

The City Council is nearing the end of the Public Hearings process. The most recent hearing on May 4th was dedicated to the subject of Land Use, in which the Council asked the public to provide their input on what land uses they think is appropriate for the Baylands.

The meeting opened with a presentation by the City’s consultant, that outlined the various potential land use scenarios. This included the City’s 1994 General Plan, the two plans thoroughly analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report (the Developer Sponsored Plan or DSP and Community Proposed Plan or CPP) and the Planning Commission’s recommendation. See image on following page. The Council heard from approximately 40 eager community members, which ranged from local residents – many who spoke in support of the Planning Commission’s recommendations – to regional leaders and organizations, such as the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition, Bay Area Council, the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County and other housing organizations and advocates. Those who spoke in support of the Developer Sponsored Plan appealed to the City Council to include residential as part of their land use decision. One San Mateo County resident explained that he felt it was important for him to attend the Brisbane hearing because he is “a resident of the region, and this is a regional-scale issue we have in front of us.” Based on his review of the Planning Commission’s recommendation of zero housing units and only commercial development, he asked the Council “please Brisbane, do not exacerbate the housing problem that we already have.”

PROPOSED DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT	
<b>DSP/DSP-V SCENARIOS</b>	<b>CPP/CPP-V SCENARIOS</b>
4,434 dwelling units	No residential use
7 million s.f. commercial/office	8 million s.f. commercial office
169.7 acres of open space/open area	330 acres of open space/open area
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>EXISTING GENERAL PLAN</b>
No residential use	No residential use
1-2 million s.f. net increase building area	Development intensity to be determined in future specific plan
360 acres of open space/open area	

James Ruigomez, head of the San Mateo County Building Trades spoke on behalf the 30+ trade members that attended the meeting: “This Peninsula is a community, and I’d like to talk about the difference of local versus regional...I read a lot of Brisbane resident letters talk about ‘outsiders’. For the sake of this discussion let’s call Brisbane residents ‘insiders’ and others like myself ‘outsiders’ even though some of them live here. This project has been discussed for more than 14 years. It’s important that local governments review the process in a timely fashion, so our building trade members can get started building homes for the workers coming to our cities. Building in transportation corridors will cut down commute times, and this will help our environment by minimizing greenhouse gases. Then, some ‘outsiders’ can become ‘insiders’ and can enjoy what some Brisbane residents are enjoying. I don’t feel like an outsider, I grew up in San Mateo County all my life. When I



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went to high school in South San Francisco, El Camino class of '85, I attended school with kids from Brisbane. Your kids can go to Jefferson or transfer to other schools in San Mateo County. I believe that makes Brisbane dependent on the surrounding communities. Now, Brisbane has the opportunity to help it's County community by building housing...we are ready to build this fabulous community that Brisbane residents will be proud of."

Written comments were also submitted to the City Council, including letters of support from California's Director of Housing and Community Development, Ben Metcalf, Assemblymember David Chiu and some Brisbane residents. **Thank you for your support!**

The City Council will likely make a decision on the Baylands by end of July.

