

Saturday, February 23, 2019
6733 Foothill Community Meeting #5
8030 Atherton Street, Oakland (ACA campus)
Meeting NOTES (discussion after presentation)

***Items in bold represent questions or comments from the community. Items not in bold are responses. This document is not an exact transcript of the meeting, just notes taken.**

What is the website that holds the information on the design updates?

<http://www.tpchousing.com/workforce-housing/upcoming-projects>

Why are we putting in retail when there is empty, abandoned retail surrounding the project? Eastmont shopping center is a blight on the community.

The primary objective of this development is to provide affordable housing to Oakland residents and a new school to replace the current facilities at Triumph and ACA. Retail was only added into the design in Dec 2018 at the request of some community members.

Please remove the glass from the buildings that face the main roads, it just attracts vandalism.

We have included 55% transparency (windows) at the request by city staff overseeing this project.

There needs to be adequate parking. The # of units needs to equal the # of parking stalls.

Property management will oversee the assignment of parking stalls. We meet city requirements for parking. Please see our FAQ doc for further discussion on this topic.

A winter solstice shadow study is recommended over the September one that was done.

Color schemes is not an issue, the massing of the building is too large, the entrances are not clearly defined, and there is too much use of one material on the façade, would like to see more variety.

I agree that there should not be retail. Too much empty retail already there. I recommend the space be used for the benefit of the community.

I would like to see how the building would look if raised to accommodate the height of parking stackers.

We need to incorporate scooter parking.

I want retail included in the project. I am against the charter school having so much space. Take some of the space allocated to the charter school and give it to the community.

Concern over the air quality in the garage.

Air quality is studied as part of CEQA and will be published within the year.

What are the community benefits from this project? What do we get out of it? Do we get use of the gym?

We feel that the environmental cleanup of this site is a benefit to the neighborhood. The affordable housing will be available to local residents as well. The state of the art school is a benefit to the local children and families. In addition, the school is willing to open their doors to lease space for community use.

OUSD Representative: Wants stoplights put in, crossing guards, and is concerned that 67th & 68th are too narrow for 2 way traffic.

I am against the addition of retail, too much empty retail already in neighborhood. Would prefer something that benefits the community: library, computer area, or gym.

Jose: Requested that retail be built for his own use, would like his restaurant to be put there. He feels retail is critical. He insisted we hire 9 part-time employees for traffic control from 7am till 9 pm and that the gym should be open all day to the community as well.

Does not understand our explanation of what affordable housing is. Would like to see 1 parking space per unit, it isn't realistic to assume public transportation for all these new residents. She wants us to remove the charter school from the development and replace that space with parking. Disseminating information out to the community is better done through local churches.

Pass out information at local schools. 67th & 68th are too narrow for this traffic. We're closing a school 10 blocks away and I'm against using district funds to build this charter school.

I would like retail in the project.

I would like an economic feasibility report on project.

There is disconnect with what local residents want (parking, limited glazing, no stoops, etc.) versus what the city guidelines are (limited parking, stoops, and lots of glazing). Would like to see money stay in east Oakland, retail be given to local shop owners, local developers. Would like the project to move forward ultimately, believes the kids deserve a new school especially after seeing the current conditions they attend school in now.

I support retail, there is not enough parking, too much traffic already. Asked about the environmental cleanup.

Chris explained the environmental testing that occurs through development (CEQA) and the remediation and monitoring that goes on through operations of the building.

There's traffic everywhere in this city. That should not hold up the school from being built. This project will make the neighborhood safer for our kids, will make the neighborhood nicer. I do not think you should include retail. Why not fix up the existing abandoned retail and use that?

Wants affordable housing, supports the project, supports a new facility for the children of the charter school. Supports parents rights to choose which school they send their child to. Worried about parking. Would like transportation department to consider making 67th and 68th one way streets. Likes the idea of windows along the school, it connects better with the neighborhood. People walking by can see the projects / artwork from the children.

Would like us to consider giving local residents preference for the affordable housing, preference for teachers, possibly set aside a certain amount of units for homeless.

We are open to giving local residents within a certain distance preference during the selection process, if that is what the community wants we can look into that.

Ahmed Ali Bob: Transportation Department Representative – Shared that he just became aware of this project.

Although there has been a traffic study paid for & conducted by a traffic engineer, these are part of CEQA. The analysis of CEQA is not complete yet. City planning has not shared the reports from CEQA with the other departments, including transportation.

Requested double the amount of parking.

Requested permit parking for streets and a 'no parking' during school hours.

Mad that the transportation department wasn't involved in this development.

Does NOT want permits for street parking in her own neighborhood. Would like stoplights to be installed.

Rebecca Lind: The CEQA draft does not become public until it is finalized. Should be sometime this year. Planning commission will decide on any off-site improvements. Project will go back to DRC after these community meetings.

Would like AC transit to move bus stops so that the kids don't have to cross the streets.

Is there a way to partner with the city for bringing more money to the table to afford more parking?

Chris responded that is how we've built parking garages or used stackers on other developments. They were city funded. Oakland has not made that offer.

I am against 0.5 parking. The building is too big, should be scaled back so that there is 1 parking stall per unit.

You should use stacked parking. The building is too big and it doesn't fit the neighborhood.

The entire project should start over on design. There is no community benefit from this project.

Rebecca Lind: explained the traffic study process as part of CEQA. Online you can look at the Corridor Design Guidelines used by planning to review projects.