



SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/7/2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

Mayor Mueller participated by phone from:
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
422 Monroe Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

5:30 p.m. Presentation

PR. Menlo Park youth poetry contest awards ceremony: “If I Were a Book...”

Library Services Director Sean Reinhart made the presentation and introduced staff and the poetry award winners.

Menlo Park Library Foundation President Elyse Stein introduced board members and made a presentation.

Second grade winner Emilia Hanson read her poem.

Fourth grade winner Sophia Gamini read her poem.

Eighth grade winner Jamie Zou her read poem.

Tenth grade winner Chyanne Robinson read her poem.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Library Services Director Sean Reinhart, and Menlo Park Library Foundation President Elyse Stein presented the awards.

City Councilmember Combs was excused at 5:50 p.m.

The City Council took a recess at 5:51 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Study Session

City Councilmember Combs returned at 6:45 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carlton (arrived at 6:51 p.m.), Combs (excused at 6:56 p.m.), Nash, Taylor, Mueller
Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure, City Clerk Judi A. Herren,

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reordered the agenda.

D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Proclamation: Declaring May 2019 as national bike month

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor read the proclamation and Complete Streets Commissioner Adina Levin accepted.

- Jen Wolosin spoke in support of the bike month proclamation and shared data from the office of traffic safety.
- Andrew Boone spoke in support of bicycles as a mode of transportation and concerns about vehicular traffic impacts.

City Councilmember Carlton arrived 6:51 p.m.

G. Consent Calendar

- G1. Accept the City Council meeting minutes for April 16, 2019 ([Attachment](#))
- G2. Adopt Resolution No. 6496 to authorize a funding agreement with Samaritan House to administer Menlo Park's community housing fund to provide tenant relocation assistance of \$100,000 for relocation assistance, \$12,000 for program administration ([Staff Report #19-076-CC](#))
- G3. Award the contract for citywide independent audit services for fiscal years 2018-19 through 2020-21 at a total cost of \$170,323 for the initial three-year term and authorize the city manager to execute the contract agreement ([Staff Report #19-079-CC](#))
- G4. Adopt Resolution No. 6499 to adopt a debt management policy and debt disclosure policy as required by Government Code Section 88559(i) ([Staff Report #19-083-CC](#))
- G5. Adopt Resolution No. 6495 to adopt the Bay Area integrated regional water resources management plan update ([Staff Report #19-075-CC](#))
- G6. Adopt Resolution No. 6497 endorsing the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Agency proposal and authorizing the expenditure of \$40,000 annually for three fiscal years ([Staff Report #19-077-CC](#))
- G7. Adopt Resolution No. 6498 amending Resolution No. 6491 regarding the list of projects eligible for fiscal year 2019-20 funds from Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 ([Staff Report #19-078-CC](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Nash) to approve the consent calendar, passed unanimously.

City Councilmember Combs was recused and exited the chambers at 6:56 p.m.

SS1. Master plan development/Peninsula Innovation Partners, LLC/1350-1390 Willow Road, 925-1098 Hamilton Avenue, and 1005-1275 Hamilton Court
([Staff Report #19-084-CC](#))

Principal Planner Kyle Perata made the presentation.

President of Signature Development Group Mike Ghielmettib made a presentation.

- Opha Wray spoke in support of Facebook development.
- Barrie Hathaway spoke on economic opportunity for residents.
- Pastor Arturo Arias spoke in support of the project.
- Rachel Horst spoke about the inclusionary requirements for below market rate units and the need to increase the number.
- Jules Thomas spoke on the need for community engagement and community benefit.
- Kyle Carter spoke on concerns regarding the ownership of the proposed amenities.
- Jennifer Lyons spoke of the need for a comprehensive community benefit plan that addresses all aspects of the community growth.
- Olatunde Sobomehin spoke about the expansion of growth from Facebook without a meaningful community benefit package.
- Marisela Ramos spoke in support of affordable housing.
- Halley Crumb spoke in support of the needs of the community.
- Twyla Cantrell spoke in support of affordable housing.
- Kevin Coleman made comments that the proposed amenities met the bare minimum of the needs of a community and exploration of equitable opportunities for the community.
- Terry Booty spoke about equity and suggested that the City Council educate the community on how to be involved in the process.
- Jen Wolosin commented on displacement and commuting impacts to the job/housing imbalance.
- Diane Bailey spoke in support of the project and requested that it should be zero carbon and exceed the needs of the community.
- Matt Henry spoke against the project.
- Charles Schmuck spoke in support of the project.
- Adina Levin spoke on job/housing imbalance impacts.
- Tiombe asked City Council to look at the results and outcomes of previous developments.
- Melissa Lukin spoke in appreciation of Facebook and the support they provide.
- Helen Walter made suggestions for stronger proposals.
- Alan Sarver stated this is not a project but the building of a community.
- Nadine Rambean spoke about the amenities and real investments.
- Pastor Bains spoke against gentrification.
- Ernesto Reyes spoke in support of taking more time on discussing and reviewing this project.
- Richard Green spoke in support of the project.
- James Kendle spoke in support of the project.
- Fran Dehn compared the 1991 development agreement and the one proposed.
- Cage Anderson spoke in support of including the community in the discussion of the development project.

- Andrew Boone spoke about the imbalance between the number of housing units and number of employees.
- Carlie Jones spoke on concerns about affordability in the proposed retail stores.
- Nina Wowk spoke against the proposed project and any new development on the east side of highway 101.
- Pamela Jones commented that Facebook has tried to be a good neighbor, but has concerns that the community is not being heard.
- Sheryl Bims spoke about the missing basic services in Belle Haven and that including the basic services is not sufficient benefits to justify the project.

The City Council took a recess at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

The City Council discussed the impacts of new development on the community and the impacts to the job/housing imbalance. City Attorney McClure explained the process for a moratorium and the process for development projects. There was also discussion regarding the number of housing units, possible shared public transportation, and prioritizing the construction of the community amenities.

E. Public Comment

Under "Public Comment," the public may address the City Council on any subject not listed on the agenda. Each speaker may address the City Council once under public comment for a limit of three minutes. Please clearly state your name and address or political jurisdiction in which you live. The City Council cannot act on items not listed on the agenda and, therefore, the City Council cannot respond to non-agenda issues brought up under public comment other than to provide general information.

None.

F. Commission/Committee Report

- F1. Consider applicants and make an appointment to fill an unexpected vacancy on the Library Commission ([Staff Report #19-073-CC](#))

The City Council made an appointment to fill one Library Commission vacancy.

By acclamation, Kristina Lemons was appointed.

H. Regular Business

- H1. Provide direction on the development of a local minimum wage ordinance ([Staff Report #19-080-CC](#))

Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros made the presentation.

- Andrew Boone spoke supports the minimum wage ordinance.
- Bill Nack read letter from the president of Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union Local 2 supporting the minimum wage ordinance.
- Rayna Lehman spoke in support of the minimum wage ordinance.

- Adina Levin spoke in support of the minimum wage ordinance.
- Paula Macchello spoke in support of the minimum wage ordinance.

The City Council directed staff to update the City Council work plan to include a minimum wage ordinance with an implementation date of January 2020 and to reach out to the small businesses and non-profits.

I. Informational Items

- I1. Annual review of taser program for the period beginning April 1, 2018 and ending April 1, 2019 ([Staff Report #19-081-CC](#))
 - Adina Levin spoke in supports of reporting but had concerns that the use of tasers can be fatal.
- I2. Annual review of data captured by automated license plate readers for the period beginning April 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019 ([Staff Report #19-082-CC](#))
- I3. Samaritan House facility rental agreement to expand services to Menlo Park ([Staff Report #19-074-CC](#))

J. City Manager's Report

None.

K. Councilmember Reports

None.

L. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of May 14, 2019.

A young woman with dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and a dark grey hoodie, is sitting at a desk in a library. She is resting her chin on her hand and looking down at an open book. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. A purple banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title "MENLO PARK YOUTH POETRY CELEBRATION" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

MENLO PARK YOUTH POETRY CELEBRATION



EMILIA HANSEN – GRADES 2-3 WINNER





SOPHIA GAMINI – GRADES 4-6 WINNER



JAMIE ZHOU – GRADES 7-8 WINNER



CHYANNE ROBINSON – GRADES 9-12 WINNER AND GRAND PRIZE WINNER





HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS

- Gage Lee
 - Grade 2
- Abhinav Chavan
 - Grade 3
- Nik de Silva
 - Grade 4
- Zoe Hart
 - Grade 5
- Callie Dee West
 - Grade 6
- Olivia Matthews
 - Grade 7
- Coral Roost Rothenberg
 - Grade 8
- Kendall Vanderwouw
 - Grade 9
- Alekos Kapur
 - Grade 10
- Aleksii Bulannikov
 - Grade 11
- Ashley (Astred) Nguyen
 - Grade 12



THANK YOU ALL

- City of Menlo Park
- Menlo Park Library Foundation
- Our panel of judges
- All of our poets
- Please join us outside for a group photo



2019 MENLO PARK

YOUTH

Poetry!

CONTEST



If I were a book ...

Proudly co-sponsored by City of Menlo Park and
Menlo Park Library Foundation



INTRODUCTION

Menlo Park's young people inspire us every day with their boundless energy and creative spirit. They are our community's most precious asset. The poems in this booklet are just a sample of the extraordinary talent and passion we have in the youth of our City. On behalf of the Menlo Park City Council, I congratulate all of the youth poets whose names appear in this booklet, and thank them for sharing their creative expression with us.

Ray Mueller
Mayor of Menlo Park

The Menlo Park Library Foundation is proud to co-sponsor the Youth Poetry Contest for Menlo Park. The contest shines a light on the literacy and creativity of our youth and celebrates their thoughtful self-expression in a unique way. We thank each contestant for their contribution and wish them the best of luck and hope they continue to create poetry.

Elyse Stein
President of Menlo Park Library Foundation

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Chyanne Robinson

Grade 10

If I were a book

If I were a book, I wouldn't invite you in just yet

I fear that that if I let you in – you may hurt me in an instance

If I were a book, my main character would struggle with trusting people, because people started breaking her trust at an early age

If I were a book, I would fear that if I were to trust you, you would simply walk out of my life, so instead, I keep the pages closed

If I were a book, I would tell you about family separation, about a mother leaving her family, and her children not knowing why.

If I were a book, I would tell you about my older sister having to surrender her childhood, because she had to take care of me

If I were a book, I would empathize with someone who may feel alone and worthless – because I KNOW what that feels like

If I were a book, I would tell you about feeling alone, about a cloudy mindset making it impossible to think straight as dark thoughts build up

If I were a book, I would struggle with capturing a happy memory, because it is elusive – disappearing before I can write it

If I were a book, I would tell you about multiple deaths and a child who blames herself for the death of her grandma, her uncle, her cousins

If I were a book, I would tell you about not wanting to go to school, not wanting to have friends, blocking myself from the world because being alone allowed me to hide my sadness

If I were a book, my tattered pages would resist being straightened – no I do not want to go to a shrink, no I am not going through a phase, no, I am not too young to feel this pain

If I were a book, I would tell you about being bullied because I did not look like the other girls, or because I chose to follow the rules

If I were a book, I would tell you about being bullied because I was Black and called ugly, or that my hair did not flow like white or Latina girls

If I were a book, I would fade away ... like my depression.

GRAND PRIZE/GRADES 9–12 WINNER

Emilia Hansen

Grade 2

If I Were A Book

If I were a book,

I would have hilarious adventures,

I would have super hero dreams,

I would swim in beautiful seas,

I could fly over gigantic green trees,

I could walk in a castle, where you need lots of keys,

I could be aboard a pirate ship, with my friend named Mc. Pufferson Heavenly Fleas.

And I could see humongous waves, which makes me look brave,

I could see bats, who live in dark dark caves (who also look brave),

Why not have you look at a monster band, or have you read about crabs who like to live in sand?

Maybe learn about mermaids, who dive around secret lands?

Or about funny people who like to dance! And learn how to prance ... maybe a handstand in France?

I would love to see all different types of faces,

And the eyes of different races,

I would like to see the faces of delight, or faces having a great fright.

But I mostly love to see faces cry,

When they say, to me - the book, *bye bye!*

GRADES 2-3 WINNER

Sophia Gamini

Grade 4

LISTEN....

My crisp pages turn, dancing, spinning, in a dim candlelight.

My worn-out pages ripped, burned, and broken. Waiting to be tended.

My words, some may call magical, whispering of the future.
Beholding the past.

My words dance with glee, for there is still happiness inside of me.

I have been read millions of times, hearing the whisper of there words, like silk being thrown into air, going in all sorts of direction, dancing as it falls into the empty air.

Each person reads delicately, like they're frightened if they read any different, I will rip into a million different pieces, and can never be mended again.

But they do not know, that if that is to happen, my words still live on. Floating in air, like dust, still whispering words of wisdom. If you listen so softly, you might hear me.

The candle light flickers, giving a warning of burning out soon.
Burning away, melting, like my old, worn out pages will to, soon.

Nobody will ever know the secrets that a carry, they will never know.

Unless they listen....

GRADES 4-6 WINNER

Jamie Zou

Grade 8

If I Were A Book

We'd all like to inspire odes-- and others, chronicles.
Some would hope for novels
Or a romanticized retelling of a life
They've never even seen

A visceral string of 12 summers,
The 13th is when you see reality for what it is

But if each of us got only a couplet,
What would it illustrate?

Impulsive bloodlines,
What's supposed to be the golden girl

Mediocre at best
Could've bought my merits-- but I choose to write my own chapters

Hopeful youth
Solitary dreamer

I did as I was told
A product of society

How will the world remember me?
-- It's for you to choose.

GRADES 7-8 WINNER

Gage Lee

Grade 2

CHOOSE ME!

By Gage Lee

If I were a book
I would be *Charlotte's Web*
But written by me

A sad, caring story
That teaches humans to learn from animals
And take care of everybody

My title would be at the top
Of the web search results
But I'm lonely on the bottom shelf

I'm waiting,
Waiting, waiting, waiting
For that little boy to find me

He comes running down my crowded section
Knocks me over
OUCH! That hurt, but he notices me

I want him to stick to me
I'm the fridge
He's the magnet

He dumps me in his backpack
Like a bulldozer
Home we go

After spaghetti and meatballs
He tells me, "IT'S STORY TIME!"
Finally!

We snuggle up under the covers
And read and read and read
'Til he falls asleep with me in his arms

HONORABLE MENTION

Abhinav Chavan

Grade 3

If I were a book
I would just

SIT

STUCK

STUFFED

In between one hundred and one books
on a plain wooden shelf
in the daylight.

DREAMING

IMAGINING

LISTENING

to the things that might happen in the unknown. . .

SNOW

On top of a mountain
on top of the tallest building of the world
on top of the fattest museum in the world.
SCARY!

VANILLA ICE CREAM

with gummy bears
and root beer flavored jelly beans.

FIRM

SLURPY

YUMMY!

SWIMMING in the sea
RIDING on the waves.
Turtles, whales, puffer fish, and dolphins circling me.
AMAZING!

RAINBOW FISH
are taking pictures of my memories
of the underwater world.
SAY CHEEEEEEESE!

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

The book next to me

YELLS!

. . . but with happiness.

IT'S NIGHT!

THE STARS ARE ALIVE!

It's a meteor talent show in the sky.

SHOOTING!

ZIPPING!

CLAP! CLAP! BRAVO!

And suddenly
We float away into my dreams.
"We've been doing this for ages" says my friend.

We could run across Morse codes

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

or fly into the clouds.

We could swim with the manta rays
or play tag with a

FURRY

WHITE

DOG.

We could turn into a
goose
or a moose
or maybe even a chickenoose!

BUK

BUK

BUKAAAW!

And we live there until the daylight.

If I were a book
I would just say

EVERY

BOOK

Will be as special as the others

...But

UNIQUE

DIFFERENT

IN MOST EVERY WAY.

HONORABLE MENTION

Nik de Silva

Grade 4

If I Were A Book....

If I were a book, I would be filled with intrigue and action
Or lessons teaching kids how to multiply a fraction

My pages are filled with wonder and knowledge
The words that you read may help you get into college

If I were a book, I'd let you travel without leaving your bed
Enjoy adventures and mysteries inside of your head

Some things that you read may make you cry
Changing your emotions with the blink of an eye

If I were a book, I could tell another person's story
Giving you perspective on their grief or their glory

My name is printed upon my spine,
If you lose me at home you may be charged a fine

If I were a book, I'd take you deep under sea
or the top of Everest
The facts in my pages will make you the cleverest

Hard cover, paperback, Kindle, or iBook
You can find something to read wherever you look!

HONORABLE MENTION

grade 5

ESCAPE

If I were a book I would bring you far away
 I would bring you to
 tales of heroes and heroines
 where struggle is real
 and hopes always present
 where evil can be good
 and good can be evil
 where magic is practiced
 and life's never dull



If I were a book I would bring you far away
 I would bring you to
 novels of hardship
 where people keep trying
 and love can bloom
 where we can relate
 and feel what's felt
 where the truth can be hard
 and life goes on



If I were a book I would bring you far away
 I would bring you to
 myths full of color
 where nothing's impossible
 and the wise always triumph
 where learning is key



2004

and the greedy never prosper
 where the world's full of possibilities
 and life's always a mystery

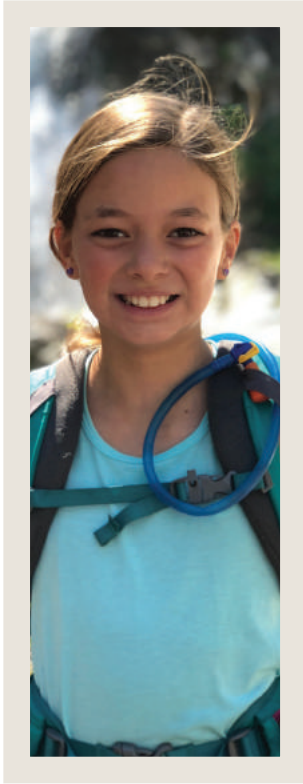
If I were a book I would bring you far away
 I would bring you to
 true stories of real people
 and writings of truth
 where the truth is a fact
 and all is revealed
 where we learn others perspectives
 and open our eyes
 where our world is helped
 and life's full of changes



If I were a book I would bring you far away
 I would bring you to
 many different places
 and spread the joy of reading
 for when life's letting you down
 just know you can escape
 for a book is always
 there for you.



HONORABLE MENTION



Olivia Matthews



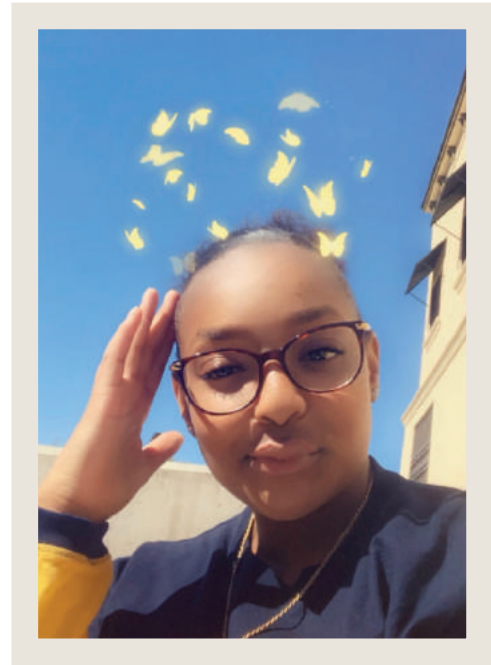
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OUR POETS



Sophia Gamini



Zoe Hart



Kendall Vanderwouw



Nik de Silva



Gage Lee



Emilia Hansen

Callie Dee West

Grade 6

If I were a book I would learn how to fly
Spreading my pages I'd reach for the sky
Mind is the limit, and wish is the try
I'd tell you of stories, treasures untold
Young adventurers learning how to be bold

If I were a book I would share my view
Tell those willing to look, willing to listen, or willing to cook
Save those dying, and show what it took
Bring home a mother, lost in the world
Bring food to the table, and make you believe

If I were a book, the pressures on me
To mold young minds into one, this cannot be
Each one so different, each one so special
I would not tell what to do, but merely show the paths through and through

If I were a book I'd show you sorrows
Tell you the things you don't want to hear about deaths and tomorrow's
Sad but true we all must learn, not one is better but both concern

If I were a book things would be different
I'd become elderly watching the world grow old
I'd be passed down generation to generation
Even end up on a shelf in the library, taken care of by librarians
But in the end we all must go, our energy transformed into something different

If I were a book, I would believe, all people are deserving to read
Dirty, clean, young, old, black, white
Everyone deserves a book to depend on when the world is dark
Because when books die, and I should know, we become something greater
Greater than humans, and greater than our creators
For books become our stories

HONORABLE MENTION

Olivia Matthews

Grade 7

If I Were A Book...
Olivia Matthews

If I were a book,
My cover would be blank,
Until the end,
A white slate waiting to be filled

The description,
Filled by those around me
Friends, Family, Educators

The dedication,
To my family,
To my support

The chapters,
Each separated by its own milestone,
Awards, Birthdays, or achievements

The climax,
Adulthood?
Collage?
Driving?
Marriage?
Tomorrow?
Like the reader,
I don't know,
until I get there

The stories,
Of happiness,
Of sadness,
Of long days at school,
Of change,
Of adventures,
Of new steps in a dance

The theme,
For the reader to find,
A scavenger hunt,

A majority of the book,
Is not yet filled out,
Blank pages,
Not knowing,
When ink will spill out onto them

By the end of the story,
The pages are worn down,
Wrinkled

All stories end,
Not mine,
My story will be told,
To those who want to be,
Inspired?
Encouraged?
Taught to?
As I said, I don't know yet

HONORABLE MENTION

Coral Roost Rothenberg

Grade 8

A Life In The Library

If I were a book I would start nice and new
With crisp brand new pages that would smell just like dew
A story to tell just dying to shout
As I'd sit on a shelf, waiting to be checked out

The first one is curious, a kind hearted soul
With long braids of ruby, going about for a stroll
She stops for a moment, scanning titles and words
And with a glint in her eye, mine catches hers

She picks me up gently, and reads my back cover
I beg her and beg her, anxious for a first lover
She puts me in her bag, and the seed has been planted
For now my tale won't be taken for granted

We arrive in a house, how lovely it is
She opens me up, and then we begin
I open my portal, to transport her within
And eagerly, slowly, she begins to step in

She reads me and reads me
All day and all night
Engulfed by my pages
We hold each other tight

And as she learns my story
I also learn hers
'Bout her small and poor family,
And all of her hurts

So we learn from each other
Through excitement and tears
And I'm now slightly used
With wrinkles and dog ears

And then she returns me
The seed, sprouted slightly
And I wait again
My story glowing brightly

Another one comes
This time old and frail
With thinning gray hair
and skin that is pale

But I do not care
'Bout your height, sex, or race
For books are open to all
We do not discriminate

And so I learn more
As I get learned about
Places and people
So much I want to shout!

And the seed grows again
The first leaf turned over
To the shelf I then head
Ready for further exposure

And I pass from hand to hand
All so different yet alike
Brought together by me
Each one makes the hike

I visit new places
I get some new stains
I see all different faces
And pick all different brains

And so my seed thrives
As my pages are turned
A story now told
A fire now burned

If I were a book
If I were a book
If I were a book
If I were a book...

HONORABLE MENTION

Kendall Vanderwouw

Grade 9

Unreadable

If I was a book, I would be

Confessions of

Honey bees that swarm

Toes as they swim through pasty

Summer air. I would be stringy and slouched:

Spineless.

My chalky pages would get folded

Along the lacy tresses of a watery

Breeze; a paper

Crane slithering across indigo

Nightfall's speckled palm. If

I was a book, I would be

Words freckled

Atop spindled pages of papyrus plants: unreadable. I

Would be studied beneath the flaxen candle

Leaking waxy rays onto daybreak's

Eyelids, my pages would

Crawl up the callus of a hillside, and be

Cradled by the buttery daisies that poke

Through the fertile soil of its

Mask.

Read me like you read a

Face: notice the creased

Climax

Of my ivory nose, study the

Dog-eared rims of my chipped leaflet

Lips, bathe in the rosy petals rooted in my oily

Checks. Let my plot unfold like a spool

Of thread collapsing down the arc of a

Leeching

Cherry tree.

Wander between splintering leather

Covers, and

Word

By

Word,

Forage for a patchy cursive smudge

Reading:

The End.

HONORABLE MENTION

Alekos Kapur

Grade 10

"If I Were a Book"

I'd be some sweet-smelling,
leather-bound thing
perched against a curb
in the still water
of last week's rain

My deep blue ink
would've run so far –
like tears, or the wind
on a passing car

And I'd wait for months
for someone to find me,
the seasons a cyclical, changing backdrop
behind me

And I'd stay the same –
my pages a call
with no response
because the sounds
of Everyday
would've drowned me out

For months
for years
I'd sit and wait
once in a blue moon
a stranger would look my way
nod, and leave

And I'd stay the same –
weather beaten
and begging to be read
convinced that
someone had broken
hope's wings
and left her on some distant branch
too high up to ever get down again

But its spring once more
and I'm beginning to hear the faintest chirp

And now I feel it
deep in my soul

Someday, someone
will pick me up
someday, someone
will feel the inexplicable urge
to read my words
and they'll realize
all their life,
they were meant
to find me

Someday, someone
Will hear what I have to say.

HONORABLE MENTION

Aleksii Bulannikov

Grade 11

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I am Exodus
my pages are torn apart
and pain is accomplished.

I am volumes
written for those who have never relished the pulp of an apple
that ripened in beauty.

I am Deos
and devil to those who believed
in Moses' ecstatic triumph
FOOL! I went forward.

I was both refuge and fortress,
temple and sacrifice, and pontiff in one.
I was chosen to lead others to the light of truth.

Yet I suffered and buried myself
under silence of the grim ones.

I am millions of graves.
I am the whispering tongue of sorrowful mothers.
I am yellow stars on the striped clothes.
Hatred. Fear. Justice.
Piles of naked flesh.

To find rest and apples for twenty five cents.

I am Exodus.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ashley (Astred) Nguyen

Grade 12

If I Were a Book

Astred Nguyen

I think I'd be
a paperback novel,
flimsy, easily damaged, thin skin and
delicate pages, some sort of
artistic cover, all soft and flexible,
pliable beneath your hands.

On second thought, I might be
a hardcover book,
sturdy, steady on the outside, able to bear the weight of
so much without collapse,
able to shelter the precious words
I hold within me.

But if you opened me up and slipped your fingers
between my pages, thumbed through them
under soft lamplight with the rain
pattering against the roof,

I think I might be a collection of poems
with the way that poems make my trauma into
something beautiful;

or a fantasy novel with my
head in the clouds, living an adventure
in daydreams and stray thoughts;

a dictionary, an encyclopedia,
with the way that I covet knowledge;

a tragedy printed on pristine paper,
made to be marred by tears;

a fading manuscript covered in
side notes and annotations, the
musings of a scholar scribbled frantically down

as he tries to piece me together.

I am covered by the words of others
written upon my flesh—

Or perhaps
I'd be a journal
ticket stubs poking out from
between worn pages and a frayed spine
held together by yellowing tape,
a collection of memories, experiences,
imbued with personality—

I create myself.

HONORABLE MENTION

HONOR ROLL

GRADES 2–3

Taraneh Azadpour
Nicholas Baker
Grayson Bishop
Abhinav Chavan
Lucas Chuang
Ayda Diril
Ryan Djafari
Lela Eaton
Emerson Edwards
Chiara Farano
Maya Feodorov
Nicole Field
Daphne Foroughi
Alex Franko
Olivia Franko
Avery Gardner
Isabel Goldberg
Helen Han
Emilia Hansen
Nicholas Hartwig
Avery Hintze
Aaron Ho
Deion Hsu
Zeyneb Javed
Alaan Javed
Sabrina Junkin-Pisani
Eliana Karam
Audrey Karr
Dominic Katz
Zaya Khare
Milo Kittock
Hana Lai
Lexi Lee
Gage Lee
Frank Lenihan

Robert Lenihan
Jonah Lieberman
Sydney Lieberman
Natie Liu
Clive Lough
Charlotte McBride
Dahlia Modarres
Shyam Murali
Sophia Narbut
Megan Nye
Kate Peterson
Julian Piper
Myra Prasad
Natalie Roman
Nicholas Sandoval
Allie Schwartz
Inga Selchan-Hansen
Mahie Sharma
Bruce Sperli
Isaac Sperli
Rithav Sripadham
Paloma Szollar
Benjamin Thaher
Donovan Thayerg
Alexandra Tong
Avi Toub
Adrian Twomery
Kanak Vanam
Laura Wang
Alexandra Weber
Luna Ye
Ishaan
Ella

GRADE 4

Aiden Bannon
Cleo Benrey
Sonia Bidlack
Luke Brodeur
Olivia Capasso
Evan Chopra
Gabriela Colorado
Nik de Silva
Alexa Djafari
Dylan Fluharty
Olivia Fong
Kaitlyn Frauenhofer
Sophia Gamini
Catherine Hansen
Elle Hasselman
Annalia Hood
Sophia Jurian
Caitlyn Kavanaugh
Sierra Kish
Yuna Lee
Laura Maravilla
Fotini Markou
Sarah McBride
Kiley McGibben
Jack Merkert
Lia Nadav
Sophia Overby
Tabitha Penn
Tinsley Perica
Mica Podoly
Cindy Qiao
Ava Ricci
Grace Rutherford
Jahir Sandoval
Kate Saywell

HONOR ROLL

GRADE 4 (cont.)

Priya Shah
Maya Sharma
Peyton Smith
Liam Snowberger
Walter Standifer
Sean Ward
Juliet West
Samantha White
Avery Williams
Stella Wilson

GRADES 5–6

Charlotte Anthony
Jackson Bishop
Audrey Brownstein
Shayla Carneiro
Tessa Carneiro
Tristan Carpenter
Lilan Chen
Heidi Chen
Celine Chien
Isaac Chuang
Stella Curtis
Viet-Tran Do
Zoe Fong
Zoe Hart
Hailey Hintze
Austen Hsy
Minna Grace Huntley
Ryan Karr
Katie Kossow
Aleko Kourtidis
Jacqueline Larsen
Audra Loh
Liri Maoz

Daniel Matlaub
Juliana Maxcy
Kate McBride
Riya Mehta
Cason Mitchell
Ella Mohr
Samantha Moody
Camilla Parks
Liliana Pelican
David Rahn
Ben Rutherford
Nuvya Dutt Sharda
Aidan Sharp
Varsha Sripadham
Kurn Sundaram
Theo Syndman
Ella Thomson
Miranda Tian
Charlotte Weber
Callie Dee West

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Leo Belman
Karan Bhasin
Amrita Bhasin
Aleskii Bulannikov
Ally Chu
Pari Goel
Ben Goudge
Olivia Hom
Evelyn Hsy
Chloe Hsy
Alekos Kapur
Adam Karr
Megan Lam
Mimi Leinhos

Sofia Lucas
Olivia Matthews
Nikhitha Nair
Ashley Nguyen
Imelda Paulo
Chyanne Robinson
Coral Roost Rothenberg
Lucinda Schafer
Zoe Schinko
Naomi Shanson
Ziggy Sheynin
Ingrid Standifer
Davin Stewart
Ilyanna Stewart
Kari Trail
Kendall Vanderwouw
Cody West
Jamie Zou

ABOUT THE CONTEST

The Menlo Park Youth Poetry Contest celebrated youth literacy and creative expression with original works of poetry on the theme, "If I were a book..." We received 188 entries from young people throughout Menlo Park!

Out of the 188 poems received:

- 52 students are from Laurel School
- 22 students are from Ms. Katherine Haffner's class at St. Raymond School

All entries were reviewed and judged for their quality of work, use of creative expression, and relevance to the theme.

Winners were selected from each of the grade groups:

- Grades 2-3 had 68 entries with a \$75 cash prize winner
- Grades 4-6 had 88 entries with a \$100 cash prize winner
- Grades 7-8 had 11 entries with a \$125 cash prize winner
- Grades 9-12 had 21 entries with a \$150 cash prize winner
- One grand prize winner received an iPad
- Honorable mentions were selected from every grade, 2-12

The contest was co-sponsored by the Menlo Park Library Foundation and the City of Menlo Park. Special thanks to the judging panelists, **Jackie Berger**, Master of Arts in English program at Notre Dame de Namur University, **Jacqui Cebrian**, Reading Specialist at Oak Knoll School, **Betsy Halaby**, Menlo Park Library Foundation, and **Aileen Cassinetta**, San Mateo County Poet Laureate.

Thank you to all the teachers from the Menlo Park School District. Thank you to all the parents for encouraging your children to write poetry. Special thanks to **Mayor Ray Mueller** and the City Council for all you do to support Menlo Park youth. Thanks and appreciation to the Menlo Park Library staff and **Librarian Gina Feil** for their invaluable help and assistance.



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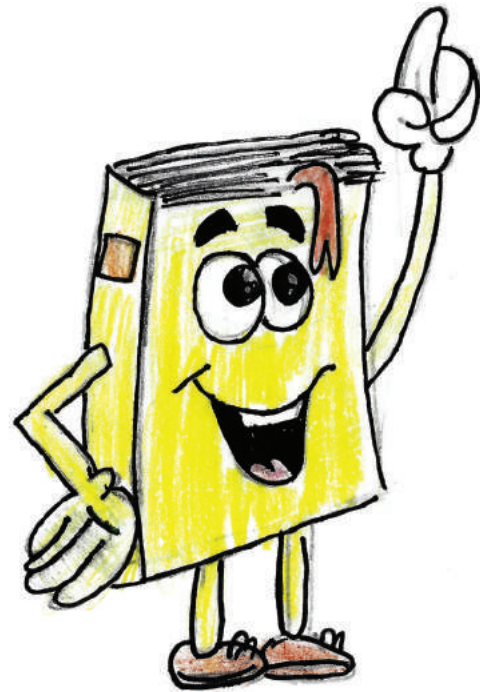
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FACEBOOK WILLOW VILLAGE PROJECT

City Council Study Session

May 7, 2019





AGENDA

- Staff presentation
 - Staff updates
 - Key discussion topics
 - Project background and review process
 - Overview of proposed revised project
- Applicant presentation
- City Council clarifying questions
- Public comment
- City Council discussion and direction
 - Key topics identified by City staff



KEY TOPICS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Site access and circulation
- Publicly accessible open space
- Mix of land uses
- Project phasing
- Community amenities

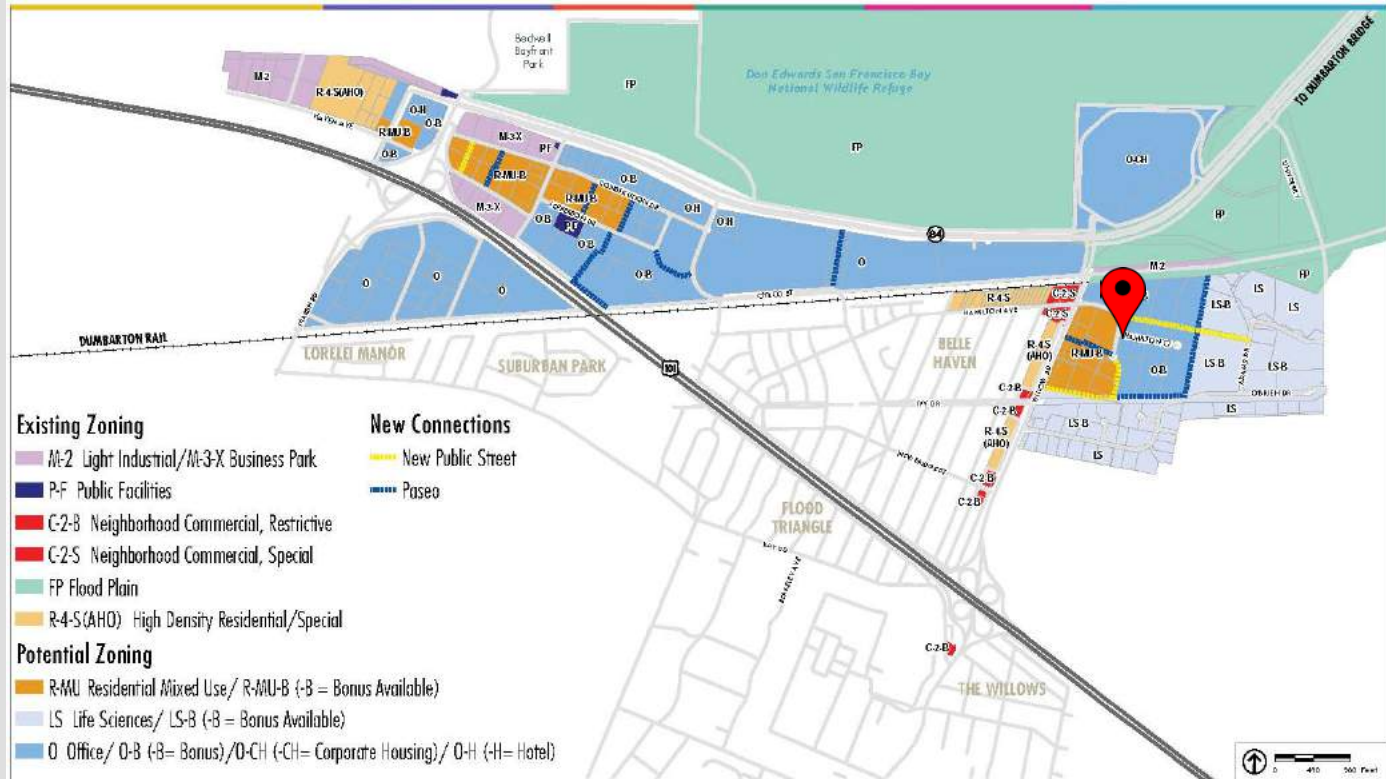


PROJECT LOCATION





CONNECTMENLO ZONING MAP



EXISTING SITE





PROJECT HISTORY

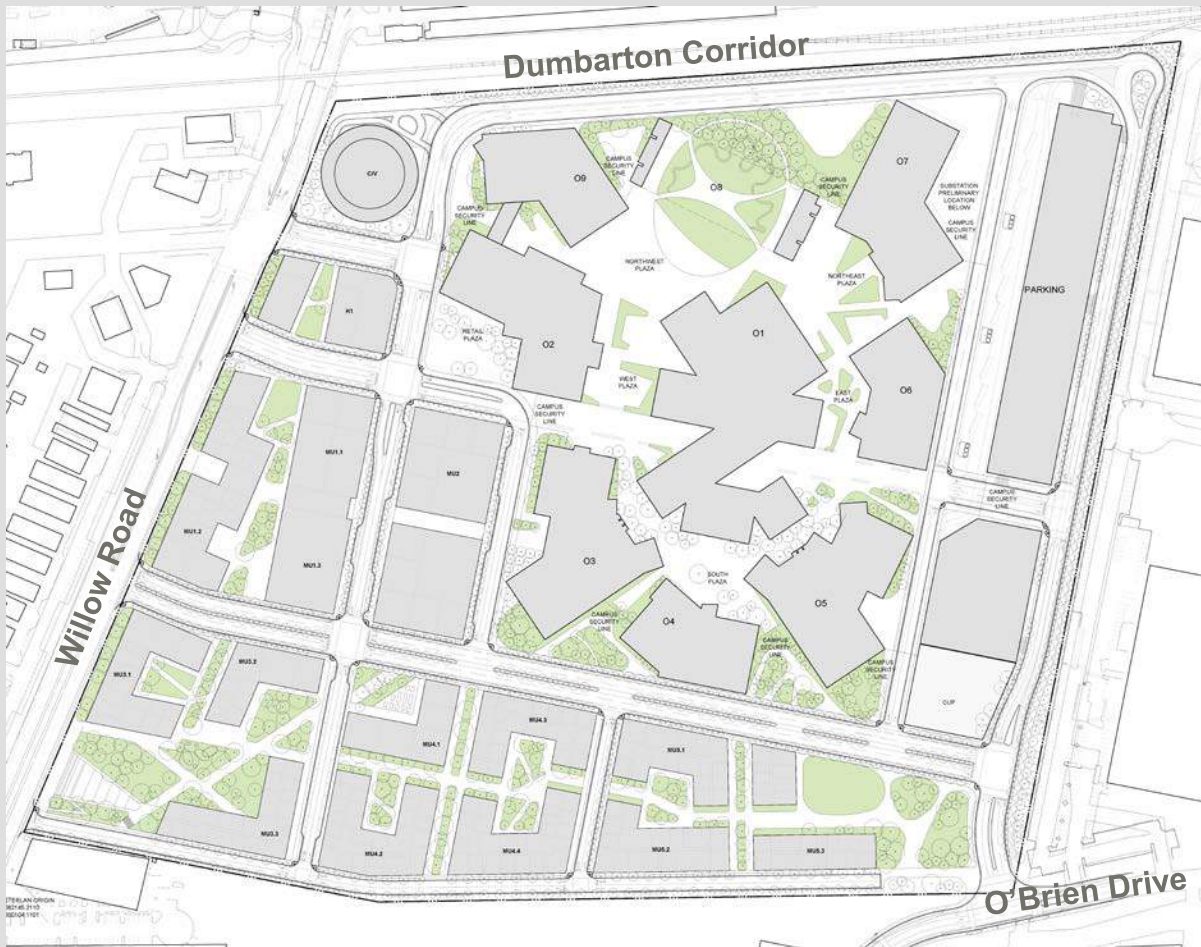
- July 2017: Project submitted
 - Proposed master plan for project site
- Early 2018: Applicant community outreach
- February 2018: Planning Commission study session
- March 2018: City Council study session
- February 2019: Revised project submitted
 - City/Applicant bi-weekly meetings
 - Environmental review initiated
- February and March 2019: Applicant community outreach
- May 7, 2019: City Council study session
 - Reintroduce proposed project



Table 1: Proposed Development Components

Project Component Land Use	Previous Proposal (March 2018)	Revised Proposal (Current Project)	Net Change with Proposed Project	Zoning Ordinance Maximum Development Potential
Office GFA	1,750,000 s.f.	1,750,000 s.f.	No change	1,780,268 s.f.
Dwelling Units	1,500 units (225 BMR units)	1,500 units (225 BMR units)	No change	1,713 units (257 BMR units)
Commercial Retail GFA (Non-Office square footage)	126,500 s.f.	200,000 s.f.	+73,500 s.f.	398,425 s.f.
Visitor Center	40,000 s.f.	0 s.f.	-40,000 s.f.	Included in non-office GFA
Community Center	0 s.f.	10,000 s.f.	+10,000 s.f.	Included in non-office GFA
Hotel Rooms	200 rooms	200- 250 rooms	+50 rooms	n/a

PREVIOUS SITE PLAN



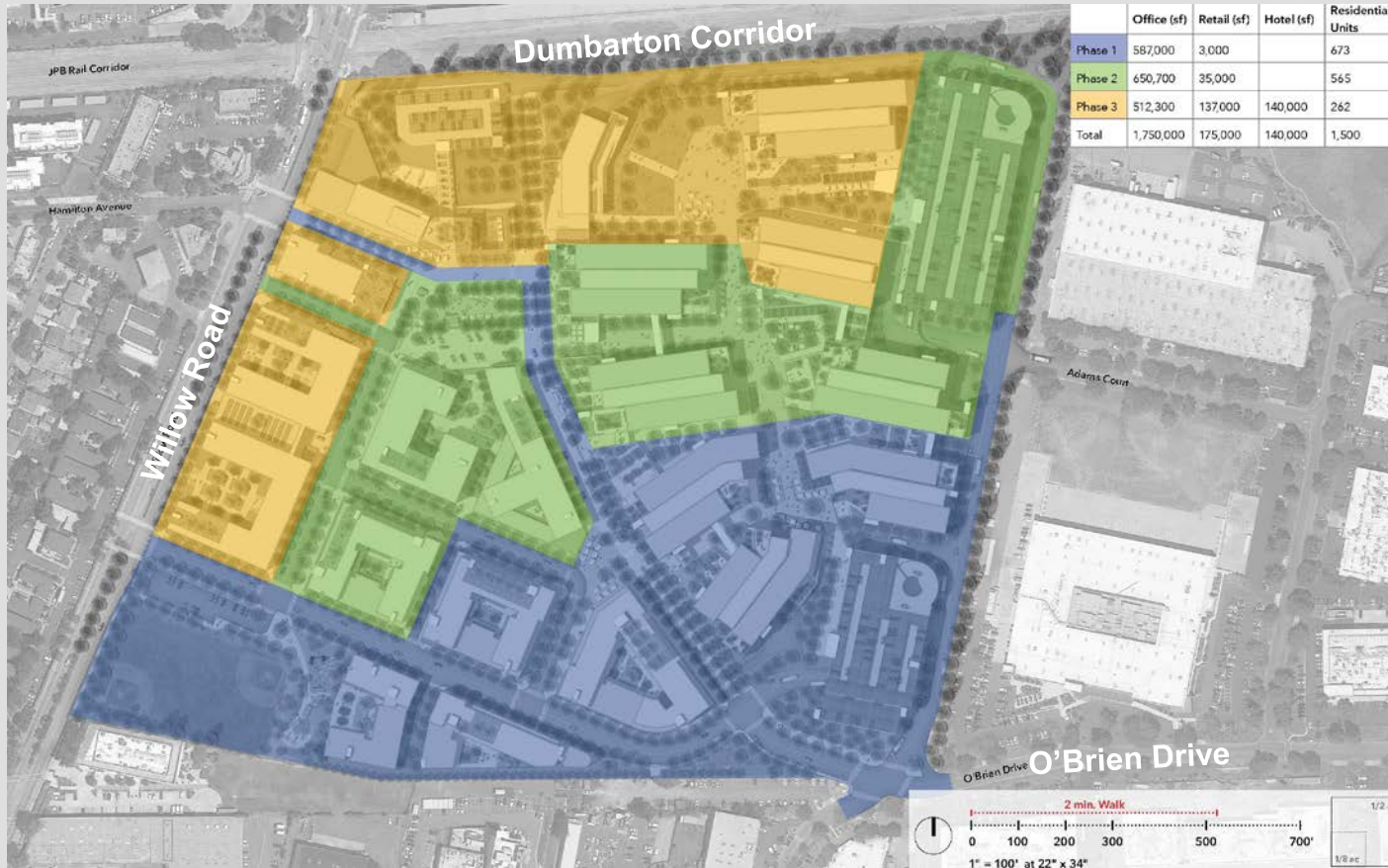
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PROJECT PHASING





PROJECT ENTITLEMENTS

- Conditional Development Permit
- Development Agreement
- Zoning Map and General Plan Amendments
- Lot Reconfiguration (Major Subdivision)
- Below Market Rate Housing Agreement
- Heritage Tree Removal Permits
- Environmental and Fiscal Review



KEY TOPICS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Site access and circulation
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THANK YOU



WILLOW VILLAGE



Signature Development Group

SIGNATURE
DEVELOPMENT
GROUP



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Facebook In The Community

- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Housing
- Mobility
- Community Building
- Sustainability



Facebook 2018 Community Engagement

purpose



Three Open Houses were conducted to inform and engage residents of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto in March 2018.

When & Where



Belle Haven



East Palo Alto



West Menlo Park

Open House goals



Share the Willow Village vision and community benefits



Collect public input about Willow Village



Inform the public about community engagement opportunities

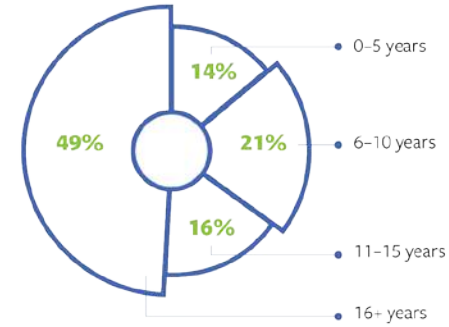
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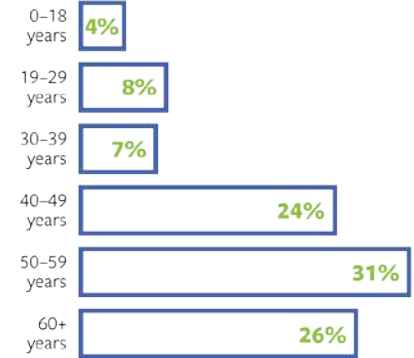
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Number of Sign-Ins

Years living in neighborhood



Age



Community Feedback

Mobility

Walking is the preferred mode of transportation to get to Willow Village.



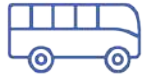
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Walk



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Bike



13%

Public Transit



7%

Car



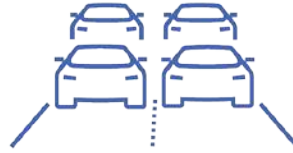
Housing and Affordability

Participants welcomed the new housing proposed in Willow Village, but expressed some concern with the level of affordability of the new units.



Education

Some participants highlighted that with new residents would come increase number of students and increased pressure on the local school districts to accommodate new students. Others thought job training, apprenticeships and scholarships were partnership opportunities worth exploring.



Traffic and Transportation

Traffic and transportation emerged as key concerns for local residents, along with the potential impacts of increased congestion in the area.



Parks, Open Space and Other Amenities

Participants preferred a diverse mix of open space amenities, including: large parks, garden walks, bike paths, plazas, cafes, outdoor movie theatre, community gardens and climbing wall.

Retail Services

Many participants were excited about the possibility of having an easily accessible grocery store, as well as a main retail street that could serve as a community hub. Preferred retail services (in order of preference):



1

Grocery Store



2

Pharmacy



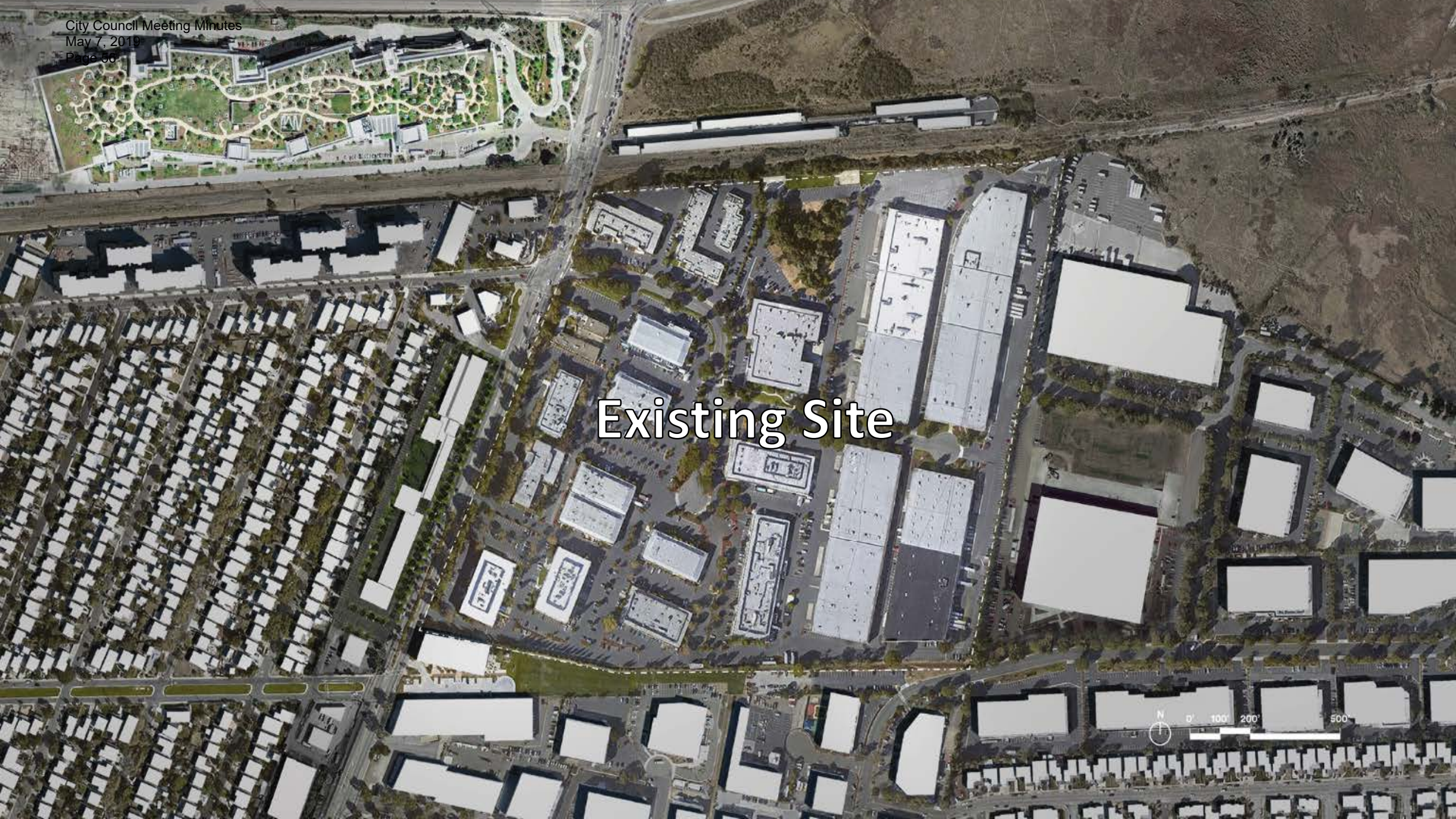
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Restaurants



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Cafes



Existing Site





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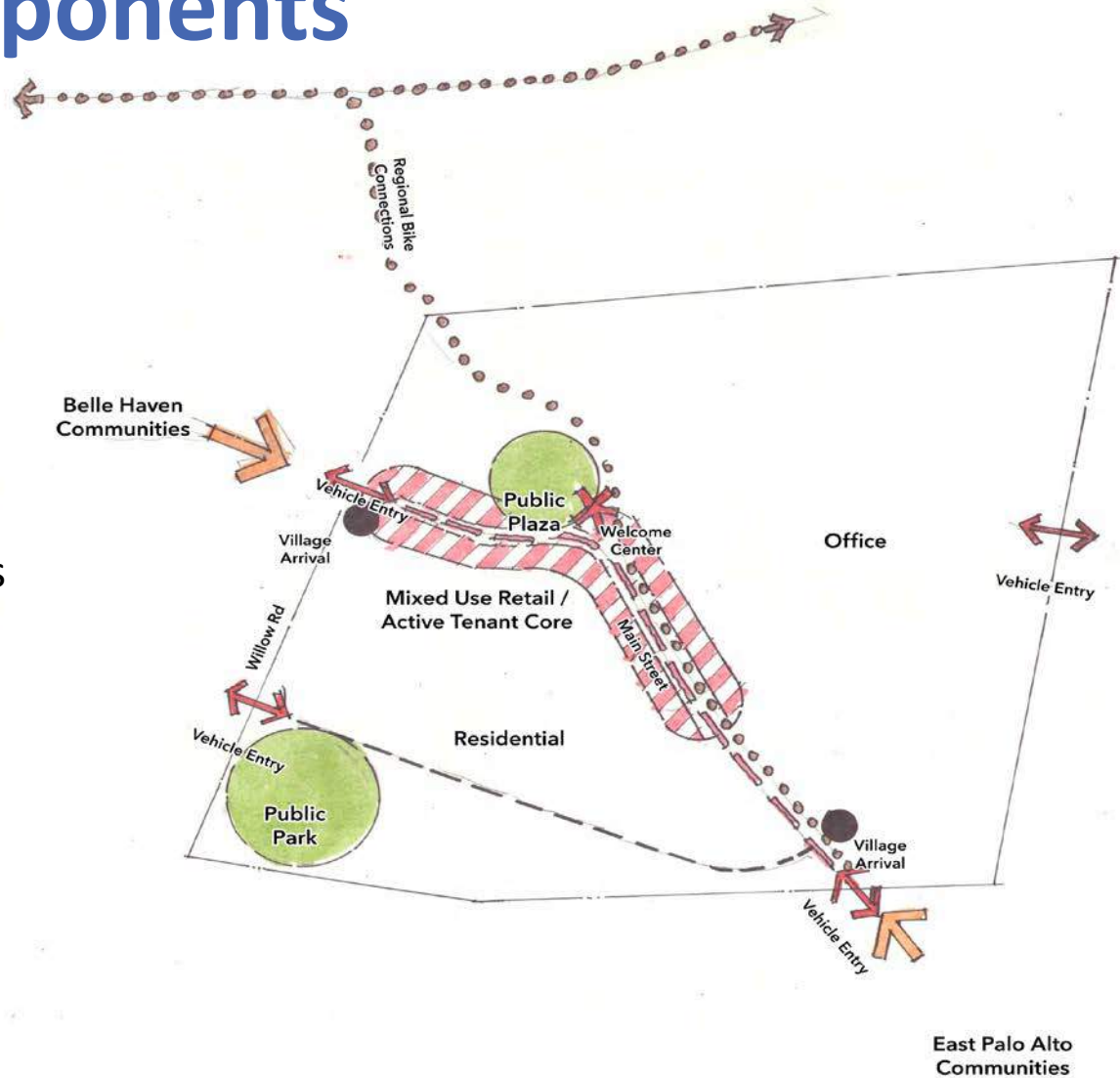
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Willow Village Components

- Grocery Store
- Pharmacy
- Connections to Belle Haven
- Banking Options
- Housing
- Main Street
- Mixed Use Retail / Active Tenants
- Hotel
- Park / Plazas
- Office
- Public Parking
- Public Art
- Regional Bicycle Connections





LEGEND

1	Town Square
2	Grocery Store on Ground Level
3	Pharmacy on Ground Level
4	Public Park
5	Dog Park
6	Grade Separated Willow Road Crossing
7	Campus Visitor Parking Garage
8	Hotel
9	Mixed-Use Block
10	Residential Block
11	Office Campus
12	Parking Garage with Transit Center on Ground Level





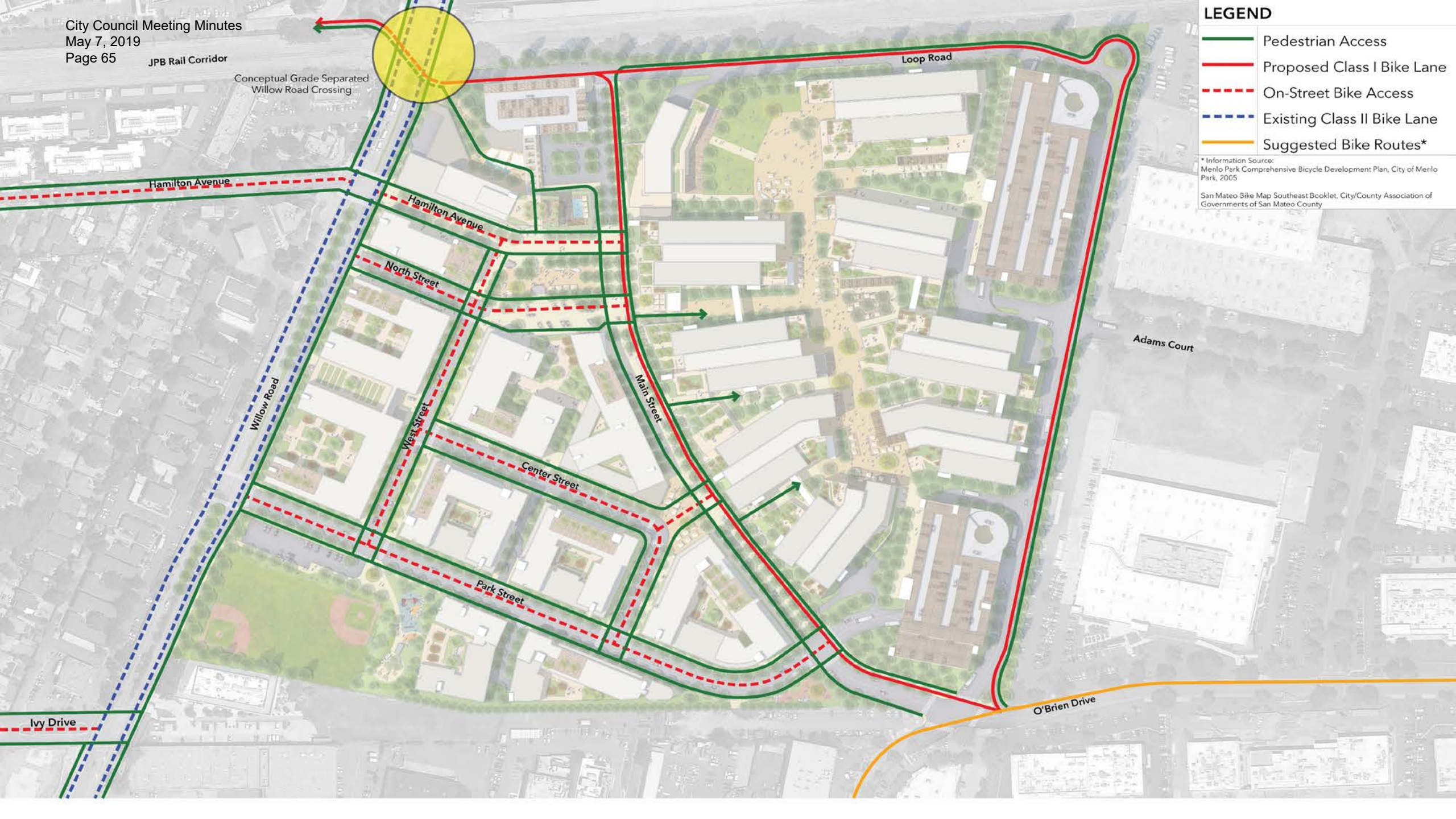
- LEGEND**
- Existing Class I Bike Lane (Bay Trail)
 - Proposed Off-Street Bike Lane
 - Alternative Off-Street Bike Lane
 - Existing Class II Bike Lane
 - Suggested Routes*
 - Existing Tunnel
 - Conceptual Grade Separated Willow Road Crossing

* Information Source:
Menlo Park Comprehensive Bicycle Development Plan, City of Menlo Park, 2005
San Mateo Bike Map Southeast Booklet, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County
Note: Conceptual Master Plan is shown.



JPB Rail Corridor

Conceptual Grade Separated
Willow Road Crossing



LEGEND

- Pedestrian Access
- Proposed Class I Bike Lane
- On-Street Bike Access
- Existing Class II Bike Lane
- Suggested Bike Routes*

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LEGEND	
1	Town Square
2	Grocery Store on Ground Level
3	Pharmacy on Ground Level
4	Hotel
5	Roof Deck
6	Hotel Roof Pool Deck
7	Retail Kiosk
8	Public Parking
9	Off-Street Bike and Pedestrian Path



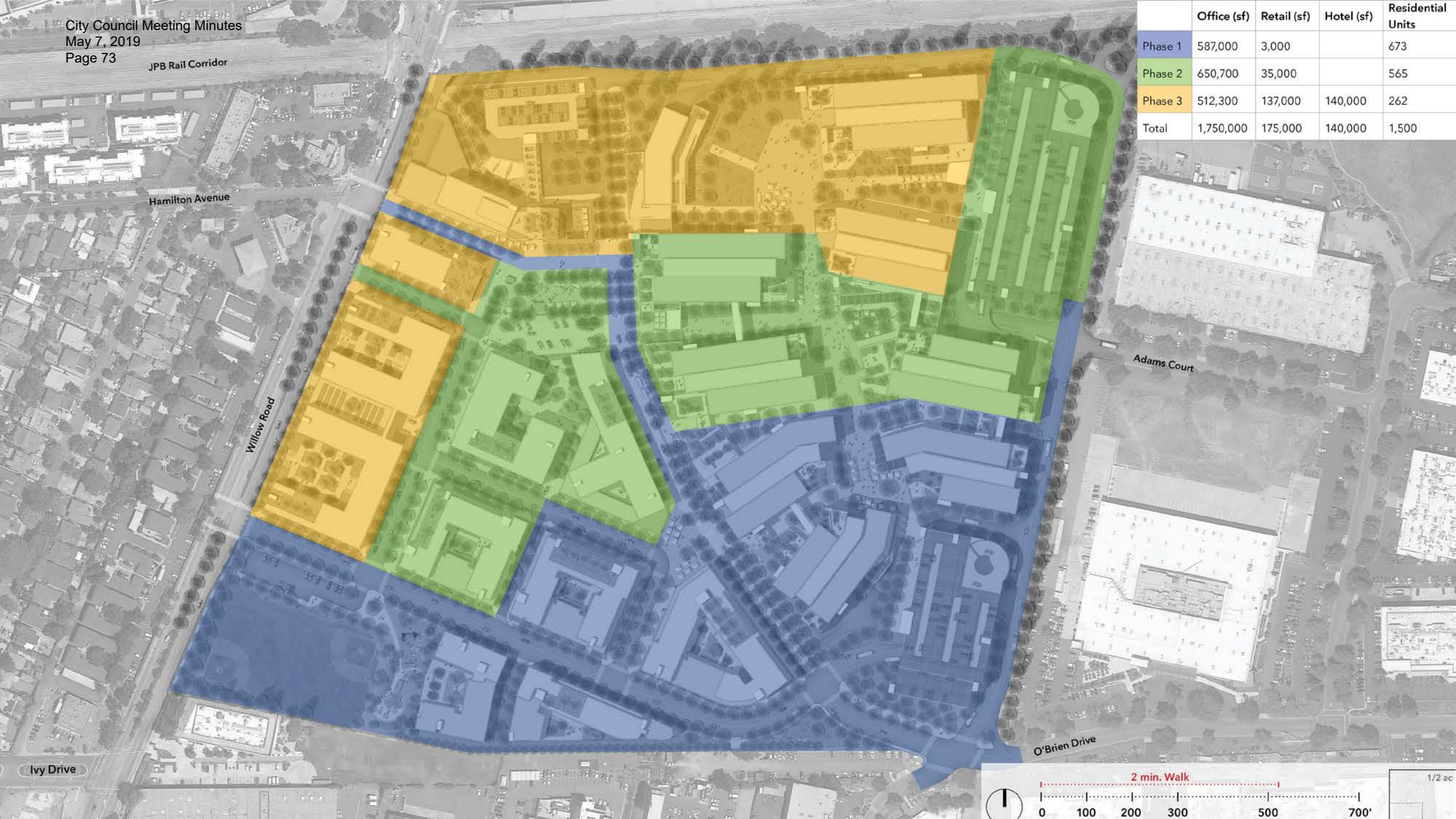












	Office (sf)	Retail (sf)	Hotel (sf)	Residential Units
Phase 1	587,000	3,000		673
Phase 2	650,700	35,000		565
Phase 3	512,300	137,000	140,000	262
Total	1,750,000	175,000	140,000	1,500

JPB Rail Corridor

Hamilton Avenue

Willow Road

Adams Court

O'Brien Drive

Ivy Drive



1/2 ac

WILLOW VILLAGE





LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE

Nick Pegueros, Assistant City Manager



LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE (LMWO)

- City Council 2019-20 adopted priorities and work plan
- Direction sought from the City Council
 - Confirmation to move forward with a LMWO
 - Desired effective date for the LMWO
 - Separate action for city personnel
- Staff return on June 4 with a revised work plan reflecting City Council direction



FEDERAL AND STATE MINIMUM WAGES

- Federal minimum wage - \$7.25/hour
- State of California minimum wage:

Effective Date	Employers with 25 employees or less	Employers with 26 employees or more
January 1, 2019	\$11.00	\$12.00
January 1, 2020	\$12.00	\$13.00
January 1, 2021	\$13.00	\$14.00
January 1, 2022	\$14.00	\$15.00
January 1, 2023	\$15.00	\$15.00 + CPI



LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCES (LMWO)

- 27 cities/counties statewide
- Belmont, Daly City, Redwood City, San Mateo
- Cupertino, Los Altos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Sunnyvale

Effective Date	California agencies with LMWO at \$15/hour	Local agencies with LMWO at \$15/hour
2019	13	8
2020	9	2
2021	1	1
2022	All large employers	All large employers
2023	All employers	All employers



LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE (LMWO) APPLICABILITY

- Applies to most employers in the jurisdiction
- LMWO can have exclusions/special provisions
 - Service sectors
 - Non-profit
 - Governments
 - Training wages
- LMWO does not apply to the following employees
 - Federal
 - State
 - County
 - School district



LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- Desired public engagement process
- Dollar amount to increase minimum wage
- Time frame of increasing the minimum wage
- Exclusions and exemptions
- Ordinance enforcement
- Opportunities to expedite process

EXAMPLE: CITY OF REDWOOD CITY

- January 1, 2020 - \$15.00; annual CPI adjustments subsequent
- Work plan
 - Study session on September 5, 2017
 - City Council adoption on April 9, 2018
 - Approximately 1,000 staff hours to conduct the process
- Fiscal impact
 - Estimated at \$500,000; direct and indirect impact
 - \$122,000 est. to raise employees to \$15
 - \$378,000 est. for impacts to the hourly rate structure



ATTACHMENT A DRAFT WORK PLAN – JANUARY 1, 2021

- Public engagement plan; multi-lingual
- Additional research
- Approximately 10 focus group meetings
 - Other governmental agencies (e.g., fire district, West Bay, etc.)
 - Downtown business & Chamber of Commerce
 - Unions/organized labor (e.g., San Mateo County Central Labor Council)
 - Non-profits (e.g. private schools, SRI, etc.)
 - Bayfront & Sand Hill Road employers
 - Hospitality representatives
 - Childcare operators
- 7 City Council check-ins and request for direction/action
- 1 Community meeting
- Extensive outreach campaign
- Meet and confer with city labor groups



CITY EMPLOYEE WAGES

Employee type	2018 Actuals	Lowest hourly pay rate
Regular	292 employees paid	\$17.49 Program Aide/Driver
Temporary	227 employees paid	\$12.22
	\$21.20 weighted average hourly rate for temporary employees	
	53 employees paid less than \$15/hour; range of hours worked from 3 to 975; average of 361 hours per temporary employee	



CITY EMPLOYEE LABOR AGREEMENTS

Bargaining group	Last two raises	Next two raises
SEIU (162 regular employees; temporary employees)	July 2018 +3% January 2019 +1%	July 2019 +2.5% July 2020 +CPI (2-4%)
AFSCME (37 employees)	July 2018 +3% January 2019 +1%	July 2019 +2.5% July 2020 +CPI (2-4%)
POA (42 employees)	January 2019 +6%	July 2019 +3.0% July 2020 +3.5%
PSA (9 employees)	July 2018 +3%	No successor agreement in place
Unrepresented (24 employees)	n/a – merit adjustments only	n/a – merit adjustments only



IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

- Draft work plan (Attachment A)
 - One-time costs
 - 1,941 staff hours
 - \$268,612
 - Annual maintenance
 - 200 staff hours and contract enforcement
 - \$54,152
- Areas of additional cost, to be studied
 - Upward cascade on represented employees
 - Unfunded pension liabilities



LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE (LMWO) DIRECTION REQUIRED

- Confirmation of the Council's interest in a LMWO
- Desired start date of a LMWO
 - January 1, 2021
 - A robust public engagement process (Attachment A)
 - In-depth research of impacts on for-profit, non-profit, and government employers
 - January 1, 2020
 - Abbreviated public engagement process
 - No new research or analysis
- Separate action for city personnel



THANK YOU