

## City of Rancho Cordova Town Hall Meeting Notes 3/5/15 at Cordova Gardens Elementary

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Council Members Present: McGarvey, Sander

Staff Present: Nakamura, Cuppy, Hobday, Chinn, Silva, Simpson, Downton, Busch, Stricker, Ramirez, Snipes, Ulm, Goold, Haven, Hadley, Lindgren (at 7:10)

Community Present: Estimated Community Member Attendance: 27

Start: 6:05 PM

End: 7:27 PM

Themes:

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- Entertainment
- Humanitarianism/homeless/mental illness/elderly
- Shopping/retail recruitment
- Public safety
- Aquatic center
- Folsom boulevard improvements/appearance
- Park improvement and expansion
- Community events
- Transportation improvements and expansion
- Street lighting/sidewalks
- Roadway maintenance/improvements
- Education/youth

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

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- Existing parks need more active things for kids
  - McKinley Park = good
  - Hagan park = not good
- More street lighting
  - Along residential streets (main arteries and corners), e.g. Dawes
- Folsom Boulevard – Keep clean!!!
  - Pick up trash at employ lots and along streets
- Improve streetscape appearance
  - Better maintained landscaping
  - Adjacent to senior housing project there are lots of weeds
- Restrooms need to be added back along American River Parkway (used to have)
- Mello-Roos taxes for police services – use “H” funds
- Add block wall along canal at back of school (Cordova Gardens) to improve safety
  - Build a wall to prevent access (pedestrian) to canals
- Seek out ways to improve school safety, partner with schools
  - Cameras, accessibility
- Premier golf course
- Provide afterschool programs (grants)
- Improve transportation (methods/options) to school
  - Provide safety support (e.g. crossing guards)

- Business improvement grants to improve appearance of store/site
  - Target specific locations
- Cooling stations
- Fix sidewalks
- Street lights
- Traffic calming, speeding issues (Dawes)
- Hagan Park needs: improvements/renovations, new playground equipment
- Boys and Girls Club
- Shade structures and trees in playgrounds
- Folsom Boulevard/Dawes very dirty
  - Needs city garbage cans
  - Clean on regular basis, possibly volunteers help
- Transit extensions locally
- Better bike lanes (for example Coloma)
- Folsom Boulevard building improvements
- Grocery store
- Traffic improvements at Folsom Boulevard/Mather (new college traffic)
- Homeless problem (need alternatives)
- Bowling alley
- Support school by helping attendance
- Neighborhood coffee
- Sidewalks/street lights
- Teen centers (monitored)
- No panhandlers – no “pants on the ground”
- Remove junk yards
- Not taking care of yards
- Drought tolerant classes
- Speed bumps
- Truancy officers
- Decent grocery store in Mills Center (Winco)
- Right turn only on West La Loma (NW corner at Folsom)
- Improvements at Mills Center
- Better lighting at all retail centers
- Less check cashing
- Less liquor stores
- Less auto parts stores
- Harbor Freight (old Raley’s area)
- Neighborhood street repair
- Bowling alley
- Report on how Measure H money spent, new not fill in for General Fund
- Movie theaters
- Less indigent housing
- Better monitoring of homeless camps at Horizons vacant lot
- Higher end stores/Trader Joes
- Less loitering (adults and kids)
- Better connectivity with schools to ensure kids behave off campus
- Street lights (all over)
- Sidewalks and repair

- Stop signs at busy intersections (Routier)
- Large electronic message board at Chase and Coloma
- Light rail stations at library
- More Mom & Pop stores
- Scout store
- Archery course
- School transportation services
- Shopping/entertainment district: arcade
- More grocery shopping opportunities
- Trader Joes
- Leather store
- Take over apartments that consume police calls
- Homeless services (AA)
- Security cameras on streets and shopping centers
- Police presence at schools
- Funding for PAL (Police Activities League)
- Lower taxes
- Police presence at July 4 event
  - Surrounding neighborhoods
- Amenities in smaller parks
  - Picnic tables
  - Fountains
- Security around light rail
- Light rail: upgrade cars and equipment
- Little league funding
- Cordova Gardens baseball field: scorekeepers building should be repaired
- Pothole repair
- Smoother roads
- Funding for Petting Zoo
- Improve ponds and waterfall at park
- More CordoVan routes

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

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- Hospital
- Premier golf course (awesome)
- Children's entertainment: zoo, Funderland, etc.
  - Bring people from out of town – destination
- Parks filled with activities
- Events at small parks/city sponsored
- Concerts at Hagan Park
- New pool at Hagan Park
- Bring back Cordova Jets youth football
- District (6) council seats, voted by residents in that area
- Elected Mayor (several recommended) and term limits
- Define a city center (downtown)
- Aquatic center (like Folsom)
- Old railroad bridge converted to a trail

- Clifton drain area, implement creek trails (speed it up!)
- Brew pubs
- Water slides
- Develop South Sunrise
- Own school district
- Concern about more police
  - Not spying/cars/drones
- Take into account ongoing cost
  - Strategic investment/ROI
- Music/concert venue
- Improve image
- Better senior activities
- Upgraded senior center
- Hospital
- Cub scouts
- Transform/restore the canal
  - Amenities
  - Security
- Spray park at Hagan Park
- Make Hagan crown of community
- Library in City limits
  - Near Boys and Girls Club
  - Gathering place for community
- Make Folsom Boulevard more inviting
  - Coffee shops
  - No liquor stores
  - Improve Fire Department building
- Beachfront improvements on river
- School district job creation
- More streetscaping and landscaping on streets
- Skate park
- Safety at light rail
  - Locking gates for pedestrians
- Separate light rail tracks from vehicles
- Security at parks
- Museum (dinosaur, Pony Express)
- New bridge over American River
- Hospital
- Major park improvements to Hagan Park
- Time lights on Folsom Boulevard (16 lights)
- Top quality restaurants
- Improved public safety (No helicopters! No gunshots)
- Clean up Folsom Boulevard
  - Add upscale retail and apartments
  - Less low income housing
- Aquatic center (year-round)
- Community performing arts theater
- Upscale golf course
- Develop the Fong Property

- Add miniature golf
- More Starbucks!
- More chocolate shakes/malts
- Easier access to animal control
  - State of the art facility and service
  - Better cat control
- Add new higher end shopping
  - Trader Joes
  - Harbor Freight
  - Bath and Body Works
  - Winco
  - Bed, Bath and Beyond
  - Mel's
- Improved transportation opportunities (elderly)
- Improved communication between city and residents
  - Events
  - Crime updates
- Access to Mather Lake (trolling boats)
- Major transportation/roadway improvements to alleviate future traffic!
- Elevated Regional Transit rail (monorail at Disneyland!)
- Convention center: music, events, meeting
- Teen center
- Entertainment: shopping, restaurants around college
- More artisan shops
- Improve building facades, especially on Folsom Boulevard
- More jobs
- Reducing blight, vacancies, filling vacant stores
- Sidewalks and street lights
- Elderly home services
- Entertainment – movie theater, arcades
- Shopping that we leave Rancho Cordova for now – Malls
- Create “old” Rancho Cordova
- Events, fairs such as Renaissance Fair
- Ice skating in winter
- More hobby stores like Hobby Lobby
- Better homeless facilities, transition to move up
- Mental health facilities/services for youth/adult
- Youth job training
- School for arts
- Amusement park
- More things to do with kids – fun
- Live action role playing
- New bridge/expanded road capacity over river
- By the Cordova Recreation and Park District Parks in Rancho Cordova