



South Pasadena General Plan & Mission Street Specific Plan



Plan Mission Street



Our Active & Our Creative Community Focus Group Mtg Notes

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OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITY & OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

As part of the General Plan and Mission Street Specific Plan update process, a series of Focus Groups were conducted. The purpose of the focus groups was to engage the public in an open and candid discussion to better understand existing concerns/issues and interests.

On March 14 2017, the Our Active Community and Our Creative Focus Groups met together at the Arroyo Golf Course. This memorandum summarizes the key themes and comments heard during that meeting. The memorandum focuses on identifying patterns among the comments and does not attribute any comments to specific individuals.

OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITY

What additional opportunities should we pursue to increase quantity or enhance access to natural open space?

- Use of South Pasadena Unified School District parking lot as a park not ball field
- Use Gold Line plaza as public space (no cars)
- Provide parklets and pocket parks in Mission Street Specific Plan area
- Cap SR-110 (partial) for a park
- Convert underutilized parking lots (west of Fair Oaks)
- Convert Edison Easements into a linear park
- Improve walking surface
- Improve pavement, especially for bike lanes
- Need new tram to connect people to parks and shopping
- Need more bike lanes
- Add bike lanes to all parks
- Capping gold line within South Pasadena for paths and landscape
- Wider sidewalks to allow for bikes
- Explore taking over all Caltrans properties within the City
- Need an accessible public pool
- Developers to look at open space opportunities and renewable energy/gray water elements
- City of LA island area – to get for City of SP – would need a bridge
- Using school open spaces such as high and middle school
- Need more permeable surfaces
- Convert stables to park area
- Use area behind stable, between LA and SP, for park
- Behind Bank of America parking lot – development project should provide public open space
- Caltrans properties
- Freeway side of Pasadena Avenue (park)
- Arroyo Parkway top bike lane
- Along Pasadena Ave
- Monterey Altos Hillside

What additional programs would you like to see in South Pasadena?

- Adult sports leagues (basketball, soccer, pickleball)
- Local talent spotlight
- Local podcast
- More collaboration between community groups
- Poetry/lyrics integrated into sidewalk repairs (example: St. Paul's "Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk")
- More community services events
- Arts & Craft fairs
- More teen events and dedicated space
- More healthy cooking and nutrition classes, online for seniors and kids with farmers market
- Stress relief / mental health classes yoga, meditation
- Art / Music events combine with stores open late
- Rialto come back with sidewalk dining
- Mission Street connecting businesses with residents
- Get school district to open auditorium to public
- Concerts in Rialto and other events
- Movie premieres at Rialto for movies shot in South Pasadena
- More kids educational programs, art and afterschool and adults
- Dance for kids for adults
- Bike programs
- Historical tours
- Public art display
- Performance art/literary
- Antique Fair collectors
- Friday Night family events
- Weekend public park – exercise - free
- More public art
- Film festival

OUR CREATIVE COMMUNITY

How can we increase funding/support?

- User & development fees (Percent for Arts program)
- Ticketed events
- Parking meters
- Explore different operators
- Tax Air B&B /Uber/Lyft
- Ask for endowment and donations
- Naming opportunities
- Partner with art schools, professional organizations like AIA,APA, APWA
- Increase filming permits/leverage
- Create classes/gathering/engagements that can raise money through admissions, grants etc.
- Build arts fair like farmers market
- Assessments on developments
- Grants - County, State and Federal
- Art District
- Public/Private Partnerships

- City Budget
- Corporation/Business
- SPEF – supports art in South Pasadena school and the community.
- Capital Campaign
- Percent for Art program
- Business to increase sales tax
- Sponsorships
- Private/public funding
- Branding/outreach
- Pool talent/energy/economic development
- Diverse business collaborations
- Have an Arts tab/cultural expression tab on the City’s website

 *How can we provide cultural venues, affordable living, & working spaces for artists?*

- Churches and restaurants
- Pop up events on unused lots
- Affordable housing through rent control
- Artist housing set asides
- Encourage/enforce absentee landlords to activate vacant spaces or pay fee
- Art projects like Chicago did with cow, but with Ostriches
- Take advantage of unique retail establishment as selling points
- Rialto opportunities such community theater, music, lounge
- Set back requirements for new development
- Masonic Center – Can the building be used to support arts.
- School District/Partnership
- City Facilities-Community Center
- Develop open space on Pasadena Ave
- Reuse of storage facility on Mission
- Provide Live/Work space
- Rezone to encourage art space
- Band shell at Garfield Park (Permanent)
- AT&T transfer station
- Cottages - smaller units, such as 2nd units
- Parking meters as revenue source
- Outdoor venues
- Schools can be used more to support arts and culture
- Hotels