

Community Workshop Round 2: Developing the Design SUMMARY

The Core Companies, Eden Housing, and the County of Santa Clara hosted a community workshop for the East Santa Clara Street Master Plan Phase II project on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was for the project team to share an updated draft of the project's design and provide another opportunity for community feedback that builds upon the shared understanding from the first round of workshops. Eleven participants joined the workshop, which was held at the Roosevelt Community Center in San Jose. Additionally, nine participants attended a virtual session of the same meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m.

The in-person meeting was organized as an informal meet-and-greet with project stations representing the primary areas of community interest to allow participants to interact casually with the project team and to provide additional input on the updated project design and programming.

The project stations included the following:

Project Overview: Dixie Baus, Eden Housing, and Rich Truempner, Core

Design Evolution: Justin Huang, Studio T Square

Community Impact/Benefits: Louis Liss, Eden Housing

Connectivity/Access: Christy Marby, Core

Property Management/Affordable Housing: Robyn Van Elelenburg, Housing Inc.

Participant feedback is summarized below:

Design Evolution

- There is a general preference leaning toward the new, refreshed design.
- Building 800 has two buildings, an older northern portion and a newer southern portion, and the project is adaptively reusing the older section, which is good. Was there an attempt to integrate the southern section, at least for the facade elements? The northern portion is being reused, and we couldn't reside in the southern section because it doesn't work with the residential. Still, we tried to integrate the facade elements that mesh with the surroundings of the senior buildings.
- Participants asked questions about how the community space in Building 800 will operate. The project team should provide more information on how it will benefit the community. This includes the need for an anchoring activity and a steady audience for the community space.
- Participants requested the construction timeline. Construction will start in late 2025, with people moving in as early as 2027. These dates will be updated periodically as the projects move through the design and financing processes. It should be noted that construction will be phased for each of the projects, and not all residents will move in at once.
- A participant requested the full historical report. Eden will send the report.

Community Impact/Benefits

Parking

- Participants suggested the project sponsor petition for permitted neighborhood parking. The City of San Jose does not have a neighborhood parking permit requirement or district for this neighborhood. While this is outside of the scope of our redevelopment, we will work with the neighborhood to petition the City of San Jose for a comprehensive parking solution that works for all stakeholders.
- Participants requested clarity about the number of parking stalls and if any of those spaces would be shared with the community. The project proposes 190 parking for residents. There are no parking spaces contemplated for shared community use.
- Participants asked questions regarding parking/accessibility for senior residents in the senior building. For instance, how will senior residents get around without a car? Are there any associated services, or is Paratransit provided?

Affordable Housing

- A participant requested additional information about affordable senior housing. Eden Housing will follow up directly.

Property Management

- A participant requested an example of a management agreement. Core has reviewed agreements that could be shared but were not applicable. When appropriate, the agreements will be established.