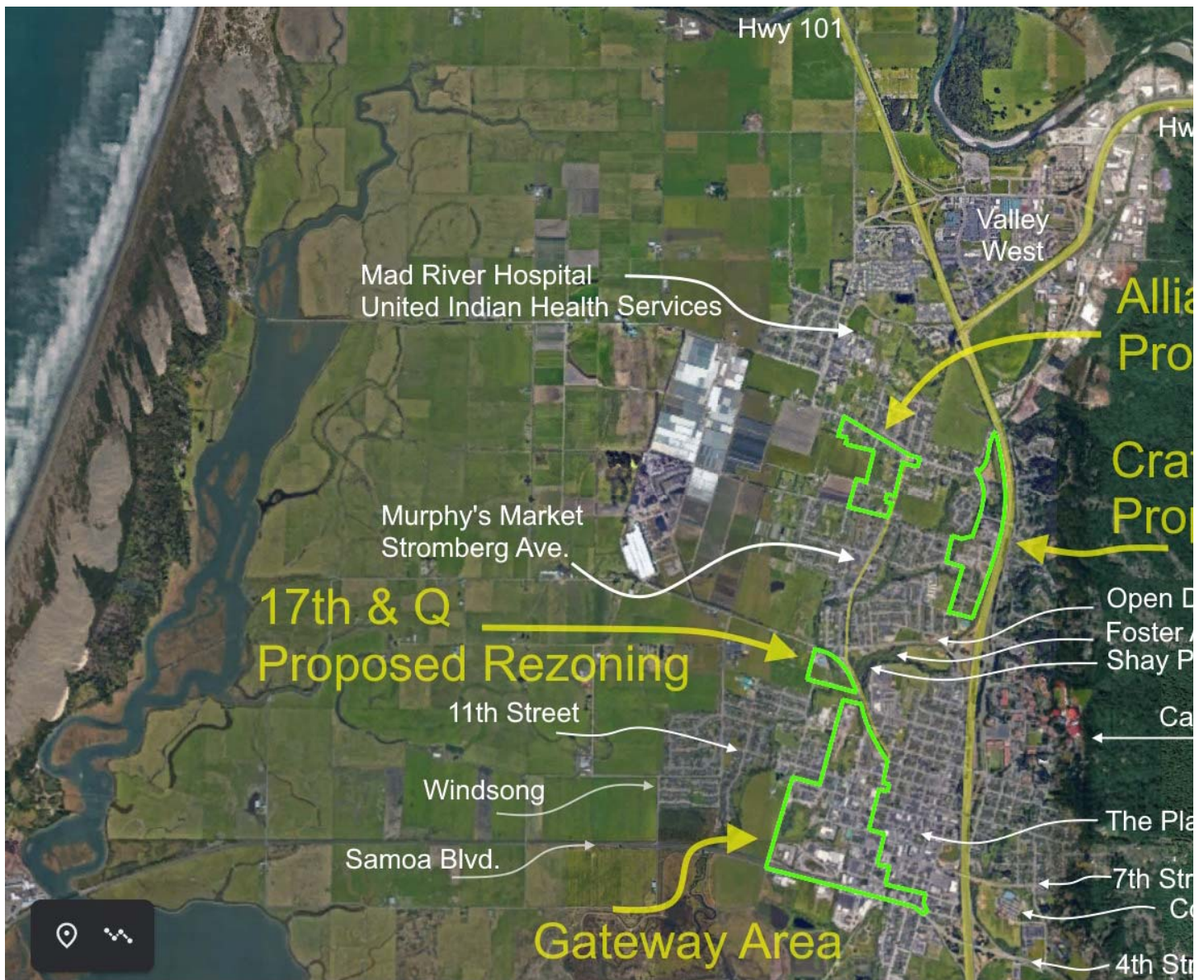
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To: Commissioners, Staff
Fred: Fred Weis

Contents: One image.

Below are three satellite images. The labels help in the orientation of just where these purpose rezoning areas are located.

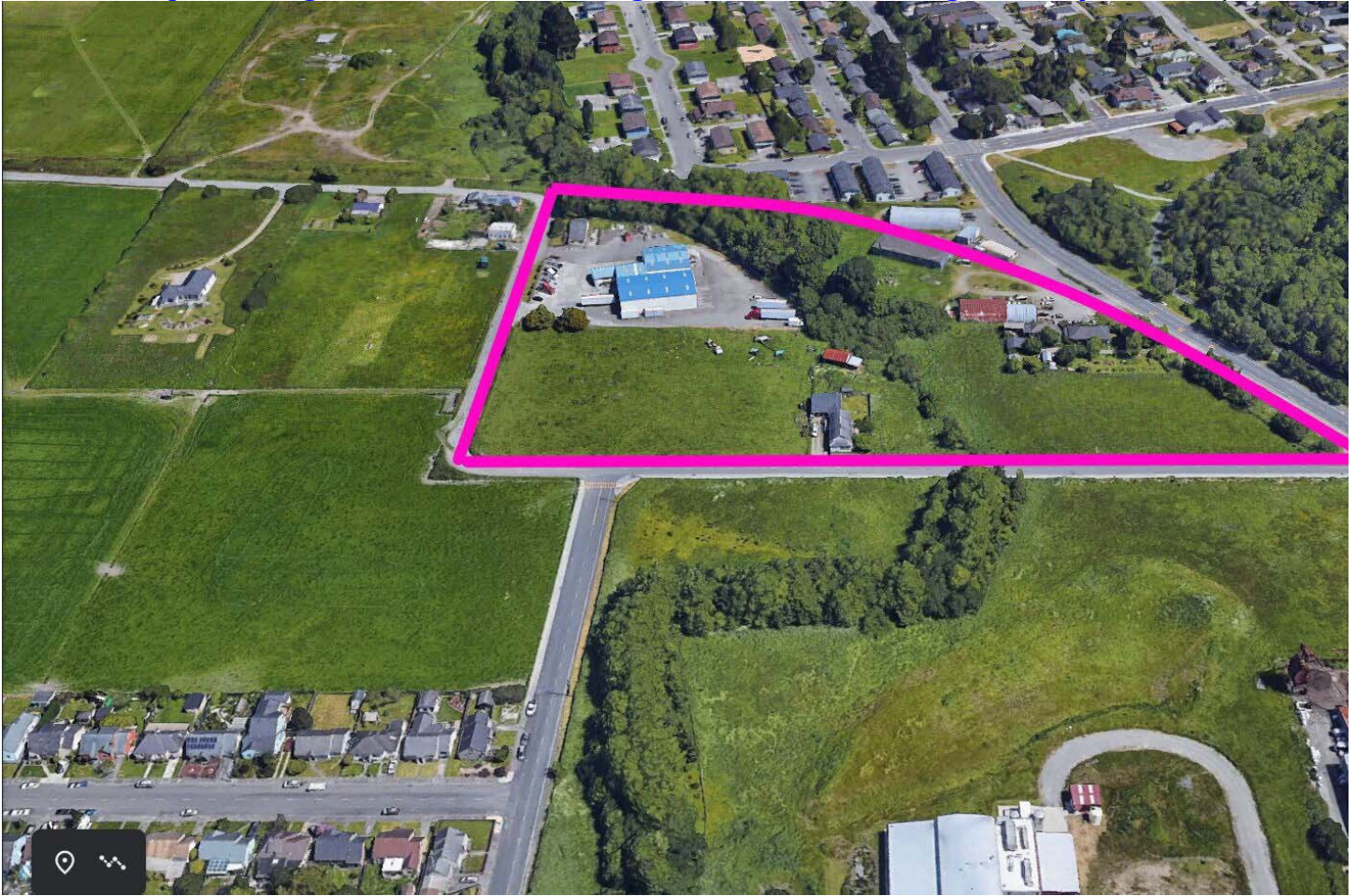
The Alliance & Spear proposed rezoning area, the Craftman's Mall proposed rezoning area, the 17th & Q proposed rezoning area, and the Gateway proposed rezoning area are all shown highlighted in neon green.



For more information and aerial satellite views, go to the "What's New" page at: arcata1.com/new

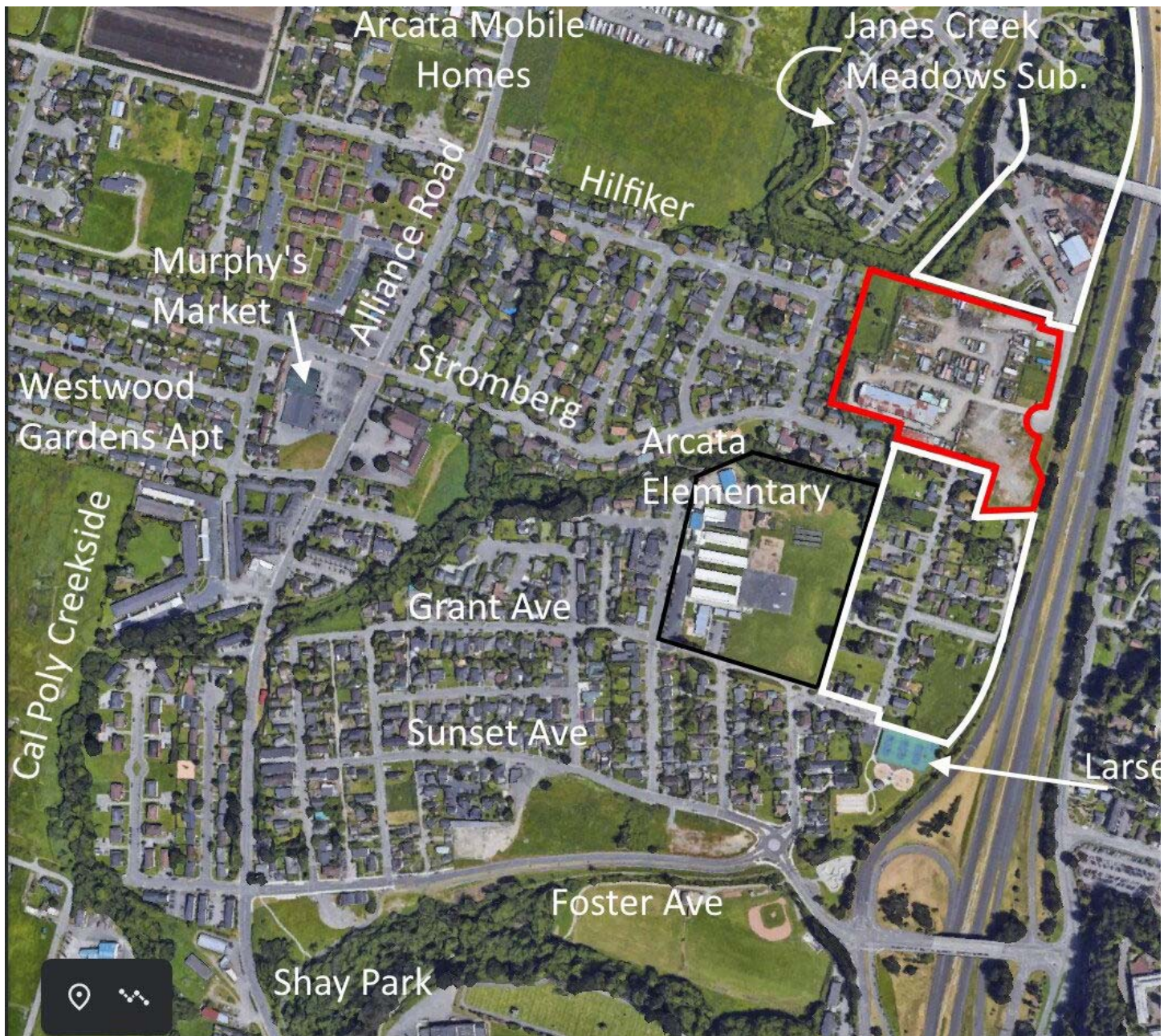
17th & Q Streets. The road to the center-right is Alliance Road. The buildings on the right is Arcata High. for motor photos.

See [17th & Q – from Ag Land and Industrial Light — to Residential High Density](#) for more photos.



Craftman's Mall. The red outline is the property where the two 7-story dorm buildings will be built. The white outline to the south (lower) shows an area that neighbors are questioning the proposed rezoning change.

For more photos and info go to: [South of Craftman's Mall, on Eye Street — to Residential High Density.](#)



Mads Odom

From: janepwoodward [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:50 AM
To: Peter Lehman; Scott Davies; Christian Figueroa; Judith Mayer; Dan Tangney; Matthew Simmons; David Loya; Karen Diemer
Subject: April 22 Public Comment
Attachments: 4_22 2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR APRIL 22 PC MEETING.docx

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Below and attached are my public comments for the April 22 Planning Commission meeting. Please include them in the engagement report's public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR APRIL 22 PC MEETING

First, I want to thank you for agreeing to 3 PC meetings in a row two days apart. But I want to note that it makes it difficult for the public to keep up. And I want to second Fred and Jim's comments.

On pages 8-10, you have staff- proposed options for selecting the level of ministerial review. I'm presuming this only applies to the Gateway Area Plan. If not, please let the public know.

1. I want to point out that you are not required to select these 3 options as presented. First, it's not clear if the square feet apply to building square feet or lot square feet. That needs to be clarified.

2. You have the option of having all proposed projects regardless of size go through PC review against objective standards. Smaller projects would clearly require less PC time to evaluate against the City's objective standards. And that's the only way to ensure public review. Even with Option 2, Zoning Administrator plus public hearing, there is no guarantee the public will have proper notice, because Zoning Commissioner hearings do not seem to appear on the live meetings portal. Would this be changed to provide proper notice?

3. I also want to remind you that staff has not yet laid out a plan for L Street as a linear park so that City Council can actually consider the alternative to a 1-way L Street.

4. Finally, I want to remind you that you have not yet scheduled a meeting to discuss the implications of sea level rise for intensive residential building in the Coastal Zone and the Gateway Area subject to sea level rise.

Thank you for your consideration. Happy Earth Day.

Jane Woodward Arcata Resident

Mads Odom

From: janepwoodward [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Peter Lehman; Scott Davies; Christian Figueroa; Judith Mayer; Dan Tangney; Matthew Simmons; Joel Yodowitz; Karen Diemer; David Loya
Subject: Public Comment for April 27 PlanCo meeting
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PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR APRIL 27 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

I want to welcome to our new Planning Commissioner Joel Yodowitz. You, Joel, have a lot on your plate to try to catch up to all this material and public comment.

First, I want to address Commissioner Tagney's concern about whether the public feels heard, and how to address that. There are those of us who continually submit both written and public comment in person and online on subjects of concern, such as L Street, sea level rise, parking, building height and density, and extension of high density residential designation to new areas in Arcata (the latest concern).

To give you an example, I, the Transportation Safety Committee and others have asked Staff to put a plan on paper for L Street as a linear park so that the Commission and City Council can actually consider it as an alternative to a 1-way L Street truck route road. Without an actual diagram (or a detailed plan for how L Street would look if it became a one-way street), you went ahead and appear to have decided 4-2 on a straw vote to maintain the L-street couplet as a goal rather than as an implementation measure or a recommendation, on the presumption that it might take decades to actually occur and to allow the City to begin applying for grants and easements on properties they don't currently own. You haven't even gotten feedback from the Great Redwood Trail Agency, or existing businesses and residents along L Street, as far as I can tell.

If the K/L Street couplet were only an implementation measure, that would have allowed the City to see if proposed improvements in K Street would resolve most of the traffic safety issues, as well as provide time to see how much traffic really arises from Gateway development. The Planning Commission totally ignored the close to 700 signers of the petition to maintain L Street as well as the recommendations from the Transportation Safety and Wetlands and Creeks Committees, without even discussing their reasoning or asking them to discuss this with you. So I'm asking the Planning Commission to 1) remove the K/L Street couplet as a goal and refocus it as an Implementation Measure, and 2) add the goal of continuing discussions of improvements to K Street including multiple traffic calming measures.

That is simply one example of my concerns. Another is the failure to schedule a discussion of the implications of sea level rise after having the joint session. We point out these issues, and they rarely appear to trigger discussion or get on agendas.

Next, the general plan proposal to upzone additional areas of Arcata is a huge problem. Due to Fred Weis's efforts on Arcata1.com and the efforts of others, property owners and neighbors are beginning to learn of their possible fate. That's no way to treat the public. Thus far, I've seen no articles in the local papers to put the public on notice. Plus, several additional areas such as Bayview, Northtown and Sunset have been added as implementation measures, which designation probably means very little to the public, which doesn't monitor what's happening on a regular basis. I had to have it explained to me.

Last but not least, there are clearly problems with giving proper notice to the public of exactly what's going to be on the agenda and providing attachments showing what's going to be discussed. It's not sufficient to say that you're continuing discussion on "X" topic from a prior meeting when it's not evident how far into the document that discussion ended and what remains to be addressed. These problems continue.

These are just a few of the issues I'd like City Staff and the Planning Commission to consider. I hope you take the time to adequately address these issues.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jane Woodward, Arcata Resident

Mads Odom

From: Fred <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Karen Diemer; David Loya; Scott Davies; Dan Tangney; Judith Mayer; Christian Figueroa; Matthew Simmons; Peter Lehman; Joel Yodowitz; Sarah Schaefer; Meredith Matthews; Kimberley White
Subject: Improper and misleading e-notification from the Community Development Department

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To: City Manager Karen Diemer, Community Development Director David Loya
Planning Commission Chair Davies, Commissioners Tagney, Mayer, Figueroa, Lehman, Simmons,
Yodowitz
Mayor Sarah Schaefer, Vice-Mayor Meredith Matthews, Councilmember Kimberley White

From: Fred Weis
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023
Subject: Improper and misleading e-notification from the Community Development Department

Synopsis:

The Planning Commission spoke clearly that they want community involvement on questions on proposed re-zoning.

The e-notification from the Community Development Director this morning is counter to the Commission's specific requests.

This is important and timely -- it should be corrected today.

To Karen and the Commissioners:

I am trying to get along with everyone here, but this morning's message from the Community Development Department has made this impossible.

The Commission had a great meeting on Saturday and much got accomplished. I find it unfortunate that I have to contact you in this fashion.

The Community Development Director has mischaracterized what you -- the Commission -- specifically said on Saturday.

You want a time for people who are concerned about re-zoning of parcels to be able to speak, and for there to be a discussion on that.

This was expressed by you clearly and explicitly. The transcription of what you said is below -- and the **YouTube link. It's only ~3 minutes long.**

What you said is NOT what this morning's e-notification says.

This is a terrible disservice to the public. This morning's e-notification says nothing about a discussion on re-zoning.

There is nothing in this message that would indicate that a person concerned with the re-zoning of parcels in Arcata should come to this meeting.

The word "rezoning" is conspicuously absent from the Community Development Department Statement. Instead, **the euphemism** "The Commission will consider the **Draft Land Use Map amendments**" is used.

Here is what the Commissioners said:

Commissioner Mayer:

Can we commit to a time when we will address these specific rezoning suggestions? Because I know that members of the public had come in several times when we never got around to those items.

Commissioner Tangney

Well, I think Judith is making an excellent point that this **is** a topic that the public is going to want to be here for, if they are already writing letters and speaking. -- So it would be nice to target a date. Does Thursday work?

Chair Davies:

Is everyone okay with putting this on the agenda for Thursday for our special meeting?

The e-notification contains factually correct statements. **But does it convey to the public what is going on here? No, it does not.**

I will add that this is a not uncommon situation that the Community Development Director has substantially misinterpreted or altered the intent or meaning from the Planning Commission, from City Committees, from the public, **and even from things that he himself has said**. A discussion on all of that would detract from the current situation. However we can note that a similar (not identical) situation came up in the vote by the Commission on the L Street - K Street couplet, on April 11.

On an immediate basis: This message needs to be re-worded, corrected, and sent out again.

The follow-up corrected e-notification should be sent out immediately. **I suggest that any new notification be run by the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair** prior to it being sent -- so we do not have more of this misrepresentation occurring.

Further, **the agenda for the Thursday, April 27th, meeting needs to be updated** to reflect what the Commission requested. (**With clear wording**, please, and the sequence of business items proper.)

It is up to the Chair, however I suggest that the business item for considering the zoning changes be given its own public comment period -- and that the single public comment period that is part of the "special meeting" format be used for items other than that.

Specific questions:

Do you believe that the neighboring homeowners near the affected parcels **need to be re-noticed by mail**? If not, how will they know about this meeting?

Will the proposed "Implementation Measures" on the upzoning to Residential High Density of the Bayview, Northtown, Arcata Heights, and Sunset neighborhoods be discussed at this meeting, and the potential re-definition of what Residential High Density allows for commercial usage?

(I would propose to NOT discuss those Implementation Measures at this meeting, but to have it at a future meeting.)

To me and in the view of many, many people in our community, the Community Development Director whether by design or by sloppiness has engaged in systematically reducing the involvement of community members in the General Plan and Gateway Plan processes. I hear this **almost daily** from people across a wide spectrum of age, income, and previous and sometimes considerable City involvement.

David, you do a lot of good work, but you are way out of line on these mischaracterizing situations. In my view, and in the view of many people.

Karen, I have spoken to you about this. Please do something.

Mayor Schaefer and Vice-Mayor Matthews: We're trying to get a good plan done here. These misstatements to the public are what turns people off -- and makes people angry and upset.

This must stop, and right here with this notice it can be corrected quickly -- for this one instance, that is.

For me, I am engaged in creating maps so that the Commissioners and the public can understand where a few of these proposed zoning changes will take place. Why? Because the maps that have been supplied are not adequate. When a local Realtor with 25 years experience -- who has been on committees and is involved in community planning -- tells me he cannot figure out where these parcels are from looking at the maps... that's a problem.

The Commission and the Council can decide on their own what they want to do. **But it is a big issue if the public is misinformed or misled.**

Please do feel free to call or write. I do appreciate what you are doing to keep Arcata wonderful.

Fred Weis
[REDACTED]

This message from the Community Development Department came this morning at 10:12 a.m.

The Planning Commission committed to reviewing outstanding items in the Land Use Element, including the Land Use Map with proposed changes, at its upcoming Special Meeting on April 27, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Commission will consider the Draft Land Use Map amendments at the beginning of the meeting. We have received comments on the proposed land use amendments, and the Commission will address those comments in this upcoming meeting.

The Commission will be making a recommendation on the proposed changes to the Council, who is the final decision maker. The Council will decide which land use amendments to make to meet our housing needs into the future. But the Commission's recommendation is a critical step in adopting these changes to meet our future housing needs. Your participation is a vital part of this decision.

Below is the actual text from the Saturday, April 22, meeting. There may be minor errors in the transcription -- if so, please let me know.

Chair Davies said "Yeah, given that we have a project for Tuesday that we need to review. **Is everyone okay with putting this on the agenda for Thursday for our special meeting?** Sure. Any opposed?"

Transcription from the Saturday, April 22, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. The times below are for the City video. To match it with the YouTube video, add ~10 seconds to the time shown here.

The YouTube link to go directly to this

section: <https://www.youtube.com/live/1vePlsABylI?feature=share&t=13622>

Judith Mayer (Commissioner) 3:46:52

When should members of the public come to speak at our meeting and these rezoning suggestions?

Because I... [interrupted by David]

David Loya - Community Development Director 3:47:00

I would encourage folks to, you know, speak on these matters at, you know, at every meeting, if they wish. To write letters, to write emails, you know, you're hearing it from them. We've heard, you know, some really good points of view on, you know, some of these zoning changes, the A-R projects here, or parcels here rather. You know, many people have spoken on, we heard a couple of people speak on, you know, the St. Louis Craftsman's Mall area. So you all are hearing those. We, at this point, because of the way that the process is working, we don't have a specific date that we're noticing. These people will have to look on the agenda and see, you know, is this coming up at that time as a specific agendized item. And or tune into, you know, the meetings on Tuesday and Thursday to see if you get to them. I can't predict whether or not you will get through your materials on Tuesday and Thursday. I would love to tell people that's when you're going to talk about it. But it's it's really out of any of our control to be able to predict that.

Judith Mayer (Commissioner) 3:48:03

Can we commit to a time when we will address these specific rezoning suggestions? Because I know that members of the public had come in several times when we never got around to those items.

David Loya - Community Development Director 3:48:15

Let me ask the Commission -- Would you like to commit to a time to address these land use map questions? And agendize as well.

Dan Tangney (Commissioner) 3:48:24

So next week's meetings are already agendized. So we're talking about perhaps the meeting after that?

David Loya - Community Development Director 3:48:31

You have on your agenda the ability to go back into any of these bike rack issues, any of them, it's all in the agenda. And so this material is in your agenda for Tuesday and in your agenda for Thursday. The specific focus of the staff report doesn't incorporate this, but if you want to say right here and now, hey, Tuesday, we're going to talk land use, we're going to dedicate an hour to talking about land use. I can't tell you that's what you're going to do. But you all can.

Scott Davies (Chair) 3:48:59

I mean, I kind of like the flexibility of us being able to work through our scheduled items, and then get back into the bike rack as we did today as time allows. But I would like to hear everyone's input on that.

Dan Tangney (Commissioner) 3:49:10

Well, I think Judith is making an excellent point that this *is* a topic that the public is going to want to be here for if they are, you know, already writing letters and speaking. And we're all losing track a little bit. I'm thinking back on -- Oh, I'm gonna have to go back through all the e-mails that they've emailed to it or letters that they've

emailed to us to be reminded of the concerns. **So it would be nice to target a date. Does Thursday work?** I mean, can we just....

Scott Davies (Chair) 3:49:37

Yeah, given that we have a project for Tuesday that we need to review. Is everyone okay with putting this on the agenda for Thursday for our special meeting? Sure. Any opposed?

Peter Lehman, Planning Commissioner 3:49:48

I'll just say that I agree with both of you that there's enough interest so that we should have at a time soon.

David Loya - Community Development Director 3:49:57

So we'll message that out through our e-notifications and et cetera -- that Thursday in addition to what's on the agenda already **that you plan to get back to the land use bike rack**. So if you've got land use questions come then. Thursday the 27th. Yes.

[NOTE: What David Loya just said -- "that you plan to get back to the land use bike rack" -- is NOT what the Commissioners were talking about.]

Matt Simmons 3:50:12

Can I suggest that it comes first to the agenda, so that we get to it? While people are here on the day that we told them to come?

Scott Davies (Chair) 3:50:18

That's okay with me. Great. Okay. Thank you for that.

Mads Odom

From: janepwoodward [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Peter Lehman; Scott Davies; Christian Figueroa; Judith Mayer; Dan Tangney; Matthew Simmons; David Loya; Karen Diemer
Subject: Re: April 25 Public Comment
Attachments: 4_25 2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR APRIL 25 PC MEETING.docx

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Below and attached are my public comments for the April 25 Planning Commission meeting. Please include them in the engagement report's public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR APRIL 25 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

First, thank you for managing to try to absorb and respond to all the policies proposed both in the Gateway Plan and the overall General Plan and Land Use Element. It's a prodigious task, including for the public.

- 1. I want to remind you that staff have not yet laid out a plan for L Street as a linear park so that the Commission and City Council can actually consider it as an alternative to a 1-way L Street. I suggest that it would be useful to incorporate the K/L Street couplet as an Implementation Measure rather than a goal and not to anticipate that it will take 30 years to occur. City staff appear to want to be able to take action now.**
- 2. I want to remind you that you have not yet scheduled a meeting to discuss the implications of sea level rise for intensive residential building in the Coastal Zone and the Gateway Area subject to sea level rise, and the legal and financial implications of failing to take sea level rise properly into account.**
- 3. More importantly, you will be discussing the Infrastructure & Public Facilities and the Public Safety Elements tonight, that include policies on Fire Hazards, Potential Flooding Hazards, and Seismic Hazards, all of which are addressed in general terms. Since the City claims to have specific information and maps based on studies, it would be useful for the Planning Commission to request that staff provide specific information for how these issues are applicable to the Gateway Area.**

Where are the faults? Are the soils there vulnerable to liquefaction? When will sea level rise affect the areas north of Samoa Blvd? Is the new Gateway zoning code going to require builders to elevate their structures in anticipation of flooding issues? Has the City planned for moving the Waste Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure, and if so, to what possible location(s)? And what is actually being done about fire safety? Who is going to pay to protect the planned midlevel story buildings? What's the status of discussions with Cal Poly Humboldt? In terms of climate adaptation, what is the City actually doing? What's the status of Arcata's Climate Action Plan?

These are just a few of the questions I'd like city staff and the Planning Commission to address. The more information you have, the better decisions you can make. I hope you take the time to adequately address these questions.

**Thank you for your consideration.
Jane Woodward Arcata Resident**

Mads Odom

From: Carisse Geronimo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Peter Lehman; Scott Davies; Christian Figueroa; Judith Mayer; Dan Tangney; Matthew Simmons; Joel Yodowitz
Cc: David Loya
Subject: Comments for today's meeting (4/25)

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Hello Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you as a resident of Arcata and member of Arcata's Energy Committee. I appreciate the collective work going into the Gateway Area Plan and am grateful for the opportunity to provide constructive input. Thank you for holding these meetings -- I understand that there is quite the schedule lined up for you all this week.

Regarding topics on the agenda today:

Gateway Area Plan: Building Height and Shading

- To support walkability, bikeability, and high-quality transit in the area, and to adhere to the goal of protecting our forest, agriculture, and natural resource lands, it is imperative that taller buildings are included in this plan. If measures are taken to mitigate shading concerns, it is important to offset them elsewhere in order to maintain effective density development.

General Plan: Public Safety Element

- I support CRTP's stance regarding (and join them in requesting) a policy stating that the city does not support the use of armed police officers for traffic enforcement. [Racial disparities in traffic stops](#) have been widely exposed and reported in national and state media, and the frequently lethal results of putting armed officers in charge of enforcing traffic laws have also been well documented. As the linked article reports, "...traffic and pedestrian stops comprise about 15 percent of law enforcement encounters in which a civilian is seriously injured or killed" (Lofstrom et al. 2021; Premkumar et al. 2021). Such stops occur disproportionately with Latino and Black individuals.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to the city of Arcata.

Regards,
Carisse Geronimo