



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Saranap/Parkmead Community Meeting: Issues and Vision**

Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center  
3780 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549  
Thursday, July 11, 2019

A community meeting for Saranap and Parkmead residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Thursday, July 11th, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center. The purpose of this workshop was to expand the conversations from the Saranap Avenue/Boulevard Way Planning Process to formulate a vision for the entire Saranap and Parkmead area, and to identify issues the General Plan should address achieve that vision. County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop and approximately 25 residents attended and participated. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members worked in four small groups discussing questions regarding the future of Saranap and Parkmead. Responses to each question are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions are attached to this summary.

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

- Maintain the semi-rural, quiet neighborhood character.
- Preserve natural ridgelines, hillsides, and walking paths.
- Support the good schools and family-oriented community.
- Preserve the access to nearby BART stations.
- Preserve the current density and height limits along Olympic Boulevard in Parkmead.
- Preserve the community swimming pools and further enhance community facilities.
- Maintain the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations.

#### ***Question 2: What are the challenges facing Saranap or Parkmead? What would you like to see changed in Saranap and Parkmead in order to make them better places to live and work?***

- Provide an accessible community park.
- Encourage local neighborhood-serving businesses on Olympic Boulevard, Boulevard Way, and Tice Valley Boulevard.
- Address the lack of parking in neighborhoods.
- Slow vehicle speeds with traffic calming measures such as roundabouts and speed bumps.
- Create safe routes to school for children and families to increase safety and decrease congestion on neighborhood streets.
- Improve connections from Parkmead to Walnut Creek with better lighting and blight clean-up.
- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety with connected paths and enhanced infrastructure.

#### ***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?***

- Update the Zoning Code and General Plan land use designations to align.
- Encourage mixed-use development, step-back design, diagonal parking, and landscaping along major thoroughfares, similar to the recent Saranap Avenue/Boulevard Way Implementation Measures.
- Further consider the benefits and drawbacks of the cannabis exclusion zone.





# The future of Saranap/Parkmead is...

## Saranap

Gathering places for community  
• center  
• park ✓  
• etc.  
Family First

## Parkmead





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### COMMENT CARD

Date: 7/11/19

Please fill out this form if you have any comments about the General Plan, Zoning Code, and/or Climate Action Plan Updates. (Name and contact information are optional).

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Comments (Use back if necessary):

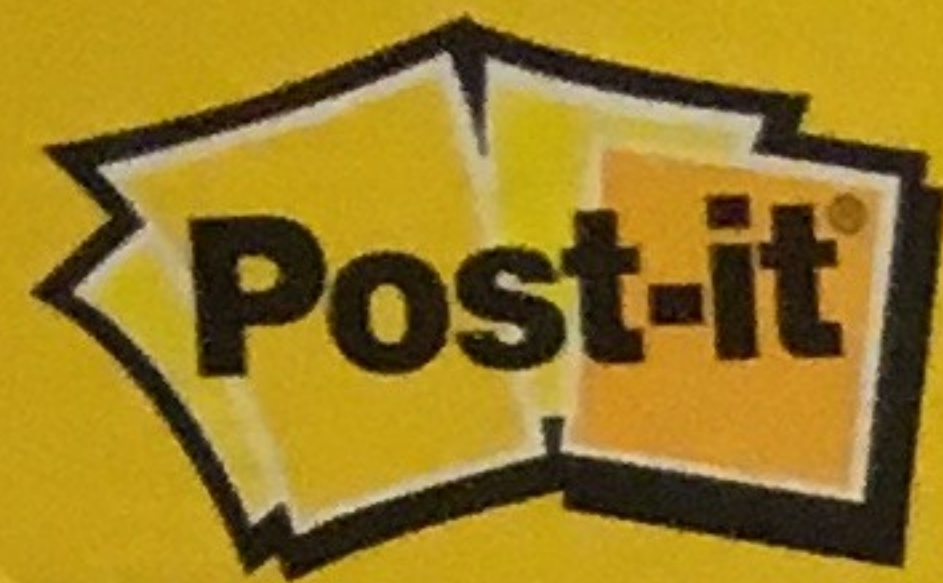
Thank you for the meeting. The supervisor mentioned  
that affordable housing is important to the community  
in Saranap. That is not true. Affordable  
housing is ~~not~~ nice but not many residents ~~want~~  
want affordable housing over other neighborhood needs  
like: better walking and bike paths, better traffic management  
etc.



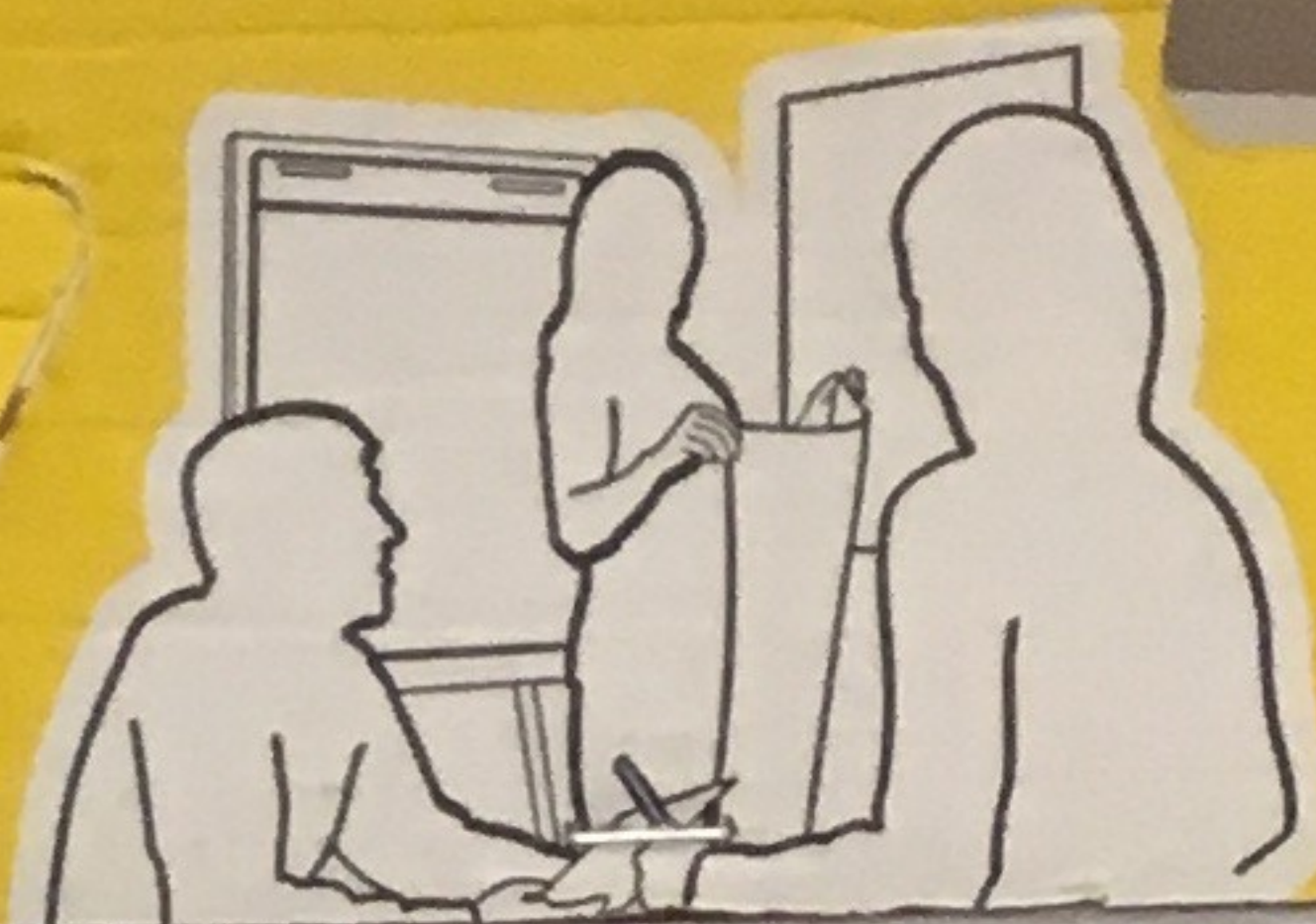
# What do you like most in Saranap?

- Convenient
- Moderate density
- Ambience
- Quiet, neighborhood feel
- Semi rural
- Limited through traffic
- Walkable
- Historical
- Great access to transportation





SUPERSTICKY EASELPAD  
TABLEAU À FEUILLES MOBILES SUPERCOLLANTES  
SUPERADHESIVAS BLOC DE HOJAS REPOSICIONABLES



30

25 IN/PO x 30 IN/PO  
63,5 cm x 76,2 cm  
5.2 SQ FT/PI² (0,48 m²)

3M

What are the challenges facing  
your community? & Concerns

- Saranap village will start to be developed too much
- No open space, no parks
- Would like public access to creek
- Would like improved bicycle access
- Want open space and parks  
County should provide open space, along  
with future development and parks
- Bike lanes between Iron Horse trail  
and W.C. on Olympic Blvd.
- Bike connections to schools
- Improvement to sidewalks on  
Blvd Way. Currently non existent or  
unimproved in places





# Challenges and concerns group 1

Regulations for scooters, drones

- Sharing of lanes

Regulations for rental bikes. They get left in places everywhere

- Keep Las Trampas creek natural

- Protect edges from erosion

- Encourage sidewalk

- Keep neighborhoods without street lights but Blvd Way etc should have street lights

- Provide turning lanes at developments on Blvd Way





## WHAT WE LIKE

- Small town feel - know your neighbors
- Quiet peaceful respite from Bay Area
- Respite from Downtown WC + Freeway!
- Proximity to BART + family amenities
- Good Schools
- Care about environment + wildlife (<sup>except</sup> turkeys)
- Extended families - Kids go away + move back
- Preserve ridgelines + hillsides
- Cleanliness
- we like the Lafayette roundabout

## CHALLENGES

- Need more parks, esp. in north area
- Need a neighborhood or community park
- Many more in-law units now, but parking limited -  
so lots of parking problems
- Homes rented out to large groups of unrelated individuals
- Parking problems





## CHALLENGES (CONT)

group 2

- Pedestrian safety -
- School crossings + access - Parkmead School
- Blvd. Way is unsafe for peds
- Empty businesses (in Walnut Crk at ~~St. John's~~ Newell)
- Natural gas leak (nr the creek)
- Lack of public transit
- Creek access is very limited
- (Used to be ~~limited~~ some access, now closed)
- Ped hazards at Tice Valley + Olympic
- Visual line of sight obstructions on Juanita

## Improvements

- Illegally parked cars  
(not enforced)

- transit
- bike lanes
- ped safety

• parking

signage + enforcement



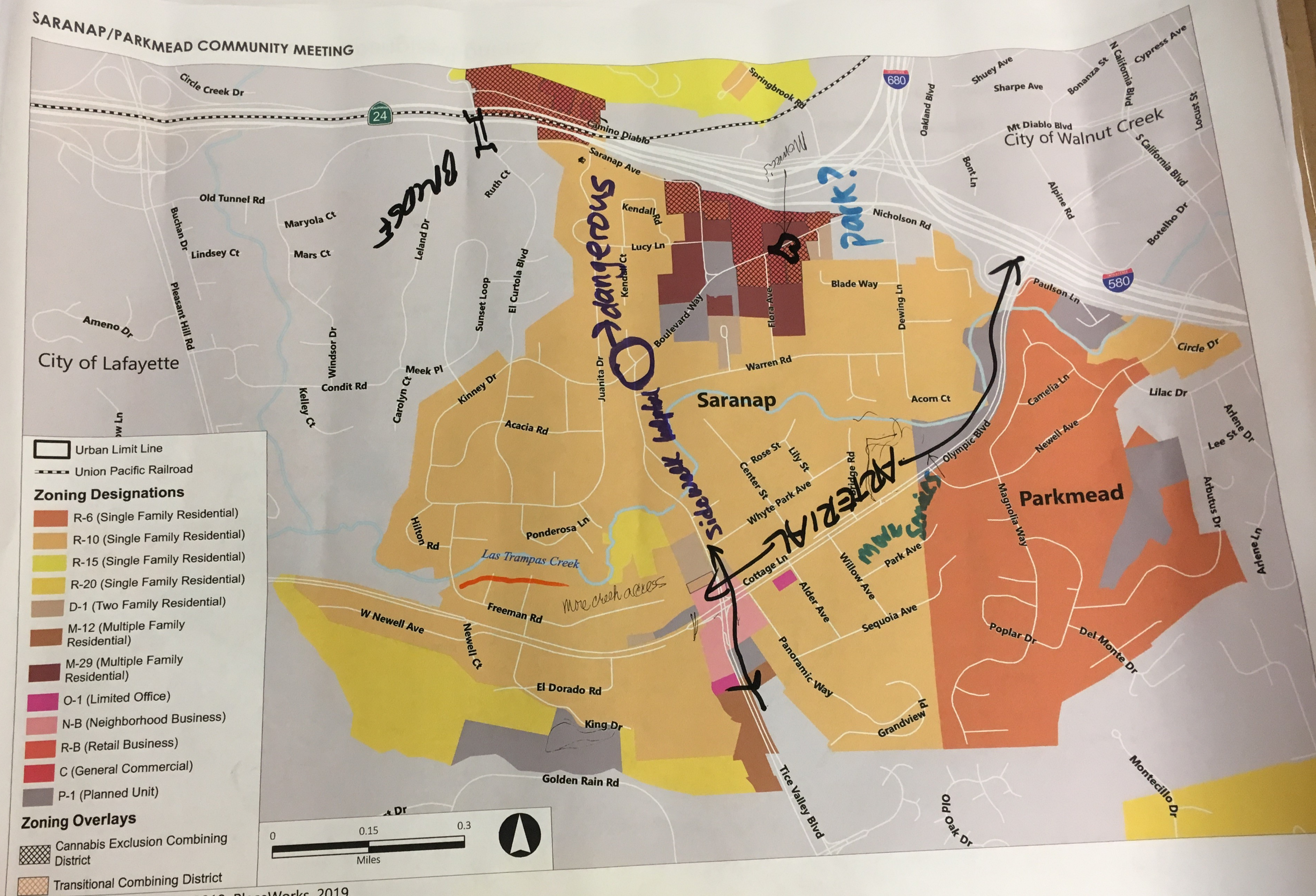
## MAP CHANGES

- Need more info on cannabis exclusion zone
- Align General Plan + Zoning so They are identical

IMPROVE  
River Way. Currently non-existent  
unimproved in places



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

Zoning Designations for Saranap/Parkmead



Group 1

Colors too similar

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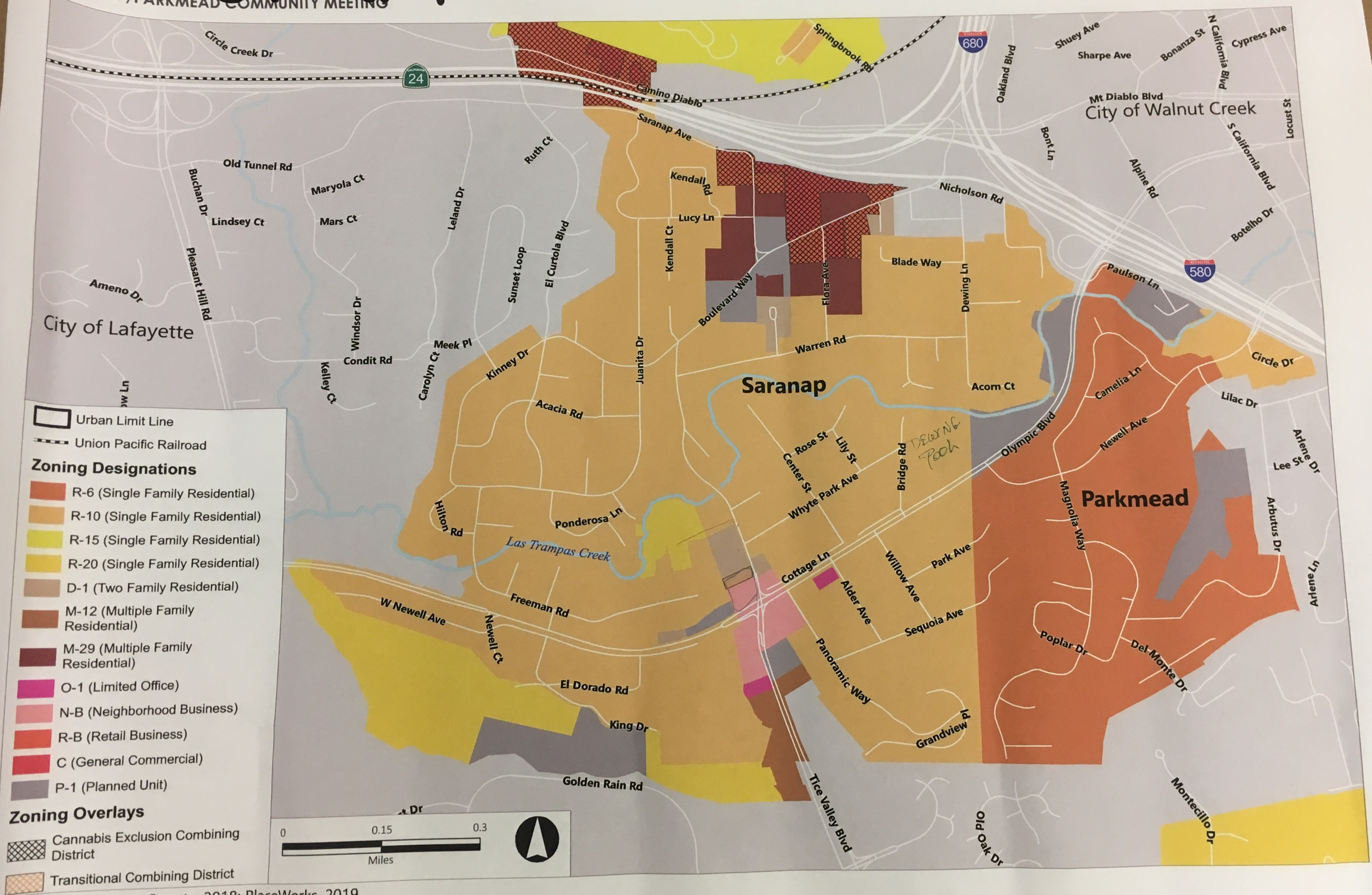


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## General Plan Land Use Designations for Saranap/Parkmead



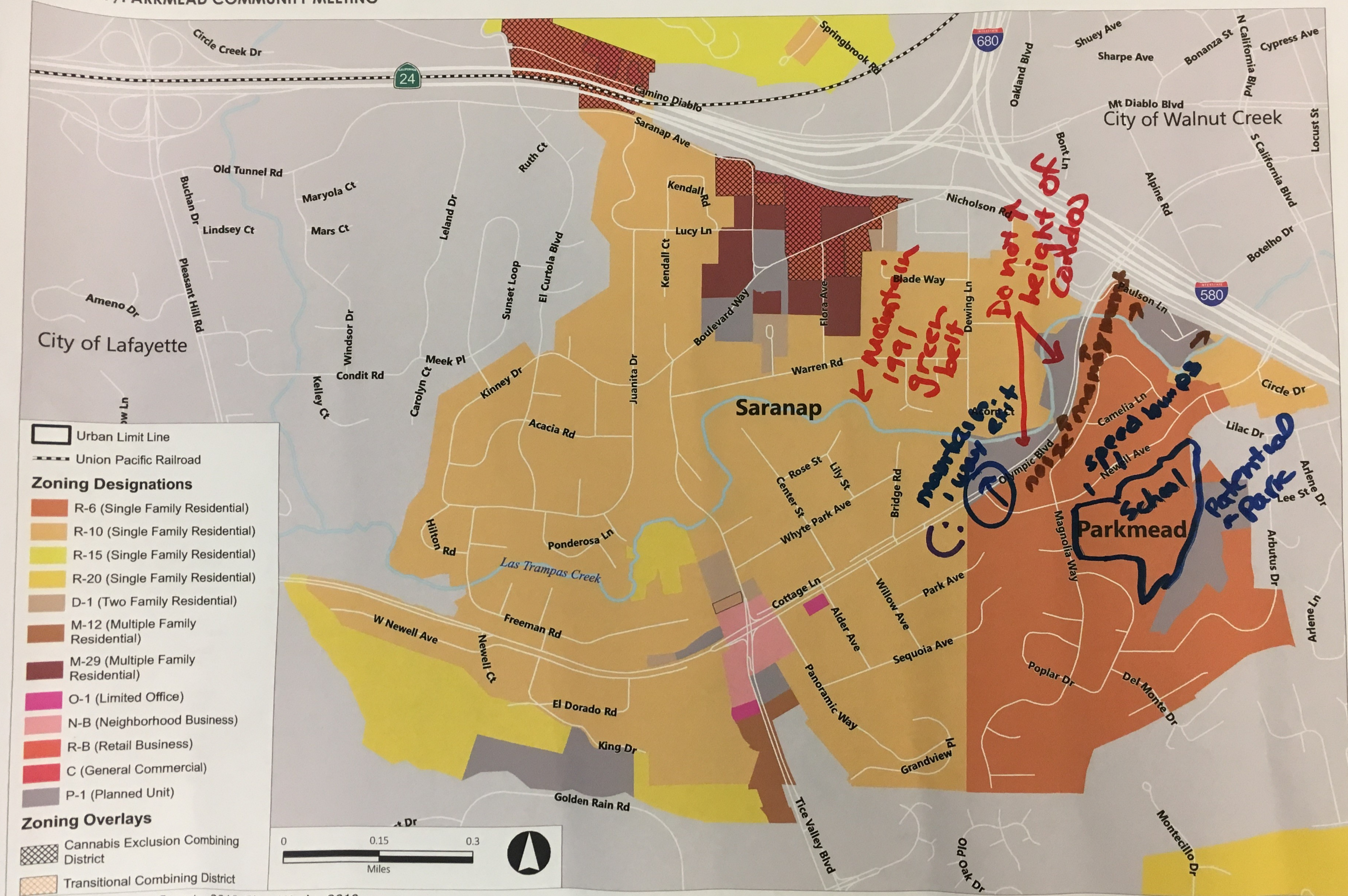
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