

Public Meeting on Harbor Land Use

Saturday, February 22

10 am to 4 pm at El Granada School

Here's a rough agenda. (See HMB Review on 2/19 for more details):

- 10 am -- Opening remarks
- Bob Stacey, former head of planning for Portland, Oregon will discuss the planning process used successfully for that city's downtown
- Breakout session -- Small groups will begin to answer questions prepared by the facilitator. These questions are designed to bring out community hopes and concerns in a way that can be used as goals for further community-developer discussions.
- Brown-bag lunch
- Two more break-out sessions after lunch
- Wrapup, combining the results from the breakout groups into goals for further discussions within the El Granada Waterfront Taskforce
- 4 pm -- Adjourn

The current plan is for the task force to return to a second public workshop before the end of May with more detailed suggestions based on the results of the day's work.

The El Granada Waterfront taskforce was formed by citizens and developers who realized that the old model of harbor development, as typified by the process leading to the Conservatory and the Harbor Village, was not an acceptable model for the future. The typical process does not provide for any up-front discussion of community goals and the taskforce was assembled with the intent of addressing this shortcoming, and improving the process to the benefit of all concerned.

The task force held its first Saturday workshop at the El Granada School in May of last year, introducing the taskforce members, announcing the process they intended to follow and soliciting public input.

Its regular working sessions have been publicized in the Review and are open to the public. Current members include representatives from:

- Local citizens' groups: Citizens for the Preservation of El Granada and Concerned Citizens of the Coastside
- Elected bodies: The Midcoast Community Council and the Harbor Commission
- Planning staff from San Mateo County Planning Department and the California Coastal Commission
- Business and development interests: The major landowners in the area and the HMB/Coastside Chamber of Commerce

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