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From: Greg [<mailto:ganderson2010@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: High Density Housing on Depot St and Road Realignment You have two NO votes at this household.

Greg & Kath Anderson
MH
Sent from my iPad

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From: Catherine Ramos [<mailto:c17ramos@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street Realignment

Hi Edith,

I have been a resident of Morgan Hill for 24 years and have watched this city evolve. While I am in support of developing our town and it's infrastructure, I don't believe that that development has kept pace with the amount of housing that we have approved to be built. Residential developments seem to take precedent over the building of new schools, grocery, restaurants and commercial shops, and expansion of our roads to support increased traffic. High density housing, such as the project being proposed for depot street, will only contribute to clogged streets and overcrowded classrooms. My question is this, why does every project need to include a housing element? And if so, why does it need to be high density? This town's roots lie in agriculture and it would be remiss to sacrifice the beauty and heart of this community through continuous expansion. I am all for thoughtful well-planned construction, but I hate for us to end up like Gilroy. Therefore, I am not in support of this project. Thank you for time and consideration.

Regards,
Catherine Cummins

From: Christy Harrell [<mailto:christylharrell@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street Realignment

Dear Ms Ramirez,

I have been a resident of Morgan Hill for 17 years now. When we moved here we did think that it was odd that Depot and Church were so far off from each other and thought the intersection a bit "clunky" feeling. Over the years, and with the change of use for that corner (the building that was there now resides down the street from us), and getting used to it being the way it is, it has grown on us and in a way makes sense.

Right now I travel down Main Street from Monterey to El Toro Elementary 4 mornings a week. I drop my son off at 8 am, return directly to get my other son off to school and then return at 11 am to pick him up. If you are on Main Street around 11 am, it is a mostly pleasant trip. However at 8 am it is a mad house. People driving up the shoulder from the train tracks to make a right at Butterfield or driving up the left turn pocks and sometimes into oncoming traffic to reach the left turn pocket for Butterfield. You know have a left turn into the new development from Main Street and that just gums up the works sometimes. The traffic frequently backs up from the light at Butterfield back past the tracks and I have seen people stop fully on the tracks with almost no where to go if an unexpected train should come through. I fear that adding more and more residents in the Downtown area will just make this worse. I am sure the traffic on Dunne Avenue is just as bad already.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings we have an appointment Downtown. Used to we could park in the lot between 1st and 2nd Streets and have a short walk to the appointment. Now we must park in the 2nd and 3rd Street lot, if there is room, and hope it isn't raining and the lot isn't flooded. Kids do not like to hustle in the rain, nor do they pay attention to puddles. Some evenings we get there and the rush has started forcing us to the train lot. After our appointment we usually stroll around Downtown and find people fighting for parking places anywhere they can find, even if part of their car is in the road or blocking sidewalks and crosswalks. We have also found that people use Depot Street as an expressway and travel way too fast, sometimes barely stopping for stop signs and pedestrians. More residents Downtown will be straining the already strained parking and add more people trying to get home as fast as possible in the evenings.

I am really wondering the safety of adding so many high density housing up against the right of way for the train tracks. What if there was a derailment? Also has the final location for the High Speed Rail (don't get me started on how that is a waste of money) been decided? If the plan to align it next to the existing train tracks goes through, all the new building that has happened and is proposed will be razed.

Will the new parking structure gain parking spaces? During events, we need more parking on site as that lot can fill up quickly. With the new mixed use structure going in next to the parking garage, we will need more parking spaces than we have. As can be seen already, the Park and Ride lot on Butterfield already is full of people from the neighboring condos parking there. In California people do not park in their garages, they use their garages for storage. Very rarely do you find people parking in their garages. Sometimes if it is a 2 car garage you will find 1 car parked inside and 1 to 3 cars parked on the driveway or street. Most of the units on our street are 2 bedrooms with a couple of 3 bedroom. We all have a 1 car garage. Maybe 2 household use the garage to park. The rest do not. We frequently have parking wars because even though we have enough space for a car on the street in front our our unit, most people have more than 3 cars and I have had neighbors with 5 cars and a boat. The allotment for off street parking for these condos and other high density residential developments should be higher and not letting the developer pay a fine just to get away with subminimum spaces.

With all of our main artery roads, and the secondary roads that have become main roads due to the sheer number of development that has happened recently, needing serious attention, I cannot see spending the money to add more congestion Downtown. I have already memorized the pot holes up and down Monterey, Wright, Main and Condit among other streets I travel. I am already dreading the extra time and stress of drive to and passed Downtown. We have already passed up eating in Downtown because the parking is already full and at least one of our party cannot walk long distances.

Oh and stop pushing that things are close to public transit. There are only 2 Caltrain trains in the morning and 2 in the evening. The bus takes 2 to 3 times longer than driving (if you are lucky). There is no practical way to take public transit to Milpitas. Public transit in and out of Morgan Hill is almost worse than our internet options.

In summary, I believe the proposal to connect Depot and Church is not a good idea. Thank you for reading my email,

Christy Harrell

From: Karen Bieber [<mailto:kalebral16@icloud.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:17 AM To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot street changes

Dear Edith,

For 27 years we lived in Palo Alto and saw it transform from a laid-back town that was family friendly to a hectic crowded mess. The city planners changed their focus from maintaining the character of the community to rubber stamping any monstrous and crowded project submitted. We came to Morgan Hill to get away from that. We were looking for a smaller town rural experience. Please don't let Morgan Hill go the way of Palo Alto. The goal for town planners should be to make Morgan Hill a pleasant place to live, work and shop, not a sprawling bedroom community for San Jose.

In the almost two years that we have been here, I have seen a half dozen small businesses close in downtown. There is no point in revitalizing downtown and trying to attract new restaurants and shops to downtown if people don't linger there. Instead of cramming a small area with nothing but houses and a parking lot. How about adding a small park, some pedestrian/bike walkways, and focusing on making downtown Morgan Hill more family, pedestrian and bike friendly.

I would like to see:

Designated green space and gardens—Even a small corner makes downtown a pleasant place to visit Pedestrian walkways and bike paths—
Attract people to downtown and encourage them to stay
Bike racks. This town has no bike racks. I constantly hear complaints about traffic. Wouldn't it be nice if people and families felt welcome to ride their bikes to downtown

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bieber
Morgan Hill

From: Bill McClintock [<mailto:billm@mhengineering.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:18 PM

To: Maureen Tobin

Subject: RE: Provide your Input on the Proposed Depot Street
Realignment Project

Hi Maureen

I have reviewed the layout for the realignment of Depot Street with Church Street and see all the slant parking on the southwest side of the realigned Depot Street. I ask myself why would you do that? You are proposing a through public street to turn into a private parking lot and then back into a public street. If you are trying to improve street circulation in the area per the general plan, this is a step backwards. Lose the street parking and create the street connection that the general plan requires for a collector street and there is benefit.

Bill McClintock

This item was included in this section by accident. It is now in its correct location under Item 1 as Supplement 1

From: Chris Monack [mailto:mohillres@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Michelle Wilson
Subject: Public Comment for Feb 15 Council Meeting, Item #19, Hale-Depot-CCC Proposal

Mayor and Council Members,

Regarding parking for housing developments, particularly in and around the downtown area, I'd like to remind the Council about the discussion that recently took place for parking issues related to the Depot-Sunsweet project. Part of that discussion included looking at changes to insure future developers provide sufficient on-site residential parking in order to lessen impacts on public parking in the surrounding areas. The Hale site proposes adding 61 residential units, but I do not see any specific references to residential parking in the agenda attachments. While it may be premature to include specific design concepts for residential parking, it isn't too soon to further that discussion.

Mr. Carr spoke during the Sunsweet development approval hearing of revisiting the current parking guidelines, giving attention to what I heard as more realistic expectations for the parking needs of residents in these medium- and high-density developments. While that may include his suggestion of a "parking program" for residents, having sufficient parking designed into these projects from the onset should be the focus. As much as it may benefit the City to collect revenue from in-lieu fees related to parking shortages, as happened with the Sunsweet project, it would be nice to see the Hale project designed to come forward over the minimum rather than fall short.

The Council would like to promote downtown housing along Depot Street (and Butterfield Blvd) as transit-oriented, but the fact is Morgan Hill is not part of a transit system that supports that concept. Public transit here does not provide the frequency or accessibility to encourage commuters to give up their cars. Nor does current transit operation support convenient, local access to shopping and recreational opportunities. This should be kept in mind not only by those selling the plans for these types of medium- and high-density projects to the city, but by the Council and City staff who are part of the development planning. Until public transit is improved in Morgan Hill, cars will be the main mode of transportation and will require places to be parked. Residential development at the Hale site should be the place where any new on-site parking standards begin and become established for future development.

Chris Monack

From: ric smith [mailto:ric@garlic.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Proposed Depot changes

The problem with the plan is that Depot will become a race street. You will have to widen Depot in the end and that would make things worst.

A better plan to work on would be a connect Hale with Santa Teresa for the western flow of traffic.

Rick Smith

From: Michael [mailto:fursey95060@me.com]
 Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017
 3:40 PM To: Edith Ramirez
 Subject: Depot street plans

Good day Edith,

Unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday but if I may I would like to put my 2 cents in. We live at 45 E 5th street and have concerns.

- 1...The current parking structure is directly in line with our back yard, so it's a view from the top level. Now we are going to have one in our front yard.
- 2... People have been on the upper level flying their drones, thus driving our dogs nuts.
- 3... Last night late, someone was doing " doughnuts" with their car. Not the first time this has happened. Increased when the weather is nice. Also I've walked up to the top, empty beer cans. So now another place to dump trash and etc...
- 4... Traffic is horrible on 5th in the mornings and evenings , people speeding. I've asked police about this and their reply was contact city council, so I asked about the drones and the doughnuts on the parking structure. " Not enough manpower". All it's going to take is one child getting killed. It happened on Monterey downtown. Old Monterey has speed bumps, why? To keep the speeders down.

I just hope whomever plans this, sits down early in the mornings and later in the afternoon and observes the traffic going thru here.

How is this going to affect the Mardi Gras ? Taste of Morgan Hill? Another traffic problem. Can't park in my own driveway...

Ok my soapbox just broke. If you could, maybe have some of these issues addressed ? Warmest regards,

Michael Ray

Sent from my iPad

From: Thomas Tanner (ttanner) [mailto:ttanner@cisco.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street realignment

Edith,

If approved, we lose most of the parking at CCC. Won't able to use the parking lot for Mushroom Mardi Gras, plus I bet the new housing does not have enough parking onsite so the remaining CCC parking will be used for housing parking (like at CalTrain parking lot now is being used daily for condo overflow parking)

Regards,

Tom Tanner

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

From: Carlos Munoz
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street project

After seeing what is proposed, I feel that it would have a negative impact on the community. This project if approved would require several Large events to relocate to other sites away from the downtown area. (Lost revenue) Mushroom Mardi Gras would not be able to be held on site, The Fourth of July parade would be impacted by this project by having to relocate the staging area, this would also be the same issue for the Taste of Morgan Hill, plus finding parking for the vendors.

With this project, you would be removing a large area of parking for downtown. This would also impact the students at Gavilan College. The Friday night music series would be impacted, the residents of this new complex would not want to deal with the heavy traffic and music so close to their homes. In past years we have had events there and people from more than a mile away complained about the music. This would have a negative impact on private events at the CCC. People would not want to walk so far to enter the building for weddings or other formal events. Just loading in of equipment would be an issue. This would also impact the pre-school, parents would not want to walk their kids so far for getting their 3 and 4 year olds to school and so close to a street. These parents bring siblings with them, this could be dangerous.

The parking issue is a major concern, if you have ever seen an apartment complex or condo's, the residents don't just stay to their assigned areas. I am positive that they will be taking up a majority of parking spaces close to their complex and the CCC.

I understand that something will be done, but this plan that is proposed is not the way to go. The revenue lost to the CCC while the construction is occurring will devastate it. The CCC has become a place that the community seeks out for events, meetings and just for general information. These changes, I feel will change that and hurt the community.

Carlos

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From: Charles Weston [mailto:charles@wmarchitects.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: realignment of depot to church

Hi Edith,

Please forward to the city council, I'm in favor of this project. However there are many things not addressed or poorly designed, first all the mature oak trees need to remain and protected, secondly, the road out of the second driveway onto Depot Street should be similar or without parking spaces on the opposite side, a big oak tree would be preferable there. I really can't get my head around the angled parking off Depot street, that seems to be an invitation for traffic congestion, please have the parking in the secure parking that is part of the CCC. Now that I think about it, this plan hasn't been thought out well enough.

The plan shows no landscaping so again, the alignment is great, the plan needs a lot of work and which oak trees will be saved. I can forward my comments to the city council, please let me know!

Also, the parking structure should have enough height to provide stackers in the future. Thanks for hearing and acting on my input.

Charles

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From: Jonathan Brusco [mailto:TKDBRUSCO@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Cc: Steve Tate (Home); marty@mhlife.com; Kathleen Rose; klem@apple.com
Subject: Depot St. Development

Hi Edith,

My name is Jonathan Brusco, in addition to being a resident of Morgan Hill for the past several years, I am also a former library commissioner, county elections commissioner and current board member at Gavilan College. I am writing you in my capacity as both a citizen of Morgan Hill as well as an elected representative of it.

Let me first approach the Depot St. Development from the perspective of my representation of Gavilan college. I will begin by stating that this does not necessarily represent the full voice of our board, but I will be mentioning this development to the entire board tonight at our meeting. As you may be aware, Gavilan College is the largest current tenant of the Community and Cultural Center. We operate our local college facility in the CCC and are offer a number of classes at that facility. Since full development of our new Coyote Valley facility is still many years ahead, we will have many students attending classes at the CCC for years to come. The development of Depot street will make a serious dent in the CCC parking situation as well as likely increase the number of people loitering in the CCC, which is already a problem. Furthermore, I have yet to hear about this development plan at any of our board meetings, or through communications to our board, or to our school administration. I'm curious as to how you felt you could move ahead with this development without contacting your largest tenant in the CCC?

Stepping aside as a board member and now voicing my opinion as a citizen of Morgan Hill, I have additional concerns regarding this development. I will list them all below.

1. Decrease in accessible parking for the downtown area.

The building of 61 high density housing units along an already busy corridor of downtown would be an excessive strain on the parking situation. You're already cannibalizing a number of spots in the CCC and due to the nature of high density housing, you will likely find that residents will be more numerous, as will their vehicles. Parking will overflow into the surrounding areas and you will see an increased strain on the CCC parking situation, the downtown garage, as well as the VTA lot on the other side of the train tracks. There are commuters that use the VTA station for their daily needs, downtown visitors that will be discouraged from patronizing our businesses, and students/public visiting the CCC who will be unable to find parking. Furthermore, any attempt to enforce parking violation will be difficult due to the strain on the current police force and the lack of officers available to enforce violations. There may also be added danger of residents parking in the VTA and walking over an active train track to get to their homes.

2. Increase in loitering and potential crime.

The CCC already has its fair share of loitering, with many younger members of our community using it as a makeshift skate park. With the increase of 61 high density housing residences, you will only see this increase. Younger residents will loiter in the CCC, hang out near the tracks, the VTA lot, and congregate in other surrounding areas. With this you may see an increase in potential crime in the surrounding areas.

3. Traffic concerns and community events.

One of the appealing factors of our community are the numerous events that take place in downtown MH. These include the mushroom mardi gras, taste of MH, downtown music series, parades, etc... In all instances this brings a number of people downtown. Parking is already constrained during these festivals, and often the streets are closed off near the planned development. With 61 new residences in this area, all of these negative impacts will be increased. It will be harder to attend community events, more difficult to find parking, and as a result, many people will stop attending. Have you evaluated the impact this may have on road closures for these events? Have you done analysis of parking needs for major festivals?

4. Necessary increases in city resources.

I am not anti population growth, but I do believe that growth should not take place in Morgan Hill unless it is simultaneously aligned with an increase of all necessary city resources. Every time the city decides to move forward on a new building project that has a positive impact on our population, do they increase the police department, fire department, set aside money for road improvements, water resources, city services, etc...? I do not buy the excuse often given that our current resources are sufficient for X% of population increase because they simply are not. We do not have enough police on call, our roads do not support our traffic needs, and our city services are constrained as is. There's also a difference between a community that has adequate services and one that has plenty of services. I moved to Morgan Hill because of the small town feel of our community. The only way to maintain that feeling is to bolster our services in such a way that we can continue to provide our citizens with a town that is safe, pleasant, and quaint.

5. We are only one economic cycle away.

The economy moves in cycles, we have experienced recessions in the 80's, early 2000's, and in 2008-2012. We will have another one in the not so distant future. Our city is not preparing for this inevitability. Instead we build more homes in the up cycles, and then when it comes time to build infrastructure we are met with a downturn that limits that ability. What we are left with is a large strained population in a town built for 80% of that capacity. We need to plan for these cycles by simultaneously building our infrastructure along with our population.

Thank you for your time. I will be in attendance at your City Council meeting on Wednesday 2/15.

Jonathan Brusco

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From: Kristyn Greenwood [mailto:kristyngreenwood@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Feedback on Depot St Realignment.

Hi Edith Ramirez - I love the idea of realigning Depot St. It would make going downtown much easier as I could swing around the back to park rather than having to go through. However, I hate the loss of parking. A parking garage does not seem like a good fit with the houses around it. And 61 units seems excessive for such a small area.

~ Kristyn

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From: marilyn@windvest.com [mailto:marilyn@windvest.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Edith Ramirez
Cc: tami@windvest.com
Subject: Redevelopment of Depot St.

I am a downtown business owner and am saddened at the lack of caring the city shows for us situated in the heart of this beautiful downtown that looks like, rather than being revitalized, it is dying. We have several empty store fronts on Monterey that have sat that way for almost a year. Shouldn't the city spruce up the main downtown rather than pouring money into a new development that guarantees nothing? We are already here, help us first!

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Marilyn Dober
Olivia's Boutique

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From: Maureen Grzan-Pieracci [<mailto:maureen.grzan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Edith Ramirez
Cc: Nick Pieracci
Subject: Depot Street Realignment

Hi,

Below is my input on the Depot Street realignment.

Restructuring Depot Street and the CCC parking lot would be beneficial for the community. Currently, many people drive through the CCC parking lot to get onto Depot street from Church. This through-traffic is dangerous (even with the speed bumps), as people dive in and out of empty parking spots to get onto Depot Street. I am not a fan of adding more residences downtown though. I believe more residences would overcrowd the area.

I would like the city to seriously consider pedestrian safety if they move forward with this project. Any crosswalk, not at a light, should have a lighted walkway. Meaning, a pedestrian could push a button and have the crosswalk lit up with flashing lights. The city has not put pedestrian safety at the forefront of their projects. With the incoming Depot Park, this area should be tailored for lots of walking and biking traffic (not just catering to cars). Is the Depot Park still happening? I don't see it noted on these plans. The park should be a priority over housing and parking. I have a young child and I am concerned that the downtown area is becoming unsafe for families. I implore you to make pedestrian safety a priority with the restructuring of Depot Street. I challenge the city to go above and beyond when considering pedestrian safety. The bare minimum (waving orange flags) is insulting and ridiculous.

Thank you,
Maureen Pieracci

From: clucchini@apple.com [<mailto:clucchini@apple.com>]
 Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:06 AM
 To: Edith Ramirez
 Subject: Depot project = No

Hello Edith,

I would just like to send in my vote against building 61 more houses at depot and church.

Why do we need more housing in DT MH?

We want to attract visitors and we can't do that if there is no place to sit and relax ?

Why not a park like they have Los Gatos?

Open space for the community and out visitors would be a very good thing.

Thank you
 Chris

From: Eugene Davis [<mailto:eugene.b.davis@stanfordalumni.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:39 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street realignment

Members of the City Council:

I am a resident of Morgan Hill. I have reviewed the online documents relating this project intensively and I believe it is an excellent solution to the many problems in its location. I support the project and urge you to do so also.

Eugene Davis
 Morgan Hill

From: Gloria Specchiali [<mailto:glorspec@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Housing

They are building way too many places in this small town terrible we have been here since 78 and it is disgusting what they are doing we won't even be able to drive anywhere.

Sent from my iPad

From: Thomas DieBold [<mailto:tdiebold@verizon.net>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot Street Realignment

Those housing units will be sitting RIGHT ON the railroad tracks, at a major crossing, necessitating a horn blast each time a south-bound train approaches. If this is going to be a housing complex for the deaf, likely not a problem. Otherwise, if you can see the whites of the eyes of the train engineer passing by, then there is a likely problem. There must be a better way...

Tom DieBold
tdiebold@verizon.net

From: Nettie Letts [<mailto:netletts@msn.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:52 PM

To: Edith Ramirez

Subject: Depot St alignment and building

Depot St alignment and 2nd story parking sound ok. I am concerned because all the new buildings in downtown do not allow enough parking spaces. Butterfield townhomes: 1 space and then they use the VTA parking lot, 4 story hotel: no spaces, 4 new restaurants: no spaces, proposed Sunsweet building: 1 space. Where are the extra parking spaces for this new proposed Depot St. Complex. The existing new parking garage is quite full very often. Where do you expect the residents of Morgan Hill to park?

There is too much building going on without allowing for the extra cars that we will have as we don't have enough transportation other than infrequent VTA buses and a few daily commute trains.

Thank you!

Nettie Letts

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

From: Larry Breniman [<mailto:larrythekid1946@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:24 PM

To: Edith Ramirez

Subject: Hale Lumber property development and realignment of Depot.

Ms. Ramirez,

I am opposed to the development and the realignment of Depot. This will become another traffic nightmare as an alternative to Monterey.

And considering the Sun Sweet development, the development on The Hale Lumber property will probably come up short on parking spaces and put additional cars on street parking.

There is NO mass transit readily available as the council keeps touting. The Cal Train is limited due to ridership and taking the VTA bus is a joke if one is going to commute to parts north for work.

The council and the planning commission need to get a grip on reality.

Larry Breniman
Morgan Hill, CA
Sent from my iPhone

From: Deb [mailto:ed_plan@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:13 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot St Feedback

We would like to express our concern regarding the number of housing units being approved downtown and the effect on public parking and traffic. This month an 85-unit apartment complex was approved on the Sunsweet property and now we are considering a 65-unit housing complex just down the street. While both these projects include some parking, the Depot St project also takes away parking for the Community Center. It is also clear that these projects will not include all the needed parking for their inhabitants.

On top of that, the 2016 Parking Study concluded we will be seriously short on public parking once Leal and the developments currently being built are finished. And the Parking Study didn't even include parking for the Granada events!

We fear these residents will use street parking and the parking garage thereby preventing visitors to Downtown from finding parking.

Residents who don't live Downtown but enjoy patronizing the stores and restaurants will be unable to find parking and will go elsewhere!

Refer to the Parking Study! Don't build new residences without considering the impact on parking and traffic. The City Council is just creating a new problem!

Respectfully,
Debra & Geoff Ullmann

Sent from my iPhone

From: Pam Wilson [<mailto:almadenpam123@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot St Realignment - City Council Meeting Feb 15, 2017

Hello,

Since I am not able to attend the City Council meeting on February 15, 2017 I would like to share my input.

The High Speed Rail has not decided where to align their tracks. One of the locations they are considering will be Depot St in Morgan Hill.

The City Council's decision to approve the realignment of Depot St should not be made until the location of the High Speed rail is determined.

Thank you very much,

Pamela Wilson
 Morgan Hill, CA 95037

From: chris.monack@gmail.com [<mailto:chris.monack@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: Depot St Project

Ms. Ramirez,

This would be a good time for the City to reassess its parking needs in the downtown area. I know there was a study done, and I for one feel it came up short in its analysis. The parking for the recently approved Sunsweet project showed parking is a) woefully inadequate for residential development downtown, and b) is calculated on numbers based upon the premise that Morgan Hill has adequate alternate transit to support commuters. In other words, the Master Plans and Specific Plans referring to a "transit-oriented" focus is half-hearted marketing for the benefit of developers. I personally feel the City should remove all language that uses "transit-oriented" from its reports and documents.

As was recommended by the Council during Sunsweet's approval, the number of residential parking spaces for high-density developments downtown should reflect the dependence on cars, not mass transit, and therefore should be reflected in the developers plans. Make it two spaces for every residence on site. As for the realignment of Depot, keep in mind that if the traffic isn't inconvenienced between Main and Dunne, it will just become another bypass not for Monterey, but for Butterfield. If it screws me up driving downtown for dinner, I won't go. As for another parking garage...inevitable. No more spider art, please.

Chris Monack

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From: Ameer Tozy [<mailto:tozy@garlic.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Subject: The Depot project

We are concerned with the parking downtown and especially with the new apartment and townhouse projects. Our grandson moved into one of the Butterfield/Main townhomes. There are very few parking sites for visitors included in this project and the ones that are there are taken up by the residents. We went to visit him and had to park at the train station parking lot. I know we have the parking garage but that is pretty far for some of us older folks to get to restaurants downtown. We like so much of what is being done to the downtown with the new restaurants, the Granada venue which we have gone to twice and had to search for parking quite a distance away. Now a hotel is going in, where are the parking spots for those people. We really love what our town is going to look like but if people can't find parking at a convenient place then they are not going to come downtown!

Ameer Tozy and Gail Tozy from Jackson Oaks

email: tozy@garlic.com

From: Amber Biscardi [<mailto:brame01@aol.com>]
 Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:25 PM
 To: Edith Ramirez
 Subject: Connection of church and depot

Although I think the connection would be useful, it is definitely not a necessity and adding more houses is not what this community wants or needs. I would prefer to keep it the way it is. Plus my daughter attends the preschool at the community center and parking already on some days is horrible and is hard for drop off and pick up. I am strongly against this proposal.

Thank you
 Amber Biscardi
 Morgan hill resident.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Personal [<mailto:m999tahoe@yahoo.com>]
 Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:22 PM
 To: Edith Ramirez
 Subject: Depot street realignment

Dear Edith,
 While parking maybe needed we do NOT need anymore housing in Morgan Hill. Where are we going to get water and services for the current projects not yet occupied or built and already planned, is a real concern. We are becoming an extension of South San Jose and this is not necessary and takes away from the overall charm of Morgan Hill.

We are residents of Morgan Hill for almost 50 years and there is a need to repair and update the back roads of this town before spending to create more of a burden on our town services instead of dealing with flooding issues of the Llagas Road, Hale and Wright Ave, just to name a few. We vote NO to the Depot Street realignment plan as it is unnecessary and a waste of town resources at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.
 Sincerely,

Barbara Wright
 Shawnheather Wright-Mogel
 Morgan Hill
 Sent from my iPhone

From: John Horner [<mailto:john@morganhill.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Edith Ramirez
Cc: Maureen Tobin; Steve Rymer; Leslie Little; John Lang
Subject: Hale/Depot street project input as requested by email

Hello Edith,

I am writing in my individual capacity. The Chamber Board has not reviewed and/or taken a position on this project and I am about to go out of town on business.

When I first heard about this project my thoughts were all positive, but upon greater reflection I'm not sold on it because of the long term loss of publicly owned land it entails. The current community center parking lot is not only a parking lot, but is also a place where future community facilities could be located and is also temporary outdoor event space for things like the Mushroom Mardis Gras and Freedom Fest events. Any future needs to expand the community center would be drastically curtailed by removing the lightly improved land and replacing it with housing on the majority of the lot and a parking structure on much of the remaining piece.

Yes it would be nice to realign Depot to Church, but my considered opinion is that the long term downside of giving up scarce public facility land isn't worth it.

Also, please do not forget that when we say a residential development is "parked on site" it does not mean that public parking in the area of the development is unaffected. Parked on site in no way means that 100% of the vehicles associated with a development will in fact park within the boundaries of that development. Spend some time on the periphery of any condo or apartment development and you will find many cars parked in public spaces which in fact belong to residents or visitors.

Thank you for consider my views.

Sincerely,
John Horner

From: Traci Valdez [<mailto:valdez3@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:11 PM

To: Edith Ramirez

Subject: Against the Depot Street Realignment and parking structure project.

Completely against the Depot Street Realignment project. Hale Lumber is a part of our loved town and should be left alone. There is way to much building going on and we don't need 61 more homes or a parking structure. We already have one and don't need another. Every time I'm in the existing parking garage there are hardly any car in there. We need our road fixed not another parking structure.

Thank you,
Traci Valdez
32 year Morgan Hill residence

From: Srn <stevennoriegasr@netscape.net>

Date: February 14, 2017 at 8:30:35 PM PST

To: maureen.tobin@morganhill.ca.gov

Subject: Re: Provide your Input on the Proposed Depot Street Realignment Project

I don't know if I can Attend this Meeting I do Know that since you have given me this notice it means that YOU have already made up Your minds and this is just a formality to let the Citizens Of Morgan Hill know what is about to be done.

Keep Building Keep Adding and Ruin what was a GREAT CITY!

From: Robert Benich <rjbenich@yahoo.com>

Date: February 14, 2017 at 6:11:45 PM PST

To: "maureen.tobin@morganhill.ca.gov" <maureen.tobin@morganhill.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Provide your Input on the Proposed Depot Street Realignment Project

Reply-To: Robert Benich <rjbenich@yahoo.com>

Hello Maureen. The is Great! As more people move into town to live and shop and work, the more vibrant own downtown scene will become. Morgan Hill is on the verge of becoming a "Happening Place".

Bob Benich