

Patrice Olds

From: Richard Delaney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:57 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Blue Sky Meeting Comments

Hello City Clerk and City Council

Please include these comments for my suggestions as to what I would like to see for upcoming Council priorities. I do NOT want historical preservation to apply to all of Baywood or any other district. This would bind me forever with something I do not want. I was never asked and my house has none of the classic features. It has not been designed by anybody famous or lived in by any famous people. It has been assumed to be original by the application. It is not.

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From: shawn fahrenheit.net [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Blue Sky Meeting Comments

Hello City Clerk,


Please include these comments for my suggestions as to what I would like to see for upcoming Council priorities. It is my understanding that we can comment on this up through Feb 2.

1. I do NOT want historical preservation as a priority. This would be divisive and is an assault on private property rights. Stop this historical preservation nonsense.
2. I would like to see smoking of cigarettes and marijuana completely eliminated downtown. Even with a 20' separation from restaurants, the smell still ruins the flavor of meals.
3. I would like to see incentives to bring more mom/pop shops back to San Mateo. Not just restaurants, but local craftsman such as light metal fabrication, shoe cobblers, porcelain painting, ... you name it. Make life easy for small businesses.
4. I would like to see more emphasis on creating an on-line tracking system for citizens to track the progress on public service maintenance requests. At present, it is not possible to track the status of a request to get a stop sign fixed, or public trees trimmed, or fixes to infrastructure. You just put in a call and then never have any idea if somebody is working on it ... or ignoring it.
5. I would like to see a transparent goal or financial plan for a 5, 10, 20 year outlook so that this can be compared against other wish-list items.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Shawn Fahrenheit

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From: Shirley Melnicoe-
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Blue Sky Goal Setting

Dear Council Members:

January 29, 2024

As a long-time San Mateo resident, I am concerned about an omission in the Blue Sky Goal Setting Document. There is a statement that the "historic resources" initiative is currently captured in current priorities and/or proposed priorities but I could not find it in the document. To plan for the future, I think we need to look at the current resources of our community and we need to ensure their protection so that they continue to exist and remain as a resource in our future. I moved to San Mateo because of its historic downtown and the lovely neighborhoods with classic and historic homes and gardens. Such resources need to be preserved as they contribute to San Mateo's identity, character, and value. Again, I do not see this reflected in the current Blue Sky planning document for San Mateo and I strongly suggest the historic preservation component be added.

Please add language to acknowledge and strive to protect historical resources, properties and contributors with distinct architectural traits for current and future generations.

Thank you.

Shirley Melnicoe

Resident

From: [Kathy Murdock](#)
To: [City Council \(San Mateo\); Clerk](#)
Subject: Blue Sky, Support for the Library Updates—Coffee!
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:00:28 PM

I'm excited about all of the possible library updates— Including an update of the children's section patio!

My neighbors and I love the Blue Sky initiative to bring the coffee shop to the first floor! We visited the third floor coffee shop regularly to get a cafe latte and a light brunch. We were disappointed that it closed down. A lot of people I mention this to did not even realize it was there on the third floor!

There are many elderly people and others (myself included), who would truly enjoy and patronize the coffee shop being on the first floor of the library. El Camino is often a barrier for pedestrians on the west side— particularly the elderly.

There are limited spaces to offer community gatherings in walking distance—the library is THE place on the west side of ECR.

My only suggestion is to have a coffee shop open earlier to maximize the income during regular coffee-getting hours (5-11+ am)—definitely earlier than the library is open. I live right there and can tell you there are plenty of people out and about at 5 am who would patronize a coffee shop there! ☺

A lot of our youth homework clubs who met at the 3rd floor coffee shop would appreciate it being open after school as well.

Having it open and accessible after studio concerts, presentations, and events would contribute to its sustainability.

If the plan is to build it on either end (the used bookstore area or the children's play area); it seems there could be a way to block the library off during non-library hours.

Thank you for the opportunity for the community to share their input! I am very excited to learn more!

Kathy Murdock
111 West 3rd

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Sent from my iPhone

February 1, 2024

San Mateo Foster City School District Board of Trustees
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Dear City Council Members of Foster City, San Mateo and Trustees,

We are writing on behalf of the San Mateo Foster City School District (SMFCSD) Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) in light of several recent collisions that have endangered our children's lives. On four separate occasions — at North Shoreview, Lead Elementary, San Mateo High, and Foster City Elementary, students were hit by vehicles, or had near misses while traveling on foot or bike.

We do not want this surge of preventable injuries to continue. **We are calling on the SMFCSD Board of Trustees to commit to a Vision Zero policy and demand the cities of San Mateo and Foster City do the same. Also a task force to determine actionable steps to prevent further student injuries on the streets near our schools should immediately be created.**

These recent injuries highlight a growing concern among our community for the well-being of our students who walk, scoot, or bike to school. Additional cars on our roads, and distracted or aggressive driving, make getting to school more challenging than ever. Our cities can make infrastructure improvements, such as extended red curbing, additional stop signs and crosswalks, bike lanes, as well as other solutions. We can also support safety with driver, parent, and student education and more traffic enforcement around our schools. .

Every student and their caregiver deserve peace of mind knowing their child can safely travel to and from school.

Since the start of the school year we have seen a pedestrian killed, a dog killed, and three different children hit by drivers in the City of San Mateo. Several of these incidents occurred on the way to school or near campuses:

- On Sept 8 a driver killed a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of East Hillsdale Boulevard and Curtiss Street near George Hall Elementary
- On Oct 10, a 5th grader and their dad were hit at 36th and Michael Ave. They were in the crosswalk, had taken precautions before crossing, and were still hit. Both were physically ok and Laurel leadership was called to the scene.
- On Oct 11 a driver hit a student walking to school on Norfolk St and Cottage Grove Ave near Lead Elementary School
- On Oct 18, a driver hit a child biking to school at the intersection of Quebec St and 2nd Ave in North Shoreview. He was on his way to school in the morning, just 5 blocks away from North Shoreview Montessori Elementary. The driver stopped to ask if the child was okay, but since he was in shock, he didn't feel the pain. Then the driver left and didn't leave any contact information. The student has a broken collar bone.
- On Oct 24 a driver almost hit a child and parent crossing the crosswalk at Hillsdale Blvd and Edison St.
- On Nov 7, a driver hit a 13-year-old walking in the crosswalk on Delaware, adjacent to San Mateo High School.
- On Nov 16, a driver weaved between children and the crossing guard nearly hit a child in a crosswalk at Edgewater Blvd on Beach Park Park, adjacent to Foster City Elementary.
- In Nov at Audubon Elementary, a crossing guard while in the crosswalk with children present, wearing a fluorescent vest and carrying a red STOP sign, was hit by a car on Gull Avenue.

Each PTA President who signed below took this important safety issue to their school's general PTA meeting to gain approval from the members. Collectively we represent thousands of families in Foster City and San Mateo who want safer streets. We cannot wait. Please support our request now, while there is time to prevent any further injuries — or worse.

Sincerely,

(will vote 2.1.2024)

Audubon Elementary PTA President

Bayside Academy PTA President

Whitney Argyres and Amy Radovich approved 1.26.2024

Baywood Elementary PTA Co-Presidents

Beach Park Elementary PTA President

Beresford Elementary PTA President

_____ (will vote in March)
Borel Middle School PTA President

Emily Brandt approved 1.18.2024
Bowditch Middle School PTA President

Brewer Island Elementary PTA President

College Park Elementary PTA President

Natalia Guillen approved 1.23.2024
Fiesta Gardens Elementary PTA President

Foster City Elementary PTA President

Zachary Horn approved 1.17.2024
George Hall Elementary PTA President

Highlands Elementary PTA President

Jillian Ma, 1/25/24 approved 1.22.2024

Laurel Elementary PTA President

Laura Long approved 1.10.2024

LEAD Elementary PTA President

Meadow Heights Elementary PTA President

Amardeep Prasad approved 1.30.2024

North Shoreview PTA President

Carley Seiff approved 1.23.2024

Parkside Elementary & Middle School PTA President

San Mateo Park Elementary PTA President

Bry Myers approved 1.5.2024

Sunnybrae Elementary PTA President