

Hayward Area Planning Association proposes

College Heights

The Rebirth of the Walking Neighborhood Killed by the Car

College Heights achieves



We will talk about...

- The Costs of Suburbia
- A Better Way: Walkable Neighborhood Systems
- The Site, The Site Plan
- Village Center + Parks & Rec
- Floor Plans: Unit Designs for our target markets
- Six goals: Affordability; Sustainability; Mobility; Health, Safety, Security; Design, Community
- Target Markets
- Finances
- Next Steps

Suburbia has costs

- Detached single family housing on large lots is inherently expensive both economically and environmentally
- Costs are necessarily higher for building and for car infrastructure, reducing affordability
- The system is not sustainable due to greenhouse gases, pollution, water consumption, and resource use
- Loss of farmland reduces land for food
- Loss of habitat reduces land for wildlife, nature

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- Suburbia is a car dependent monoculture lacking flexibility in travel modes
- Overuse of cars makes us fat, lazy, unhealthy
- Auto accidents maim and kill us
- Cars are inefficient in times of congestion or a lack of parking



Out of date already!

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- Cars are expensive in time and money.
 Purchase, use, insure, maintain, repair, operate, pay tolls, parking, tickets, accidents
- Parking lots are ugly, and increase temperatures on hot days
- Suburbs can lack neighborliness, community amenities and social interaction
- Loss of nature and biodiversity diminishes the human spirit

Walkable Neighborhood Systems (WNS)

- Neighborhood systems are a combination of land use and transportation, including how they are paid for
- WNS look at neighborhoods defined by convenient walking distances and sufficient density to reduce the cost of housing, utilities, and transportation combined
- WNS reach economics of scale that support mixed use, walking, transit, and low auto use

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- WNS have energy-efficient land use and housing, maximizing walking and transit, minimizing and dependency on cars
- WNS sustainable transportation options have prices reflecting the real costs of fossil fuels
- WNS use land and water efficiently and have low pollution
- The general market does not offer sustainable housing in walkable neighborhoods

College Heights is a WNS

- Proposed in the hills near the California
 State University campus in Hayward
- Designed for 732 units and about 1,800 residents
- 120 persons per neighborhood acre
- Low car dependence, yet convenient, healthy, attractive, safe, and affordable
- Environmentally sustainable in housing, energy, water, resources and transportation

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- Mixed Use: residential, café, store, recreation
- Village Bus, unbundled parking charges, public cars, vouchers
- Parking is optional (unbundled) no car no pay
- Designed for walking and transit: enough people in a walkable area generate walk-in demand to support a Village Center, a café, a store, a Village Bus, and other features that meet or exceed suburban standards

Location between Cal State University and downtown Hayward



2.2 miles, campus to BART

The Site

- Quarry owned by the City of Hayward, which planned to sell it to developers
- Years later, developers withdrew their application, no others have come forward
- Sustainable Mixed-Use Zoning supporting a project like College Heights
- Quarry has 29.8 acres, of which 18.7 acres are developable
- Adjacent PG&E easement can be used for busway, community garden, orchard, landscaping

Conditions Existing



Existing Conditions

sq ft acres percent

Undevelopable Area

Undevelopable	479,370	11.00	37.2%
West Area. steep drop off and slope over 25%	35,930	0.82	2.8%
Steep Rock Slope on east side, proposed	36,500	0.84	2.8%
Steep Cut Slope on east side, existing	176,940	4.06	13.7%
Crevice Creek Riparian Corridor. Ravine and creek	230,000	5.28	17.8%

Developable Area

Total Property	1,290,157	29.62	100.0%
Total Developable Area	810,787	18.61	62.8%
from middle high ground to south end	183,610	4.22	14.2%
knoll	90,290	2.07	7.0%
deep pit, northwest corner	66,163	1.52	5.1%
main flat pit	470,724	10.81	36.5%

The Site Plan

- Walkways provide access to Village Center, Foothill Trail, and parking podium.
- Focal point at Village Center.
- The parking ratio is one space per unit.
- Private vehicles are not allowed within project; only vehicles for maintenance, moving, postal, delivery to parcel boxes, public safety, and sanitation.
- Residential parking will be in a podium below the mail project with access from Carlos Bee Blvd.





Site Plan Areas

Project Area Acreage	sq ft	acres	percent
Foothill Trail	127,730	2.93	16%
Model Homes	8,652	0.20	1%
Residential lots	474,579	10.89	59%
4 pocket parks	11,872	0.27	1%
Walkways	122,344	2.81	15%
Village Center	20,566	0.47	3%
South parking	13,807	0.32	2%
Busway	6,720	0.15	1%
Landscaping	7,717	0.18	1%
College Heights Ave. at grade	15,316	0.35	2%
Total	809,303	18.58	100.0%

Site Plan Units Overview

	unit	unit	% of	total bed		total
Unit type	area	count	units	area	rooms	beds
Studios	512	24	3%	12,288	1	24
Ones	704	181	25%	127,424	1	181
2 bed small	936	97	13%	90,792	2	194
2 bed large	1080	97	13%	104,760	2	194
3 bed flats	1360	110	15%	149,600	3	330
3 bed THs	1536	80	11%	122,880	3	240
4 bed THs	1728	108	15%	186,624	4	432
5 bed THs	2112	35	5%	73,920	5	175
Total/average/%	1,186	732	100%	868,288		1,770

The Community Center





Village Center functions

- Below Busway level: bike shop, Village Van parking, childcare
- Busway level: HOA service counter, ATM, fireplace reading room, security
- Second floor: café with bay view, multi-purpose room for fitness center, meetings and events; kitchen/coffee bar, small offices and co-working spaces to rent or lease
- Third floor: managers' residences



Spectacular views from the café

Another spectacular view from the café



Parks and Recreation

- Parks in the Village:
 - a 4 small parks within developed area
 - Tot lot; Bocce court
 - village Square
- Recreational Trails:
 - The Foothill Trail comes through the project from north to south Hayward
 - The Picnic Spot Trail goes from the Village Center goes to a picnic area on the rocky cut slope above the project
- Nearby: Hidden Hills Health and Racquet Club, Cal State playing fields

Floor Plans





Studio and One Bedroom



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Two Bedroom two bath in a Sixplex



Three Bedroom Townhouse with flex space living and dining on second floor



Four Bedroom Townhouse living dining on first floor



Five Bedroom Townhouse is bigger but similar

Affordability

- No expense for paving or vehicle parking; parking pays its own way
- More units per acre by using narrow walkways, row housing, minimal setbacks
- Four square building foundations
- Efficient floor plans
- Maximize units per acre and per mile of walkway utilities lowers cost per unit
- Construction efficiencies with three-story row housing

Affordablity: College Heights and HUD limits, 2023

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	Monthly	All three	Housing	House-	Income	Qualit	fies at
unit type	mortgage	monthly	cost	hold size	limit	7.61%	5.00%
studio	\$ 2,104	\$ 613	\$ 2,717	1	\$ 3,437	yes	yes
1 bed	\$ 2,821	\$ 774	\$ 3,595	2	\$ 3,927	yes	yes
2 bed 1 bath	\$ 3,635	\$ 958	\$ 4,592	3	\$ 4,417	no	yes
2 bed 2 bath	\$ 4,111	\$ 1,065	\$ 5,176	3	\$ 4,907	no	yes
3 bed flat	\$ 4,973	\$ 1,2 60	\$ 6,233	4	\$ 5,300	no	yes
3 bed TH	\$ 5,471	\$ 1,374	\$ 6,845	4	\$ 5,692	no	yes
4 bed TH	\$ 5,978	\$ 1,489	\$ 7,467	5	\$ 6,086	no	yes
5 bed TH	\$ 6,872	\$ 1,695	\$ 8,567	6	\$ 6,477	no	No

Many units under 110% of HUD median income Mortgage interest rates make a big difference in ability to qualify to meet HUD limits HOA provides operational and maintenance services a

homeowner would otherwise have to pay for

Sustainability: Construction

• Green buildings:

- Sustainable lumber (certified by the Forest Stewardship Council or similar certifier)
- Healthy paints and finishes
- Latest, highest efficiency building techniques and materials
- Rain screen siding against mold

Sustainability: Air

- Global warming: No fossil fuel use in units, less greenhouse gas
- Sustainable materials no off gassing
- Reduced dependency on oil imports and rising fossil fuel costs
- Parking accommodates electric vehicles
- Less air pollution from less traffic and congestion

Sustainability: Water

- Water efficiency: water-efficient fixtures, reduced water use and sewage
- Rainwater barrels for roofs
- Rainwater retention using large trickle-out pipes under walkways; zero runoff
- Absorption on-site of rainwater and grey water for irrigation
- Landscaping uses drought tolerant, native plants, reducing irrigation needs
- Less water pollution

Sustainability: Land

- More efficient use of land saves farmland and habitat
- Conservation of the Crevice Creek riparian zone
- No heat islands reduced asphalt areas
- Foothill Trail
- Garden space
Sustainability: Energy

- No net electricity off the grid over the course of a year--"net zero"--with electrical use in winter balanced by electrical generation in summer
- Solar energy provides all domestic hot water, air conditioning, air cleaning, air renewal, and electricity for cooking, appliances, lighting, plugs, and electronics
- Energy system sold separately from housing, reducing housing cost
- Energy paid for by direct purchase or lease
- Energy costs below usual PG&E

Passive Energy

- Built into the development
- Three story row housing optimizes building energy conservation
- 2"x6" studs create space for more wall insulation
- Shades on outside of building optimize heat gain
- Energy conserving doors and windows
- Tight buildings, tested by blower door
- R-26 for walls and R-50 for ceiling exceeds California Title 24 energy regulations

Active Energy: Thermal

- I. PV thermal modules installed on sloped roof generate electricity topside and heat backside
- 2. Central thermal plant is efficient because of the size of the project
- 3. Large heat pumps in the plant heat the central storage water as needed
- 4. Thermal energy is stored in central thermal storage, a large underground borehole
- 5. A four-pipe distribution system connects the modules to the central plant, the central storage, and the units

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- 6. Domestic hot water using a small thermal storage tank in each unit boosting hot water from central thermal storage when needed (showers, laundry, etc.)
- 7. Unit hydronic air conditioners, a small "fan coil" for space heating and cooling using a fan blowing across pipes with fins
- 8. Hydronic warm towel rack, dries towels and heats bathroom

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- Summer Winter balance:
 - Winter: Hot water from central storage heats units using hydronic air conditioners in units
 - Central thermal storage cools down
 - Summer: cool water from thermal storage cools units and the PV thermal modules for highly efficient production of electricity from a cooler module
 - Electricity and hot water from PV thermal modules and heat pumps recharge the central storage for use in winter

Active Energy: Electrical

- Electricity is estimated at \$1.89 per watt, well below the standard cost for smaller projects of \$2.20 to \$2.97
- Bifacial PV modules are mounted on racks to allow bounce light to reach PV on the backside
- Units have
 - LED lighting with occupancy sensors
 - Induction cooktops which are faster, safer, use less energy and lower pollution generation than natural gas or electrical resistance

Active Energy: Designing and managing

- Balanced Design Approach balances all parts of the system for net zero and life cycle costeffectiveness
- HOA management operates the system using continuous commissioning for increased productivity
- Submetering reports unit use, helping residents monitor and manage energy use
- Smart Thermostats have occupancy sensors to adjust the temperature before people get home

Mobility

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) provides ample mobility alternatives to car dependence for its target markets
 - Personal cars
 - Leased parking
 - Walking
 - Transit
 - Public cars
 - Bike ebike

Mobility: Personal cars

- 732 spaces in podium leased at market rate, about \$95 per month
 - No car, no pay
 - Parking is paid for separately from housing
- Spaces have high-capacity EV chargers
- Potential leased parking nearby off-site at less cost

Mobility: Walking

- The land use plan supports walking for trips usually done by car, such as shopping, meals out, ATM, and recreation
- Walking distances are short and convenient
- Maximum walk time from the most distant unit to Village Center is five minutes
- Many needs are met on-site by the parks, trails, and Community Center with a café, store, meeting room, fitness center, potential childcare, bike shop and HOA services

Mobility: Village Bus

- Village Bus: fast, frequent, free from campus to College Heights to downtown and BART
 - Free: Eco-pass for village residents Homeowner fees support eco-pass
 - Frequent: Every 10 minutes most of the day
 - Fast, frequent service increases ridership
 - Supports transit-oriented development along Mission Blvd and downtown



 Fast: Downtown Hayward and BART in six minutes; Cal State in two minutes





Downtown: Buffalo Bill's Brewpub



Hayward BART

Cal State East Bay

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- Why the Village Bus is fast:
 - Diesel electric hybrid motor with batteries
 - □ Nimble, midsize 30-foot 20-to-30-person bus
 - Powerful electric motor for fast hill-climbing
 - Regenerative braking to recover energy
 - Guided docking at door-level bus stops
 - No-step, fast boarding from elevated stops
 - Signal preference at red lights
 - Right lane queue jumping: red light for cars lets bus jump ahead

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- Proof of purchasing ticketing
 – an inspector spot-checks for a pass
- No on-board fare collection or ticket sales, etickets on an app?
- Drop-off directly at the BART entrance; no time spent hunting for parking and walking into the station
- A cell phone app for eco-pass, ride-hail, bus schedule and other mobility information

Mobility: Public cars, public parking

- Public cars: car share, car rental, Uber/Lyft, taxis
- Public car parking at Community Center
- Vouchers for rides to health care and guaranteed ride home from Village Bus when BART not running
- Paid public parking south of the Village Center, outside the walking area

Mobility: Bikes, e-bikes

- E-bikes at Community Center
- Bike repair at Community Center
- E-bike lane to campus
- Downhill to Mission and Downtown Hayward (you might need the Village Bus to get back up ⁽²⁾)

Health, safety, security

- Parks and trails
- Fitness Center
- Cleaner air, less noise
- Safety: no car traffic
- Security:
 - Defensible space design; long sightlines, good lighting
 CCTV
 - HOA managers on site
 In-person social networking



Design

- Designed for pleasant walking; wide walkways with no traffic
- Trees and other landscaping in parks and along walkways
- A variety of views along walkways mixing straight and curved, short and long, lots of views into green spaces, and the city below
- Low rise spaciousness despite density, 15-footdeep backyards

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 Building facades with interesting design, color and ornamentation



The Village Square



View up main walkway





Further north along main walkway



Inspired by Victorian Era



Three-bedroom townhouse Two-bedroom condos in sixplex

Visual appeal using familiar and attractive design elements

Community

- Informal interaction along walkways, on Village Bus, in parks, in Village Center around the square, café, store, and HOA service counter
- Village Center with facilities for meetings, fitness, banquets, and events
- HOA sponsored holiday events
- The HOA managers manage the Village Van for school busing and group trips, e.g., to Costco, Trader Joe's, San Francisco culture, and community events.

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- People meet face to face instead of bumper to bumper
- Social relationships increase security
- HOA managers on duty most of the time
- The Homeowner Association Board involves all who are interested, oversees managers, and puts on community events
- The HOA managers assure quiet and privacy

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- HOA managers take care of
 - Operating and maintenance
 - HOA businesses: café, store, parking
 - Landscaping and common use assets
 - Village Bus, eco-pass, taxi vouchers, Village Van, use of Community Center
 - □ Painting, reroofing, solar panel maintenance
 - Fire sprinkler inspection and testing
 - Security

Markets

- Cal State University East Bay
- BART riders, downtown and corridor workers
- Work from home
- Retired, Seniors
- Environmentalists
- Families
- Health-seekers
- Community-seekers
- Disabled persons

Cal State University East Bay

Faculty, staff, administrators, students

- Campus is two minutes away by Village Bus
- Campus is within walking distance
- E-bike lane to campus
- Prices are affordable
- Bus also serves visitors



BART riders, local workers

- Easy access to work in the Mission Corridor and downtown Hayward
- Easy access to locations throughout the Bay Area by BART
- BART access to Amtrak and airports for farther trips

Work from Home

- Three-bedroom unit designed with a large flex space on the ground floor
 - Flex space can have a kitchen, office, and other workrelated improvements as an upgrade
 - Flex space has a bathroom and access to patio
- Small offices in Village Center equipped for teleconferencing
- Village Center has mailing and copying services, ATM, and other support for home office

Seniors, Retired

- Home ownership free of responsibility for painting, plumbing, repairs, termites, yard duty, taking care of a car
- HOA fee pays for professional operation and longterm maintenance
- Good mobility if you can't drive, shouldn't drive, or don't want to drive
- Take a trip with no worries about the house--lock the door and go
- Good value for funds from sale of a larger home

Buyer choices

- Flexibility of interior space
 - Fixed in place: outside walls and windows, front door, utility core
 - □ Flexible: inside walls to change floor plan
- hoices of outside colors and wall ornamentation (sunbursts, etc.)
- Popular upgrades available.
- Sales agent and buyer use a computer program for visualizing choices and pricing of upgrades

Family friendly

- Many suburbs, supposedly ideal for raising children, have dangerous streets, and lack adequate transport for chauffeuring kids to school and activities. Car-free projects in Europe are havens for many families with children
- A safe place for kids to play & grow up:
 - No traffic
 - Village Van for trips to school and activities
 - A fenced tot lot play area
 - Childcare possible in the Village Center

Health seekers

- Pedestrian-friendly design supports walking for health and weight loss without loss of convenience and mobility
- Less traffic means cleaner air, more safety, and less noise
- Fitness center, access to the Foothill Trail, a view picnic spot, and Memorial Park, Garin Park, and Dry Creek Park support an active lifestyle
- A tennis swim club is close, by City View apartments

Disabled persons

College Heights is designed for people who can't or shouldn't drive (car driving-impaired)

- No-step entry for 170 ground floor units
- No curbs from the front door to the Village Center
- No-step entry onto the Village Bus
- "Universal design" for users of wheelchairs and the visually impaired



Market Research

A market study found that the unique vision of College Heights could appeal to "green-living" celebrity endorsers, leading to "a tremendous amount of public relations articles reaching a broad range of potential buyers/renters"



Bayview Village – Hayward, Executive Summary Market Study, Presented To HAPA by S L State & Associates, July 2011
Special Market Research

- Affordability incentive and buyer education
- Travel diaries by members of target markets
- Discussion of the diaries with an expert on alternative mobility
- Focus groups to discuss College Heights
- Help buyers think about a new and better style of life

Financial Analysis

The Hayward Area Planning Association has pro formas for

The Project

Shows an internal rate of return using goal seek of 21.3% over seven years

HUD housing affordability

Financial Highlights

Gross costs	\$493,057,523
Net operating income	\$ 29,852,980
Net operating margin	6.1%
Equity investment	\$21,213,747
Maximum Debt Exposure	\$ 45,249,344
Asset cost: Equity plus loan	\$66,463,091
Gross Margin: revenues over asset cost	44.9%
Leverage (LTV)	68%
Equity IRR, (goal seek)	21.3%
Asset IRR	15.2%
First Payout to equity	Yr. 6 Qtr 4
Last Payout to equity	Yr. 7 Qtr 4
Positive Cash Flow starts	Yr. 4 Qtr 1
years of sales	4
Sales per week	3.5

Investor Judgment Call

- Can College Heights can sell enough units fast enough at a given price to provide an acceptable return?
- Most investors are risk-averse and avoid green projects for an untested market.
- Green projects need "patient, green investors" to grow the market for environmental sustainability
- College Heights may sell faster than planned.

Risk Reduction

- An interest list and conversations to gauge interest
- Market research to assess the market and improve the project and how to present it
- After the Dept of Real Estate approves preliminary report, take a down payment to reserve a unit; abort project if too few reservations
- Use Model Homes to estimate early marketability
- Have a fallback plan with more assured profitability if the absorption rate is too slow

Next Steps

- A credible developer first does due diligence and negotiates a letter of intent with the City
- The City and developer announce a forthcoming application and hold a work session
- The developer starts an interested parties list
- City Council approves a pre-entitlement project, leaving technical reports for entitlement.
- After entitlement, begin taking reservations
- Build model homes and start site improvements

Conclusion

College Heights: the most environmentally sustainable community ever built in California, qualifying for LEED platinum, forging new ground in economies of scale, affordability, sustainability, mobility, health, design, and community

Documentation

- City: https://www.hayward-ca.gov/content/california-state-route-238corridor-lands
- Website: https://collegehts.org/
- Design CAD (.dcd) drawings for site plans and floor plans
- SketchUp drawings of facades, walkways, Community Building, and Village Center
- Financial analyses for College Heights, HOA, Bus, parking, affordability, Café, Corner Store, parking lease rate
- Project and building parameters
- Aerial survey; geotechnical report; engineers report
- Market study

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