

Downtown Oakland Specific Plan: CHARRETTE notes

Work-in-Progress Presentation

Comments from the Public

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

6:30pm – 9:00pm

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

What we haven't said: anything new costs a lot of \$\$; majority can't afford—come up with series of creative policies to spread the wealth to those not getting fair share

Why can't there be a transfer tax?

There MUST be affordable housing paid for by new incomes

We want REAL policy change

Concern: 25th Street corridor—need to talk about what exists now

When you get to a new place—need to look at what is here. How are you reflecting Oakland?

How have people been notified?

We've got to do a better a job.

A lot going on in the region. These are separate issues.

Why is Chinatown not in this Specific Plan?

Chinatown has an adopted Specific Plan. Knit it together with the rest of downtown—all of downtown.

One downtown, one map together.

Do take a look at that Specific Plan.

Amount of housing that is built never matches what is needed. Are you looking at keeping existing SRO's and existing affordable places?

Outreach—need to go and specifically look for participation. We will make effort; City needs to make the effort too.

What do we have to share?

Need social and economic policy in a Specific Plan

Connect/knit Jack London back to downtown

Bikeway for 17th is wrong—check out SLC; need protected bike lane.

Public lands need public input; Fox Theatre and parcel 4 (passive uses)

19th and San Pablo should be active uses; we don't have any now near Uptown

Active uses are always forgotten

Uptown is everyone's neighborhood—want to be a part of stakeholder meetings

Found Uptown—love it and want to stay.

Want to emphasize affordable housing. How can I stay in my neighborhood? Do we need to reform prop 13 or rent control??

Going to lose educated and diverse people if we don't do something

25th Street corridor Arts District; insulted about pocket parks

This should be protected.

Doubting this process because how are you valuing what's already here Artists are here and we've already done something.

Not enough people here. Preserving zoning needs to happen.

Downtown used to be different. We're designing a framework.

How do we make this process ours?