

**Community Working Group  
Meeting Summary  
January 19, 2015  
Orientation and Overview  
Breakout Group: Clarification of Guiding Principles**

**OVERVIEW**

In 2009 the Community Advisory drafted a list of Guiding Principles that were to be the foundation for any revitalization efforts that were to occur at Golden Gate Village. The Guiding Principles are very broad, so the group will review the Principles in an attempt to clarify each statement. The following are the statements to guide the group’s discussion:

1. Protect Existing Golden Gate Households
2. Restore Golden Gate Village Economic Sustainability
3. Assure Resident Participation Throughout the Planning and Revitalization Process
4. Preserve Historic Marinship Heritage
5. Promote High Quality Open Space
6. Collaborate with the Marin County Community to Expand Economic Development and Job Training/Education Opportunities for Golden Gate Village Residents

**DISCUSSION ISSUES**

<b>What were the top consensus comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No displacement of current residents</li> <li>• More GGV residents participating in the process</li> <li>• When discussing economic sustainability there is a government and resident need and perspective</li> <li>• There should be strong collaboration between county agencies to expand economic development and opportunities to Golden Gate Village residents The conversations had here tonight should not only define what Guiding Principles from 2009 mean, but also help us give them new iterations.</li> <li>• Guiding Principles should not be static- they should represent / reflect present day.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Input By Question</b>	<p><b>Protect Existing Golden Gate Households</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current residents have a future in the revitalized community</li> <li>• Residents are safe and protected</li> <li>• Preserve the historic nature of the community</li> <li>• Residents will always have a unit</li> <li>• The group’s first point of order was to define the parameters of what / who qualifies as a Golden Gate household- (e.g., official or legal resident on the lease, pets, etc.).</li> <li>• To many in the breakout session, protecting existing Golden Gate residences was interpreted as a no tolerance policy for displacement, while others defined it as minimal displacement <u>of legal residents</u>.</li> <li>• The unbiased protections of family, and the multiple generations which constitute many households was deemed of utmost importance. The group’s first point of</li> </ul>

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**Restore Golden Gate Village Economic Sustainability**

- There are two perspectives to consider, the governments and the residents
- Manufacturing solar green materials
- Government has to cover their costs
- A good quality of life
- Economic sustainability must consider the entire community
- A diverse community is a sustainable community
- Mixed income housing options
- Everyone has a living wage job
- The ONLY way to provide sustainable economic relief for Golden Gate Village resident is to foster a pipeline of qualified workers.
- Full resident employment and full resident participation in the decision making process is believed to foster economic sustainability.
- Residents should be exclusively employed by MHA to perform maintenance and upkeep of Golden Gate Village.
- Partnership between MHA and the residents of Golden Gate Village.
- President Obama's green initiative should be researched for Golden Gate Village.

**Assure Resident Participation Throughout the Planning and Revitalization Process**

- Participation of more GGV residents in the discussion and on the Working Group
- Honest communication
- For revitalization efforts and activities, the residents must have an opportunity to do the work—identify the required skills and training needs.

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- Access benefits outlined in the Community Services District's Benefits Agreement
- If MHA wants to ensure resident participation, they must go to the people.
- More than 50% of the Working Group should be Golden Gate Village residents.
- The only way to achieve participation is through a two part approach- Education and Outreach. MHA must educate residents on the process and engage in effective and ongoing outreach.
- Whose participation is more important- Marin City Residents, or residents of Golden Gate Village???
- There should be transportation provided for elderly and disabled residents to come to the meetings.
- If you really want resident participation.....Help resident overcome obstacles (e.g., childcare, transportation, location of meeting).
- Meetings should be at Golden Gate Village.

**Preserve Historic Marinship Heritage**

- Incorporate Marin City history in any revitalization and design
- History can be displayed through information kiosk around the property
- Honor the legacy of manufacturing in the revitalization efforts
- Marinship hired black workers in a time when black workers were turned away from many industries.
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**Promote High Quality Open Space**

- Open space should be viewed as an integrated connection to the entire Marin City community

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- Should include Hiking Trails, Parks and Playgrounds
- Space should be well maintained and clean
- Space should be safe for community members of all ages
- The space should be accessible
- Low density communities assure residents of high quality open spaces.
- KEEP THE TREES!!!! MORE TREES!!!!

**Collaborate with the Marin County Community to Expand Economic Development and Job Training/Education Opportunities for Golden Gate Village Residents**

- The consensus from the group was that this Principle needed not additional comment or explanation
- Inter and Intra agency coordination to provide opportunities for public housing residents.
- There should be a study conducted of monies that are available for green job training.
- Residents should be trained to conduct repairs in boiler room, rooftops and clean-up of the community.

**Additional Comments And Ideas**

- There should be a substantive earthquake preparedness plan.
- BestBuy building would be an ideal site for intensive job training center.
- There should be a discussion about a store which provides residents with the necessities (e.g., fresh fruit and meats).
- Public should not be excluded from the process because they were not chosen to be on the group. All opinions should matter the same- especially if they are residents of Golden Gate Village.

<b>Action Items / Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise Guiding Principles document with the addition of clarification statements</li> </ul>
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