



MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Pleasanton Farmer's Market
Date: August 5, 2023
Project: Urban Forest Master Plan
Subject: Community Engagement
Attendees: City (Matt Gruber, Myer Walden, Sarah Hosterman,)
Consultant (Jared Davis, DUDEK)

Below is a summary of the comments received from residents regarding Pleasanton's Urban Forest Master Plan on Saturday, August 4, 2023, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There were approximately seventy 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. We support planting more trees ALL OVER PLEASANTON!
2. Valley Pleasant Townhomes needs trees.
3. More trees at multiple schools.
4. More trees near Amador Valley High School please!
5. We don't have enough trees in Pleasanton, but we don't want more Eucalyptus.
6. Plant more trees in the arroyos! (x2)
7. We could use more shade at Kottinger.

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8. Plant more trees, particularly large trees, in our schools and especially the playgrounds.
9. Install trees adjacent to sports fields so the audience has shade.
10. I bike the ridge and love the oaks.
11. Policy enforcing tree trimming near streetlights is needed.
12. Sports fields need trees.
13. Both sides of Stoneridge Drive needs trees.
14. Marilyn Murphy Kane trail needs shade. (x2)
15. I'd like to see more trees in the hills.
16. Skylark lacks trees, no parkway.
17. Playgrounds (general) need more shade.
18. Parking lot near Augustin Bernal Trail needs trees.
19. More trees needed in neighborhoods.
20. Need more trees at Bernal Community Park.
21. Trees needed along first stretch of of the Courdet Trail at the Castleridge Trailhead.
22. Plant and retain established trees in front yards.
23. Need more trees in grocery store parking lots.
24. Need trees next to homes against field on Abbie St.
25. Upper Bernal Playground field needs trees.
26. Pimlico area lacks trees.
27. Refer to the attached map showing pin locations of where people want more trees.
28. Refer to the attached exhibit showing general location categories of where people want more trees.

Types of Trees

- 29. Plant evergreen trees.
- 30. Plant big trees that don't drop branches.
- 31. Plant more fruit trees for foraging, we want a food forest for families.
- 32. Plant native trees.
- 33. School trees should be climbable.
- 34. I'm allergic but love trees anyway.
- 35. Replant the trees that CalTrans removed along I-680.
- 36. Need more flowering trees.
- 37. Too many sycamores. I hate raking leaves.
- 38. Plant shade trees and native trees. Don't remove trees.
- 39. Refer to the attached exhibit showing what people love most about trees.

Current Conditions and Maintenance

- 40. Amador Valley Community Park tree removal makes me sad.
- 41. My neighbors are cutting down their trees!
- 42. Please water your trees.
- 43. Pleasanton is doing a better job than most cities regarding their care of trees.
- 44. The City needs to manage their trees so we don't have a Paradise (fire) situation on our hands.
Put effort into pruning and fuel management.
- 45. Plant more trees to replace ones removed by PG&E.
- 46. We like trees but wish there weren't so many rules around old trees.
- 47. Trees help with heat.
- 48. City tree planting efforts should not focus on private property.

- 49. More proactive maintenance on city trees is needed.
- 50. I love our trees in Pleasanton.
- 51. Maintain existing trees better.
- 52. Just want more shade please.
- 53. Focus on existing trees.
- 54. Asked City to plant multiple trees in an empty lot but only got one.
- 55. I like the clearance pruning of trees along Santa Rita to prevent damage by vehicles.
- 56. The fallen trees across trails deter bikers from riding on hiking only trails, so that's good, and the trees create a fun obstacle course.
- 57. Worried about Eucalyptus trees at Adams Way and Kottinger Drive.
- 58. Value mature trees: walnuts and sycamores along Fairgrounds property.

Community Involvement

- 59. How can my kids get involved?
- 60. Talk to elderly community members.
- 61. How can I get involved?
- 62. Provide multigenerational planning (and planting) to pass on to the next generation.
- 63. Create tree protection task force like in Mountain View, CA.
- 64. More arborists and arborist internships.

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 MASTER PLAN

VALLEY
PLEASANT
TOWNHOMES
NEEDS TREES
-SEAN

community opinions

MORE
trees @
SCHOOL

- WE SUPPORT PLANTING MORE TREES
ALL OVER PLEASANTON!
- Keep planting ☺
- how can my kids get involved?
- ☹ my neighbors ARE cutting down their trees!
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VALLEY COMM.
PARK
TREE REMOVAL
☹

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@ PG&E

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SPORTS
FIELDS
NEED
TREES

- Value mature trees: Walnut + Sycamore along Fairgrounds property.

BOTH SIDES
OF
STONE RIDGE
NEED
TREES

- City trees + city planting effort - would not focus on private property.
- More proactive maintenance on city trees.
- Marilyn Murphy Kane trail needs more shade!
- I love our trees in Pleasanton
- I would like to see more trees, especially on the hills
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- ~~Big~~ Plant big trees that don't drop branches
- MAINTAIN EXISTING TREES BETTER

URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN OPINIONS

JUST MORE TREES PLS

WALK TRAIL

- PLAYGROUNDS NEED SHADE

TREES IN NEIGHBORHOODS

How can I get involved?

- REMOVE DEAD REDWOODS IN SPORTS PARK

LA NEAR AUGUSTIN BERNAL

- NEED MORE TREES @ BERNAL

TRIM THEM

- MORE TREES ALONG CANALS

ASKED CITY TO PLANT MULTIPLE TREES IN EMPTY LOT but only got one

- MORE FRUIT trees for FORAGING

WE WANT A FOOD FOREST

NEED TREES ALONG FIRST STREET OF PARK UP FROM ALVARO KROEBER PARK (CROSSING / CORNER) for families

- PLANT NATIVE TREES

I like the UP-planting of trees on Santa Rita to prevent invasion by trees

PUBLIC AREA LACKS TREES

- Focus on existing trees

BRING BACK 1-680 TREES

- CREATE A TREE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

like in MANHATTAN VIEW

WANT GRAPE VINES

- TALK TO ELDERLY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- PRO FRONT YARD ESTABLISHED TREES

NEED SHADED PICNIC AREAS AWAY FROM PLAYGROUNDS

- SCHOOL TREES SHOULD BE CLIMBABLE

- I'M ALLERGIC BUT LOVE THEM ANYWAY

- WE NEED MORE TREES IN GROCERY PARKING LOTS

- MULTIGENERATIONAL PLANNING (PLANTING)
- TO PASS ON TO NEXT GEN.

URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN OPINIONS

- Lots of fallen trees across trails, not bad, kind of obstacle course fun i
- TOO MANY SYCAMORES, I HATE RAKING LEAVES
→ DETER BIKERS FROM HIWAK - ONLY TRAILS
- MORE FLOWERING TREES!
- SHADE, NATIVES, NOT REMOVING TREES

Please sketch or describe your ideal
Pleasanton urban forest:

NEXT TO
HOMES
AGAINST
FIELD
(ABBAY ST)

City help maintaining
trees

UPPER
BERNAL
PLAYGROUND
FIELD

KEEP
Planting
TREES!

More
Pedestrian
side ways
with trees &
open space

More arborists
and arborist
internships

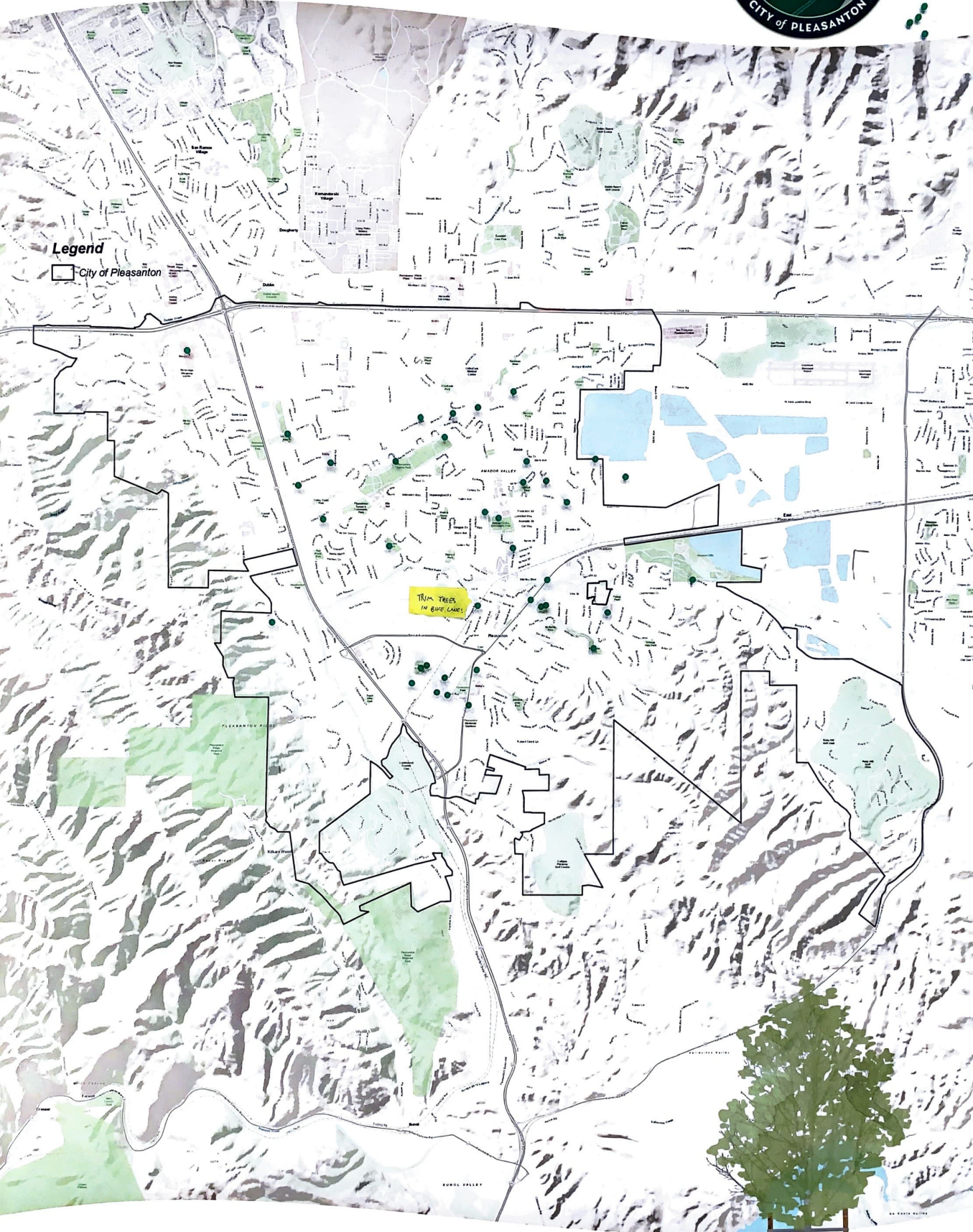


Be worried about
Eucalyptus @ Adams & Collamer

MORE
TREES!!

Urban Forest Management Plan

Where would you like to see more trees in the City of Pleasanton?



WHERE DO WE NEED MORE TREES?



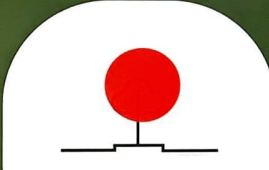
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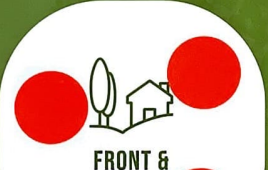
STREETS



APARTMENT &
HOMEOWNER (HOA)
COMMUNITIES



MEDIANS



FRONT &
BACK YARD



COMMERCIAL AREAS



SIDEWALKS



SCHOOLS



BIKING &
WALKING PATHS

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT TREES?

