

Community Health and Social Services Interview 6/24/2008 on Land Use & Growth Alternatives

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General Notes:

- We need more recreation acreage
- Planning process needs to take into account the difficulty of planning quasi industrial sites, like a new animal shelters
- Need TOD designed site locations for assisted community housing programs, close to schools, medical services, depending on if its family or school based.
- Need to design housing that is practical for older or disabled people.
- Need to look at the demographics, housing units sizes are getting smaller. Not as many kids as there used to be. Need a range of housing types.
- Need a mixed-use neighborhood community center with a library
- Blind community have special needs, don't like living on the second floor. Prefer to be on the ground floor. More services for transportation.
- New generation of retired people want to be close to the action. They don't want to be relegated to retirement communities.
- Improve the transportation system, need for it to run more frequently. North south and esplanade and Park. Need to return the trolley.
- North and south is where we need to grow if we can't move east and west.
- Community garden areas would be good. How about detention ponds as gardens?
- Need to make biking safer, public education, improve streets to be more accommodating for bikes.