

City of Pinole – General Plan Update

GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP – MAY 10, 2007

Participatory Question: When you are on vacation, what do you do?

Answers given by workshop participants are divided into the following three broad categories – Places other than Pinole, Pinole/ Places similar to Pinole/ Relaxation purposes.

Other Places	Relax	Pinole/ Similar to Pinole
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Have fun, explore something new<input type="checkbox"/> Visit interesting places<input type="checkbox"/> See diverse cultures<input type="checkbox"/> Explore continuity & flavor of history in a downtown<input type="checkbox"/> Leave Pinole and go to places like Maui<input type="checkbox"/> Visit places where air is clean & fresh, sun is shining and not a lot of urban noise<input type="checkbox"/> Some place that is blooming<input type="checkbox"/> Bed & Breakfast in an entertaining downtown<input type="checkbox"/> Sonoma for little vacations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Sightsee, read and not answer phone<input type="checkbox"/> Walk along the beach, be near water<input type="checkbox"/> Like to party<input type="checkbox"/> Visit family/ visits from family<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep quietly, not a lot of activity<input type="checkbox"/> Not work<input type="checkbox"/> Swim, relax in pools, bike and relax<input type="checkbox"/> Camp & Hike<input type="checkbox"/> Go to Cabin & relax<input type="checkbox"/> Catch up on things<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing<input type="checkbox"/> Reading and fishing in Cabin<input type="checkbox"/> Walk, relax, sleep in, disconnect from life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Stay in Pinole<input type="checkbox"/> Go into backyard of my house, watch birds<input type="checkbox"/> Personal grooming<input type="checkbox"/> Pinole library<input type="checkbox"/> With Pinole as the base, there are many things to do within 20-25 mins. Mini vacations in Sonoma etc<input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Pinole is nice but it does not have enough to attract people<input type="checkbox"/> Small towns like Pinole with cute/ unique or antique shops

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Visioning Questions:

- 1) What do you treasure about Pinole?
- 2) What do want to enhance in Pinole?
- 3) What do you want to fix in Pinole?

Responses for the Questions:

What do you treasure about Pinole?				What do you want to enhance in Pinole?				What do you want to fix in Pinole?			
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1st/2nd choices				1st/2nd choices				1st/2nd choices			
Natural Environment	People	Progressive Development	Small	Natural Environment	Community Efforts	Quality restaurants	Old Town(2)	Waterfront	Parking in Old Town Pinole	Disconnect between business districts	
Natural Open Space	Community(2)		Small town	More trails	Partnership between seniors & youth	Small businesses		BART	Schools	Taxes/Bonds - Impacts on people	
Space	Friendly (2)		Historic (2)	Environment (Green)	Safety			Move sewage plant	Size of new development (need smaller)	Redevelopment Agency	
Quietness	Diverse		Semi rural	Bike Paths	Parks			Smells from sanitary plant	Local medical services	Politics	
Peace	Pro-Youth		Old architecture	Quiet	Libraries			Traffic	Clean up the homes		
Bay	Secure		Quaint	Open Space	Prettier roadways			Better roads	Need skateboard park		

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Clean	Safety		Character	Upkeep creek	Sidewalks & bike paths along San Pablo Ave & Everywhere				More Art		
Weather	Privacy		Good location	View	Parking				Faria House Museum		
View(2)	Parks			Creeks, Wetlands	Quality Affordable Housing				Gangs/Crime		
				Trails along creek	Senior Housing & Accommodation				Code Enforcement		
					Better Maintained Properties						
					Recreation						
					Art School						
					Music Programs						
					Youth Programs						

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Other choices				Other choices				Other choices			
Nature	Friendly(4)	Restaurants	Nothing	Ferry	Fun destinations	Develop private business	Design	No tree cutting	Add special events/ Art shows	More Police(2), Fire	Appearance
Quiet	Arts (2)	Jobs	Character	Peacefulness	Museum	Shopping	Better downtown	Noise levels	Schools(2)		Build Pinole Valley Road as a center
Open Space	Participation	Progressive(2)	Small(5)	Freedom of movement/ congestion	Evening entertainment	Quality shops	Historic Character	Underground noises	Gangs		Aesthetics
Rural	People	Value	History	Transportation (2)	Downtown historic entertainment/ activity	Restaurants			Eye sore Homes - PV Road		
Semi-rural	Family		Quaint	Trees	More concerts				Fix roadways		
Suburban	My home(2)		Small Town (2)	Landscape	Schools				Pot holes		
Hills(2) & trees(2)	Safe		Convenient		Safety				Predators - Update contact info in database		
My view	Housing		Closeness to Berkeley, SF		Senior Housing				Medical/ health		
Community	Parks		Access		Single Family housing						

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Weather	Social		Eclectic		Blight						
Nature					Increased public works						
Quiet					Parking (2)						
					Street maintenance						

Common themes identified by Staff at the workshop during the visioning process:

Environmental	Social	Economic	Other
<p>Transportation Issues Traffic Congestions/Road Maintenance Creek clean up Trails Location of Pinole is convenient – can be Hub of Bay Area – Easy access to freeways, SF etc</p>	<p>Medical - Need Hospital and local medical services – Dr’s moving out of Pinole Multiple focuses - Where are intended destinations? Fix schools – structure and school system – want out of Richmond Unified/West Contra Costa Unified Community feel A place for seniors – Looking out for seniors</p>	<p>Code Enforcement – Clean up blight Raise enforcement bar Small Store Front Business Big box is annihilating Small stores, Trader Joes Direction of economic development with small business Segregate development – concentrate all big boxes, chain – retail and fast food dvlp on Fitzgerald Drive, do not allow anything to come into Downtown Pinole</p>	<p>Connections between districts & neighborhoods Quaint Eclectic nature of downtown Bridges Architecture Need more character, compatibility in neighborhoods</p>

Common themes identified from participant responses during the visioning process:

Environmental Systems

- Natural Open Space
- Semi Rural/ Quiet character
- Views
- Trails
- Upkeep Creek, Wetlands
- Bike paths
- Improved Traffic
- Views

Social Systems

- Quality affordable housing
- Better Maintained properties
- Size of new developments
- Senior Housing & Accommodation
- Arts & Culture
- Better Roads
- Parking
- Sidewalks
- Schools – Improve & Maintain
- Medical/Health facilities
- Safety
- Increased public works
- Code Enforcement
- Gangs/Crime

Economic Systems

- Importance to small/private/ local businesses
- Disconnect between business districts
- Progressive development
- Quality shops and restaurants (not big box retail and fast food chains)

Other

- Small town character
- Old town
- Quaint
- Eclectic
- Historic downtown
- Need more downtown activities
- Build Pinole Valley Road as a center