

## City of Rancho Cordova Town Hall Meeting Notes 3/3/15 at Cordova Meadows Elementary

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Council Members Present: McGarvey, Skoglund.

Staff Present: Nakamura, Cuppy, Abhar, Chinn, Hobday, Lopez, Haven, Simpson, Ulm, Hadley, Busch, Goold, Silva, Taylor and Connor/Facilities, Ramirez, Holt, Ramirez, Flory, Ibrahim, Stricker, Ramos

Community Present: Estimated Community Member Attendance: 42

Start: 6:07 PM

End: 7:32 PM

Themes:

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- Place making: conference center, community center, library, fairgrounds
- Pedestrian improvement
- Retail, mall
- Events and signage communicating events
- Concerts, outdoor amphitheaters
- Park improvements/fair grounds
- Community center/library
- Security
- Preserve Rancho Cordova history
- Nature education, parkway
- Hospital
- Movie theater
- Folsom Boulevard/downtown
- Entertainment
- Public transit/transportation, regional and connection to commuter trains
- Smart growth

COMMUNITY INPUT: Short Term Projects/Goals - Table Report Out:

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- Replace gate at Dedo Way (photos submitted)
  - The missing bollards were just recently replaced and already the retaining bolts have been pulled out of the road
  - Gate similar to the gate on Levee road suggested either where the bollards are or where the existing gate is located
- More street lights on West La Loma by the apartments
- Community center
- Speed up refurbishment of Clifton park
- Increased police presence at West La Loma and Malaga/Folsom
- More attention to abandoned homes
- Increased code enforcement efforts to address blight (improve image)
- Improved/enhanced landscaping treatment on Folsom Boulevard and other main streets
- More activities for youth
- More public facilities/buildings along Folsom and in subject area
- More landscaping/street/trees in established neighborhoods

- Improved drainage in Raley's Center
- Improve look/design and safety of area rail stations
- Add WiFi at light rail stations
- Add high speed WiFi citywide, especially in residential neighborhoods
- Community newspaper
- Lights for the park
- Chase/Coloma marquee to list events in Rancho Cordova
- Home for historical society, preserve history, Rancho Cordova, Mather, Aerojet, Archives
- Museum
- Garbage cans along Folsom Boulevard and at bus stops (sturdy and well maintained)
- Park improvements: equipment, spray park, better amenities like Stone Creek
- All weather safe walking track/trail
- Potholes filled
- Benches along the levee
- Street lights
- Mistletoe removal
- Gateway signs over Folsom Boulevard and Sunrise (both ends)
- Sidewalk to library
- Monument signs with GPS chips
- More frequent street sweeping
- Repair/improve Hagan park pool
- 24/7 animal control staffing, increase staffing level
- Assistance to Hagan Park petting zoo
- A Rancho Cordova representative on the Pony Express Reenactment ride, some sort of recognition of our involvement
- Better communication from City to residents
- After school tutoring programs
- Keep after school programs running
- Community garden (Terra Loma)
- El Pavo speed bump, near West La Loma, traffic calming
- Loud noise (boom box), cars with no mufflers
- Theater at Cordova High, partner city and school district to add more seating (800-1000)
  - Will bring people to Rancho Cordova from out of town, tax \$, cultural arts
- Job training program: VSP, Siemens, Outlets with job placement, employed people is less crime, bring Folsom \$ to Rancho Cordova
- People have pride
- Even Start and Healthy Start programs
- Grand piano at Cordova High, Cordova Arts and Culture
- Building for historical society, old building preferred, possibility Mather temporarily
- Bicycle police officers in residential communities, get to know residents
- Basketball court
- Swim center with classes for children 3-5 years old
- Tennis center
- Bathrooms in parks
- Fix roads faster
- Speed bumps
- Sidewalk near library
- Sidewalk widening at corner of Coloma and Chase

- Pedestrian overcrossing
- Speeding on Coloma
- New middle school, Mills Middle School overcrowded
- More kids recreation/activities: afterschool, mentoring/coaching, including high school aged kids
- Bike lanes on residential roads
- Security cameras near schools (all of them)
- Gazebos in all parks
- Fence separating schools and parks
- Trash clean up (West La Loma/Coloma)
- Vegetable garden near schools (flowers/nursery)
- Building upkeep (West La Loma): water leak
- Graffiti (West La Loma) on private buildings
- Flagship for other communities
- Tree mistletoe (done right)
- Healthy tree canopy
- Repair pool at Hagan Park
- Splash park
- More security cameras
- After school programs (children)
- Stop illegal fireworks (task force)
- Hagan park upgrades
- Street lights
- More parking on street (too many red areas), safe drop off at Cordova Meadows
- Signal light coordination on Folsom
- Stop gunfire
- Grocery shopping name brand (Raley's, Safeway, etc.)
- Shopping: clothes, etc.
- More entertainment, movies
- Summer youth programs
- Red curb at fire hydrants
- Street lights
- Trim trees at Mitchell Middle School (visibility/safety)
- Lights at Cordova Meadows school between park and school, safety lights for night
- More police officers, presence after school for street safety
- More cameras (police/safety)
- Teen and pre-teen programs, also college kids
- Beautify Folsom Boulevard and other major streets
- Landscape maintenance for safety
- Cleanliness: litter, trash
- Entertainment
  - Movies
  - Bowling
  - Music clubs
  - Movies, plays in the park
  - Take advantage of local talent and promote in advance
- Stipend for neighborhood block leader
- Drug programs and prevention programs

- Dog/pet friendly events, dog/pet parks
- Disaster preparedness for senior and vulnerable people, information and training
- Traffic safety at Sunrise/Zinfandel
- First ever Drone Festival Extravaganza
- Information/social media connectivity for happenings in Rancho Cordova

COMMUNITY INPUT: Big Picture/10 Year Themes - Table Report Out:

- Purchase the Fong property next to the new Folsom Lake College site and build a facility that would be home to the Historical Society. It could be a joint venture between the City, Mather (the County) and Aerojet. It could have some symbolic references to the area, such as the gold mining era to represent our history. He also shared to think big and maybe construct a structure like the Space Needle in the State of Washington, which could have a viewing area and restaurant to attract people to the City. Jerald also proposed the site next to UHaul off of Mather for this structure. He referenced the Fountain at El Dorado Hills as another example of creating a place where people could come visit and enjoy dining and other opportunities. High rise “Revolving Gold Nugget” , RC Gold Rush Tower, at the top revolving observation desk/restaurant below.
- Community center
- Citywide WiFi utility
- Interactive landscape design in public places (e.g. Rose Garden in San Jose)
- Additional pedestrian paths through city (e.g. Folsom Boulevard needs improved walkability)
- Take down wires (underground utility lines)
- Higher scale retail attraction
- Community gardens
- Museum and specific to area’s history, partner with historical society
- Sports complex (integrated with museum?)
- Performing arts theatre (combine with community center?)
- Multi-use visitor and convention space (with gardens and public spaces)
- Attract upper scale restaurants
- Create a new downtown
- Way finding signage
- New events/shows
- Community center
- Library – central on Folsom Boulevard, near light rail
- Folsom Boulevard walkable and enjoyable, more like a downtown, bike friendly
- Destination retail
- Develop Fong property, potential museum sight
- Fair grounds (save for it)
- Make Hagan Park shine!
  - Baseball, soccer, pools, etc.
- Additional sports parks
- Lincoln Highway historical markers
- Bowling alley/movie theater
- New/bigger MPR (multi-purpose room) at Cordova Meadows Elementary
- Marker plaque for PFinst (produce shippers)
- Splash/Soil Born education center
- Raised walkway at splash

- More retail
- Boys and Girls Club
- Hospital – Mineshaft at interchange
- Think smart growth with transportation and amenities such as quality retail as city grows
- Local business ownership, loan stimulus package, especially Folsom Boulevard, subsidized loans, boutiques commit to hire locally
- Shopping centers named around “Pony Express Themes”
- City of Rancho Cordova bus system
- Subsidized Regional Transit (RT) rides for people who can’t afford to ride to work
- Own RT security in Rancho Cordova
- Hospital
- Fire station
- Zoo, recreation/entertainment venues/movie theater
- Six Flags
- Shopping mall
- Streetscaping on Folsom Boulevard, Upgrade Folsom Boulevard
- New high school
- Commuter train
- Upgraded/improved apartments
- Affordable housing (apartments and homes)
- Better communication regarding safety efforts by City
- More street lights on La Loma Drive
- More safety at American River Parkway and river safety (life vests)
- Larger parking lot for Cordova Meadows Elementary school
- More vocational training schools
- Underground utilities
- Create wildlife habitat/native plant environment learning center
- Library center/connectivity
- Mentorship programs
- Water parks
- Boys and Girls Club
- Concert facility (outdoor)
- Drought aware practices
- Plan for a long-term maintenance of facilities
- Hospital
- Pedestrian crossing at Sunrise/Highway 50 to light rail
- Mall
- Trader joes, restaurants that we now leave Rancho Cordova to go to
- Entertainment Mecca
- Community liveliness, events, parades (like midtown meetup.com)
- Movies/Theaters
- Retirement community(like Sun City)
- Palladio/fountains type entertainment, restaurants, shopping