



# GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

for the City of VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

## Community Workshop #1 Meeting Summary

Monday, September 13, 2010, 6:00-8:30 pm

Vacaville Ulatis Cultural Center, Rooms D&E

On Monday, September 13, 2010, the City of Vacaville held its first Community Workshop for the Vacaville General Plan Update. The workshop was held in the Vacaville Ulatis Cultural Center and was attended by approximately 69 residents, of which approximately 16 were youth from the REACH program.

Facilitated by General Plan consultant Design Community & Environment (DC&E), the workshop featured an ice-breaker exercise, open house, presentation, and small group exercise. As workshop participants entered the meeting, they were asked to write one word or phrase that describes why they love Vacaville. The results of this activity are summarized below.

- ◆ Family, friends, community
- ◆ Family friendly
- ◆ Parks, open space, trails
- ◆ Schools and school district
- ◆ Town Square, Downtown
- ◆ Creekwalk
- ◆ Small town feel
- ◆ Vacaville Premium Outlets
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Central location
- ◆ Hockey rink
- ◆ Vacaville High School Drumline
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ No traffic
- ◆ Police force
- ◆ The environment
- ◆ Collaborations – City, County, School, Community Agencies
- ◆ Work

Next, David Early of DC&E delivered a 20-minute presentation summarizing the General Plan Update process, an overview of existing conditions in Vacaville, and explained the small group exercise. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

After the presentation, workshop participants participated in a small group exercise. Groups were asked to identify Vacaville's assets, challenges, and opportunities. At the end of the

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exercise, a representative from each group reported the results of the small group discussion. A summary of the assets, challenges, and opportunities identified by the small groups is provided below.

Assets

- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Activities, sports programs, and community services for all ages
- ◆ Parks and open space
- ◆ Schools and education
- ◆ Great after school programs – TGIFun, Boys and Girls Club
- ◆ Bike paths along creek
- ◆ Community events
- ◆ Good restaurants
- ◆ Safe
- ◆ Quiet
- ◆ Historic buildings
- ◆ Mature trees and tree-lined streets
- ◆ Creekwalk/Town Square
- ◆ Family friendly
- ◆ Small town feel
- ◆ Good level of development
- ◆ Space for community to grow
- ◆ Urban Growth Boundary
- ◆ Central location
- ◆ Transportation hub
- ◆ Place of destination
- ◆ Airport
- ◆ Parking, circulation, and public transportation
- ◆ Well-paying jobs
- ◆ Potential for job growth in a diversity of industries
- ◆ Shopping opportunities
- ◆ NutTree revitalization
- ◆ Low housing price
- ◆ Air Force Base
- ◆ Working relationships between government/non-government entities
- ◆ Responsive City staff
- ◆ Quality City services
- ◆ Alternative fuel sources; solar, electric vehicle fleet
- ◆ Two hospitals in town, good medical care
- ◆ Compassionate resident base: lots of non-profits, such as VPal, Festival of Trees
- ◆ Police/fire response times

Issues and Opportunities

- ◆ Maintain open space
- ◆ Improve access to open space
- ◆ Preserve Lagoon Valley and improve trails
- ◆ Improve park safety (e.g. lighting at Andrew's Park)
- ◆ Lack of athletic fields/stadiums/amenities /gym/pool
- ◆ Fountains/water features at parks
- ◆ Community gardens
- ◆ Dog parks
- ◆ Expand Skate Park; allow rollerblades and bikes
- ◆ Need park at Ulatis Community Center
- ◆ Expand bike lanes, improve bicycle safety
- ◆ Peabody Road, Gibson Canyon Road, and north side of town need bike lanes
- ◆ Connect creek bike/pedestrian path segments
- ◆ Expand public transportation and operation hours
- ◆ Promote alternative fuel use for buses
- ◆ Funding for bus service
- ◆ Need better local and regional transit
- ◆ Improve crossings at interstates: overpasses, public transit, underpasses
- ◆ Enhance walkability (e.g. Buck Avenue has no sidewalks)
- ◆ Reduce congestion at Davis Street/Hume Way intersection
- ◆ Improve access across Vacaville, northwest to southeast
- ◆ Downtown parking issues: structure may be eminent; consider underground parking
- ◆ Improve ADA access
- ◆ Multi-use road (bikes and cars)
- ◆ Reduce traffic around schools
- ◆ Create destinations (e.g. historic places)
- ◆ Need a small "town square" in Southtown
- ◆ Expand limits of Downtown
- ◆ Integrate historic charm via architecture into Opportunity Hill Redevelopment Area
- ◆ Ensure new subdivisions have nearby services
- ◆ Connect new residential development to rest of town: transit, hike, walk
- ◆ Need more affordable housing
- ◆ Encourage mixed-use development
- ◆ Need more housing diversity (e.g. apartments, town homes, mixed-use, executive housing, senior housing)
- ◆ Younger generation priced out of Vacaville
- ◆ Maintain public services
- ◆ Improve safety

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- ◆ Reduce gang activity
- ◆ Increase recycling opportunities
- ◆ Improve garbage collection efficiency to use less gas
- ◆ Wastewater capacity on Foxboro
- ◆ Create dual use of facilities like catch basins
- ◆ Need more gas-efficient cars
- ◆ Homeless people in creek areas
- ◆ Create more job opportunities to retain young people and others in the community
- ◆ Provide diversity in job opportunities
- ◆ Encourage family-owned, non-chain businesses
- ◆ Too many vacant strip malls
- ◆ Preserve, maintain, and reuse historic resources
- ◆ Airport noise, management, and access
- ◆ Encourage relationship between Solano Community College and UC Davis
- ◆ High impact fees (should reflect cost of project)
- ◆ Annex county land only if there is a need and if supported by community
- ◆ Use tax credits and other incentives for developers
- ◆ Sufficient funding for City projects