



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 6/3/2024
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City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Regular Meeting

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

C. Reports and Announcements

D. Public Comment

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E. Consent Calendar

E.1 Approval of minutes from the April 29, 2024 Planning Commission meeting ([Attachment](#))

E2. Approval of minutes from the May 6, 2024 Planning Commission meeting ([Attachment](#))

F. Study Session

F1. Receive an overview and provide feedback on the revised draft General Plan Environmental Justice and Safety Elements. ([Staff Report #24-028-PC](#))
Not a CEQA project.

G. Informational Items

G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule – The upcoming Planning Commission meetings are listed here, for reference. No action will be taken on the meeting schedule, although individual Commissioners may notify staff of planned absences.

- Regular Meeting: June 24, 2024
- Regular Meeting: July 8, 2024

H. Adjournment

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REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 4/29/2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom.us/join – ID# 858 7073 1001 and
City Council Chambers
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair Linh Dan Do called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Linh Dan Do (Chair), Jennifer Schindler (Vice Chair), Andrew Barnes, Andrew Ehrich, Katie Ferrick, Henry Riggs, Ross Silverstein

Staff: Christine Begin, Planning Technician; Connor Hochleutner, Assistant Planner; Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director; Mariam Sleiman, City Attorney

C. Reports and Announcements

Assistant Community Development Director Perata reported that the 1220 Hoover Street project reviewed by the Planning Commission at its April 15, 2024 meeting was appealed by a resident to the City Council.

D. Public Comment

None

E. Consent Calendar

None

F. Public Hearing

- F1. Use Permit/Bheem Bhatia/219 Durham Street:
Consider and adopt a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and detached accessory building and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to minimum lot width in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district; determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303's Class 3 exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures. The proposed project includes an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), which is a permitted use and not subject to discretionary review. ([Staff Report #24-021-PC](#))

Planner Hochleutner said staff had no additions to the published staff report.

Janice Chu, project architect, spoke on behalf of the project.



Chair Do opened the public hearing and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

Commission comments included appreciation for neighbor outreach and attention to privacy protection.

ACTION: Motion and second (Riggs/Schindler) to adopt a resolution approving the item as presented; passes 7-0.

F2 and F3 are related items with the same staff report

- F2. Development Agreement Annual Review/Meta Platforms, Inc./1 Hacker Way and 1 Meta Way: Consider and adopt a resolution to determine Meta Platforms, Inc. (Meta) has demonstrated good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreements for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 annual review periods for their East Campus, West Campus, and Meta Campus Expansion projects. (Staff Report #24-022-PC)
- F3. Development Agreement Annual Review/Peninsula Innovation Partners, LLC/1350-1390 Willow Road, 925-1098 Hamilton Avenue, 1005-1275 Hamilton Court: Consider and adopt a resolution to determine Peninsula Innovation partners, LLC has demonstrated good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement for the 2023 annual review period for the Willow Village mixed-use masterplan project. (Staff Report #24-022-PC)

Mr. Perata presented a brief introduction to the two items.

Eric Morley and Eric Harrison, Signature Development Group, Juan Salazar, Meta Government and Community Affairs, and Solon Stewart-Rose, Meta, were available for questions.

Commissioner Ferrick noted that she served on boards with no financial compensation with some of the applicant team and indicated her objective consideration of the annual reviews.

Commissioner Silverstein noted he had worked for Meta eight years prior at the East and West campuses but had not worked or interacted with those campuses and staff since.

Chair Do opened the public hearing and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

Commission discussion ensued on values for the CitizenM Hotel related to sales tax, meeting trip caps and recalibrating those, grocery store and its subsidies, completion of the internship program for local youth, local jobs and career development, some decrease in use of local businesses notably food service ones, and contributions to the Dumbarton Bridge transportation study.

ACTION: Motion and second (Riggs/Ferrick) to adopt a resolution (Attachment A) to determine Meta Platforms, Inc. (Meta) has demonstrated good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreements for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 annual review periods for their East Campus, West Campus, and Meta Campus Expansion projects; passes 7-0.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ferrick/Schindler) to adopt a resolution (Attachment B) to determine Peninsula Innovation partners, LLC has demonstrated good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement for the 2023 annual review period for the Willow Village mixed-use masterplan project; passes 7-0.

G. Informational Items

G1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

- Regular Meeting: May 6, 2024

Mr. Perata said the May 6 agenda would have a single-family home use permit and selection of chair and vice chair item.

- Regular Meeting: May 20, 2024

H. Adjournment

Chair Do adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Staff Liaison: Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director

Recording Secretary: Brenda Bennett



REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 5/6/2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
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A. Call To Order

Chair Linh Dan Do called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Linh Dan Do (Chair), Jennifer Schindler (Vice Chair), Katie Behroozi, Andrew Ehrich, Katie Ferrick, Misha Silin, Ross Silverstein

Staff: Connor Hochleutner, Assistant Planner; Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director

Chair Do made a motion to reorder the agenda to move agenda item G to before agenda item F.

ACTION: Motion and second (Do/Silverstein) to reorder the agenda to move agenda item G to before agenda item F; passes 7-0.

C. Reports and Announcements

Assistant Community Development Director Perata said the City Council at its May 7, 2024 meeting would review the water supply assessment for the Parkline Mixed Use Master Plan and tentatively at its May 21, 2024 would conduct a study session on that item.

D. Public Comment

None

E. Consent Calendar

E.1 Approval of minutes from the April 15, 2024 Planning Commission meeting (Attachment)

Chair Do opened public comment for the item and closed public comment as no persons requested to speak.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ferrick/Ehrich) to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Planning Commission meeting; passes 5-0 with Behroozi and Silin abstaining.

G. Regular Business

G1. Selection of Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair for May 2024 through April 2025. Not a



CEQA project. ([Staff Report #24-024-PC](#))

Mr. Perata presented a brief report on the item.

Chair Do opened the item for public comment and closed public comment as no persons requested to speak.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ferrick/Do) to nominate Commissioner Schindler for Chair; passes 7-0.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ferrick/Schindler) to nominate Commissioner Ehrich for Vice Chair; passes 7-0.*

*Newly selected Chair and Vice Chair will be seated at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Behroozi recused herself from consideration of Item F1 due to her residence being located within 500 feet of 1035 Ringwood Avenue.

F. Public Hearing

- F1. Use Permit/Jerome Burgos/1035 Ringwood:
Consider and adopt a resolution to approve a use permit for first-story additions and alterations to an existing nonconforming single-story, single-family residence in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban Residential) zoning district at 1035 Ringwood Avenue and determine this action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301's Class 1 exemption for existing facilities. The proposed work would exceed 75 percent of the replacement value of the existing nonconforming structure in a 12-month period. ([Staff Report #24-023-PC](#))

Planner Hochleutner said staff had no additions to the published report.

Jerome Burgos, applicant, answered a question about neighbor outreach.

Chair Do opened the public hearing and closed it as no persons requested to speak.

Replying to Commissioner Silin, Planner Hochleutner clarified that the existing structure was nonconforming, and the scope of work exceeded the use permit threshold. Replying further to Commissioner Silin, Planner Hochleutner and Mr. Perata provided further clarification on the calculus used for determining the nonconforming new work valuation.

Commission comment included appreciation for the applicant showing the daylight planes for neighboring properties.

ACTION: Motion and second (Ehrich/Schindler) to adopt a resolution to approve the item as submitted; passes 6-0 with Commissioner Behroozi recused.

H. Informational Items

- H1. Future Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

- Regular Meeting: May 20, 2024

Mr. Perata said staff expected for the May 20, 2024 agenda to have an architectural control and sign review for a service fueling station at 500 Willow Road and a use permit and architectural control for a proposed restaurant with beer and wine on sale and a retail component with beer, wine and distilled spirits off sale at 720 Santa Cruz Avenue.

- Regular Meeting: June 3, 2024

I. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Do adjourned the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

Staff Liaison: Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director

Recording Secretary: Brenda Bennett



STAFF REPORT

Planning Commission

Meeting Date:

6/3/2024

Staff Report Number:

24-028-PC

Study Session:

Receive an overview and provide feedback on the revised draft General Plan Environmental Justice and Safety Elements

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive an overview and provide feedback on the City's revised draft General Plan Environmental Justice and Safety Elements.

Policy Issues

The City is committed to advancing equity and addressing potential environmental health risks in Menlo Park. These aims align with Senate Bill 1000 (2016) which requires the adoption or review of an Environmental Justice Element (or environmental justice goals, policies and programs in other elements) in cities and counties that have a disadvantaged community upon the adoption or revision of two or more General Plan elements. The City is developing its first Environmental Justice Element and concurrently updating its Safety Element for compliance with Senate Bill 379 (2015), Senate Bill 272 (2023), and state-required topics such as climate change adaptation and resiliency, and increased attention to wildfire and evacuation routes.

Background

The development of the 2023-2031 Housing Element, the preparation of the Environmental Justice Element, and the update of the Safety Element, collectively known as the Housing Element Update project (see Attachment A for project webpage), has been a multiyear effort led by City staff and a team of consultants managed by the M-Group. The City Council adopted the 2023-2031 (6th Cycle) Housing Element on Jan. 31, 2023, and amended it on Jan. 23, 2024. The State Housing and Community Development Department certified the City's Housing Element on March 20, 2024. Staff and the team are now focused on finalizing the City's first Environmental Justice Element and the updates to the Safety Element. These two elements, along with the Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space and Conservation, and Noise Elements make up the City's General Plan.

Environmental Justice Element overview

At the start of the project in 2021, the City Council committed to develop the Environmental Justice Element to advance equity and protect human health, and identified three main goals for the overall project: balanced community, affordability focused, and social justice. The purpose of the Environmental Justice Element is to identify and address current and potential future public health risks and environmental justice concerns, and to foster the wellbeing of Menlo Park residents living in disadvantaged and/or underserved communities. Environmental justice means that everyone should have equal protection and advantages when it comes to the environment around them. It also means that people should be meaningfully involved in the decisions that affect their community. Fair treatment means no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental,

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and commercial operations or policies.

In Menlo Park, as in many other places throughout California and beyond, areas with a higher concentration of low-income households are more likely to be exposed to pollution and environmental hazards. Consequently, individuals in these areas experience higher rates of poor health outcomes. In accordance with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Environmental Justice Element guidelines, which recommend a “thorough screening analysis” and incorporation of community outreach, the project team evaluated the entire city and identified two Underserved Communities, Belle Haven and the Bayfront, generally the portion of Menlo Park located north of US-101 and within City Council District 1. Belle Haven and the Bayfront experience a combination of economic, health, and environmental burdens; are disproportionately more Hispanic and Black than the rest of the city; and are made up of households that have been historically underrepresented in the planning process (and civic processes generally) in Menlo Park.¹ To reduce the disproportionate health risks that exist in Belle Haven and the Bayfront, the Environmental Justice Element includes policies and programs organized into seven goals consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 1000, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Environmental Justice Element Goals	
Senate Bill 1000 Required Topic Area	Environmental Justice Element Goal
Prioritize the Needs of Underserved Communities	Goal 1: Address unique and compounded health risks
Reduce Pollution Exposure	Goal 2: Reduce pollution exposure and eliminate environmental inequities
Improve Access to Public Facilities	Goal 3: Equitably provide appropriate public facilities to individuals and communities
Promote Food Access	Goal 4: Promote access to affordable healthy and high-quality foods
Promote Safe and Sanitary Housing	Goal 5: Provide safe and sanitary homes for all residents
Promote Physical Activity	Goal 6: Encourage physical activity and active transportation
Promote Civic Engagement	Goal 7: Create equitable civic and community engagement

Safety Element overview

The purpose of the Safety Element is to identify how to reduce potential risks of injury, property damage, and economic and social disruptions resulting from natural and human-made hazards. The City Council adopted the Safety Element on May 21, 2013. Since then, state laws were enacted that require safety elements to address climate change adaptation and resiliency, and give increased attention to wildfire and evacuation routes. Based on the approved project scope and budget, the update to the Safety Element intentionally focuses on these topics in response to state law. The City has a combined Open Space and Conservation, Noise and Safety Elements. The update focuses on the Safety Element; the Open Space and Conservation and Noise Elements are unchanged. The Safety Element includes one overarching goal – Assure a Safe Community – with the primary topic areas of general safety, geologic and seismic safety, and public safety and emergency response.

¹ Communities of color are disproportionately living in low and moderate-resource areas. Within Menlo Park, the Hispanic/Latinx population consists of over half of the population living in low or moderate resource areas but only makes up seven percent of the population living in high resource areas (ABAG/MTC Housing Needs Data Report, April 2021).

June 20, 2023 study session

On June 20, 2023, the Planning Commission and City Council jointly conducted a study session for the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements and provided direction for next steps. The staff report, presentation, and video for the first study session are available in both English and Spanish as Attachments B-G. The study session provided an overview of the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements process and draft documents, and provided the Planning Commission, City Council, and members of the public an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft documents. In addition, staff presented a recommended refinement framework to integrate community feedback on the public review draft of the Environmental Justice Element. On July 11 and July 24, 2023, the City Council and Planning Commission, respectively, received an informational item providing a summary of the study session and next steps (Attachments H and I). The study session provided feedback for the draft Elements and direction for the project team to advance the preparation of the Elements towards adoption.

Since the study sessions, the project team reviewed the first study session feedback for the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, revised the documents based on the recommended refinement framework, and conducted additional community outreach and engagement, as summarized below in the Analysis section of this report.

June 3 and 18, 2024 study sessions

The purpose of this second study session is to present the revised draft Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, which incorporate prior community feedback including recommended policies and programs and prioritization. The project team seeks guidance and confirmation from the Planning Commission and City Council (on June 18) that the revised elements are reflective of prior feedback. Following the second study session, the project team will make additional refinements to the elements, as needed. At a future meeting, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation regarding adoption of the elements to the City Council, and the City Council will be the final reviewing and approving body.

Analysis

Revised draft Environmental Justice Element

The revised draft Environmental Justice Element is included as Attachment K and notations are provided to highlight new or significantly updated sections. Following the first study session, the project team responded to the major feedback themes identified at the June 2023 study session. The major feedback themes, excerpted from the July 2023 informational items, are listed below as lettered topics. Below each topic are notes summarizing the revisions to the draft Environmental Justice Element based on comments from the public, Planning Commission, and City Council.

- A. Modify certain statements related to environmental health risks and disadvantaged and/or underserved communities in staff reports and the draft elements.
1. Where it was stated that the City is committed to advancing equity and addressing “potential” environmental health risks, text has been modified to convey that “current and potential future” environmental health risks will be addressed.
 2. Where communities were described as “disadvantaged or underserved,” text has been modified to reference “disadvantaged and/or underserved” communities. As a reminder, Disadvantaged Communities, a state-defined term, are areas throughout California that suffer from a combination of economic, health and environmental burdens. These burdens include poverty, pollution, and social and health indicators of risk and stress. Throughout the Environmental Justice Element, “Underserved Communities” is the Menlo Park-preferred term and is intended to be the same as the

state-defined term “Disadvantaged Communities”, which is only used when quoting or referring to state law.

- B. Make adjustments to the refinement framework matrix. The bullets below provide an overview of the purpose and structure of the matrix as well as the project team’s process of refinement to prepare the revised draft Environmental Justice Element.
1. The refinement framework matrix (matrix) is a tool for the development of the Environmental Justice Element and can be thought of as a way to inform decisions about where to prioritize time, money, and resources, and then define realistic/achievable timelines for implementation. The information in the matrix informs the revised draft Environmental Justice Element. The framework of the matrix was adjusted and then the matrix was populated with draft Environmental Justice Element goals, policies, and programs, and then further refined.
 2. The matrix is presented in Table EJ-8 of the draft Environmental Justice Element and lists goals, policies, and programs for the Element (matrix section begins on page EJ-34). It includes descriptive information as well as implementation data and prioritization scoring that connect community input received during Element development to the policy framework. Key items are noted below.

Table 2 on the following page includes highlighted programs that have been grouped into applicable primary and secondary topic areas based on their content and the related issues addressed by the item. The complete matrix is presented in Table EJ-8. Table 2 is provided as a reference tool to view Table EJ-8, highlighting programs and topic areas which have received more frequent discussion.

- The “Topic Area” stems from the project team’s review of community outreach and engagement and analyzing frequently mentioned themes of interest.
- “Related programs” refers to programs that address the topic area and “primary” identifies a more direct relationship between topic area and program while “secondary” means a less direct but still related/crosscutting connection.

Table 2: Highlighted Programs and Topic Areas for Underserved Communities

Topic Area	Description	Related Programs
City-Owned Facilities	Relating to structures, operations, and amenities owned by and managed by the City.	Primary: 3.A, 3.B Secondary:
Climate Change Action	Relating to actions to mitigate and prevent impacts of climate change.	Primary: 2.E, 2.F Secondary: 3.A, 7.I
Community Gardens	Relating to the approval, development, and maintenance of community gardens.	Primary: 4.E Secondary:
Coordination with Other Public Entities	Relating to the process of working with other public agencies, jurisdictions, and entities to achieve environmental justice goals.	Primary: 3.C, 3.D, 3.E, 3.F Secondary: 1.D, 2.A, 2.F, 2.H, 5.B, 6.C
Farmers Markets and Public-Private Partnerships	Relating to the development of farmers markets, and other community food markets, as well as fostering public-private partnerships between the City and private entities to provide services and amenities.	Primary: 4.A, 4.B, 4.C, 4.D Secondary:
Housing	Relating to the approval, development, and financing of housing.	Primary: 5.A, 5.B, 5.C, 5.D, 5.E, 5.F, 5.G Secondary:
Outreach	Relating to the process of including members of Underserved Communities in the planning and decision making process.	Primary: 7.A, 7.B, 7.C, 7.D, 7.E, 7.F, 7.G, 7.J Secondary:
Pollution Reduction	Relating to mitigating, reducing, and preventing impacts of pollution, including air and water pollution.	Primary: 2.A, 2.B, 2.C, 2.D Secondary: 2.I, 5.A, 5.F
Process	Relating to internal processes that facilitate decision making and project management operations.	Primary: 1.A, 1.B, 1.C, 1.D Secondary: 2.E, 2.J, 6.D
Safety Focus	Relating to promoting safety and reducing potential and existing dangers.	Primary: 7.H, 7.I Secondary: 6.A, 6.B

Transportation	Relating to the circulation of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles as well as the infrastructure that supports circulation.	Primary: 2.G, 2.H, 6.A, 6.B, 6.C, 6.D Secondary: 7.G
Tree Canopy	Relating to the maintenance, expansion, and preservation of tree canopies.	Primary: 2.J Secondary:
Zoning and Ordinance Revisions	Relating to the zoning and land use ordinances which regulate and govern land development.	Primary: 2.I Secondary:

3. The project team program recommendations are listed in Column U (23 policies recommended to remain and 7 policies recommended for removal; no programs recommended for removal). Table EJ-8 currently includes additional columns for consideration during the preparation of the Element; however, upon adoption, Table EJ-8 will be streamlined to reduce the total number of columns. The columns that would be removed from the final draft are shaded in grey in Table EJ-8.
4. Prioritization informs the timeframe (initiation and completion) recommended for the program. There are four categories of prioritization: urgency, impact, effort, and cost. The matrix was modified to separate the effort (capacity) and cost (funding) categories since they have different effects in addressing needs. The respective rankings for each category were aligned with the rating system of other factors in the matrix. Each program is ultimately given a combined score which was taken into consideration to provide the staff recommendation.
5. To the extent possible, information regarding who will lead each program and who will serve in supporting roles to help implement actions were noted in the matrix. This could evolve as priorities and/or staffing resources change.
6. The matrix was updated to note areas where desired policies and programs already intersect with the City’s work.
7. The prioritization of community feedback through the matrix ensured that residents’ voices continued to drive the process through participation of Climate Resilient Communities (CRC), who directly interacted with community members and enhanced draft policies and programs describing the community’s environmental justice needs and interests (additional outreach is discussed further below in this report).
8. The focus of community-desired programs was refined so they have a similar “aperture,” with larger, broad statements and narrowly focused, precise programs repositioned to create better alignment with each other. The revised Environmental Justice Element presents an updated organization and refinement of goals, policies, programs, and action items in two documents – the Environmental Justice Element itself and a separate Implementation Guide, described in more detail below. The Implementation Guide includes action items that will be pursued by the City to improve environmental justice. The action items are similar to Environmental Justice Element programs and are assigned a lead department and timeframe similar to the element programs. Each action item in the Implementation Guide is organized under an Environmental Justice Element program, with the

intention to provide additional direction and community-based feedback to City staff on desirable methods to fulfill the Environmental Justice programs.

- C. Continue to perform robust outreach and collaboration as part of the process, and implement best practices for outreach from the City's previous planning efforts where applicable.
1. The project team, including CRC, continued community outreach and engagement efforts that strived to "meet people where they are," and highlighted efforts including a meeting with the Belle Haven Community Climate Change Team (CCCT) on April 18 and two workshops (Spanish language workshop on May 2 and English language workshop on May 9) at the Church of God (567 Hamilton Avenue) in the Belle Haven neighborhood. The purpose of these gatherings was to share information regarding the updates to the elements, which have been further enhanced through community input. The meetings also provided the opportunity to receive additional feedback regarding prioritization of actions that will provide the most desirable benefits to Underserved Communities. In total, approximately 101 individuals participated across the three events and approximately 1,800 to 2,000 interactions through a variety of outreach methods for the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements since 2021.
 2. CRC prepared an outreach summary report (Attachment L) for the two workshops in May. The report identifies takeaways and recommendations for the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, building upon extensive prior community feedback and excerpted below in italicized *text*:

Key takeaways:

1. *The top priorities of Belle Haven residents are Safe, Sanitary, and Stable homes and Access to Healthy and Affordable food. This demonstrated the financial precarity of the community through their clear emphasis on access to basic needs and services. The EJ [Environmental Justice] Element should offer clear paths to addressing these concerns.*
2. *There are massive disparities between the Belle Haven neighborhood and the South side of Menlo Park, separated by the 101 Freeway. Several participants in the workshop indicated they lacked the literacy to participate in the worksheet activity without facilitator help, something entirely absent from many perceptions of Menlo Park.*
3. *Accountability remains a top concern for residents. They have little trust that their participation will result in meaningful change and are reluctant to believe that the programs and policies will be implemented. Many residents are feeling acute stress and want to see improvements made in their community while seeing the displacement pressure alleviated. Many environmental concerns take a back seat to the more immediate concerns about displacement, gentrification, and access to healthy food and living environments.*

Recommendations:

1. *Increase opportunities for accountability through strict reporting requirements on EJ [Environmental Justice] Element Programs and Policies. Identify a primary and secondary department and/or staff person responsible for implementation and, as appropriate, at least two potential funding sources in the implementation guide.*
2. *Ensure "Safe, Sanitary, and Stable Housing" is used in Goal 5 language and throughout the document, replacing "Safe and Sanitary Homes."*

3. *Strengthen program and policy language throughout the EJ [Environmental Justice] Element, for example by changing encourage to ensure or could to should/shall.*
 4. *Elevate Anti-Displacement Actions into the EJ [Environmental Justice] Element, accelerate timelines for creation and implement interim steps as soon as possible:*
 - *Specifically, move 7.J.3 from the Implementation Guide to the Environmental Justice Element itself, retaining it as a program under Goal 5²*
 - *Modify [Environmental Justice Element program] 5.G to say[:] Ensure that the City's Anti-Displacement Strategy (Housing Element Program H2.E) supports households and neighborhoods in Underserved Communities. This will include studying at a minimum the following:*
 - *The creation of a rental inventory of all homes*
 - *Updated or expanded rent control laws*
 - *Rent increase mitigations such as longer noticing requirements*
 - *Community and tenant opportunity to purchase policies*
 - *Revised BMR guidelines allowing for deeper subsidies*
 - *Relocation assistance for tenants*
 - *Just cause eviction protections regardless of tenant duration*
 - *Strengthened tenant harassment ordinances*
 - *Examination of opportunities to limit additional fees passed to tenants like laundry, parking, and utility costs*
- D. Think critically about funding needs and explore various funding sources at the local, state and federal levels for implementation of the programs.
1. Both the Environmental Justice Element Table EJ-8 (Environmental Justice Element Goals, Policies, and Programs) and the Implementation Guide (Appendix EJ-E) include a listing of potential funding sources.
 2. Additional consideration is also listed in Table EJ-8 and the Implementation Guide regarding whether programs or action items are focused on infrastructure enhancements, specific sites, and/or potentially eligible for funding through the City's Community Amenities Fund.
- E. Consider actions with short-term results that can demonstrate progress to residents during the finalization of the Environmental Justice Element, and take opportunities to share successes with the community.
1. Both the Environmental Justice Element Table EJ-8 (Environmental Justice Element Goals, Policies, and Programs) and the Implementation Guide (Appendix EJ-E) include a listing of current actions where implementation is already underway and also make note of achievements and share anticipated progress with the community.
 2. During the April and May outreach events, the project team shared highlights of City progress for community-expressed high interest topic areas, summarized below:

² Action Item 7.J.3: As part of an anti-displacement program and to ensure stable housing, support increasing access to legal counsel for tenants facing eviction. Conduct community outreach, education, and engagement to ensure renters are aware of this resource. Include progress reports on usage annually.

- **Housing Element:** The project team noted HCD certification of the 2023-2031 Housing Element and timely completion of amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element, El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and zoning map to implement zoning-related programs in the Housing Element.
- **Anti-Displacement Strategy:** The City and HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County) are currently developing the anti-displacement strategy plan, which would include community outreach and engagement as part of the process.
- **Urban Forest Equity: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park:** The City is pursuing a grant to prepare the plan. Grant recipients would have until March 2028 to complete the project. The overarching project goal is to implement an urban forest management plan, using an ecosystem management approach, that supports an equitable canopy distribution—with a focus on community-based tree planting in Belle Haven—and to develop a long-term management plan for Menlo Park’s entire urban forest with policies and best practices addressing climate resiliency, biodiversity, community needs, and environmental justice.
- **Civic and Community Engagement: Environmental Justice Element Goal 7 (Create equitable civic and community engagement)** promotes stronger inclusivity and accountability and includes outreach particularly for Underserved Communities. Strengthened outreach can include public meetings in Belle Haven, fostering the Belle Haven Community Campus as an outreach and learning hub, and regular reporting of progress on key projects and issues of interest to Underserved Communities.

Environmental Justice Element Implementation Guide

The Environmental Justice Element contains background information and goals, policies, and programs, and is accompanied by an Implementation Guide. This separate, complementary document adheres closely to the goals, policies, and programs of the Environmental Justice Element and the Guiding Principles of the Menlo Park General Plan, but the Implementation Guide lies outside of the General Plan itself (see Table 3). This dual-document approach allows for more frequent updating of the Implementation Guide in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach – particularly input from Menlo Park’s Underserved Communities – without requiring a General Plan Amendment. The Implementation Guide should be viewed as a snapshot in time of the community’s needs and interests after extensive input, and should only be modified in light of unanticipated events or future opportunities and after consideration of how any changes may assist disadvantaged and/or underserved populations, especially longstanding residents and historically Underserved Communities in the Belle Haven neighborhood.

As a reminder, the Implementation Guide includes action items that will be pursued by the City to improve environmental justice. The action items are similar to Environmental Justice Element programs and are assigned a lead department and time frame similar to the element programs. Each action item in the Implementation Guide is organized under an Environmental Justice Element program, with the intention to provide additional direction and community-based feedback to City staff on desirable methods to fulfill the Environmental Justice programs.

Many of the action items in the Implementation Guide were developed from outreach in Menlo Park’s Underserved Communities. The initial Implementation Guide is available and planned for inclusion within the Environmental Justice Element as Appendix EJ-E. Following Element adoption, the Implementation Guide will be maintained on the City’s website and is intended to improve accountability by being more

adaptable and responsive to community needs and opportunities. The staff recommendation for action items is listed in Column T (75 action items recommended to remain and 10 action items recommended for removal). The Implementation Guide currently includes additional information columns for consideration during the preparation of the Element, but upon adoption the Implementation Guide will be streamlined for ease of reference. Table 3 below provides an overview of the dual-document approach to the Environmental Justice Element and the organization of goals, policies, programs, and action items.

Table 3: Revised Environmental Justice Element Organization	
Environmental Justice Element Document	Implementation Guide (Complementary Document)
Goals: Broad actions Menlo Park will pursue to work toward environmental justice.	-
Policies: Focused principles to guide decision-making that Menlo Park is adopting in order to achieve goals.	-
Programs: Precise steps that Menlo Park will take in furtherance of policies and goals.	Action Items: Specific tasks related to the Environmental Justice programs that Menlo Park will pursue to improve environmental justice in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach.

Revised draft Safety Element

The revised draft Safety Element update is provided as Attachment M and ensures compliance with recent state laws and therefore, the proposed changes are more limited in nature than as seen above with the City’s development of a brand-new Environmental Justice Element. Draft policies and programs for the Safety Element have been revised in response to prior feedback, excerpted below with added text shown in underline and removed text in ~~strikeout~~:

- Revised Policy S1.35 – Disaster Preparedness Planning: Ensure disaster preparedness in cooperation with other public agencies and appropriate public-interest organizations. Encourage and support residents to organize in volunteer response groups and collaborate with all related Public Safety Agencies for a coordinated response. Ensure disaster preparedness planning includes multilingual and multimodal outreach in Menlo Park’s Underserved Communities.
- Revised Policy S1.36 – Community Preparedness: Encourage improved safety programs for schools, institutions, and industries to promote greater public awareness of all types of hazards and appropriate responses and support the ~~San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services’ program on emergency preparedness.~~ San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management’s efforts for countywide preparedness, response and protection services and activities for large-scale incidents and disasters.
- New Program S1.M – Sea Level Rise Planning: Collaborate with other agencies to develop a sea level rise plan as part of a subregional San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plan that is subject to approval by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as applicable, on or before January 1, 2034. As part of this collaboration, consider and implement OneShoreline recommendations, as appropriate, to plan for future conditions impacted by climate change including those related to sea level rise.

Next steps

The June 3 study session is an opportunity for the Planning Commission and public to review and provide feedback for the draft revised Environmental Justice and Safety Elements. Below are several prompts for discussion that the Planning Commission may consider in its deliberation:

- Did the project team adequately respond to the June 2023 study session with the revised draft Environmental Justice and Safety Elements?
- Are the project team's "Staff Recommendation" columns appropriate?
- Do Climate Resilient Communities' recommendations require further refinement?

A second study session for the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements will be held with the City Council on June 18. The project team will review all the feedback received from the public, Planning Commission, and City Council and revise the Elements, as needed, in preparation for adoption hearings tentatively planned for fall 2024. The project team will continue to keep the public informed of the latest developments for the project on the Housing Element Update webpage (Attachment A).

Impact on City Resources

As part of the fiscal year 2020-21 budget, the City Council appropriated nearly \$1.5 million from the general fund for consultant services to support the Housing Element Update project (inclusive of the Environmental Justice and Safety Elements, and including preparation of the subsequent environmental impact report (SEIR)). The contract was subsequently amended to accommodate additional revisions, meetings and outreach. Most recently, on Oct. 24, 2023, the City Council approved an additional budget augment for a contract total of \$1,700,212 to ensure the continued involvement of project consultants in conducting public engagement and finalizing the documents and tasks necessary to complete the project.

Environmental Review

This study session item is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15378 and §15061(b)(3) as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment. As part of the Housing Element Update project (i.e., Housing Element and Safety Element updates, a new Environmental Justice Element, and associated changes including zoning amendments), a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 1990030530) was prepared. On Jan. 31, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6808 certifying the SEIR and taking associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) actions.

Public Notice

Public notification of the June 3 and June 18 study sessions was/will be achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. In addition, announcement and invitation to attend the study sessions was provided at the May 11 Housing Resource Fair at Ivy Plaza in Belle Haven, through email distribution to the Housing Element Update project email list (including May 2024 workshop attendees who provided email addresses), in Weekly Digest articles (May 20, May 28, and June 3), and through City social media and the Housing Element Update project webpage.

Attachments

- A. Hyperlink – Housing Element Update project webpage: menlopark.gov/housingelement
- B. Hyperlink – English – June 20, 2023 study session staff report (Item F1):
menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/3/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230620-city-council-and-planning-commission-special-agenda-packet_w-pres.pdf
- C. Hyperlink – English – June 20, 2023 study session presentation:
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- D. Hyperlink – English – June 20, 2023 study session video:
youtube.com/watch?v=8IAi7U_-Cv4
- E. Hyperlink – Spanish – June 20, 2023 study session staff report (Item F1):
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- F. Hyperlink – Spanish – June 20, 2023 study session presentation:
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- G. Hyperlink – Spanish – June 20, 2023 study session video:
youtube.com/watch?v=CCfmcxkucXl
- H. Hyperlink – July 11, 2023 City Council informational item, study session summary (Item N-4):
menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/6/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2023-meetings/agendas/20230711-city-council-regular-agenda-packet_w-presv2.pdf
- I. Hyperlink – July 24, 2023 Planning Commission informational item, study session summary (Item G-1):
menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/planning-commission/2023-meetings/agendas/20230724-planning-commission-agenda-packet.pdf
- J. Hyperlink –2023-2031 Housing Element: menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/community-development/documents/projects/housing-element-update/2023-2031-city-of-menlo-park-housing-element-clean_010324.pdf
- K. Hyperlink – Draft Environmental Justice Element – April 24, 2024 Draft:
menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/community-development/documents/projects/housing-element-update/20240424-draft-environmental-justice-element-with-appendices.pdf
- L. Outreach Summary Report – Climate Resilient Communities – May 2024
- M. Hyperlink – Draft Safety Element Update – April 15, 2024 Draft:
menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/community-development/documents/projects/housing-element-update/20240415-draft-safety-element-update.pdf

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Climate Resilient Communities Prioritization Workshop Summary



May 2024

Empowering community voices to
implement equitable climate solutions
for unity, resilience, & justice

Prepared For:
City of Menlo Park



Climate Resilient Communities

May 2nd & 9th, 2024

567 Hamilton Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Description: This report summarizes the outcomes of two workshops on the Environmental Justice (“EJ”) and Safety Element Update for the City of Menlo Park’s General Plan. It was organized by Climate Resilient Communities (“CRC”) for Spanish-speaking residents and members of the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, on May 2nd and May 9th, 2024. The primary facilitators were CRC Staff representatives and members of the identified Underserved Communities which includes Belle Haven and Bayfront residents of Menlo Park.

Participant Demographics

- The May 2 Spanish workshop was attended by 33 individuals.
- The May 9 English workshop was attended by 48 individuals.
- Nearly all participants were members of the Belle Haven Community.
- Cumulative participants engaged throughout the EJ Element process totals approximately 1,800 residents, which represents more than 25% of Belle Haven residents.

Key Take-Aways

1 The top priorities of Belle Haven residents are Safe, Sanitary, and Stable homes and Access to Healthy and Affordable food. This demonstrated the financial precarity of the community through their clear emphasis on access to basic needs and services. The EJ Element should offer clear paths to addressing these concerns.

2 There are massive disparities between the Belle Haven neighborhood and the South side of Menlo Park, separated by the 101 Freeway. Several participants in the workshop indicated they lacked the literacy to participate in the worksheet activity without facilitator help, something entirely absent from many perceptions of Menlo Park.

3 Accountability remains a top concern for residents. They have little trust that their participation will result in meaningful change and are reluctant to believe that the programs and policies will be implemented. Many residents are feeling acute stress and want to see improvements made in their community while seeing the displacement pressure alleviated. Many environmental concerns take a back seat to the more immediate concerns about displacement, gentrification, and access to healthy food and living environments.



Key Quotes from Worksheet Comments:



"Living here is expensive and many times we have to pay rent no matter what and our health is affected because we can't afford quality food."

"Housing is a human rights issue, addressing the displacement and ensuring residents that make up this community can stay in the community is the top priority."



"Rent control is #1 because it can allow people time to save to purchase a house in the future."

"Rent is so expensive! We need better rent control laws for low income families!"

"There are a lot of residents who've had to move away because of rent hikes and discriminatory home buying practices. There are renter-to-owner issues that need to be addressed by laws."



"My number 1 is increasing the number of trees in the community which will help with significant air pollutants and overall health."

"Environmental justice is essential for the growth of the community."

"We need to have banks and grocery stores in this area because there are lots of seniors who don't have vehicles and have to wait at the bus stops for long periods and some are afraid of being onboard."

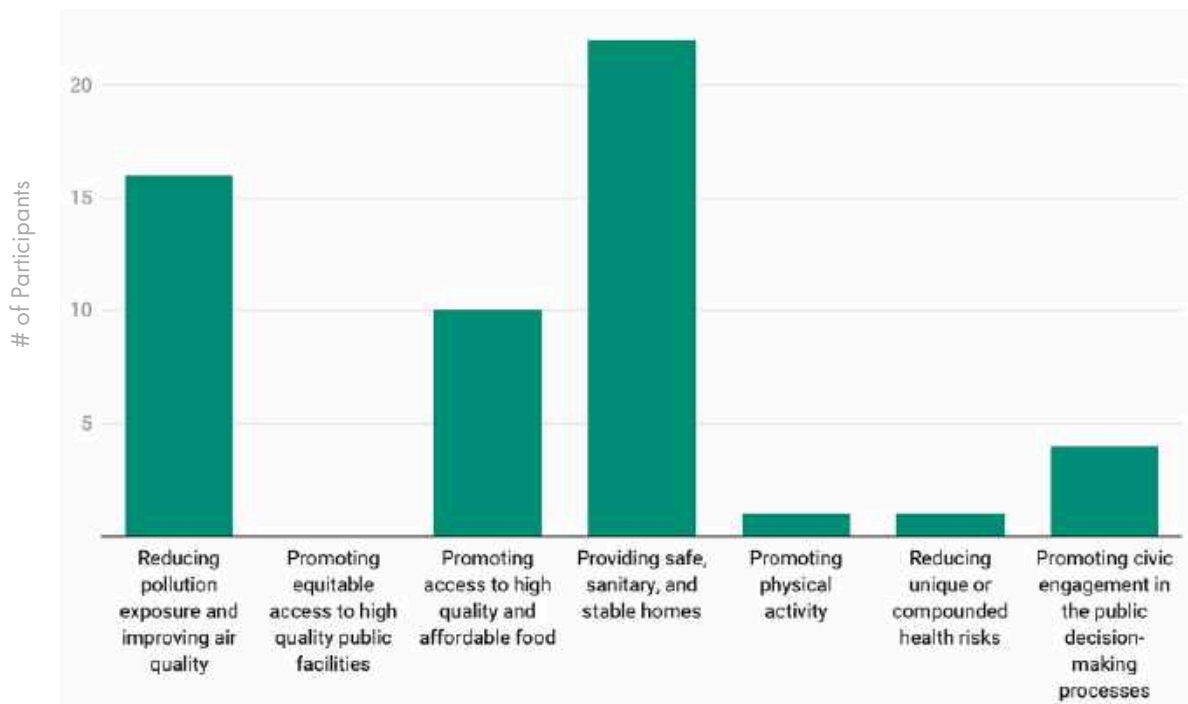


"As I age, after I retired I am unable to afford to live."



Key Statistics

- Safe, Sanitary, and Stable Homes was the top priority, receiving a plurality of first place rankings. 41% of residents stated it was their top concern.
- The #2 priority was Healthy and Affordable Food. 30% of residents stated it was their top concern. The #3 priority was Reducing Pollution Exposure, as 18% of residents placed this at the top.
- Among the seven programs in the Safe, Sanitary, and Stable Homes, 48% of residents placed anti-displacement as their top priority, while 21% of others stated down-payment assistance as their top priority.



Recommendations

01

EJ Element Reporting Requirements & Accountability

Increase opportunities for accountability through strict reporting requirements on EJ Element Programs and Policies. Identify a primary and secondary department and/or staff person responsible for implementation and, as appropriate, at least two potential funding sources in the implementation guide.

02

Goal 5 Language Towards “Safety, Sanitary, and Stable”

Ensure "Safe, Sanitary, and Stable Housing" is used in Goal 5 language and throughout the document, replacing "Safe and Sanitary Homes."

03

Strengthening in Policy Language

Strengthen program and policy language throughout the EJ Element, for example by changing encourage to ensure or could to should/shall.

04

Anti-Displacement Actions

Elevate Anti-Displacement Actions into the EJ Element, accelerate timelines for creation and implement interim steps as soon as possible:

- Specifically, move 7.J.3 from the Implementation Guide to the Environmental Justice Element itself, retaining it as a program under Goal 5
- Modify 5.G to say “Ensure that the City’s Anti-Displacement Strategy (Housing Element Program H2.E supports households and neighborhoods in Underserved Communities. This will include studying at a minimum the following:
 - the creation of a rental inventory of all homes
 - updated or expanded rent control laws
 - rent increase mitigations such as longer noticing requirements
 - community and tenant opportunity to purchase policies
 - revised BMR guidelines allowing for deeper subsidies
 - relocation assistance for tenants
 - just cause eviction protections regardless of tenant duration
 - strengthened tenant harassment ordinances
 - examination of opportunities to limit additional fees passed to tenants like laundry, parking, and utility costs.



Objectives & Methodology

Objectives

- Identify community priorities within Environmental Justice topic areas
- Prioritize programs within goal areas to identify most pressing stressors and opportunities
- Engage residents in civic processes and receive feedback to structure general plan
- Provide update on Safety Element revisions document based on community feedback

Methodology



Outreach

- Reached out to resident contacts via email, text and phone calls to our network
- Contacted other Belle Haven nonprofits (Belle Haven Action, Belle Haven Empowered, Belle Haven Community Development Fund), distributing online registration form
- Collaborated with Belle Haven Climate Change Community Teams (CCCTs) to promote event and reach further networks
- Distributed flyers door to door and at 3 tabling events



Facilitation

Our attached agenda (see appendix) explains the general outline of the meeting, which was the same for both discussions. It began with a presentation before attendees participated in a guided worksheet and small group exercise. This consisted of filling out worksheets asking residents to rank their priorities on a list and then discuss why they ranked things the way they did. Participants ranked all options relative to one another and had an area to provide written comments. Every 10 minutes the topic changed, with two minutes to work on the ranking and 8 minutes to discuss the results with facilitators taking notes and asking questions. After completing their worksheets and offering comments, people returned their completed worksheets and received their participant compensation.

Agenda & Summary of Discussions

Time	Agenda
5:30pm	Participants Arrive and Begin Dinner
6:10pm	People Directed to the Sanctuary for the Presentation
6:15pm	Presentation Began from M-Group Explaining Work Done-to-Date
6:30pm	Breakout Activity: Guided Worksheet Exercise
7:45pm	Reconvene/Close: Collect Worksheets & Distribute Compensation

Summary of Discussions (Spanish):

(Facilitator 1 - Chase) The residents of Menlo Park spoke on the various concerns that they have about their community. One of the larger concerns is the air quality around the neighborhoods in Belle Haven due to the highway being close in proximity and the construction going on at the elementary school. Residents with breathing issues or asthma are greatly affected by the dust and other pollutants in the air. Residents also mentioned that Resilience Hubs are also of importance and it would be within the best interest of the community to outfit public buildings with things to relieve community members during times of climate events such as heat waves, atmospheric rivers, etc.

A lack of affordable housing and resources for lower income families were also a huge concern. Residents talked about how many lower income residents did not have many options when it comes to homes and them having sufficient space for the pricing.

In addition to this, there is not enough low income housing within the community. Transportation was a concern as well, bus routes and general public or group transportation either did not live up to the community standards or did not meet them at all. SamTrans was either not entirely reliable or didn't fulfill the needs of the community and although it uses an electric vehicle, it was deemed to do more harm than good.

(Facilitator 2 - Najiha) For comments about the workshop itself, participants needed to be assured that their feedback would be heard and distributed to the city. There is a great mistrust between city officials and the residents. Major concerns were for air quality, housing stability, and results. They don't want reporting in and of itself, but to see the tangible results throughout the community. Some participants weren't able to read at all so facilitators stepped in to help interpret the worksheet activity, allowing them to select their top

priority. This wasn't very effective and resulted in some skewed results because some residents resorted to just answering in sequential order. It was difficult for them to remember all the options as they were read aloud - some options were wordy. Primary feedback centered around distrust, not really thinking their concerns were going to yield any results, or that any actions would be taken as a direct result of voicing their concerns.

(Facilitator 3 - Alba) Air quality, health and affordable housing were very important overall. The community members connected with other topics like, SamTrans and the special project to provide transport, but the system to get it was not serving the community members as planned. Others pointed out that one of the Programs in the EJ Element were focused on reducing water bills, but residents asked about electricity as a greater expense.

Community members mentioned as top priority owning land as a community to then being able to regulate it and share it to have affordable housing. Another community member did not prioritize the internet to avoid it leading to youth becoming more sedentary as they surf the net or play games or stream. All mentioned food and housing as top priorities.

Summary of Discussions (English):

The discussions held in English were very similar. The top three priorities were Safe, Sanitary, and Stable Housing, Healthy and Affordable Food, and Reducing Pollution Exposure. Many justified the focus on housing and displacement prevention as being the foundation of a community—what is the use in cleaning the environment if they're ultimately forced to live elsewhere? Residents pointed to the role housing plays in overall health and the high degree of their neighbors that live in unsafe or unstable conditions. They saw healthy and affordable foods as vital and pointed out the lack of a grocery store in the community as something that degrades health and contributes to other problems like traffic and air quality as people are forced to drive elsewhere to access basic services like food, banking, and medical care.

Many residents placed civic engagement as their lowest priority. They felt that decisions have always been made without them and didn't see how participating in any of the processes would change their lives. Many residents voiced that they had tried to participate in the past, many for decades and have not seen their action result in anything meaningful. This demonstrates the importance of tangible improvements made in the community as a result of this process—failure to do so risks further disenfranchisement and disengagement.

“Housing is a human rights issue, addressing the displacement and ensuring residents that make up this community can stay in the community is the top priority.”

-- Belle Haven Resident



Appendix & Attachments

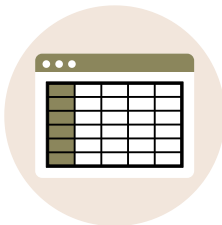
Attachments (all included as separate documents):



Appendix 1 - English Menlo Park EJE Feedback: Contains a transcription of notes written by facilitators and all written comments on worksheets collected from participants, both organized by subject area.



Appendix 2 - Spanish Menlo Park EJE Feedback: Contains a transcription of notes written by facilitators and all written comments on worksheets collected from participants, both organized by subject area.



Appendix 3 - An excel workbook with raw data from the prioritization worksheet. This is the data used to generate the graphs above.



Climate Resilient Communities is immensely grateful for the collaboration and support of both M-Group and the Belle Haven Community for being able to make this research and prioritization efforts possible.

At its inception in 2016, Climate Resilient Communities was a volunteer-driven commitment to helping residents reduce their energy costs, improve home health, and gain access to local resources like subsidized solar panels and home energy audits, and weatherization upgrades.

Through the support of our funders, our growth has allowed CRC to expand community-based solutions that center local voices in order to increase capacity to adapt to climate change threats like extreme heat, flooding, and water, food, and energy security, alongside environmental justice education.

We thank you for your review on the prioritization progress & our research towards and for the communities we serve.

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Appendix 1: English Feedback

English Menlo Park EJE Feedback

Large Post It Comments:

Overall:

Top:

- Homes - stable homes are foundation, apartments aren't habitable and that creates significant health problems
- Affordable food - people need to be fed
- Physical Activity - more holistic solutions come from a healthy start with our kids. If they are not active in their youth, that will negative shape the rest of their lives
- Our biggest priority is to provide safe, sanitary and stable homes
- We also want to make sure that we are a part of promoting access to high quality and affordable food

Bottom:

- Engagement - we know that the City will make decisions without us anyways, like they always do

Goal 1:

- Public infrastructure, wants to see progress reported on, need to see results
- Seeing same problems - 40/50 years down the line
- Public infrastructure demonstrates that it is getting done and it is clearly a start to what needs to happen next
- Annual reports help create evidence and a track record
 - Written progress makes me feel like it is getting done and they are actively assessing what has been done and what is working
 - Does "annual" mean at the beginning, middle or end of the year? We would prefer to have all three
- Prioritize Belle Haven, shows up progress - annually!
- Infrastructure - everything is old and the new Community Center is the only new building
 - We need to start now because we know that it is going to take a while
- Most important is air pollution
- We do not think it is important to prioritize public infrastructure because work with people first and then get to this
- We want to see that "reporting" is accessible
- The other side of Menlo Park has state of the art infrastructure, but there isn't one nearby. The infrastructure we are thinking of are hubs for children to develop themselves and build community.
- We need to prioritize public infrastructure so that people in Belle Haven feel safe and supported in enhancing their community
- We want to access how well the EJ policies and programs address health risks

Goal 2:

- Buses aren't being used
- Education and outreach are essential
- Significant polluters should be held accountable. They would rather pay a fine than do something about it
- More knowledge about how to legally dump and it should be free to use the dump
- Got to be made aware of issues and how to act pinned between pollution points
- Choices are being made to install EV charging by SamTrans without community input
- We want more education and awareness on what "green infrastructure" is
- We know the problems with air quality but we want to see action and data-driven results that demonstrate advancement and justice
- Solar panels are BEYOND CRITICAL but I hesitate because I don't trust PG&E's grid capacity in Belle Haven. I have only heard horrible things from folks who have spent a lot of money and time installing solar panels just to have PG&E not be there to support the installation by turning over the energy
- It is important to hold major polluters accountable for SURE
- Do you only need flood insurance if you have a loan on your home as a homeowner?
More research is needed
 - Despite this question, people who live in the flood zones/low lying areas need to have real and tangible protections too
- I believe most of us would take care of our public spaces if it was more convenient and affordable to legally dump
- We really like and have had positive experiences with the garbage company doing bulky pick ups!
- The garbage company needs to remove the charge/cost on the size of my curbside bin
- WE NEED MORE TREES!!! The difference in air quality, more pollinators/diversity, more shade BUT I don't want to have those trees damage my plumbing or mess with my allergies
- Work with polluters to mitigate and stop, they can go electric much more easily than we can
- It is important to stop illegal dumping because of the health hazards, fire risk and rodents
- We recommend that you revise the City rules so that the City can act to protect health
- Urban greening and carpooling can wait
- It isn't just us here in Belle Haven or just me as one person, we know the City can do more than us alone
- Most important is to revise regulations in the City to reduce pollution because we need to address this program in our community
- It is not important to to develop urban forest because we don't know if there is a need for the trees in our community
- We want a better understanding for how to work with "significant polluters"
- There should be a fee reduction at waste sites
- Pollution impacts the already problematic and systemic health disparities based on racial demographics. It disproportionately impacts people of color (Zoning/redlining.
- Educating the youth about climate resilience will address: accessibility, info spread, better advocacy for our roads/streets

- Important to think about how to diversify ethnic food options
- Why haven't all stores implemented EBT? Do they lose profit when EBT is used at their store?
- Grocery stores are limited in Belle Haven and results in food scarcity
- Want similar resources to Berkeley High School that has nutritional meals for students
- Electrical modifications are needed because the homes are old
- Double panel windows will help to condense sound too and cuts down on PG&E bills
- Bus system is getting better, they pick up/drop off more often than what I remember from before
- Small drug stores like CVS and Trader Joe's would be so great to have in our neighborhood too
- We need to develop an UFMP
- It is also important to minimize/mitigate illegal dumping

Goal 3:

- Amenities closed at the times communities need them
- Improving financial access to healthcare without insurance barrier, with the expectation that there will be quality healthcare provided despite no cost and no insurance
- Fire dept open all the time, why not the amenities?
- My home must be safe and reliable for power during a natural disaster. I feel like it is more important to me to upgrade my home so I know I am safe and can invite people over when things get tough.
- Very important to identify PRIVATE locations for Resilience Hubs too
 - Resilience Hubs need to be accessible to folks in motorized wheelchairs
 - The new community center will be dangerous to drive to in an extreme storm. I don't feel comfortable using that space as a Resilient Hub in the future
- Have programs for kids and facilities to understand the steps in green infrastructure
- We want to see our public facilities kept clean and the waste is properly disposed
- Housing for low income seniors is important
- We want more communication and transparency between Belle Haven residents and the City to talk about existing programs
- Want to see more bank connections so that there are loans for the community. We want to feel the sufficiency of keeping money here in our community specifically
- PG&E is going crazy with all the rate discrepancies, hikes and extra charges. We feel absolutely brutalized when it comes to making sure the lights are on in our homes. What is going on with this and how is PCE or the City looking to intervene?
- It is not important to identify and improve buildings because we do not understand what a Resilience Hub is and do not find that term relevant or engaging as a community
- It is very important to make sure there is Internet for all so that kids can have access along with every single other community member
- Support affordable Internet access to learn more about community programs. That connection is essential for understanding the digital resources and educational campaigns that are happening by the City
- Public buildings should be identified as our resilience hubs

- We want to ensure that our recreational facilities provide residents with access to parks, community centers and other safe places to gather and connect

Goal 4:

- Resources like SNAP available - provide access and more information is needed
- We want high quality resources and in collaboration with local stores
- SNAP access to essential care materials
- What does and does not count towards EBT
- Increase knowledge and signage (ads) for food access - we need more information and access points
- Encouraging health and clean eating with fresh food locally like at a Farmer's Market is important
- Misinformation and lots of questions about if farmer's markets were still happening in Belle Haven and where they are at currently
- Gardening in general is really important, especially teaching people and a community garden how to take it home
- I want to lump the farmers market initiatives with community gardens and use those spaces as a hub for teaching, eating and spending time in my community
- Is groundwater a part of this? I want to see more trends, see more research because what I have observed now is very concerning in my own backyard
- Everyone needs to know about food assistance programs, not just some folks
- Grocery stores need to be closer to the community because seniors do not have cars and have to take the bus to get anywhere. The transportation system is not reliable enough for that to be the way they get their food.
- Most important to address the price of food because it is so expensive. We recommend prioritizing SNAP grocery stores, promoting farmer markings and identifying how to promote deeper accessibility in Belle Haven
- The City must tell people about existing programs
- Everyone will accept benefits, increased access and an increase in affordability
- Community gardens can help share resources
- We voted for encouragement of the community at the bottom because the current programs people already know about are not working. We clearly need new programs that make more sense for this community.
- Proximity matters in providing healthy food - it must be walkable! Other ways to make it more accessible include smaller businesses, accessibility, universal SNAP and food delivery to seniors
- Inform low-income households and make sure the information makes sense to them
- ENcourage healthy food options

Goal 5:

- Education prevention for youth to not become houseless - prepare in advance through financial education pathways
- Noticing a ballooning interest on loans
- Down payment and first-time homeowners assistance
- Properties are being sold with toxic releases present

- Toxic building materials in houses
- Nonchalance of government to address these issues is so, so frustrating
- Rent control is necessary, we recommend \$6000 for 2 bed, 2 bath
- Anti-displacement sounds intriguing, we all in this group want to see that because we continue to see more and more folks living in their cars but wanting to stay in the community despite not being able to afford to live here
- We have NO rent control laws, that is easily the most important because it doesn't exist at all and hasn't been piloted at all in the area
- So much traffic because people can't afford to live here, they have to pass through to get to more affordable housing on the other side of the Bay
- It has taken a while for Belle Haven residents to see and feel the impacts of gentrification but it is very clear at this point in time
- Multilingual resources need to also be plainly worded so that you do not need to be highly education to understand and feel like you are included in that resource
- Most important to Identify and resolve rent control issues and housing issues for renters
- We do not feel it is a priority now to ensure that the City has an anti-displacement policy or initiative
- Down payments help a lot and we want more classes for homebuyers
- Displacement is a major issue!! The rent to own model is not working in our community
- There is a major problem with soil quality in Belle Haven. It is critical to have a clean foundation and if it is contaminated, people will have to move
- Housing needs to be fair and affordable
- Multilingual tenant information is really important
 - Students are transferring from different countries and are having issues assimilating because of the language barriers
- Speeding by Mt. Eden Seboral is unsafe for crossing children
- Ensure the City's Anti-Displacement Strategy supports households in Belle Haven specifically and in particular
- Electrification of homes and the water quality in the home are very important to us

Goal 6:

- Zoning parking issues, we continue to move our cars to avoid tickets
- ID barriers to physical education, safe routes to school
- Kids spend a lot of time navigating through traffic
- Lighting is terrible in the neighborhood and diminishes safety of those using active transportation after the sun goes down
- We know and deeply care about physical activity - we have known and felt that priority our whole lives and that makes this section easier to rank and visualize in the community
- Lots of people like to walk in the neighborhood. Are there more natural trails that we can use that connect to the Bay? What types of trails already exist and are they used regularly now?
- Crossing guards are very important with how much traffic there is in Belle Haven
- There are too many crossing guards, clearly there are plenty of those folks doing the work
- Seeing the assessment and development of safer routes to school is really important

- Speeding is a huge problem on Hamilton Ave - speed bumps or other slowing impediments are necessary
- Sideshows, or reckless driving and tricks, are getting out of hand. We know the police are trying but it is still a major issue that needs to be addressed.
- Our priority is to update the master plan because I want to improve the environment
- It is less important to implement education campaigns because it was the last option on the list but I got to the bottom of my ballot and only have that left
- More comprehensive and ongoing educational campaigns would help a lot in our community!
- Identify and eliminate barrier to our door physical activities are essential
- We want to see increased safety as a result of educational campaigns

Goal 7:

- Stipends for council and stipends for commissioners too - we like what is going on and look forward to more
- Want to group all the civic engagement initiatives into one priority project/campaign
- Educational opportunities are really important to keeping everyone involved and continuing to be thoughtfully involved longer term
- We really need more often and relevant disaster preparedness resources that are TANGIBLE and make sense with how to use
- Need more clarity on what “maintaining EJ Element” means in context. How is the City asking the community to be involved with this?
- It is really important to promote/evaluate educational workshops because people want to know how to get involved and want to stay involved longer term
- We do not think it is important to maintaining the EJE because the community is already not consider at all so what is the point?
- We need more disaster preparedness resources in Belle Haven
- We need to encourage more resources are leveraged for in person outreach because that is how this community connects and shares information

Other:

- Example
- Example

Worksheet Comments:

Overall:

- Safe and stable homes, food and reducing health risks top priority because they are the most important to living day to day. Reducing pollution and improving air quality is also very important as well as promoting civic engagement in public decision making to make the neighborhood population feel like they have a voice and that they become more involved.
- Housing is not only a major issue in the state but especially in the disadvantaged communities, that is the most important. The less important on this is physical activity because that is much more of an individual’s discipline.
- With all of the traffic air quality is a must, food is next on my list followed by housing.

- Everything can be improved but physical activity and high quality facilities are mostly taken care of.
- It is very important to have good housing and food.
- Stable homes are the foundation of a good community. Lowest priority is civic engagement, it looks good here today.
- Clean air is most important for your health.
- We need to be able to nourish ourselves with quality food. Air quality is important and preventing displacement is as well. If we take care of those we'll address unique and compounded health problems, facilities is lowest on my list.
- Air quality is very important, East Menlo Park has worse air than the rest of Menlo.
- All are important but promoting physical activity is most important for the environment so there is less pollution.
- I ranked safe sanitary and stable homes as the top priority because there isn't enough nice living spaces on this side of Menlo Park.
- Living in unsafe spaces, unstable or uninhabitable conditions creates many health health issues, you need security to thrive. Decisions are often made without citizen input all the time.
- We ranked safe, sanitary, and stable homes number one because it is better to live in a clean safe home than outdoors in poor air quality.
- We ranked providing safe sanitary and stable homes because our priorities should lie in homes so they can be safe for our families and future generations.
- We rate providing safe sanctuary and stable homes number 1.
- My priority is homes, health care and physical/health risks.
- *Living here is expensive and many times we have to pay rent no matter what and our health is affected because we can't afford quality food.*
- More support for elderly folks, improve air quality.
- Top priority is housing and food.
- Air quality is a top priority due to all the construction work that is going on.
- Affordable and safe housing is crucial, civic engagement gives people a voice and opinions. Air quality can cause health risks and reducing health risks is key to living a long life.
- Promoting physical activity for our youth early in life will help decrease health risks. Improving air quality will also help reduce health issues.
- People in underserved areas are obese, this needs to be addresses. Air pollution creates asthma and lung issues. Safe and sanitary homes is anti-displacement.
- Physical activity is lower bodily health can be improved through individual actions. Outreach and education is important, knowing is half the battle.
- The cost of living is so high and is insane. People can make the best decisions about physical activity.
- If we want to tackle the air pollution, stop building in Belle Haven. That is the reason we have air pollution and stop tearing down 40 foot trees.
- If we can't keep the community we have here, what is it all for? We have to make things better for the people who have been here and fighting for a long time, so homes is a top

priority. We have to improve health, there is more than enough food to go around, it is about getting it to the people who need it.

- *Housing is a human rights issue, addressing the displacement and ensuring residents that make up this community can stay in the community is the top priority.*
- Impacts from the state highway are extreme, we should learn lessons about food insecurity from the pandemic food insecurity nutrition and health. People need to be able to easily voice their issues and concerns to governments.
- Housing is the top concern, we need to keep our current community housed and create opportunities. The community is surrounded by highways so air quality is also a top priority.
- Everything ties together.
- We need to make sure everyone is healthy.
- Having a safe and stable home is the most important because it all comes down to needing a roof over your head that way you aren't as exposed to air pollution.

Goal 1:

- The other side of Menlo Park has very good infrastructure. Look!
- traffic
- *Environmental justice is essential for the growth of the community.*
- We need infrastructure investment, we are last in our needs.
- If you prioritize you can assess what is needed and then can check annually on the progress.
- *As I age, after I retired I am unable to afford to live.*
- I live in Belle Haven so to me personally infrastructure improvements are very important to be done and health risks be addressed.
- Public infrastructure is most important because the community can see the impacts, less important is annual reporting because we'll see the progress.
- We need to know about the outcomes of the EJE and see how well it is working. Follow up in the community on progress.
- Working on the improvements in the community is needed to make real progress.
- Top priority is roads, potholes, making buildings disaster ready. Then give an account of what has been done.
- Infrastructure improvements will take the longest so they should be prioritized first. Reporting on progress can wait till things are actually being accomplished.
- We need to be informed on the plans for development.
- We need to prioritize infrastructure so that it is better for the children.
- Address health risks is most important because we face those risks every day.
- *The priority should be fixing the community because there's been a lot of neglect—buildings, schools and street are not updated. There is more congestion in the community as well so public works needs to address that.*
- Providing better infrastructure is our #1 because better spaces for children allow them to grow in their school. If you put time and effort into your childrens school they'll feel more willing to learn because youre putting time into them. As a student it makes you feel cared about that makes you want to learn.

- Children's lives matter so we need to make sure they have safe spaces.
- Actionable improvements will help everyone even when not all people are in the loop with reports and assessments.
- Prioritizing investment in Belle Haven is vital, reporting yearly is also vital.
- It is important for infrastructure to be improved quickly and reported annually to make sure there is progress.

Goal 2:

- I have to study more on this.
- Reduce pollution produces health.
- Reducing pollution exposure is essential for good health.
- Car pooling is great and we need to know if we really need flood insurance or not.
- Top priorities to me is that we need to reduce pollution by educating people on better and more ethical ways to dump things.
- Most important is educational outreach and least important is improving the number of trees.
- Education is the key for tomorrow and the least important is the electrification, there's issues that haven't been resolved.
- Working with the best technology is important to minimize air pollution.
- Bus electrification would cut down pollution, informing the public is important.
- Reducing fees at landfills will reduce illegal dumping, the legal options have to be easiest.
- Increase outreach and awareness of flood insurance it is important to prepare for the unexpected.
- The city needs to follow through on the laws put in place to protect residents.
- If people are dumping frequently more affordable fees might make them less likely to do so.
- Illegal dumping affects us and makes its way into the ocean.
- My number 1 is increasing the number of trees in the community which will help with significant air pollutants and overall health.
- Improve quality of life by opening a drugstore. Carpooling to events is already happening.

Goal 3:

- We need support for low income people, programs have to be affordable!
- Belle Haven needs more support from the city.
- Community local businesses should be preferred.
- We need a restroom at the park on Ivy Drive.
- Most important is health least is community bank.
- Provide all residents with access regardless of their economic situation. Internet is important.
- Banks are essential to a thriving community in California otherwise where will people bank and get loans? Internet can wait because many people already have it on their phones.

- *We need to have banks and grocery stores in this area because there are lots of seniors who don't have vehicles and have to wait at the bus stops for long periods and some are afraid of being onboard.*
- The internet is important because we communicate with each other and the world/generations.
- New center needs to be accessible to everyone.
- In order to thrive and be self-sufficient we need our own financial institutions. If we have strong banking relationships we can fund many of the things we need in the community.
- Internet is our top priority because the internet is how we communicate and learn on topics like Belle Haven's infrastructure.
- Waste disposal will keep the environment clean and reduce air pollution.
- More accountability to the city, we need a dental clinic over the counter prescriptions.
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Goal 4:

- We need more grocery stores for the elderly and the community to walk to for safety.
- Homeless people need housing and food.
- Affordable and healthy food is a great idea but in California it is hard.
- We have plenty of programs for food but none for vegan or vegetarian options.
- Home and community gardens will help support residents who live in apartments, organic gardens for year round crops. We can grow enough to support families and a farmers market.
- Now that I am retired it is more difficult to access food from home. Local small markets do not carry healthy foods period.
- Walkable stores is a huge factor.
- Least important is SNAP because it is already available most important is to inform low income people about the resources that are already available.
- SNAP is a lifesaver in this area.
- Encouraging community gardens will encourage residents to share their wealth with each other.
- We need access to high quality and affordable food. Vegan and vegetarian don't really matter unless those people are allergic to some stuff.
- Create new community gardens to provide more access to plants, fruit, soil, and gardening supplies.
- We need more stores that have clean food options. It takes transportation and more money to access more nutritious and clean food.
- A lot of stores don't offer an EBT option which shouldn't be normalized. We should have an option available to people who need SNAP or EBT. A lot of nutritious stores like trader joes or whole foods or high end stores don't have SNAP or EBT eligibility.
- Everyone should have the opportunity to shop for affordable foods.
- We need more affordable healthy and high quality foods.

Goal 5:

- I rank the highest due to the lack of rent control in our community. First time home buyers need to know what the qualifications and requirements are.
- Reduce water bills! We need help, bad! The bill is too high!
- Downpayment assistance is good, but the monthly payment will still be a problem!
- Housing affordability is very important.
- PG&E bills are higher than water bills, that should be addressed first.
- We have enough apartments here we don't need a land trust to make more of them.
- *Rent control is #1 because it can allow people time to save to purchase a house in the future.*
- Education about existing programs is important for all in regards to homes.
- Toxic soil has to be alleviated, you need to start from a clean and healthy foundation then build.
- It is better for people who come in to learn other languages to communicate with others.
- Ensuring anti-displacement is focused in Belle Haven is important and community land trust for affordable new housing.
- *There are a lot of residents who've had to move away because of rent hikes and discriminatory home buying practices. There are renter-to-owner issues that need to be addressed by laws.*
- Educational workshops would give everyone a chance to make our community more inclusive and opportunities to be heard by people who can relate.
- *Rent is so expensive! We need better rent control laws for low income families!*
- Pass rent control! And offer down payment assistance for first time buyers.
- Rent control is #1 and soil contamination is last.

Goal 6:

- We need crossing guards at key intersections because of extreme traffic in the evening.
- Flashing lights near the playgrounds are needed.
- Excessive speeding and insufficient lighting.
- We have a safe routes, it needs to be followed.
- My top priority is the safe routes to school because I have young children who are not safe.
- Most important is eliminating barriers for physical activity least important is updated the plans because that is not tangible work.
- We should have these plans drawn out in advance so safety can be reviewed and prioritized.
- Children need to be able to go to school safely.
- Sidewalks need to be accessible, how can we be active without them.
- Safe street crossing would reduce jay walking and unnecessary risks.
- Physical activity is big, encouraging more bike riding and walking will decrease the pollution.
- Implement education campaigns to help people feel safe and confident walking biking and taking transit.

Goal 7:

- We need workshops at least once a month in Belle Haven for the residents to know what is available.
- We need insurance we can afford.
- Anything to do with Belle Haven should always have Belle Haven involved!
- Language justice applies to everything.
- Belle Haven voices need to be heard.
- Regular meetings are very important.
- Outreach will help people decide what they want to do with their communities.
- We want everyone to be educated about their decisions and want everyone to be educated about them.
- Alert systems would help keep everyone safe and connected.
- Promote and evaluate educational workshops and feasibly compensate. Encourage resources for in-person outreach at the community hub.

Appendix 2: Spanish Feedback

Spanish Menlo Park EJE Feedback

Large Post It Comments:

Overall:

- Reduce the exposure to contamination and to better air quality
- Promote access to high quality food and high quality public facilities

Goal 1:

- Prioritize bettering the public infrastructure necessary in Belle Haven
- Inform yearly how to consider and prioritize Belle Haven in the planes to better the infrastructure

Goal 2:

- Work with the prime contaminators to minimize their contamination through the use of the best technology available
- Implement and update the Climate Action Plan of the City to better the quality of air and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gasses

Goal 3:

- Identify and better the public buildings in Belle Haven to serve as Resilience Hubs
- Install infrastructure that permits easy elimination of waste in parks and streets

Goal 4:

- Support the availability of agricultural markets, agricultural positions, ethnic markets, and healthy food mobile markets. Carry out an ample divulgation and participation to publicize these markets
- Foment and simplify the development process of community gardens. Facilitate the creation or betterment of a community garden in a timeframe of 3 years

Goal 5:

- Guarantee that the Anti-Displacement Strategy of the city supports homes in Belle Haven
- Identify and resolve, in the manner that is possible, whatever possible toxic contamination of the soil in developed residential communities, particularly in Belle Haven

Goal 6:

- Identify and eliminate barriers to physical activity including sidewalks, bike lanes, and lack of safe crosswalks. Reduce the speed limit, provide sufficient street lighting, and lack of gardens or trees that provide shade in Belle Haven
- Implement educative campaigns to increase the security and commodity of people that walk, ride bikes, and use public transit

Goal 7:

- Promote and evaluate educational workshops that encourage the residents of Belle Haven in the processes of making public decisions
- Foment Resources for divulgation in person, better the community campus of Belle Haven like community centers for learning and opportunities to connect the residents with resources and foment the participation in public meetings, events and making decisions

Worksheet Comments:

Overall:

- Wanting to better air quality due to having issues with asthma
- Want to promote physical activity
- Reduce contamination
- All are very important to improve the city
- All are top priorities and for the children as well.
- For me, contamination and bettering the air quality because contaminated air can bring many health problems.
- We need more clean air for the health of people, pets, and elders.
- Air is important for health.
- Air is important for health. Free transportation is convenient for people.
- Air is important for health
- It's good to have a good environment. I picked 7 because all the options are important.
- Air is important for health. Free transportation is convenient for those who use it.
- Unite for the community.
- I think it's important to improve the air to be healthy.
- We need clean air for the elderly, pets, kids, and adults.

Goal 1:

- Yearly updates over the progress and the monthly results of the EJ Element
- The streets need to be improved to increase safety on the roads
- To have more information about the food (what's healthy vs. what's unhealthy)
- Very important to prioritize climate change.
- Keep the community informed.
- Flooding causes trees to fall, more communication
- Trees fall when it floods. We need more communication.
- Flooding causes trees to fall.
- It's necessary that they inform us about the progress and results.
- Flooding causes trees to fall. Inform people about environmental justice.
- Air is important for health and the community.
- To be informed about the progress happening in the city.

Goal 2:

- To clean the air, but it's difficult to assign one number to order the prioritize the issues because they are all important
- We have to educate people about the importance of air quality
- Contamination is very important
- All are priorities for a better city.
- What's important for me is clean air that's uncontaminated.
- Talk with the companies, reduce contamination
- Talk with companies to reduce contamination x 3
- Work with the people to reduce contamination.
- It's good for our lives to improve the environment even though all options are important.
- Reduce exposure to homes.
- It's important to improve the environmental air for the community.

Goal 3:

- Belle Haven needs resilience hubs
- Very good idea to work with the schools
- Working with schools is a very good option to implement with the kids.
- We need more community spaces for the community
- Kids programs and success in schools
- There isn't a community space where there are programs.
- There aren't any community spaces where there are programs
- Fix the potholes in the street.
- There isn't a community space. X 2
- Support access to internet affordability. Work with the schools to support.
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Goal 4:

- Promote access to healthy food because Belle Haven is a food desert
- All are priorities with this topic of food.
- All are priority
- *Mobile farmers markets * Spanish- English programs.
- Improve the quality of foods.
- More mobile farmers markets, more EBT money for more
- More money for EBT each month.
- It'd be great to have a community garden.
- More mobile farmers markets. More money for EBT for more.
- There are no community spaces, more programs, and there are homeless people.
- Example

Goal 5:

- To help the renters have rent control
- There is a need to reduce the cost of water
- Help renters to keep rent control.
- Workshops for kids to support them

- Clean the streets after fireworks.
- The buildings are empty for many years. X2
- Lots of support, programming and places to live.

Goal 6:

- Implement educational campaigns
- Belle Haven needs more streets lights, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes for safety
- Take care of pedestrians. Bike ways.
- Implement secure walkways for kids to cross over to schools.
- You can't see the lines for bicycles on the street.
- Workshops for kids to learn about bike safety.
- You can't see the bike lanes. X2
- Safety is important for people walking and biking.
- Lots and more transportation. Workshops for kids.

Goal 7:

- The community needs prepared for disasters
- The residents of the community need to know what is happening in the community to be better prepared
- English classes
- Provide Emergency kits before composting.
- Emergency kits, implement shelters for safe places during disasters.
- Protect the kids.
- Good communication between the city and community.
- More all-spanish workshops.
- Good communication with the community and the city. X2
- Lots of participation and support thank you.

Overall	Total	Average	Top Ranks
<i>Reducing pollution exposure and</i>	168	3.05	16
<i>Promoting equitable access to</i>	273	4.96	0
<i>Promoting access to high quality</i>	138	2.51	10
<i>Providing safe, sanitary, and</i>	137	2.49	22
<i>Promoting physical activity</i>	263	4.78	1
<i>Reducing unique or compounded</i>	243	4.42	1
<i>the public decision-making</i>	290	5.27	4

Goal 6	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Total	
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Goal 7	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Ranking	Total	
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