

Attachment 2: Community Workshop Process & Summary of Direction

| # | Meeting date | Community City Council & Planning Commission Workshops |
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| 1 | 2009 -2012 | The City of Fort Bragg, the community, and the property owner, Georgia Pacific (GP) engaged in a collaborative process to prepare a Specific Plan for the rezoning and eventual redevelopment of the property for other uses but the planning process stopped in 2012, when GP withdrew its Specific Plan application. |
| 2 | February 6, 2017 | City Council and the Planning Commission held a joint meeting to discuss how to move forward with rezoning and planning for the reuse of the Mill Site. The City Council and the Planning Commission supported a two-step process as follows: (1) process a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment to eliminate the requirement that a Specific Plan be prepared to rezone property on the Mill Site (by revising Coastal General Plan Policies LU-7.1 and LU-7.2); and (2) complete a comprehensive community-based planning process to develop a major LCP amendment to rezone the Mill Site. The Council and Commission determined that the Major LCP Amendment will address: new land use zones, development regulations, infrastructure requirements, sustainability, open space, circulation, design guidelines and more. This Major LCP Amendment will be formulated over the next year or so in an interactive process between the City Council, Planning Commission, community and City staff. |
| 3 | Feb 22, 2017 | City Council provided direction regarding how to structure the community based planning process. |
| 4 | March 23, 2017 | City Council and Planning Commission joint workshop regarding Creek Daylighting project alternatives, permitting and environmental review process, feasibility, cost and timelines |
| 5 | August 25, 2017 | Short Mill Site Reuse workshop at a Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors meeting with approximately 30 participants |
| 6 | Sept. 6, 2017 | Short Mill Site Reuse workshop at a Fort Bragg Rotary Club meeting with approximately 25 participants |
| 7 | Sept 7, 2017 | Short Mill Site Reuse workshop at a Chamber of Commerce mixer with approximately 30 participants |
| 8 | Sept. 16, 2017 | The City started the rezone process with an all-day open house with three mini workshops at the CV Starr Center with about 60+ participants. |
| | Sept. 21, 2017 | All-day open house with three mini workshops at Town Hall with 80+ participants. |
| 9 | Sept. 21, 2017 | The Mill Site Reuse Community Survey was opened to accept responses from the community. English and Spanish language versions of the survey were available with identical questions. The survey was designed to minimize survey bias by randomizing the multiple choice questions and it was designed |

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| | | to be as inclusive as possible by allowing people to provide open-ended responses to a number of questions. Over 970 responses have been received. A survey report was prepared and provided to City Council and the Planning Commission. |
| 10 | October 16, 2017 | <p>Council and the Commission held a joint meeting and provided direction to staff regarding the vision statement and changes that should be made to the Land Use Plan, which included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise the zoning for the Noyo Center from “Open Space” to “Coastal Dependent” zoning. 2. Add a small neighborhood park with playing field, combined with a public fairgrounds. 3. Bring back the idea for a downtown square. 4. Do not extend the Central Business District onto the site. 5. Keep some of site available for a lumber mill, consider leaving a portion of the site with timber industrial zoning instead of urban reserve zoning. 6. Zone for a mix of small homes, cohousing, multi-family and mixed-use housing. |
| 11 | January 10, 2018 | <p>The Planning Commission held a workshop and provided additional direction on the vision statement, guiding principles, Land Use Plan and sustainability policies, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Planning Commission recommended that the Mill Site’s role as a visitor serving destination be explicitly included in the Vision Statement. 2. The Planning Commission recommended that Guiding Principle 5 be retained as written: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Extend the downtown commercial district onto the Mill Site.</i></p> 3. The Planning Commission recommended that Principle 6 be reworded as follows: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Establish zoning for residential uses in the Northern District; zoning for the extension of the Central Business District, visitor serving uses and compact mixed-use residential development in the Central District; and zoning for job-generating uses such as light industrial, education, retail, research and development and office space in the Southern District</i></p> 4. The Planning Commission reviewed Land Use Plan Alternative 1A and made the following additional changes to the plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Extend the CBD along the entire length of Redwood Ave. b. Provide for CBD around the downtown park. The Planning Commission felt strongly that the reasons to extend the Central Business District onto the Mill Site out-weighed the concerns of doing so. Additionally the Planning Commission considered limiting retail development and only encouraging the development of restaurants and visitor serving businesses and discarded this approach. The Planning Commission therefore |

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| | | <p>recommended that commercial development be permitted on the bottom floor of all buildings along the entire length of the Redwood Ave extension onto the Mill Site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Extend the multi-family residential to the west to compensate for the multifamily residential that was replaced by the extension of the CBD. d. Add a neighborhood park back into the plan in the northern district. e. Retain the Highway Visitor Serving commercial zoning for the parcel north of Cypress Street. Retain the General Plan policy to protect the trees in this area. The Planning Commission also discussed at length whether to convert the Highway Commercial that is north of Walnut Street into open space. Commissioners noted that: the Land Use Plan already designates a significant amount of open space (175+ acres); and that the maintenance of open space is costly and burdens the City's General Fund. A majority of the Commission wanted to allow limited development in this area, so long as the trees are retained. This might encourage a private sector person to acquire this parcel and maintain the trails and the forest for public use, rather than the City taking on additional open space responsibilities. Staff noted that the Coastal General Plan currently includes Policy CD-1.2 which requires "preservation of the forested area north of the Georgia-Pacific nursery and south of Maple Street shall be maintained as a sensitive natural habitat and scenic resource, and it shall not be developed." Additionally, staff noted that any use of this site would require a Coastal Development Permit which would determine if any of the forest qualifies as rare, in which case no development would be permitted within 50 feet of the rare forest. <p>5. The Planning Commission provided specific direction regarding preferred changes to the Sustainability Policies as noted in italics blue text. The Planning Commission provided the following direction regarding the sustainability policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The City should not be out in front of the State of California when it comes to Green Building. The State of California is already a leader in the nation and the City does not have the technical expertise to require higher levels of sustainability in green building as it relies on the County Building Department in this area. b. The Planning Commission recommends that the goal of Net Zero energy use (Policy SD-2) be incentivized with planning incentives rather than be required. c. The Planning Commission concurred with staff recommendations regarding language changes to the sustainability policy section of the proposed Mill Site Reuse Plan. d. The Planning Commission further recommended that all policies be general in their requirements so that they don't become outdated by new technologies, etc. |
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| 12 | January 22, 2017 | <p>The City Council held a workshop and provided direction on the vision statement, guiding principles and Land Use Plan, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directed staff to bring the issue of the extension of the CBD onto the Mill Site back to a joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission for further discussion. Specifically the City Council requested that downtown merchants be invited to the meeting and that the pros and cons of the extension of the CBD onto the Mill Site be thoroughly explored. 2. Directed staff to revise the zoning of the Highway Commercial zoning district located along highway 1 north of Walnut Street to open space to protect the small forest located there. 3. Directed staff to eliminate the extension of Walnut Street onto the Mill Site because it is no longer necessary. |
| 13 | January 24, 2017 | <p>The Planning Commission held a workshop regarding the Open Space framework for the Mill Site, funding mechanisms for open space and parkland facilities, and open space phasing and facility requirement policies. The Planning Commission provided the following direction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please schedule joint meetings between City Council and the Planning Commission to address and discuss significant differences in policy direction (policy disagreements) between the Planning Commission and the City Council; 2. Add a small recreational park to the south side of the Land Use Plan to meet the recreational needs. 3. Retain all parks and required facilities within the plan for now. Continue to update the Planning Commission regarding how these facilities can be funded and specific impacts of the funding of these facilities on the feasibility of redevelopment of the site. 4. Provide comparison Development Impact Fee information for other comparable coastal towns, so that the Planning Commission and City Council can better understand how our proposed Development Impact Fees would impact feasibility of development. 5. Planning Commission agreed with the proposed changes to the Open Space policies. |
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