

Friends of Mill Valley * Newsletter

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"Let's Get It Right!"

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500
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Sign up to be part of the "Friends of Mill Valley" email distribution list at friendsofmillvalley.org

Attend City Council, Planning Commission & Town Hall meetings

City Council –
1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30
Planning Commission –
2nd & 4th Mondays
MV Town Hall –on Feb 28

Petition: Say "YES" to Streets Improvements

Friends of Mill Valley urge you to sign the petition to support public safety and street improvements on Miller Avenue (street re-paving, sidewalk & crosswalk improvements, new bike lanes, improved parking, turn lanes & traffic islands).

Let's separate these needed improvements from re-zoning and development decisions!

Let's take the time we need to get the Miller Avenue Plan right without

sacrificing much needed public improvements.

"The public has been lead to believe that MAPP is primarily a street plan and secondarily a plan to manage 30 years of inevitable growth," says Burton Miller, a former member of the Planning Commission and a member of the original Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that worked on MAPP. "That is not the case and they need to be looked at separately."

\$5.2 million in funding is available right now for street improvements, through Measure A taxes. There's no reason to delay during the City's hiatus on MAPP.

You can help make it happen! Join FoMV's petition team. For information, call Susan at 415-383-3999 x. 2.

Visit FoMV website at www.friendsofmillvalley.org. Click on the picture of the petition, print, sign, and mail it to FoMV.

Planning Commission Tells Developers: "You Can Do Better!"

At their work study session in December, the Mill Valley Planning Commission told the developer of the 500 Miller Avenue mixed-use project that their plans needed to be scaled back to better fit with Mill Valley's small town character.

The Von der Werth proposal was deemed to be too big and too massive, and its design concept inappropriate for

what may be one of the most sensitive and visually impactful sites on Miller Avenue.

The Commission disagreed with plans to erect a 400 foot long, 40 foot high concrete retaining wall behind three and four story prefabricated modular buildings.

The study session was well attended by the public and the Planning Commission considered public input and letters.

The Commission's decision-making was also aided by in-depth research and thoughtful analysis, provided in advance, by Mill Valley citizens and FoMV members.

Your participation makes a difference.

Please plan to attend future public meetings and let your voice be heard!

EXPRESS YOURSELF!

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Friends of Mill Valley works to add the voice of the community to the City's decision-making process about growth, planning and issues of significant public interest, and to promote greater citizen participation in shaping successful solutions.

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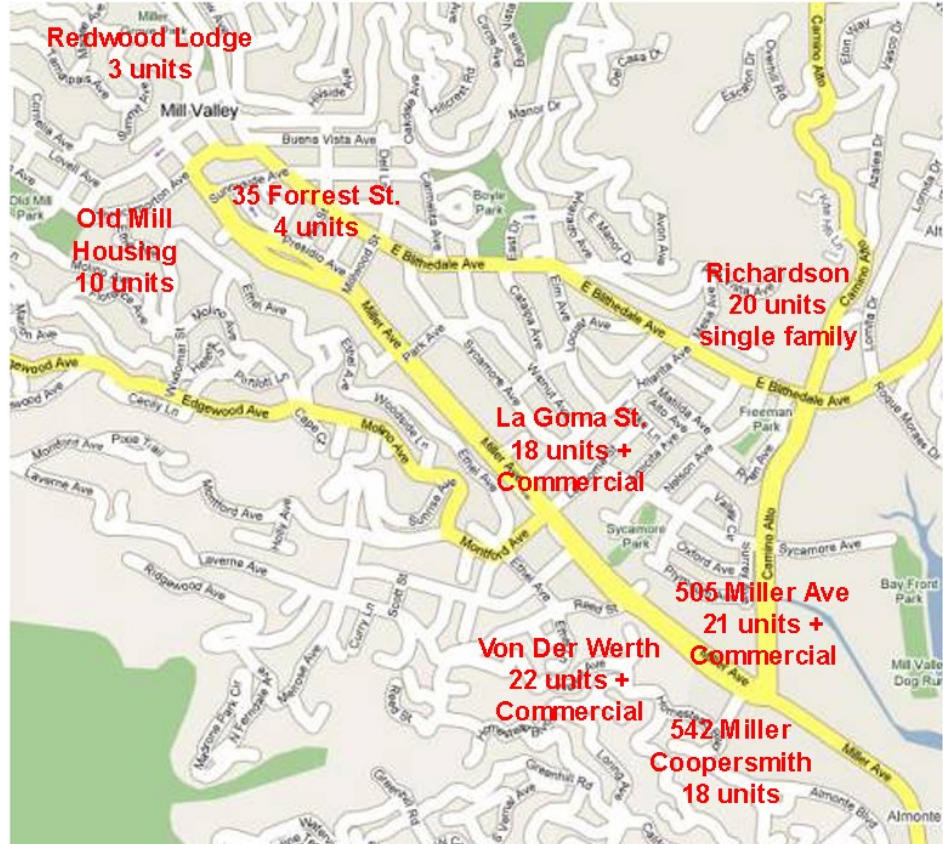
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Project Proposals in Mill Valley – 116 Units + Commercial

The City's "Illustrative Plan" increases the number of units to 155 and identifies 9 "opportunity sites" for future development. FoMV has posted the "Illustrative Plan" in the window of Mill Valley General Hardware, located next to Sloat Garden Center at 401 Miller Avenue. The "Illustrative Plan" shows both these businesses replaced with high-density housing.



Visions for 2008

1. FoMV collaborates with the new City Council which welcomes the vision and creativity of all residents.
2. City Council/Planning Comm. adopt the FoMV petition (see reverse) moving ahead on street improvements for Miller.
3. City officials abandon current MAPP and create a new process with clear goals, outcomes, and timeline.
4. City officials schedule regular Town Hall meetings to hear citizen's ideas on safety, schools, traffic, business. Community sets the agenda.
5. City officials review standards and performance goals of the Planning Department based on feedback from the public.
6. Strengthened neighborhood associations give input for sound decisions about neighborhood issues.
7. Together, residents and City officials preserve Mill Valley's small-town character.

Support FoMV

Friends of Mill Valley is a grassroots community group that relies on volunteers and your contributions.

Help cover the costs of printing, postage, meeting space, etc. with your donation.

Make checks out to Liz Specht, Treasurer, and mark FoMV in the memo line. Mail to PO Box 1232, MV 94942.