



MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: North 40 Advisory Committee

From: *WR* Wendie R. Rooney, Director of Community Development

Subject: North 40 Advisory Committee Meeting Report

Date: August 13, 2012

The attached documents were received after the packet was distributed.

Exhibits:

- 1-9. Previously received
10. Email and response dated August 13, 2012 (three pages)
11. Fax from Mark Brodsky dated August 15, 2012 (three pages)

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Wendie Rooney

From: Wendie Rooney
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 9:43 AM
To: Arlene Holmboe; AgroEcology@aol.com; Joel Paulson
Cc: Cindie Taylor; Sandy Baily
Subject: RE: Re North 40 Specific Plan Advisory Committee Meeting 8-15-12

Thank you for the comments on potential land uses for the North 40 Specific Plan. The Town's Advisory Committee has engaged in significant discussions about the Specific Plan over the past year and a half. The committee has made a recommendation on the six primary land uses for the property, which contain one category that I believe a community garden could be included within, which is recreation and entertainment. Moreover, as currently proposed (in draft form), the property would have a significant amount of open space [20 to 25% green space and 10% hardscape open space (plazas, pedestrian walkways, pascos, etc.)]. I believe that a community garden could also fit within the green open space category.

The committee will continue working on the draft Specific Plan for the next six months, and formal Planning Commission and Town Council review will occur in spring 2013. We welcome you to continue following the process by attending the meetings (next one is Wednesday August 15th at 6:00 in Town Council Chambers and the second August meeting is the 21st same place and time) or reviewing the information posted on the North 40 Web site, which is accessed via: <http://www.losgatosca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1729>

Lastly, staff will forward your email to the Committee for this Wednesday's meeting. Thank you again and please let me know if you have further questions.

Wendie Rooney

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Subject: RE: Re North 40 Specific Plan Advisory Committee Meeting 8-15-12

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I will forward it to Community Development Director Wendie Rooney and Senior Planner Joel Paulson for response.

Regards,

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Hello Arlene

Would you and any other appropriate persons take the following idea under consideration?
? There is a list of supporters just below the message.

Please consider that a small portion of the Los Gatos North 40 be devoted to a Town Community Garden.

A Town Community Garden would involve local residents and could involve the moral support of interested Town restaurants.

San Jose has already put together well respected community garden models such as the Guadalupe Community Gardens (near Coleman and Taylor) and Emma Prusch Park near the Fwy 101/880 interchange. Another important Santa Clara Valley example of a community garden is Full Circle Farm in Sunnyvale.

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Geography is destiny

**Let me say it again that with regards to Los Gatos
Geography is destiny**

**Mountain Charlie knew this as the best pass to the
ocean for 30 miles .**

The railroads knew this when they tunneled through

And Caltrans knew this when they freeway'd over.

Geography is destiny

**And our destiny demands we do something special
at North 40**

**We are in a corner of the highest technology center
of the world. La rinconada de los gatos, the corner
of the cats. This is our destiny**

**We are at the edge of a great sea of suburbia linked
together by one of the finest freeway networks in
the world. This is our reality**

Two major freeways come together at the north 40

Reality and Destiny are ^{thus} linked to this destination

The north 40 must be developed into a world class destination worthy of this destiny

Let us not argue how many children might be born here the next decade. Lets' look at what this destination must mean to this town this next century

Let's not try and figure how many homes can be stuffed here or there, when a more intelligent development will better focus on societal needs yielding a profit for both builders and community.

Let us instead demand a site specific destination gateway to our town that both compliments downtown as it reduces local congestion choking our streets

For Strategic Density is the Only cure for suburban gridlock. Only when we have defined destinations can we get somewhere near bythat will link us to a wider web of transportation options to go elsewhere

The North 40 sits astride that pass to our future. A wise northern California future of intelligent growth whose design encompasses all we know about energy, environment and transportation. But it can do more. We here love the history and design of Los Gatos that the settlers left behind... for us. North Los Gatos must be that continuation of what we love of Los Gatos. It can invite strollers and cars, support businesses without relying on the national chains, incubate small businesses, and it will, by design, enhance access to; and the economy of; our Downtown.

Madame Vice Mayor, Member of Council and Committee. Think Bigger, Do not let small cries stifle the greater good.

Go Back, Offer these developers, those with a storied history of pedestrian friendly city building,...offer them a grander direction, don't scale them back,

We wont ever get another chance to build this right with such a capable partner.

We here with a knowledge of history and a sense of the future must demand we be bold and build something grand.