



Community Visioning for Historic Train Depot & Site

Summary Of Responses

As of July 25, 2018 this forum had:

Attendees:	218
Registered Responses:	60
Unregistered Responses:	51
Hours of Public Comment:	5.6

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Are you a Novato resident?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	89.2%	99
No	10.8%	12

How many years have you lived in Novato?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 10 years	35.1%	39
10-19	19.8%	22
20-29	20.7%	23
30-39	9.9%	11
40+ years	14.4%	16

What is your age group?

	Response Percent	Response Count
20-29	12.6%	14
30-39	10.8%	12
40-49	16.2%	18
50-59	26.1%	29
60-69	20.7%	23
70-79	10.8%	12
over 79 years old	2.7%	3

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Please select the top 3 experiences that were identified at Workshop #1 that you would like to see at the Downtown Depot, from the sample images provided.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Outdoor Dining	57.7%	64
Arts & Culture	30.6%	34
Historic Elements & Architecture	44.1%	49
Greenscapes	26.1%	29
Beer Garden	51.4%	57
Children's Play/Activity Area	17.1%	19
Maker Space / Retail	11.7%	13
Picnic-style Dining / Pop-up	25.2%	28
Food Trucks	21.6%	24
Other	14.4%	16

Please rank the following uses and activities that were suggested at Workshop #1 for the Downtown Depot site. Click on a choice to select. Once your choices are entered, you have the option to re-order or remove them.

Average priorities over 111 responses

1. Restaurant with indoor/outdoor tables
2. Beer & wine venue
3. Multi-modal Transportation (ex. Bike/Pedestrian-Friendly)
4. Music Venue
5. Arts & Cultural
6. Local food vendor stalls
7. Food Trucks
8. Parking
9. Interpretive / Historic Displays
- .0. Artisan / Maker / Gift shops
- .1. Coffee house
- .2. Children's Play Area
- .3. Community meeting space
- .4. Lifestyle classes (i.e., yoga, cooking, cheese-making)
- .5. Other

If you chose "other" on the last question, please explain.

Answered : 21

Skipped : 90

Install indoor outdoor garden railroad similar to what was done in Santa Rosa at the Children's museum. That sponsor was the Redwood Empire Garden Railroad Society (http://regrs.org/w/index.php?title=Main_Page)

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Under "other" I suggested live music - which did not appear in your first priority list, but then did show in your second list... confusing.

Visitor Center in the Depot.

There's plenty of parking in surrounding area. Some bike stands might be good. This should be a gateway to "old town" Novato for tourists and locals. Any type of store, food, etc would interfere with our own often struggling vendors. This should be a green space (without a fountain since water will always be a premium) with info and arts for people to sit, learn and be led to the rest of the neighborhood.

community vegetable gardening

keep costs down and plan for 5 years of tabulating number of people accessing the train with a farmer's market availability on site.

See my comments above. I think this survey is very biased towards making the train station a food oriented facility. You ask about restaurant, beer and wine, coffee, food vendor, food trucks, cooking etc. It should be none of these. Get the visitors down Grant to patronize our existing and future businesses. Get Grant Avenue active...don't concentrate the people at the station and never get them downtown.

Just filling in the Survey, I think you have covered options beautifully

I would like to see it at least partly developed along the same lines as Rockridge in the East Bay. Primarily an artisan food court, especially open to local vendors, where you can get breads, meats, vegetables, bakery goods and so on. An alternative on a MUCH smaller scale than Whole Foods/Amazon Grocery.

Parking should be considered at the vacant lot next to the Trader Joe's shopping center with a walkway to the station.

Multi-use spaces with soft surfaces that invite people to picnic, play, gather. No cars and no parking.

I dont know

n/a

Civic pond area with fountains, walkway/ bike path around it. Colored water spires throughout.

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Kiosk with downtown directory, featured businesses, Novato Proud features, bike share program, info about connecting transportation options/apps... Make it easy, efficient, and fun for folks to travel by train.

I ranked it last as I don't currently have an additional idea

Mixed-use with affordable homes

An on site indoor/outdoor restaurant could still incorporate historic displays and an arts and cultural vibe.

This is on the edge of downtown. A commuter station...maybe. The small area is not conducive for retail, successful restaurant space. No need for another green like on Sherman. Food trucks won't work, as there is no office & business employees to merit this. We already have 2 coffee establishments: WholeFoods & Dr. Insomiacs. Too small for a microbrewery.

Parklet - we need more green space downtown, bike and pedestrian friendly

If the site is has sufficient space using it to remodel the historic building, include free parking for downtown and the SMART train and a retail use would be more than enough.






This is a TRANSIT center, not an art gallery or restaurant or culture center. If you must spend this much money on this then at least maintain its function. Provide shuttles, or rentals or taxis or SOMETHING RELATED TO GOING FROM HERE TO THERE AND BACK AGAIN.

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To what extent do you Agree or Disagree with the following statements:

It is important to me to be involved in the Downtown Depot planning & decision-making process.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		45.9%	51
Somewhat agree		36.0%	40
Neutral/No Opinion		15.3%	17
Somewhat Disagree		0.9%	1
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	2

I feel informed about the Downtown Depot project and the information is complete, understandable, and two-way.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		27.0%	30
Somewhat agree		37.8%	42
Neutral/No Opinion		21.6%	24
Somewhat Disagree		11.7%	13
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	2

Do you have suggestions to improve our communication about this project?

Answered : 39

Skipped : 72

Computer modeling and graphics to explain options to all.

So far, so good.

I'd love to attend one of the workshops but they have been at times I can't make. Also, have you considered using the Design Thinking model for a workshop to create suggestions?

Directed emails. I would like to have attended the first workshop!

Post info on Nextdoor and/or Novato-in-the-Know, to spread the word through social media.

No

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Financing the project needs to be transparent for each of the survey's statements along with consideration for the Whole Foods Market and to have a shuttle for taking train passengers to the rest of Grant.

Keep the city website updated at least weekly, even if to say no changes in current status...

Don't be biased towards food service.

No

Posting on social media sites may make information more readily accessible to a large rectangular part of the population

Maybe posters around town to promote the downtown hub area...

Should be all over novato, tables with info, Facebook groups. Give community service hours to students to help sprees the word

Mailings to surrounding neighborhoods.

I found the survey online, but you should publicize in the IJ or Patch too.

Flyers on school bulletin boards? Somehow advertise at banks, grocery stores, places where people go all the time - Starbucks.

Instagram

This survey is a great start! Online options are helpful for getting younger people involved.

Emails to residents both of the town and the surrounding county (i.e. unincorporated Marin such as Black Point/Green Point.

Yes. Stop pouring money into the SMART station without polling your constituents and without any ridership data from SMART. Councilmembers should recuse themselves from votes on downtown where they have a personal financial conflict of interest (ie recently purchased income property in the downtown area)

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The options above are all great but the 3rd SMART station is millions wasted. Now with budget overrun there isnt even the \$ to finish it so this poll for additions seems useless.

Poor leadership to have not insisted that one of the 2 SMART funded novato stations be downtown, then compounded the error by pouring city funds into the 3rd station that will not even get regular stops.

While email / social outreach is good, signage near some of the main traffic areas (coming off 101, Delong exit) highlighting the upcoming meetings / events or some kind of proper signage in the public square would be good. Also, consider engaging more in already active groups on the likes of FB and NextDoor

I think I will be informed going forward, now that you have my email address.

No. I like the public workshops and online feedback options.

Email mailing list!

I think you are doing a great job!

No - was unable to go to the workshop due to out of town for work but been hearing about information through friends that are involved with the city.

No

n/a

Tell more people about Bill Kelly's ideas since they seem to be missing from this survey.

No you are doing a great job

The City of Novato does an excellent job of informing and engaging the public. I have no additional suggestions.

This survey is good - I feel more involved now

Provide materials translated into Spanish and Vietnamese, outreach to families with children

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no

You would not let me proceed unless I picked 3 of the "uses" identified in meeting #1, many of which were really were not of my choosing. Let opinions proceed without these limitations.

Has there been an approval to have the train stop in Novato? Before we spend any money, can we make sure we know about that progress? Then, what does the City want to do there? What is sustainable in terms of having space enough to park there? What about accessibility?

Have you posted this survey on Social Media e.g. Novato In The Know or Next Door Novato?

Consider putting it under hot topics and creating a link to the page on the 3rd SMART train platform.

Discontinue this stupid project. It is a waste of taxpayer money.

What kind of community gathering spaces do you want to see in Downtown Novato?

Answered : 58

Skipped : 53

Parklets, sidewalk cafes, Dr Insomnia's is a great model or example. The depot's parking area should be generously planted with large shade trees, e.g. sycamores, oaks or London Planetrees. The depot should have solar-power shade structures on its roof and over its waiting areas and platform.

Music venue, theater

Finish the Novato theater

Outdoor eating.

I'd like downtown to be a gathering place, a place we could take friends and that people from other towns would come visit. Petaluma did an amazing job of turning around their downtown. That's where we end up going for date nights. We'd love to have a green space/park to hang with our kids. Grab ice cream or eat dinner as a family.

I don't. This survey is trying to guide me into certain answers.

Meeting space for non profits

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Outdoor dining/sitting-gathering areas. Rooftop (?)or back patio dining might be fine where possible.

The SMART station will bring tourists to Navato's historic downtown. Historic displays are appropriate with a map of the historic structures in the downtown area. Also a way finding sign to restaurants, bike stores and event spaces. Facilities for cyclists such as bike parking, bike lockers should be considered.

Open air, with an outdoor stage for performers

more of the green that we have around city hall with more outdoor art and culture on display.

Turn Sherman into a gathering space and renovate the Community House.

I believe it is important to complete the Novato theatre, and then the greenspace around the city hall is adequate for a downtown community gathering space. Focus from there should be on enhancing flow between bus transit and smart train as well as intermodal bike transit through town plus improving convenient parking access.

I didn't know we needed more of them.

Not at the train station. Somewhere else downtown to lead people there. It's why the milk is at the back of the grocery store. You've got to walk past everything else to get it.

Would love to see Grant street turn into a mutli-use promenade with places to hang out, eat, listen to live music, play area for kids, etc.

Besides the mentioned items, I'd love to see more spaces for preteens and teens to hang out, like a skate park, a climbing wall, a par course with a snack bar /coffee bar. Outdoor tables in a landscaped street scape, a place for all ages to just watch the world go by. Maybe a simple water feature that the young or the young at heart could play in.

Music/live performance space

Novato needs some kind of shot in the arm to become a more interesting town. I love my home, but the town feels dead.

Love what Mill Valley has done with their depot!

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I spend time there with coffee and reading.

We used to live downtown Redwood City-- their downtown is top notch. Community was highly involved in the community gatherings and free music and holiday events they had downtown. Families got so involved. Cover bands would play on Saturday nights and you weren't allowed to bring alcohol and food and have a picnic in the street. Never got out of hand and was so much fun for the whole family.

The downtown theater would be a great space...

Music venue would be good, where you could sit, listen eat and be a safe area for kids.

Theatre! Beer Gardens. More community events that close the streets down to car traffic so more pedestrian friendly.

This historic station should highlight Marin's ranching, dairy and farm history. Use as backdrop for live acoustic music in an outdoor plaza, a counter-type coffee house, plus indoor exhibits. Offer free space for outdoor pop-up events - think mariachi bands, local tastings (olive oil, fruits, cheeses, farm trail days), train buffs, etc. A historic trolley car to go up and down Grant so SMART train visitors can see it. LA has more space, but some good examples. <https://www.tripsavvy.com/train-museums-in-los-angeles-1586774>

More outdoor dining.

Open mic night music venue. Partner with MSA to get students to perform.

Places to sit, have music, and food indoors and outdoors. Ok if coffee, but don't want to hurt the existing biz. Ok if beer garden, but that's not ok for younger folks. Ok for pop up food. But creative.

More music venues and outdoor eating

Covered outdoor community gathering spaces.

Picnic-style, outdoor seating areas and various alcohol + food vendors (could be food trucks or pop-up restaurants) so people can grab food and drinks wherever and then dine and hang out communally, like Off the Grid in SF or the newly-remodeled food court in Emeryville.

More areas that will make the downtown less dreary. More restaurants and more outdoor eating venues

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Casual places to eat and sit and see your fellow Novatians. a small town feel.

Gathering spaces, class spaces, exercise areas (gym, par courses etc), music rooms, theater spaces etc. look at mill valley community center as a model.

Open areas, small spaces for bands to set up and play, small fields, bocce courts and play structures. Look at the area behind Terrapin Crossing for reference. They did it right.

Multi-use. Don't specify restaurants or music venues or art stores. Make it possible for people to gather in pairs, families, small groups or largish groups for any number of purposes: picnics, playing, some live music, maybe some food trucks. Keep the surfaces green and permeable. Prioritize people and greenery over cars and parking.

Spaces to eat, hold public meetings/gatherings.

Ones that will attract young people like myself.

A place where kids can safely run around, with bike parking, adults can have a drink or food truck food at picnic tables, and the environment is vibrant with sculptures or installations by local artists: a true community meeting space. The vibe should be like Brewsters in Petaluma.

A beer garden! (something like brewsters in petaluma would thrive in novato)

Fun and lively! Outdoors, with food and drinks.

I would love more restaurants, beer gardens and music venues.

We need gathering plaza - Park with Gazebo - Play structures for kids - A place for art and music venues

Better use of open spaces. Social gathering spaces, restaurant & bar space. Finnegan's use of downtown was perfect.

Outdoor places to meet and enjoy a drink or bite to eat

A more dynamic downtown area with more outdoor dining options, wine/drinks venues, nice artisan shops and a place for people to meet family and friends. To have a more vibrant downtown.

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Restaurants

A place that is for everyone- from the youngest members of our community to the oldest, but still maintaining Novato's historic charm.

The depot area is much more than a gathering place for Novato. It should make a bold statement to the bay area that this is "a one of a kind" place. The goal should be to attract people from all over the bay area. If they come the downtown area will begin to thrive. More young Novato residents will see this and want to stay and open businesses. If people come from all over to see it don't you think the people of Novato will come down to?

Would be nice to have a more formalized space for farmer's market.

It would be great to have a space that is similar to Brewsters in Petaluma where there is a kid-friendly beer garden with live music. This would be a great opportunity for adults to be able to enjoy each other and have their whole family with them.

Outdoor eating

parklets

Look at San Pedro Square in San Jose. That's what we need.

We already have the "green" at City Hall. Because the downtown (oldtown area) is not surrounded by homes, we don't need more gathering spaces. Only restaurants--a great gathering space!

MORE PARKING. DOWN WITH THE TREES. Some trees are nice, but it's so hard to park...and get rid of the 2 hour parking, we now don't go there to eat and shop any longer because we don't want to bother to have to move our car. So, a friendly place with parking, that has different types of offerings, a few really good restaurants, some unique shopping opportunities, a little coffee, a place for the kids to play, a theater that has seats in it (okay, had to be said). A PARK, pop up areas/shops, food truck availability, and a second MARVINS. Things to do. I don't want to sit around and just drink coffee, we need a reason to be there, to fight to be there, to look forward to an experience.

Look at original plans to turn Sherman into a community gathering space. Allow private business to purchase condemned city buildings and create more retail and restaurants.

Doesn't matter, just don't put it on this train center.

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What would you like to see more of in Downtown Novato?

Answered : 73

Skipped : 38

More shade trees. Grant Avenue sycamores are a great example. They make the street look cool. Also, an unbundled parking system in the central district, fully automated by AI, to incentivize regular commuters and visitors to use the train and public transit rather than cars.

More restaurants and bars, outdoor seating, sidewalk vendors, live music options

Nice restaurants and more parking. Limit the kind of business in old Town. A Floor store and a countertop store don't belong.

Artisanal style shops: food: cheese, wine bar, home crafts. Restaurant: French Bistro, wine bar/shop, music venue along the lines of Mill Valley's Sweetwater.

We should look at Petaluma as a model. To keep people downtown there needs to be food, entertainment (music venue, movie theater, park to hangout) and PARKING!

I would like downtown Novato not to be overdeveloped.

Evening entertainment, places with music, or poetry readings... authors' speak. It will be nice when the Novato Theater is FINALLY completed!

Although I do not live in Novato, I am Director of a tourism related nonprofit whose purview extends to the entire North Bay including Novato. The SMART pathway will be an important feature that should be exploited by providing bike trails to commercial areas and especially bicycle-friendly lodging. Bike trails will prevent the usual conflict between cars and bikes.

Community gatherings with music and guest speakers

I'd like to keep the buildings/flavor of old town and have it spread west to the rest of Grant Street. Keep our old town look and our booming art/culture. Do NOT destroy the old town by letting people redo the old buildings as they have done in Healdsburg. No empty stores/restaurants. If there are empty windows put in an art display. Let's work with the Marin School of the Arts and MOCA to make Novato and on-going art exhibit and destination. More walking sitting space. Let restaurants put outdoor areas behind them, not on the street.

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PARKING - please do not remove any more much needed parking spots.

Restaurants particularly Higher end.

Shade and benches. A computer educational place such as an Apple store

More diversity in businesses, but this will not happen without improving business conditions for existing businesses. I think getting Pini converted into a combined commercial/residential space with an overall improved parking for all downtown, plus converting the vacant old station into a rehabilitated, thriving business will go a long way toward improving the overall downtown business climate. I think the proposed hotel projects on Redwood plus Hanna Ranch will also enhance downtown conditions. perhaps giving thought to a shuttle between Vintage Oaks and Downtown that also circulates among the other strip malls might encourage more business in town as well. Allow the Trader Joe's center to expand to the adjacent properties and include them in shuttle route as well.

Parking!!!!

Activity. More living units.

More live music, restaurants, places to hang out and enjoy the weather, have more music in the park type events.

Restaurants with outdoor dining. Live music and community theater

Music venues, theater, quality restaurants.

Nightlife, culture (lectures, presentations, music, arts)

Gathering places.

Good food. Family friendly places (entertainment). There doesn't seem to be much to keep teens occupied.

Free downtown music events...

More actives for the middle & High school kids. Open stage night, place to hang at night with games and such. Late night restaurants instead of buying at stores. Late night coffee house with outside sitting

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Businesses open later!

Novato has more upscale housing and residents now. Arts and culture have been consistently requested but apart from the theater project there's not much new.

Bike lanes.

Parking

More people and activity! Would love to see the theater completed and see more entertainment and dining destinations. Would like to see more retail shops, but realize that with the changing face of retail, that may not happen.

Local non-professional talent. Also, local professional celebrities (e.g. Peter Coyote, Isabelle Allende, Huey Lewis) to come out for free or inexpensive evening events like readings, open mic music, one-person improv/story-telling. Get residents out into the community more.

No parking meters ever!

Love the trees and night lighting.

Benches to sit.

More music venues and outdoor eating

Food & alcohol venues.

Bars and restaurants!

An outdoor beer garden would be ideal, and depending on space I think many of the above ideas could easily be combined with that. There could be a small kid's play area, pop-up dining and/or food trucks, and possibly a small space for live music -- something similar to Brewster's beer garden in Petaluma, which is an awesome outdoor space and family-friendly.

For food I would specifically love to see some cuisines we don't already have in Novato, such as Vietnamese, Burmese or ramen.

Anything with more energy, than the dreariness of the current downtown

Small independent stores of all kinds. NOTHING that is a chain or "big box" type of store.

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I would prefer not to have music or alcohol at the space, since I live just across the street, and would not enjoy listening to loud noise and deal with drunk people nearby.

Specialty retail, rather than clothing. Entertainment.

A little more parking and a loosening of the time restrictions for parking. Make it a more walkable area so that people are encouraged to stay. Also work with landlords to create reasonable storefronts. Once you cross redwood, there are a LOT of empty areas going to waste.

An area that doesn't shut down at 5pm save for a handful of places. Not saying we have to make it like downtown San Rafael, but there's an opportunity to inject some Vibrance into downtown and with things like Finnegan's outside patio (that should be public, not limited to one store taking over a space) can make downtown a destination on a beautiful summer day - or night.

Less emphasis on cars and parking. Downtown, especially the area right around the Depot, is small, and could be jewel-like. Prioritize good design of small welcoming spaces, and then use the North Redwood area, especially around Trader Joe's and the Feed Mill, to accommodate parking and venues that require more square footage. People WILL park and walk between North Redwood, Grant Avenue, the Depot, Town Hall; it is not necessary to create more parking downtown in order to draw people there. Think of some of the model cities folks have pointed to - Petaluma, Barcelona - in which there is little to no parking at the attractions, but it does exist within a mile's distance.

I think that opening the Novato Theater is critical! The theater will create a reason to come to downtown other than eating, drinking, and buying books. I would like to see the business community and public agencies get behind the Novato Theater project to assist with ensuring its completion.

People!

Restaurants and bars with outdoor dining options

Art and music (murals, live bands)

Events

Locations that stay open past 6PM

Better food

Places that are good for groups! I work in Novato, and we need more places coworkers/ friends can come together to enjoy the outdoors and sip a drink, grab a bite to eat.

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I work in Novato and would love more places to hang out in Novato after work with friends or fun places to meet up with business clients.

Cohesive, attractive design. A sense that the whole of the downtown is connected (ie Grant on BOTH sides of Redwood). Appropriate levels of parking for all use (SMART station, shops & local businesses combined). A hub of activity. See Downtown Petaluma as an example.

Family Dining, boutique cafes, Craft Beer pubs, Theater up and running, Music venues, Less nail and hair salons. Upgraded look on the buildings. Landscaping structures or hanging pots. Gift shops

Outdoor eating & drinking spaces.

More places that inspire nightlife to re invigorate the area.

More restaurant and family friendly open air eating options that make a good focal point for the community to meet and enjoy an afternoon or evening together.

Arts & Culture

more relevant businesses, less dry cleaning, haircuts and out of style women's clothing.

Places for families to go out, where younger generations and older generations can also enjoy. Something that is for everyone, not just another bar or specialty place.

Places for the younger generation. The city of Novato tends to forget about them way to often. If the depot area needs to stay away from alcohol type businesses and go with family stuff that will also attract the younger generation.

Evening destinations, live entertainment

Make Grant a pedestrian mall from Reichert to Machin

Second and third story buildings with office space and/or residential on the second floor and residential on the third.

Beergarden

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Thrift type stores/ consignment shops

Outdoor/indoor gathering places with beer gardens, live music and a kid friendly atmosphere.

quality restaurants, night life

Outdoor eating, beer gardens, etc

small businesses and homes in all the empty buildings

More upscale restaurants. Window boxes or other landscaping projects for businesses. Encourage a walking culture.

Good restaurants. Restaurants bring people downtown. In as much as the retail businesses do not thrive here, the younger (not Millennials) 40ish group will spend on "food" & services, ie:wine tasting, maybe microbrewery & beer garden. (Like Seattle). It's all about experiencing the fun. But we are limited to space for such a place in the downtown. Maybe if the old Golden Omelet place was re-configured. Please no more green spaces...they do not add to the downtown.

PARKING...see above. A real home run of a restaurant, with ample parking and a great dessert place near by...and watch it pop! We do have one of the only book stores left in the State. But, you can't park there most of the time. And, I like the events, the Rock Block and Art and Wine festivals, but parking is so bad, you end up just driving by. If you want it to come together with a bunch of people we need a way to get people there, and a place to park. I hate the idea of a big parking structure, but we need something. That space where Pini was, usually is blocked off, figure that out. And, don't ever put housing there, if you do, it will ruin the downtown entirely. There will only be so many cars parked in that area all of the time, it will deter anyone from even driving down that street. THAT is the wrong thing for our town. Clearly, with the addition of the little wineries you are trying to make it fun, but it lacks the character of the past, it is just so congested. Maybe for events, a shuttle that picks up at various locations; such as the larger grocery lots from one end of Novato to the other? Park at Harvest and jump on the shuttle, etc. Just a thought. It doesn't have to be free. Maybe one of the Golden Gate busses (the small ones) could have stops up and down Grant? How about a gallery, but for locals to display their art or children's art or both? And how about bringing in something to do. So, there are candle making stores and glass blowing stores that allow the peeps to come in and learn while having fun making their own things. You would go there, then go have lunch and then go grab an ice cream or some candy...oh...but then you would have had to move your car, and there would be no place to park...so you would just go home...instead of then going to a movie and then dinner or wine tasting or both and what wonderful day that would be!

green space!! safe, dedicated bike lanes

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more specialty retail shops less hair, nail salons

Music & entertainment. City sponsored events.

Restaurants that stay open later. Music venues, arts and cultural events.

Allow uses similar to West Petaluma - Find a permanent location for the feed store somewhere in the area between Old Town and North Redwood. Add uses similar to Petaluma like tattoo parlors, skate shops, galleries, consignment stores, spice shops, tea parlors, home goods, cannabis retail dispensaries, and venues like the Mystic, would provide an eclectic mix of businesses that would create uses for residents including a much wider range of ages and interests.

Signs that point in the direction of the best way out of town.

Did you attend the first community workshop on March 17?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		13.5%	15
No		86.5%	96

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Answered : 57

Skipped : 54