

# Friends of Mill Valley \* Newsletter

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**Town Hall Meeting  
Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**Mill Valley  
Community Center**

**Discussion Topic**

**"The Miller Avenue Plan  
Fact & Fiction"**

**Friends of Mill  
Valley**

**Let's Get It Right!**

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## FoMV News Update – The June Town Hall Meeting

Friends of Mill Valley held its second Town Hall meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. A total of 127 people attended and joined in spirited discussions about growth, impacts, schools and other related issues.

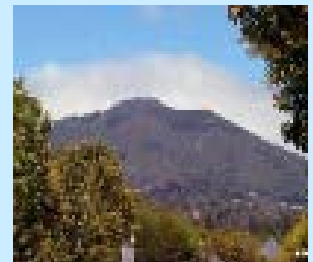
Our growing audience consisted of a diverse group of residents from all parts of the city. It included planning experts and laymen, developers

and neighborhood association representatives, and several past and present city officials.

Following our "**Framework for Success**," the evening focused on community values and asked if those values are being faithfully reflected in the city's growth and development policies. Attendees expressed dissatisfaction with the city's

responsiveness to their concerns. We encourage everyone to participate in finding sustainable solutions for the future of Mill Valley.

### **Make Your Voice Heard!**



## FoMV Community Values Opinion Poll

At our June Town Hall meeting Friends of Mill Valley conducted a public opinion poll on community values. We asked residents to indicate which issues were of greatest concern to them.

The poll included a variety of issues like "Need to preserve natural beauty and the environment, Need for affordable housing," and "Need to retain local businesses." Approximately, 60% of those in attendance took the poll. And the results were unequivocal.

The number one concern that led all the others by a 2 to 1 margin was "Need to preserve Mill Valley's small town character and quality of life."

The second and third highest ranked concerns were "Need to control rapid growth and over-development" and "Increased traffic problems." All other issues trailed by a considerable margin.

It's essential that these values and concerns are incorporated into every aspect of the city's

decision making and planning process. This is particularly important regarding the current work on the Miller Avenue Precise Plan and a variety of large scaled developments that are being proposed throughout the city (see page 2).

We urge you all to take the FoMV Community Values Opinion Poll. It's now available to all residents on our web site at:

[www.friendsofmillvalley.org](http://www.friendsofmillvalley.org)

### More Friends

Kathleen Morrison  
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Robin Nelson  
Diane Paul  
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Neil Shah  
Bob Shepard  
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Judy Their  
James Thomas  
Cullyn Vaeth  
Julia Wald  
Sonia & Dennis Williams  
Liz Williamson  
(partial list)

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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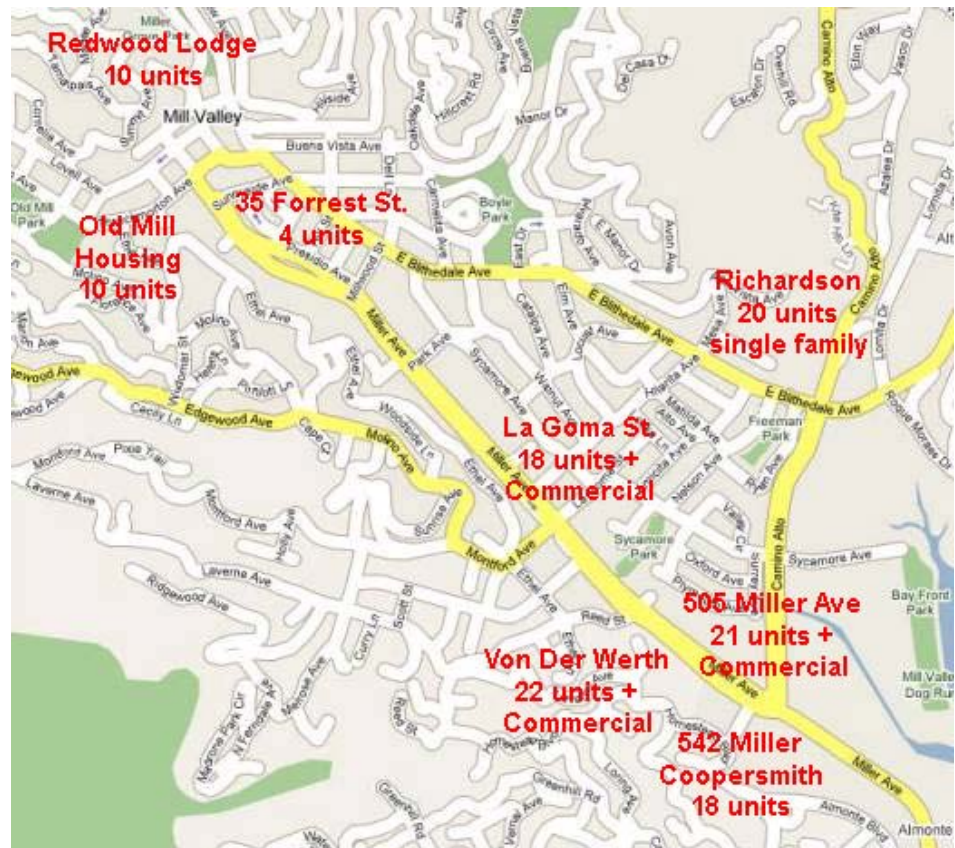
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*"Let's Get It Right!"*

Next Meeting  
September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
Location to be announced

## Project Proposals in Mill Valley – 123 Units + Commercial



## FoMV Action Items

Friends of Mill Valley is building a communications network between all the city's neighborhood associations in order to restore the public's voice to the city's planning process. Working together, the network helps everyone share their concerns and coordinate efforts on each others' behalf.

The most recent of these action items concerns the proposed development at La Goma Street. An

investigative study by a resident task force has revealed significant factual and procedural discrepancies regarding the city's issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the development plan, which would allow the project to go forward without a full EIR (environmental impact report).

These issues include a finding of accumulations of toxic chemicals far in excess of EPA limits, in-

adequate study of parking and traffic requirements, and impacts on schools, and the objectivity of the city's consultants.

In response, FoMV sponsored a petition drive to ask the city to require a full EIR. Over 500 residents signed the petition in less than two weeks.

**Join the FoMV information network!**

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