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From: [Pat Marriot](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT STUDY SESSION FEBRUARY 14, 2023
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:09:09 PM

Council Members,

You are asked to provide direction on “phasing of objectives” and “long-term projects” from the Downtown Vision. There’s a lot to consider, especially in the context of the city budget and other city priorities, such as the Housing Element follow-up.

I had some questions when I read the staff report:

Fiscal Impact

The individual fiscal impact of each item will be assessed and provided to City Council prior to implementation.

- *When will we see the fiscal impact of the outdoor dining/parklet program?*

Phase 1

- Implement a Permanent Parklet Program for restaurants – On November 30, 2021, City Council approved the Parklet Program to go into effect thirty days after the end of all the emergency health orders. At this point in time, City staff has identified improvements to the parklet program that are being presented to the community for outreach before returning to City Council for review.
 - *Has this outreach begun? I have not seen any notices to residents.*
- Install Public Wi-Fi – There are a number of no signal zones in downtown where residents and visitors cannot access their cellular devices while visiting businesses.
 - *I assume this means in public spaces. Where are these dead spots? The Vision Plan specifies Downtown Plazas. How many are without Wi-Fi signals? Does the public space in front of Enchante Hotel have Wi-Fi from the hotel restaurant? How about the one in the Cetrella building plaza?*
- Standardize trash receptacle enclosures – Our trash receptacles in the parking plazas and behind businesses are in less than ideal conditions more often than not. The City should create a standard dumpster enclosure to secure waste and prevent any vector issues.
 - *Are “trash receptacles” the same as dumpsters? Who would pay for the enclosures?*
- Vector control issues in partnership with County – City staff have partnered with Santa Clara County Vector Control to ensure that vector issues identified in downtown are being addressed appropriately and quickly. There are already a number of vector control measures that have been implemented in various locations to control the potential spread of vector issues.

- *Is this the rat birth-control method I read about recently? Would this also be used in other parts of the city?*
- Explore increasing amount of EV charging stalls – Our community has a significant demand for EV charging stalls that is not currently met by the amount of stalls in our downtown.
 - *Would the chargers be free or paid?*

Thanks for listening,
Pat Marriott

From: [Couture, Terri](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: public comment - City Council study session agenda #1
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 5:49:44 PM

Dear City Council and members of the public

In phase 1 of the report dated Feb 11,2023 regarding the parklets. Where are the improvement plans the City staff are recommending? Has the public received the outreach described? Where is the revenue data showing the increase of revenue that supports all the businesses in the downtown area. All businesses should be treated fairly.

Regarding all phases - where is the projected budget and timeline? How can the tax payers decide on any improvements without a detailed budget? How can we recommend expenses without details on revenue?

Please make sure we know the details, as its one of your objectives you promised us during your assorted campaigns.

thank you

Terri Couture

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February 13, 2023

Dear Mayor Meadows and Councilmembers,

LAAHA is pleased to see the Los Altos City Council moving forward so quickly on considering improvements to our already great downtown. In its deliberations, the Council must bear in mind the binding commitments the City has already made in the Housing Element.

Choosing the parking plaza for housing in Phase 1: Los Altos has committed to building affordable housing on one of the parking plazas. This will, obviously, affect downtown parking. Therefore, in Phase 1, the city must choose which parking plaza will become housing, in order for the Phase 2 parking management study to be undertaken.

Phase 2 parking study must include how to handle parking for housing over retail: In the Housing Element, Los Altos has committed to making it feasible to build housing over retail in our downtown; indeed, the City has projected housing over retail will be built in the next eight years. Los Altos must fulfill this commitment. Currently, the City requires onsite parking for these homes, which makes them infeasible. The parking management study must come up with a plan to deal with this issue. That could be some combination of these suggestions:

- Allow an in-lieu payment for parking, instead of building parking on-site
- Allow the parking to be provided off-site
- Reduce or eliminate parking requirements

There may be other ways to deal with the parking issue for downtown housing; it must be dealt with somehow.

LAAHA looks forward to a plan that makes our downtown more full of life, keeping it inviting and safe for cyclists and pedestrians, while accommodating the needs of people who arrive downtown by car.

Respectfully,
LAAHA Steering Committee

Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance

Committed to educating and inspiring the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for those who live and work in Los Altos

<https://losaltosaffordablehousing.org/>



February 13, 2023

Mayor Meadows and Members of the City Council

Re: Council Meeting February 14, 2023, Study Session #1 City Council Priority #9: Business Communities

Dear Mayor Meadows and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters advocated for Program 1.H in the Housing Element to facilitate affordable housing on a downtown parking lot. The Housing Element committed to a Request for Proposal for such a project by 12/2023. We believe that the timeline proposed in the Staff report for preparation of a downtown parking plan and update to citywide parking regulations should be expedited as the parking management will have a significant impact on the RFP for housing on a parking plaza. In addition, we urge the Council to designate a downtown plaza for the housing as soon as possible so as to meet the 12/2023 deadline.

Thank you for your consideration.

(Please send comments related to this letter to Sue Russell at housing@lwvlamv.org)

Sincerely,

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