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From: Michelle Ifland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Parking lot on Mill St

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Subject: Reconsider Allocation of Funds for Mill St. Parking Lot Project

Dear City Council,

I am writing to address a concern regarding the Mill St. parking lot project and the allocation of funds in light of the current budget constraints and priorities. It has come to my attention that while the project was initially approved in the annual budget for a sum of a little over \$500,000, the winning bid for the project now stands at \$650,000.

Given the financial landscape and the pressing needs within our community, I believe it is crucial to reassess the decision to allocate such a significant amount to a parking lot project that appears to exceed its intended budget. Particularly, as I understand, the city is facing a deficit in the fire safety budget, which may necessitate the consideration of a half-cent sales tax increase to address this important issue.

I implore you to reconsider the current allocation of funds for the Mill St. parking lot project. The proposed parking lot's location, which is situated at a considerable distance from downtown, raises questions about its practicality and effectiveness in serving its intended purpose. Instead of dedicating a larger portion of the budget to this project, I strongly recommend that the funds be reallocated to address the pressing concern of fire safety within our city.

The safety of our citizens should always be a top priority, and it would be prudent to direct financial resources towards initiatives that directly impact public well-being. Allocating the additional \$150,000 to the fire safety budget, as opposed to exceeding the budget for a parking lot, seems like a more responsible and prudent course of action. This reallocation would not only address a critical need within our community but also demonstrate a commitment to the well-being and security of our citizens.

In conclusion, I kindly ask the City Council to reconsider the allocation of funds for the Mill St. parking lot project, especially given the budget constraints and the more pressing need for fire safety initiatives. Let us work together to prioritize the safety and welfare of our community by making responsible and informed decisions about resource allocation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will weigh these concerns thoughtfully and make a decision that truly benefits our city and its residents.

Best,

Michelle Ifland-314 Mill St.-Grass Valley



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From: Jedidiah Watson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 5:22 AM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Public Comment Mill St Parking

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Dear City Council,

I would kindly suggest you re-evaluate the budget and priority of the parking lot on Mill St.

The project was approved with an estimated cost of \$500k and in the annual budget there is an allocation of just a little over \$500k for the project; however when the project was sent out for bid the estimate increased to \$650k and the winning bid is at the \$650k mark. Based on the last City Council meeting there is a deficit in the budget for fire safety and I would suggest to prioritize safety over an under funded parking lot.

Thank You,
Jedidiah

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From: Liam Ellerby [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:30 PM
To: Events
Subject: MILL ST NAMES

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as a marketing professional what names could we use to draw people into our downtown pedestrian street called Mill st

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Branding a downtown pedestrian street can be a key strategy to attract visitors and businesses. Here are several potential names and themes to consider for "Mill St." Remember, the best name often connects with the history, culture, or unique features of the area:

1. **Historic Mill Promenade:** Emphasizes the historical significance, perhaps referencing a former mill or the heritage of the street.
2. **Mill Street Marketplace:** Gives the sense that the street is not just a place to walk, but a destination with unique shopping and dining experiences.
3. **Mill Lane Mile:** Offers a catchy and rhythmic name, hinting at a fun and sizable pedestrian stretch.
4. **Mill Walk District:** Highlights the pedestrian nature of the street and suggests a district feel, with interconnected shops, eateries, and events.
5. **Millstream Commons:** Invokes imagery of a flowing stream, a nod to "mill" and its natural connotations. Also suggests a common or gathering place.
6. **The Millboard Walk:** A play on words connecting "mill" with "boardwalk", even if there's no water nearby.
7. **Mill Street Mews:** The term "mews" often refers to a street or passage where people gather, especially in historic or urban settings.
8. **Mill Plaza Passage:** Gives a sense of both open plazas and intimate passageways to explore.
9. **Mill St. Meander:** Invokes a leisurely, relaxed stroll through the area, ideal for window shopping and exploring.
10. **The Mill Yard:** If there's any green space or a park-like setting nearby, this name suggests a combination of urban and natural spaces.
11. **The Grist Ground:** A nod to the milling history, where "grist" is grain that is ground to produce flour.
12. **Artisan Alley at Mill St.:** If the street is or could be known for local artisans, craftspeople, and boutique shops.
13. **Mill Street Muse:** If the area has or could foster an artsy or inspirational vibe.
14. **The Mill Path Plaza:** Combines notions of a pathway and a gathering plaza.
15. **Vintage View on Mill:** If the street has historical buildings or a vintage charm.

Once you've chosen a name, consider themed events, art installations, and promotions that align with the name's concept. This can help to solidify the brand and draw more attention to the pedestrian street.



this is a small rural town of 12,000 people with a historic past

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Ah, with the context of a small, historic rural town, it's essential that the branding reflects both the intimate nature and historic legacy of the community. Here are some names that may suit a historic rural setting:

1. **Historic Mill Village Walk:** Emphasizes the town's history and smaller size.
2. **Old Mill Town Pathway:** Directly references the historic nature of the place and the old-time charm.
3. **Mill St. Heritage Trail:** This would suggest a deep connection to the past and perhaps even have historic markers or points of interest along the way.
4. **Rustic Mill Lane:** Highlights the rural, historic charm of the street.
5. **Mill St. Memories:** An evocative name, suggesting a connection to the past and the memories that have shaped the community.
6. **Heart of Mill Street:** As the central or vital pedestrian pathway in the town, it emphasizes its significance.
7. **Mill's Country Crossway:** A nod to its rural nature while emphasizing it as a gathering place or pathway.
8. **Historic Homestead on Mill:** Reflecting the town's heritage and the idea of community and family.
9. **Mill St. Time Trail:** Gives a sense of journeying through the town's history.
10. **Pioneer Path on Mill:** Especially fitting if the town's history includes pioneering or early settlements.
11. **Country Chronicle on Mill:** Again emphasizing history, but with a rural touch.
12. **Old Stone Way on Mill:** If the town or Mill St. has cobblestone or historic pathways, this name could be quite evocative.
13. **Mill Street Echoes:** Reflects the stories and histories that still "echo" in the community.
14. **Mill's Legacy Lane:** Suggesting the lasting impression the town's history has on its present.
15. **Heritage Haven on Mill:** A welcoming name that emphasizes the historic nature of the street and town.

In a smaller town, community engagement is especially valuable. Consider seeking feedback from residents on potential names or even hosting a naming contest to involve them directly. This not only promotes community engagement but also ensures the chosen name resonates with those who live there.



the town is historic but also vibrant and a tourist destination

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Thank you for the clarification. If Mill St. is located in a historic yet vibrant town that attracts tourists, it's important to highlight both aspects of its identity: the rich past and the lively present. Here are some suggestions that try to capture that dual essence:

1. **Mill Street Alive!** Emphasizing the vibrancy and life in the historic setting.
2. **Heritage Hub on Mill:** Combines the historic value with the idea of a bustling center of activity.

3. **Mill St. Moments:** Highlighting both timeless moments from history and the vibrant experiences awaiting visitors today.
4. **Vibrant Vintage Mill Lane:** Bridging the historic and the modern, the vintage and the lively.
5. **Mill Street Marvel:** Suggesting that there's always something marvelous and unexpected to discover.
6. **Historic Haven & Hustle on Mill:** This name contrasts the sense of a preserved past with a bustling present.
7. **Mill Street Fusion:** Emphasizing the blend of the old and the new.
8. **Timeless Turns on Mill:** Reflecting both the timeless beauty of the historic town and the twists and turns of vibrant experiences.
9. **Mill Street Mingle:** Captures the idea of mixing – of eras, of people, of experiences.
10. **Epoch Elegance on Mill:** 'Epoch' references time and history, while 'Elegance' suggests both grace of the past and the charm of the present.
11. **Mill Street Merriment:** Highlighting the fun and lively atmosphere that tourists and locals alike can expect.
12. **Heritage Heartbeat on Mill:** Captures the essence of a historic core that is very much alive and beating.
13. **Mill Street Renaissance:** If the town has seen a revival or renewal while maintaining its historic character, this name evokes both past splendors and modern resurgence.
14. **Legacy & Life on Mill Street:** A direct approach to emphasizing the blend of history and modern vibrancy.
15. **Historic Mill Street Revels:** Blending the town's storied past with its lively present.

Whichever name you choose, it will be essential to incorporate visual elements, events, and promotional materials that bring the name to life and reflect the spirit of the street. It might also be a good idea to conduct community and tourist surveys or host a naming contest to get broader input and create excitement around the rebranding effort

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Subject: Mill street suggestion

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Hello, I want to make a suggestion for our beautiful new Mill street. I went to Wisconsin and walked downtown Wausau and they had umbrellas hanging from cable over the street. It looks so beautiful and great way to provide shade as well. Here is a picture of an example. Thank you for your time.



Miranda Bacon

From: terry lamphier <info@cityofgrassvalley.com>
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Submitted by anonymous user: [204.102.130.197]

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Message:

RE: proposed new fire-related tax

If you put this on the ballot as a general tax, I will oppose it. If you present a well reasoned and clear proposal for the tax and present it as a special tax, I will support it if your proposal uses are clear, defined and reasonable.

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From: WIRELESS CALLER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (33 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Hi, this is Matthew Coulter commenting on the fire tax that you're talking about right now because the zoom is not working. So I'm calling in, and yes, a lot needs to be done by Public Works. They shouldn't be driving around empty trucks. They should be picking up dry waste product that they see laying all over town that they just drive right on by, as well as many other things that could help without putting in another half million dollars, another half cent sales tax. Thank you.

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