

Taylor Day

From: Emily Rangel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Main Street Resurfacing

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Madame Mayor and Esteemed Council,

Thank you for your service to our community. Thank you for your time and care with this agenda item. I greatly appreciate more time being allowed for this to be commented on by the businesses that it will affect. I was able to share this information with many neighbors. Worryingly, only one of the neighbors I spoke with had heard about this project (but had not seen the email). For future projects that directly impact businesses, I wonder if there isn't a better way to inform the merchants, other than email? We get quite a few emails from the GVDA, and one this important can, and did in many cases, get lost in the shuffle. It is in everyone's best interest to work together during planning major infrastructure changes. As business owners, we offer a unique and valuable perspective. We spend a considerable amount of time at our storefronts. We see the daily heartbeat of downtown. These are our "second homes". Some of us spend more time here than in our actual homes. These businesses are how we put food on our tables and pay for new shoes for our children. We are heavily invested. Would council be willing to consider creating a procedure for the City to follow for similar future events? Something that includes human-to-human contact, with conversation would be mutually beneficial. At least offering a hard copy of the project, and how businesses can be involved/considered in the planning including dates and times. This has the potential greatly improve relationships downtown with minimal cost.

I thank the City for being considerate of input from the community. This consideration is shown in the latest rendering of the intersection at Mill and Main from the City. Thank you for listening to my concerns. I believe the reduction to one crosswalk at the intersection will make this a far safer entrance and exit to the pedestrian pavilion. Thank you also, for changing the construction timeline to after the holidays. This was much appreciated by myself and many of my neighbors, as this season is crucial for the survival of our businesses. I look forward to many safer crossings.

Thank you for your time,
Emily Rangel
Owner, Moms & Minis

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From: Aria Griffis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Current crosswalk proposals

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To whom it may concern,

When looking at the current proposal for crosswalks on West Main Street, it is drastically different than what I once was expecting. The current plan is not ideal for businesses on the far side of West Main. There will be a significant extended path of travel for a customer to get to this side, depending on where they are. Taking out the crosswalk at the light makes it so the pedestrian has to cross south Auburn twice just to get to the other side. This makes no sense?? For example, if I was shopping at Marley Lane(in the old Swenson's building) and noticed that I wanted to get across the street. I would go to the corner, wait for a light to cross So. Auburn then wait on the corner to cross East Main, then wait at that corner to cross back over So. Auburn again. This is very disruptive to the natural flow of traffic. I have had a shop in Downtown Grass Valley for 15 years and notice the flow of traffic on a daily basis and this will not have a positive impact for customers getting through the door of West Main Store fronts. I have already been affected very negatively by the parklette in front of Pete's and my store, Make Local Habit. I don't agree with the proposed changes and hope that you take business owners and community members considerations and opinions seriously when making final decisions.

Aria Griffis
Owner at Make Local Habit
[REDACTED]

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From: karllanquisthotrods [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Main Street Modifications

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As a worker/manager of Clock Tower Records for 13 years the intersection in front of the store before the closure of Mill Street was dangerous. I've lots track throughout the years of people getting hit by cars, or families running with baby strollers to not get hit by cars. Now with the possibilities of only having one crosswalk is going to cause more issues of clogging up the intersection with people only being able to cross in one area, and having traffic stopped in front of Clock Tower Records. In addition going to cause pedestrians on Mill Street to competly stop and not cross to shop on Main Street. It's just really going to be a mess, and inconsiderate of any of the business on Main Street!

Karl Lanquist, Clock Tower Records

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

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Time: Thursday, August 22 2024 2:58 PM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 1 minute 30 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript:

Hi, I'm a grass valley resident of over 30 years a mom to a bunch of little kids and someone who wants the best for grass valley I don't know if you guys get off of Mill Street often But it appears if you don't the homeless issue is becoming more obvious by the day I challenge you to take your kids or grandkids to Memorial Park The parking lot by the playground speaks for itself Walk along Wolf Creek Trail and find people in the bushes doing who knows what two places that a lot welcoming by the day, especially for someone with little kids. The Brunswick and Sutton area is such a blatant disaster as you know. The police and fire resources that are used in that area are exhausting and 100% avoidable if you guys would start addressing real issues. It seems as if both City Council and City Management has done a wonderful job at making insignificant things appear significant to make it look like you're doing something for the city. The city manager makes \$400,000 a year. City council wants to potentially start getting paid more and receive health benefits, all the while taking zero ownership for a valley that negatively affect everyone. Flip side, that cost of

living adjustment this last year, yet place a very high burden on them and their resources. No one likes to take responsibility when things go wrong. However, I challenge you all to take a step back and collectively get your priorities straight for the sake of Grass Valley and your legacy as public servants in this city. Thank you.

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From: TOM DOAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: From Country Wood Furniture re crossing

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Hi Tim,

This is Shoshana @ Country Wood Furniture responding to the crosswalk changes proposal sent out to merchants on 8-20-24.

We, as a business are strongly in favor of leaving the current arrangement of the 2 crosswalks as they stand. This gives a clear sense of connection and cohesion, from Mill Street to Main Street as a downtown. We also feel that the markings for the crosswalks should stand out WAY more. This is even more vital due to the fact that there is always blinding sun for both morning and evening traffic!

Thank-you for your willingness to balance these concerns into the next chapter of progress for our downtown!

Sincerely, Shoshana & Tom Doan

Country Wood Furniture 116 W. Main St. Grass Valley, CA 95945 [REDACTED]

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Time: Wednesday, August 21 2024 4:10 PM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 3 minutes 6 seconds

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Transcript:

Hi, my name is Christopher Finstad, F-I-N-S-T-A-D, and I'm a resident at 418 Oak Street here in Grass Valley at Memorial Park between Central Avenue and Colfax Avenue. My comment is for the meeting of Thursday the 22nd, the special meeting that begins at 6.30 p.m. The comment regards the surveillance cameras and installation of them at Memorial Park. The suggestion for what activities I've seen across the past 30 plus years here and having been retired or out of work, retired since 2008 and out of work since 1996 predominantly, my exposure to the park suggests that drug distribution, drug activity, people, minors, alcohol consumption, largely is contained and concentrated at the bleachers to the less EVA field. So installation of cameras would appear to do the most good there. With nighttime cameras, maybe having motion activated sensors for people who typically sleep on the bleachers at the announcer's box area, and I would suggest considering a light half court on the basketball court that's motion activated. People have been showing up, they've been playing basketball, they've been using headlamps from their cars,

And I think that would, it's not necessarily teams, but individuals, especially as a consideration to the climate and the heat during daytime hours. Both use at pickleball courts and basketball courts go out of use with the heat. And of course, people come out with their dogs walking near midnight after 11 p.m. when games have ended. So I don't think it's unreasonable to request that a motion-activated lighting system just at least for half court at the basketball court near the clock would satisfy illumination and reduce potential risk for people who decide to make use of it for ultimate fighting championships or confrontations or territorial disputes as there's been somewhat of an inclination toward in how people have been treated for using the park.

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Time: Wednesday, August 21 2024 4:04 PM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 38 seconds

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Transcript:

Hello, I live across from Martino Park and I am against the proposal to cut down the forested area in the back to develop a farm even though it's a worthy cause. I take a walk there every day and I love seeing the trees. They also provide food and shelter for animals and shade for human beings so definitely against that part of it. If you need to contact me, my phone number is [REDACTED]. Thank you.

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Time: Wednesday, August 21 2024 1:40 PM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 2 minutes 20 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript:

All right, this is Julius Zelke Jr. I'm at 11812 Alta Vista Avenue. I'm the last house on that street on the left-hand side. And I am the person that would be most affected by cutting down the trees. My fence line goes to the park. And this is such a bad idea. Certainly, I believe the greenbelt, the beautiful trees that everybody walks around and mostly by, I believe they're grandfathered in and there certainly couldn't be a building put there. My view is looking out and seeing all these beautiful oak trees and the animals and the wonderful people that walk by and wave at me every day. I'm not a real good speaker, so I'll just say, please don't do this. And, you know, you couldn't put a building out. If you put a building, you're going to have to do all kinds of things, and greenhouses, and think of the fencing you're going to have to do. You've got \$60,000 to give to these people, let them use it somewhere else. I mean, you've got \$60,000, but one of your trees in the area is dead and right next to one of my trees on my side of the fence. The weeds were five feet high, now they're finally falling, but I mean, I'm living next to a tinderbox. The only time it gets fixed is when you hire a

young guy to go out there and weed-whip the edges of the park. It sounds like a good idea, but not there. Certainly not for me and like all the people that walk in the park and use the trees as shade when walking, especially the older ones. Okay. Thank you very much.

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New voicemail message

Time: Wednesday, August 21 2024 8:50 AM

From: [REDACTED]

Duration: 1 minute 12 seconds

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Transcript:

Yes, my name is Elisa Hokeson. I live 418 Oak Street, Grass Valley, across from Memorial Park ball field. And I've lived here 33 years. So mentioning for the meeting tomorrow about cameras, I would suggest having cameras on the bleachers and the ball field, because that's where people will take their dogs occasionally and where people sleep. And sometimes there's problems there at the bleacher area, so if you're thinking about adding more cameras, I would suggest that. I haven't noticed since the park's been improved much, much crime, but of course I can't see to where the veterans' place is, but around the entrance and things, there's little going on, but mainly, mainly the ball field and the bleacher area, especially the bleacher area. Okay. Thank you. My number is [REDACTED]. Bye.

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From: Laura Zieman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 5:34 PM
To: Public Comments; lisa.swarthout@nevadacountyca.gov
Subject: questions for Special City Council Meeting 8/22/24, and Board of Supervisor Honorable Lisa Swarthout

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Question - What is the responsibility of property owners to clear their properties of past fire damage?

10344 Centennial Drive
009-550-037-000 APN

AND 10350 Centennial Drive
APN 009-550-038-000

Site is also known homeless camp(s). Gates are broken. Large logs have been pushed aside. Vehicles are accessing the property from Centennial Drive. Trash abundant. Recent GVPD report of dog hit on road then left for dead by the homeless owner. What is the responsibility of the owner to prevent trespassers that pose a risk to the Community at large?

Similar question related to PG & E Property at the corner of Rough & Ready Highway, Adams Avenue, and Ridge Road. What is property owners responsibility to keep weeds and debris cleared?

Parcel address nor APN number shows for the property on County Citizen available records via Tax Assessor Adjacent to 11613 Rough and Ready Highway 007-111-018-000.
and the school at 007-200-009-000
10085 Adam Avenue

Laura A. Zieman
[REDACTED]

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From: Anonymous - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Public Comments
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New voicemail message

Time: Tuesday, August 20 2024 3:32 PM

From: Anonymous Anonymous

Duration: 2 minutes 27 seconds

Voicemail box: 8880

Transcript: Yes, my name is Lynn St. Jacques. I'm a longtime resident of Cedar Park Apartments on Sutton Way in Grass Valley. And Cambridge Management Company can well afford to replace the awnings, the carports, which were a health and safety issue. Our lighting was also embedded in the carports. we've been without lighting since the snowstorm as well. The parking lot is unlit, and it's unsafe. Since COVID, the management company has embarked on a program where they raise rents several times within a year. Most residents thought that the rental increases would be limited to a certain percentage a year or a certain number of rental increases. But Cambridge doesn't seem to agree with that, and people have had their rent increased, you know, every couple of months to the point where a lot of people have moved because their budgets just, you know, you move in thinking your rent's going to be one amount, and in months later it goes up a couple hundred dollars a month, that doesn't work for families. So, you know, my position is watching the company deteriorate, you know, after COVID. It seems like they discovered that, you know, they

could get away with providing less and they can't keep tenants and they can't, well, the tenants mostly they can keep because there's such a housing shortage, but the turnover in maintenance staff is just incredible. So their business practices are such that it's, you know, it's not a benefit to employees or tenants, either one, and I believe that they can easily afford to replace those carports, which are essential for health and safety. So, I hope you can do something about that. Thank you. Goodbye. END

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From: Daun Langston [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 10:15 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Main crosswalk at South Auburn

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I understand the situation with the crosswalk, but 3 out of 5 crossing in the morning of August 16, '24 from 8A-11A crossed traveling from Carolyns Coffee and headed to the Holbrook crossing on Main using the crosswalk you want to remove.

I know it is much more expensive to add an additional channel to the traffic controller for a controlled right turn signal. You should use the controlled intersection and not barriers to protect pedestrians in a foot traffic intensive intersection.

I truly appreciate cost efficiency but as you recall good traffic engineering suggest it is safer to accommodate pedestrians in a heavy foot traffic core and not force pedestrians to use three cross walks instead of the shortest path. Folks being on foot, pedestrians will ignore traffic barriers and walk around them. Your safety issue will get worse, not better.

I support your effort to squeeze more parking locations.

I designed the first computer-controlled traffic system adaptive controller installed in Saratoga California in 1968 while working for Intel as a proof of technology project for California Department of Transportation and Econolite Systems. Econolite launched a commercial adaptative silicon controller in 1971.

Previously, adaptive controllers made by Econolite were mechanical based devices adapted from timers made by Eaton originally designed for Whirlpool washing machines.

I am not a traffic engineer but hold a retired PE.

Daun
[REDACTED]

Taylor Day

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Proposed pedestrian closure of Main Street on west side of South Auburn Street

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I love Grass Valley's walkability. The pedestrian crosswalk that you are proposing to eliminate is essential to enjoying the restaurants, City Hall, and other business within two blocks of that area. Please keep the Main Street pedestrian access on the westerly side of South Auburn open to pedestrian traffic . It is essential for compliance with Grass Valley's 2018 Strategic Plan.

If there have been frightening instances between drivers and pedestrians, drivers need better signage, signaling, paint colors or whatever, but do not close pedestrian traffic. That would hurt local businesses, tourists and residents. And maybe pedestrians also need better traffic signaling and warning signs.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Garnet Holden
416 Eskaton Circle
GV 95945

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Taylor Day

From: Virginia Whitehead [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:21 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Appreciation and Praise

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Hello,

My name is Virginia Whitehead and I live at 100 Bawden Ave. I am the President of the Washington Hill Neighborhood Fire Coalition. Our neighborhood is located on the hill above downtown.

The objective of this correspondence is twofold.

First, to commend City Staff, City Council, Chief Buttron and the GV Fire Department.

Second, to share what our neighborhood FireWise Community has accomplished this year.

The front office staff at the city are consistently polite and responsive to my questions and concerns. There are signs that Investigations are being processed and home owners are responding by doing the work.

Thank You to All who worked out the design and passage of Measure B

Thank You to Chief Buttron for passing on the information regarding BerryHill Canyon and other planned Measure B projects. Very helpful!!

Thank You to the City, County, and Waste Management for the 2 free green waste roll-offs!

Our accomplishments include filling the 2 free roll-off containers plus 3 more paid for by our coalition. That alone was 250 cubic yards of fuel (green waste) removed from our neighborhood.

A \$3600.00 mini-grant from Sierra Business Council covered the cost of creating a shaded fuel break directly benefiting 9 homes. Again massive amounts of fuel were removed.

Hilltop Commons Retirement Facility has completed their maintenance which includes a shaded fuel break behind a number of our homes and improved roadside clearance along Eureka St.

The neighbors tell me work is continuing in the BerryHill Canyon and I am assuming that is the start of our Measure B projects. That canyon has long been a worry for our Hill St. residents.

The residents of Washington Hill will continue to make improvements around our homes and neighborhood.

Thanks to All for your support!
Virginia Whitehead

Taylor Day

From: Liz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Public Comments

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Hi, it's Liz, and I'm still a Grass Valley resident. I was so disappointed to find out that the meeting had been moved to today. I have not missed a single meeting in over seven months, but I'm sure you guys had a very good reason. I'm writing to ask for a ceasefire resolution to be put on the agenda (as usual). The majority of voters on both sides of the aisle want a ceasefire, and the majority of voters also want to stop funding Israel. You guys have an opportunity to be on the right side of history. I am asking you to align yourselves with the many other cities that have already called for a ceasefire and the 153 other countries and countless organizations, including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Oxfam, and Doctors Without Borders, and call for an end to this. Israel is currently facing charges of genocide at the International Court of Justice, the highest court in the world, and we are still supplying them with the arms to do it. It's time to tell our politicians that this is enough, and that we do not support what they are doing with our money. We do not support the slaughter of the civilian population in Gaza. Please put a ceasefire on the agenda. On a local level, I would also like to mention something about the unhoused folks in our area. I want to remind you that they are our neighbors, and they are people just like everyone else. Generalizing unhoused people is harmful for everyone and will continue the system of Dehumanization that they already face. Homelessness will be solved with affordable housing, emergency shelters, and, in some cases, mental health facilities with longer than 72-hour care, Not sweeps and criminalization.

Thank you

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