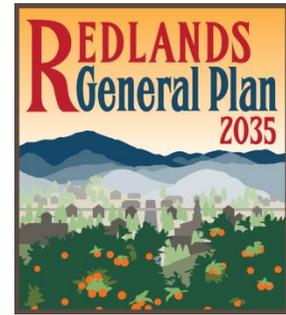


Redlands General Plan

Stakeholder Interviews



Stakeholder: Robert Dawes, Bob Clark, Sherli Leonard, Donn Grenda

Representing: Redlands Conservancy

Date & Time: 7/1/2015, 10 am @ Mission Gables

Questions

1. Describe your organization:
 - The Conservancy is a 20 year old non-profit with a membership of 320 people. Also identified as a land trust
 - Partners include the City of Redlands, U. of R., ESRI, etc.
 - The focus is on 3 area: Historic Preservation, Open Space Preservation, and Citrus Groves
 - Do not take sides in politics
 - Some of the things they advocate for are: retaining cut stone curbs, protecting the Zanja, the downtown historical structures, and the tree lined boulevards. Support concepts like corner grocers (Olive Avenue Market, Gerrards Market)
2. From your perspective as a representative of the organization, how supportive has the City been for your purpose, discipline or institution?
 - The relationship is improving from 5 years ago
 - Current City Council has been supportive of the Conservancy Mission
3. What has the City done right?
 - City has been crucial in acquiring land for open space preservation, permitting conservation easements on certain properties
 - Worked with City to establish a MOU to maintain trails in open space

- Contribution of \$250,000 to preserve and renovate Barton School House
 - Process has shifted in City planning to protect historic architecture (e.g. Packing house)
4. What needs improving? Missed Opportunities?
- City staff needs to have an attitude of respecting Redlands history and character
 - Lots of structures have been torn down to build the Redlands Mall, Kerkorian Theatre, etc.
 - Sometimes City is not paying attention to other significant projects in the community (e.g. Caltrans I-10 plans)
 - Started development standards for Rural Residential (no curbs and gutters) and then stalled
5. What are the key issues, both opportunities and constraints, which the City will face in the next 20 years?
- How downtown will redevelop
 - Impact of the train
 - How will flood protection be accomplished in a way that does not impact downtown severely
 - Pressure to develop the last remaining open spaces in the Canyons
 - Warehouses in the donut not the highest and best use of land especially near the Interstate, medical office would have been more appropriate. What will the warehouse district be like in 20 years? Few jobs there.
 - Preserving the Emerald Necklace
 - As the City runs out of land to build new homes, renovations of existing house will increase
6. What should the City be doing to plan for the future?
- Look at the cumulative impact of decisions holistically not just separate projects
 - City can't control what is happening around them in Loma Linda, Highland, etc. but they will significantly impact Redlands.
 - Keep scenic roads, resist temptation to straighten them out
 - Plan vacant areas in downtown well. Be patient with the remaining vacant land, good proposals will come along eventually

- Claremont as an example of good development

7. What do you think Redlands will be like in 20 years?

- It will be the most desirable community in the Inland Empire because of its good planning. Neighboring cities have planned poorly

8. Other Comments:

- Suggest film to see – Who's river is It?
- Maintaining agriculture to provide local food