

NORTHWEST ROUND 2 - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

*Clovis North High School, Clovis, CA
October 9, 2014 – 6:30pm-8:30pm*



OVERVIEW

On Thursday, October 9, 2014, staff from the City of Clovis and PlaceWorks facilitated a second community workshop aimed at re-introducing the City's Urban Greening Plan process, reviewing the outcomes of the previous workshop in May and getting feedback from participants on ideas for sample improvements and potential implementation of the Plan in the Northwest. One member of the public attended the meeting and was only able to stay for 15 minutes so we have a minute update of the process to date and overview, and then engaged in a dialogue about their ideas for the Northwest. City staff remained at the table and we had a group discussion looking at the area and came up with ideas based on what City staff had heard from the community over the years and what they envisioned for the area. Given the low turnout, the City emailed attendees from the Round 1 Community Workshop, provided a link to access the PowerPoint, and asked for them to forward to others and provide comments to the following three questions:

1. What are your priorities for urban greening in Northwest Clovis? Is it street improvements, trail connections, intersection improvements, new parks, or other ideas? Are there specific locations that are more important than others or specific types of improvements (parks, streets, trails) that are more important? Which improvements are most important to you?
2. What kind of amenities do you want to see in a new park, new streetscape, or a new trail? Trees, planted medians, improved crosswalks, separated trail from road, lighting, passive or active recreation, benches, fitness areas, paseos, community gardens, shade structures, bus shelters, playgrounds, natural open spaces, plazas, outdoor theater, vegetative buffers, drought tolerant plantings, public art, others?
3. What should the Northwest be identified as? The area has been called Northwest because it is geographically northwest of Old Town but should it have a different name? And, if so, what should it be called or be branded as? The City is interested in creating/identifying communities such as Harlan Ranch: A Clovis Community or Loma Vista: A Clovis Community. What should the Northwest be and what should represent it? Different suggestions for names include: Garfield District, Garfield Grove, Perrin Colony, and Clovis Hills; suggested graphic identification include some combination of foothills, agriculture, and the historic Garfield Elementary brick archway (corner of Shepherd and Minnewawa). What ideas do you have?



The following is a summary of all the comments received whether in person, by phone, or email.

Priorities and Naming

Priorities for greening in Northwest include the following:

- Greenway or bikeway that connects the academic campuses with Old Town, perhaps along International and Minnewawa Avenues
- Separated bikeways at major intersections – consider undergrounding the crossings
- Bike trail network
- Complete, green streets that prevent speeding and have trees in medians and along the sidewalks
- Parks interconnected with wide bike lanes and walking/jogging trails
- Trees – plant more and try to get street trees in early so they are established by the time development comes
- Gateway Entry/Park @ old Garfield site – the brick archway is iconic and should be incorporated into some public facility
- Traffic calming on Willow near International
- Incorporation of surface water treatment plants and ground water recharge
- Very drought resistant landscaping

There was some discussion about what to name the area as Northwest refers to the geographic location. Some of the suggested names for the area include:

- Garfield
- Clovis Hills
- Perrin Colony
- Garfield Grove
- Garfield District
- Something related to the former Big Creek Train Depot or other historic association in the area

The brick gateway remnant at Shepherd and Minnewawa is frequently noted as an iconic structure in the area that could/should be associated with the planning area.

The community has indicated a strong preference for something that draws on the agricultural heritage of the area and something that helps them stand out as a unique Clovis community. A name for the area will be developed in the future by the City and/or in collaboration with developers as projects move forward.

Design: Sample Streetscape

Comments were solicited as to components for streetscapes that would support the City's urban greening efforts. A sample street was used to illustrate community wants with stickers of different amenities and notes used to convey their desires. Street designs included the following:



- Bike lanes
- Median and pedestrian refuge islands
- Pedestrian lighting
- Street Trees
- Bus shelters
- Signage/banners
- Public Art
- Community kiosk

A dimensioned cross section of the street right-of-way was also drawn on the board, illustrating (from one property line to the other) an 8-foot tree planting strip, a 12-foot multi-use trail, an 8-foot tree planting strip, a 22-foot space for travel lanes, a 12-foot landscaped median, a 22-foot space for travel lanes, an 8-foot tree planting strip, a 5-foot sidewalk, and an 8-foot tree planting strip.

Design: Sample Park Project

Land along the Enterprise Canal has been identified as potential park land. Priorities for amenities on this site include the following:

- Lots of trees for shade
- A natural walk with a bridge across the creek and a gateway (view statement) in the southern corner of the proposed GP park
- Passive recreation at the southern end with active recreation to the north
- Path lighting (noted by red paw prints on the map)
- Picnic facilities
- Benches
- Plutons (acorn grinding) – see City’s new staging area on Shepherd at Sunnyside
- Table Mt. interpretive opportunities – teach how to grow, cultivate, harvest, make things
- Sports fields and lights
- Concert venue – Shakespeare in Park
- Bike parking
- Uniform trail surface (AC)
- Bus shelter (alternative access)
- Public Art



Design: Sample Trail Project

Land along the Enterprise Canal has been identified for trails. Community comments included the desire to separate trails from streets and natural open areas where possible. Priorities for amenities along the trail include the following:

- Benches
- Art
- Pedestrian lighting
- Street trees

