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Diablo Community Meeting: Issues and Vision

Diablo Country Club
1700 Club House Road, Diablo, CA 94528
Tuesday, June 18, 2019

A community meeting for Diablo residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Diablo Country Club. The purpose of this workshop was to begin establishing a vision for the future of Diablo and identify issues the General Plan should address to achieve that vision. Before the meeting, project staff and community members went on a historic walking tour of Diablo with the resident historian. Following the walking tour, County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop and approximately 60 residents attended. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process and a question and answer session, community members worked in five small groups discussing questions regarding the future of Diablo. Responses to each question are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions are attached to this summary. There were no comments cards submitted at the meeting.

The Historic District designation in Diablo, and how it affects property rights within the community, was a major topic of discussion. Community members expressed confusion about what this designation means for individual property owners, especially through the permit application and CEQA review process. Some residents see the designation as too restrictive while others see it as preserving the history and character of Diablo. Many agreed that less intervention from government regulation and more local decision making is better. However, those more supportive of the Historic District designation also valued the County's authority to stop demolition or significant alteration of historic buildings.

Question 1: What do you like most about Diablo? What would you like to see supported, preserved, or enhanced as part of this planning effort?

- Maintain and enhance Diablo's hometown feel, where people know and care about each other.
- Preserve the individualism, charm, historic character, and safe and quiet ambiance of Diablo.
- Support and maintain Diablo's mature trees, natural setting, and limited sidewalks and streetlights, all of which add to its rural character.
- Generally, leave the community as is.
- Preserve the Diablo Country Club.
- Keep and support the local post office as a community meeting place.
- Maintain public safety and low levels of crime

Question 2: What are the challenges facing Diablo? What would you like to see changed in Diablo in order to make it a better place to live and work?

- Address issues with traffic and speeding along Diablo Road and bicycle cut-through traffic on private streets.
- Provide better local representation and coordination with Danville.
- Prepare for natural disasters, like wildfires and earthquakes, including an evacuation plan for the community.
- Minimize government regulations.
- Increase local control for decision making, especially related to historic designations and regulations.
- Underground PG&E powerlines.
- Provide better assistance to residents for zoning issues and the property development process.

Question 3: Do you think changes are needed to the planned land uses shown in the General Plan land use and zoning maps? If so, what changes are needed?

- Keep Diablo zoned as residential.
- Incorporate fire breaks and trails in the hills.

- Revisit Historical Designation

Challenges

- Traffic on Diablo from commuters and biking
 - safety issues
 - need coordination with ~~park~~ Danville
- Mount Diablo Scenic Drive is dangerous
- Firebreaks on the hills
- Evacuation (fire + earthquake)

Likes

- Sense of community
- unique
- the Club
- development OK
- Go to the Post Office for mail
- Beautiful!
- Fabulous People

Less

- Leave us alone

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- Love: ^{Diablo} Got this way w/o rules.

- Less regulation, light touch.
(even lighter)

- Historical nature

- no sidewalks, no street lights

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problem w/ historic
district. who decides?

Issues:

- Traffic

- Community should have a voice, less govt interference
↳ worried about uninformed power.

- Not "how can we stop you" but rather
"how can we help you"

POSITIVES

Table #1

- Individualism
- Character
- Mature Trees / Nature
- Country Feel of Community
- Enclave Setting
- Small town Feel / Slower Pace
- Safe Community
- Post Office
- No sidewalks / Street lights

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POSITIVES CONTINUED

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- Unique Landmarks
- ~~Lack of above ground power lines~~
- Diablo Country Club

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NEGATIVES

- Above ground power lines
- Traffic congestion. Specifically ~~Diablo~~ Diablo Rd. (lack of bike lane)
- Fire Safety Hazards
- Lack of on street parking
Bottlenecking
- Need more local control
- Neighboring municipalities development impacts

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Diablo
6/18/19

What do you like most?

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- character
- Safety (lack of crime)
- trees (historic native)
- ambiance
- Quiet
- sense of community w/ neighbors

What are some challenges?

- Speeding cars
- not enough posted "speed limit" signs
- not enough "stop" signs
- Fire safety / access to evacuate
- Old PG&E power lines → potential for fires
- ~~unclear role of DCSD in~~ ~~community~~
- need a "welcome to Diablo" packet
- widen Diablo Rd. - dangerous - too much traffic

Likes

Historic designation

Safety - low crime

Sense of community

Unique feel

No curbs or gutters or ^{Street} lamps

Dense vegetation oak trees

Golf Course

Community post office
contained community

Recreational opportunities

Connection to Mt. Diablo

Club related events

Families - great for kids

Approach / entrance to Diablo - cows

Rural setting / park-like setting

Historic house,

Independence

Unique
- Architecture
& history

Sheriff

Concerns / Changes

Loss of rural feel, loss of horses

Don't want change

Loss of property rights & value

Safety on windy part of Diablo Rd.

↳ from population growth

Emergency evacuation

Fire danger

Having local input RE changes

Speed bumps

No re-zoning

Leave us alone

Narrow roads - Diablo Rd.

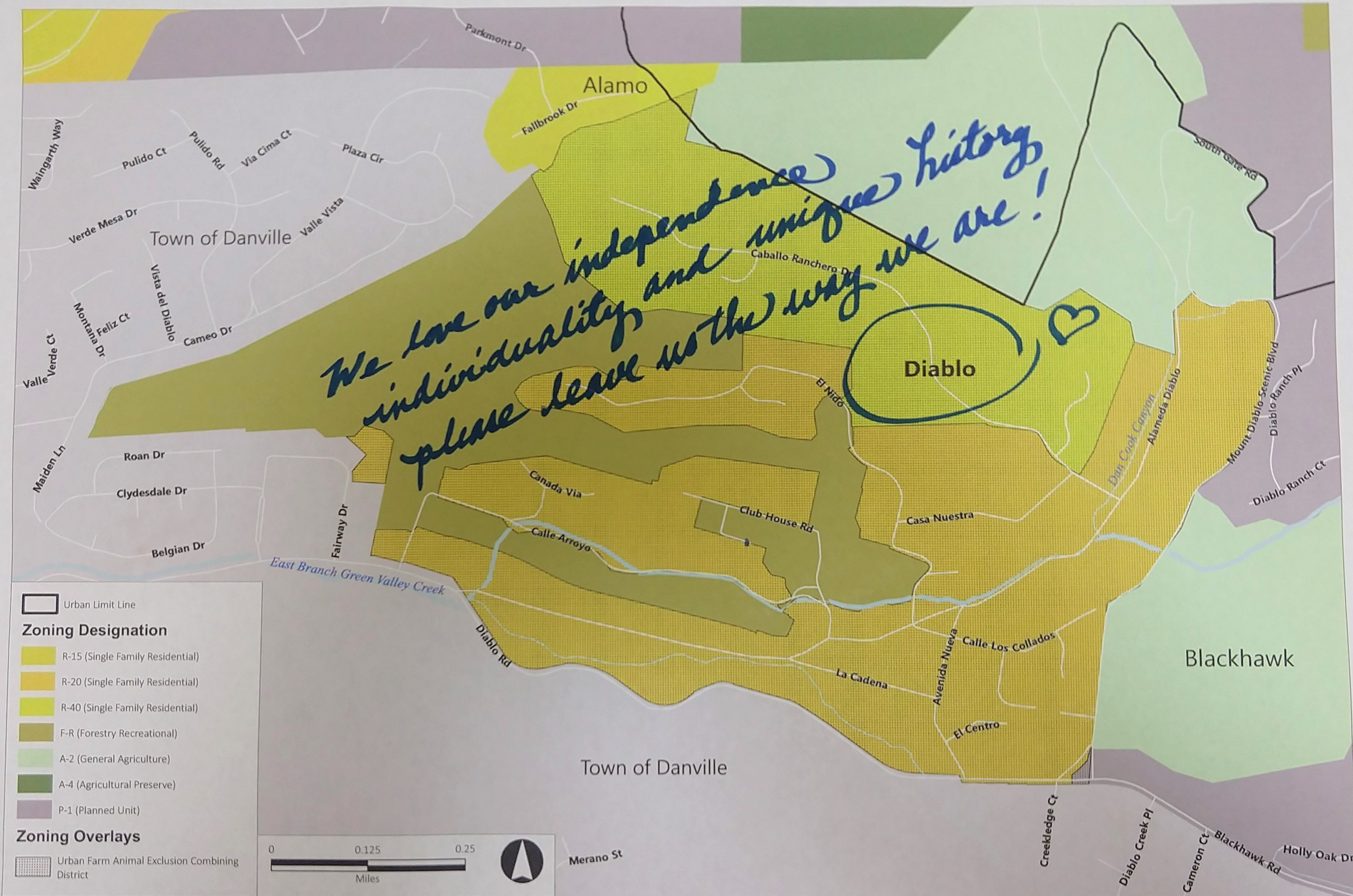
Bike safety on Diablo Rd.

Don't promote development in residential areas

Don't want Cell towers

Poor TV reception

old utility lines



Source: Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2019.



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General Plan Land Use Designations for Diablo



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