



MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Downtown Pleasanton Concerts in the Park
Date: August 11, 2023
Project: Urban Forest Master Plan
Subject: Community Engagement
Attendees: City (Matt Gruber, Myer Walden, Sarah Hosterman, Giacomo Damonte)

Below is a summary of the comments received from residents regarding Pleasanton's Urban Forest Master Plan at the Concerts in the Park series on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. There were approximately thirty members of the public that stopped by to provide their input. Informational boards, interactive mapping activities, voting boards, and a survey were presented during the event. Participants indicated preferences for tree planting locations and discussed issues and opinions about our urban forest.

Below is a summary of comments heard by community members.

Tree Planting Locations

1. Plant more trees in parking lots.
2. I'd like to see more trees **everywhere**.
3. Keep trees away from powerlines, but I love trees.
4. Refer to the attached exhibit showing general location categories of where people want more trees.
5. Refer to the attached map showing pin locations of where people want more trees.
6. Refer to the attached exhibit showing what people love most about trees.

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Types of Trees

- 7. No Eucalyptus!
- 8. Plant more climbable trees.

Current Conditions and Maintenance

- 9. What happened to the big tree that used to be at Wayside Park?
- 10. Do more strategic planting.
- 11. Trees are breaking at Fairlands Park.
- 12. Save the trees and plant more.
- 13. Trees on Valley Ave. block stop signs. Please prune.
- 14. Remove dead trees that are hazardous! For example: the dead walnut in Wayside Park.
- 15. Dead redwoods in Ken Mercer Sports Park need to be removed. Prioritize removal of hazardous trees!
- 16. Replace the downed trees at Mission Hills Park.
- 17. Don't plant trees that mess up pavement. Surface roots look bad.

Tree Protection Ordinance

- 18. Impose higher fines for unlawful tree removals.
- 19. Mandatory tree replanting for trees that are removed. Penalties are not enough.

Miscellaneous Comments and Concerns

- 20. I like/love trees. (x4)
- 21. Trees are cool.
- 22. Plant more trees to address heat. (x2)
- 23. I care about housing more than trees.
- 24. I am concerned about allergies.

- 25. Put the powerlines underground.
- 26. Don't plant trees with honeydew issues.
- 27. When I first moved here it was grasslands and now it's a forest!
- 28. My insurance company wants to cancel my policy unless I remove trees.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Gruber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attached:

Map of Pleasanton with proposed tree locations.
Exhibit of location categories where people want to see more trees.
Exhibit of highest valued (most loved) tree characteristics.

Urban Forest Management Plan



Legend

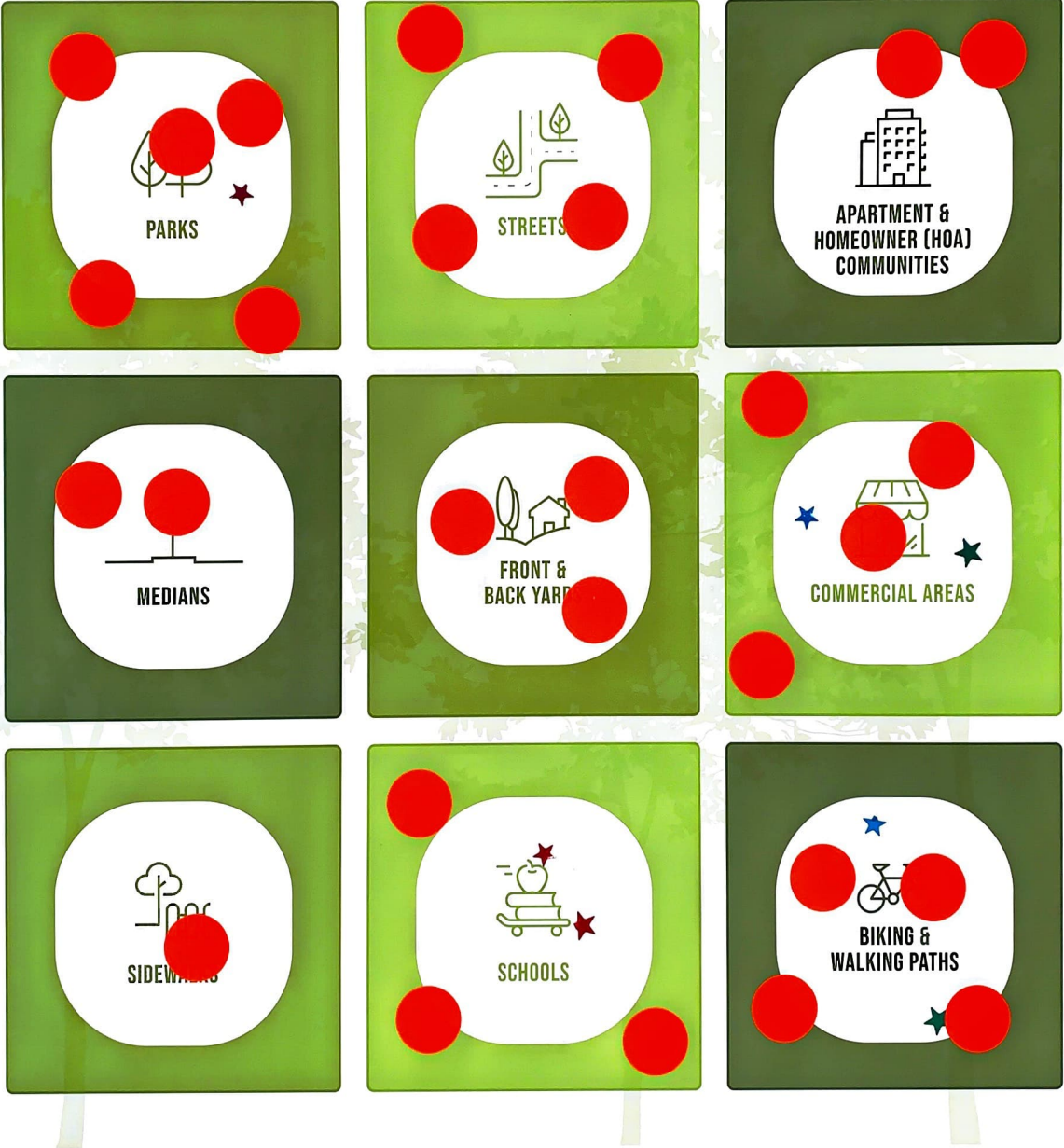
City of Pleasanton

PLACE A PIN

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE
MORE TREES ?



WHERE DO WE NEED MORE TREES?



Stick
me!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TREES?

CLEANER AIR



SHADE ★



ENERGY SAVINGS



FOOD



WILDLIFE HABITAT ★



BEAUTY



HEALTHIER
COMMUNITIES



RAINWATER
CAPTURE ★



CONNECTING
WITH NEIGHBORS



PLEASE
TAKE
ONE →

Urban Forest Master Plan

Concert in the Park - 8/11

- I like trees
- Trees are cool
- More trees in parking lots
- More trees to address heat
- I'd like to see more trees everywhere
- I care about housing more than trees
- Concerned about allergies
- Trees away from powerlines - but I love trees.

PLEASANTON
TREES ARE
BETTER
THAN DUBLIN
TREES :-)

- Underground the power lines!!!
- Where is the big tree that used to be here at Wayside? :-)

- We love the trees, PLANT MORE!

- Strategic PLANTING
- trees ARE BREAKING (FARMLANDS)

- SAVE the trees + PLANT more!
- Don't plant trees with homeplant issues

- TREES ON VALLEY BLVD STOP SIGNS
PLEASE PRUNE

• When I first moved here it was ALL GRASSLANDS,
AND NOW ITS A FOREST

- Remove dead trees that are hazardous! (i.e. dead Walnut in Wayside Park).
- Dead Redwoods in Ken Mercer need to be removed. Prioritize hazardous trees!!!
- Replace the downed trees @ Mission Hills
- We love trees
- Higher fines for unlawful removals!

Mandatory tree replanting for trees that are removed. Penalties are not enough.

HIGH
ROOTS
LOOK
BAD



DON'T PLANT TREES THAT DAMAGE PAVEMENT

NO EUCALYPTUS

"DO YOU like trees?"
"YEAH!"

- MORE CLIMBABLE TREES!
- PLANT MORE!
- Insurance company wants to cancel policy unless I remove trees :/