

Project: Mill Street Closure and Pedestrian Plaza
Grass Valley, CA

Stakeholder Focus Group #3: Strategic Plan Stakeholders

Date: June 03, 2021, 03:00 pm – 04:00 pm

Attendees:

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MEETING NOTES

Goals and objectives – Mill Street should be:

- Welcoming
- A place to build relationships and community
- A multifunctional experience
- Active
- Walkable
- Iconic and unique
- Authentic to the City's history
- A reflection of the community as it is today

Features and amenities that are desired on Mill Street include:

- Gathering places – materials and design should be refined and cohesive with a high-quality, permanent feel.
- Raised planters with shade trees and seating
 - Street trees should accommodate seasonal string lights, and uprights during other times of year
 - Seasonal color
- Materials should be appropriate to the historic context without looking like a “Gold Rush theme park.” Appropriate materials could include quarried stone or used brick.



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- Curbless street to maximize accessibility
- Paving surface that complements the historic character and does not look like a street (i.e. cobble, pavers, stone, or another textured surface)
- Lighting for nighttime use
- Public restrooms
- Pet waste bag dispensers
- Trash and recycling receptacles
- Locations for public art, especially by local craftspeople
- A signature space or feature at each end of the street to welcome people to the area. The ends of the pedestrian plaza should look inviting rather than closed-off as they do now with barricades in the street.
- Views down Mill Street should be maintained
- Traffic calming on Main Street

Additional parking and parking enforcement is needed. In particular, designated employee parking would help free up prime Downtown spots. The City intends to increase the number of available spots in and near Downtown, and to provide additional parking enforcement.

Foot traffic tends to be highest on the block of Mill Street between Main and Bank, and drops off towards the southern end of the pedestrian area. There is regular use of the seating near Bank and Mill. Gathering places are needed near the intersection with Neal to draw people down the street.

The above constitutes our understanding of the issues discussed. If no comments are received within 5 business days of the date received, these notes will be assumed correct as written.

Respectfully submitted by:
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