

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PITTSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION**

July 28, 2020

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the Planning Commission for July 28, 2020 was conducted telephonically through Zoom with broadcasting live through Granicus on the City's website. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chamber was not open for the meeting. Council Members participated telephonically or through Zoom and were not physically present in the Council Chamber.

Chair Foster called the meeting of the Pittsburg Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California via Zoom teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foster, Vice-Chair Moreno, Commissioners Nguyen, Croskey, Coniglio, Bhasin, Robinson

Staff: City Attorney Donna Mooney, Community Development Director Jill Hecht, City Engineer Richard Abono, Planning Manager/ Secretary Kristin Pollot, Senior Civil Engineer Paul Reinders, Deputy City Clerk Amanda McVey, Administrative Coordinator Shelby Rose

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bhasin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DELETIONS / WITHDRAWALS / CONTINUANCES

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT

1. Minutes of July 14, 2020

On motion by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Croskey to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2020 and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Bhasin, Coniglio, Croskey, Moreno, Nguyen, Robinson, Foster
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Recommendation on the Faria/Southwest Hills General Plan Amendments, Rezoning Amendments Including Master Plan, and Development Agreement. AP-10-717 (GP, RZ, DA)

A public hearing on a request for: recommendation of City Council approval of a development agreement, amendments to the General Plan and rezoning designations, and adoption of a Master Plan for future development of an approximately 607-acre site located in the hills southwest of the existing city limits. The proposed Master Plan would allow for development of approximately 265-acres to be preserved for open space, where the current General Plan allows for up to 478-acres of residential use and 129-acres of open space. Proposed amendments would not change existing maximum development potential (1,500 single family units), rather they would focus the development to the center of the site within the valley area. In addition, the proposed project also includes consideration of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a subsequent request for the City to initiate proceedings to annex the property to the City of Pittsburg. Assessor Parcel Numbers 097-180-002, 097-180-006, 097-190-002, 097-200-002, 097-230-008, 097-240-002.

Planning Manager/ Secretary Pollot gave a presentation on the item.

Chair Foster opened the public hearing.

Applicants Robia S. Crisp, Ben Huie, Kristina D. Lawson, Sean Marciniak, Louis Parsons, Albert Seeno III and Rod Stinson spoke on behalf of this project.

The Commission recessed from 9:10pm – 9:17pm.

The Commission recessed from 9:30pm – 10:12pm to allow staff to address technical difficulties.

Comments were received through email from the following and were read aloud:

A.J. Fardella, Pittsburg
Jazmin Hernandez, Pittsburg
Stephanie Satterwhite, Pittsburg
Carrie Locatelli, Pittsburg
Ricky Bjorndal, Pittsburg
Aaron G. Smith, Pittsburg
Gayle H Stansfield, Pittsburg
Susan Julian Gates, Pittsburg
Ray O'Brien
Pittsburg Youth Action
Kathleen and Steve West
Nancy Parent, Pittsburg
Joanna M. Garaventa
Brian Holt
Robert Belleci

Angel Barreto, Pittsburg
Angel Contreras, Pittsburg
Ashley Bravo, Pittsburg
Barbara Murphree, Pittsburg
Carol Schapker, Pittsburg
Charlene Chand, Pittsburg
Christine Fregi, Pittsburg
Cynthia Contreras, Pittsburg
Dikshya Koirala, Pittsburg
Evelyn Almaraz, Pittsburg
Gaganpreet Singh, Pittsburg
Henry Martinez, Pittsburg
Jackie Avila, Pittsburg
Ivy McKindles, Pittsburg
Jasmine Paul, Pittsburg

Daniel Arroyo
Manisha Rattu, Pittsburg
Sam Garcia
Paul Segar
Christine Caprio, Pittsburg
Matt Messenger
Julie Marco, Pittsburg
Kyle Burkhart
Erendira Blanco
Juan Pablo Galvan, Pittsburg
Lou Ann Texeira
Randy Ashford, Pittsburg
Marcia Lessley, Pittsburg
Bruce Ohlson, Pittsburg
Maria Mariscal, Pittsburg
Adolfo Sanchez, Pittsburg

Jenner McCloskey, Pittsburg
Jennifer Dajas, Pittsburg
Jennifer Jay, Pittsburg
Jill Dorais, Pittsburg
Jonathon Nunez-Babb, Pittsburg
Juliana Martinez, Pittsburg
Kevin Frias, Pittsburg
Linda Quick, Pittsburg
Michael Nott, Pittsburg
Michelle Koski, Pittsburg
Pauline Faith Poe, Pittsburg
Robert Lee, Pittsburg
Sid Quick, Pittsburg
Susan Armstrong
Shiva Gaskari

There being no one to speak further to the item, Chair Foster closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Coniglio and seconded by Commissioner Bhasin to approve and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Bhasin, Coniglio, Croskey, Foster
NAYES: Moreno, Nguyen, Robinson
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Planning Manager / Secretary Pollot suggested the Commission convene to next regular meeting of August 11, 2020.

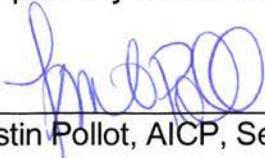
COMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no reports / comments from the commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 p.m. to August 11, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristin Pollot, AICP, Secretary

Shelby Rose

From: A.J. Fardella <aj@rocknrollnetworks.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:39 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: AP-10-717 (GPA, RZ DA)

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FROM THE DESK OF:
A J FARDELLA
209 HAVENWOOD CIRCLE
PITTSBURG, CA 94565

**TO: PITTSBURG PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PITTSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION**

RE: Faria Property DA and Vesting Map etc AP-10-717 (GPA, RZ DA)

GREETINGS,

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THIS PROCESS FIRST STARTED IN 2005. THAT YEAR, I WROTE ABOUT HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF OAKHILLS RESIDENTS. IT RESIDES AT [HTTP://OHCG.NET/HILLSIDES/](http://ohcg.net/hillsides/). IT IS AMAZING TO SEE ALL OF THE ASPECTS OF THIS COME TOGETHER OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS. PART OF THIS PROCESS HAPPENED DURING MY 9 YEAR STRETCH AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER FROM 2008-2017.

ESPECIALLY GREAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGER LOT TYPE CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH-SIDE WHICH WILL ADD IMPRESSIVE HOMES TO OUR CITY.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN THAT I HAVE WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

THE FIRST AND FOREMOST IS THE LACK OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SPACE AVAILABLE FROM MOUNT DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THERE IS AN 11 ACRE PARCEL WHICH MDUSD PURCHASED OVER A DECADE AGO WITH THE INTENTION OF BUILDING A K-8 SCHOOL. IT IS STILL AN EMPTY LOT. CURRENTLY MDUSD IS SEVERELY OVERCROWDED IN ELEMENTARY PLACEMENT IN OAKHILLS GREATER AREA. BECAUSE OF THIS THE DISTRICT IS SENDING CHILDREN TO

SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE DISTRICT MANY MILES AWAY. THIS OF COURSE ADDS CAR WASTE TO THE ENVIRONMENT FROM TRIPS TO AND FROM THESE DISTANCES AS WELL AS THE ADDED RISK OF DRIVING AND THE TIME IT TAKES EVERY DAY. IN THIS WAY OUR ELEMENTARY KIDS, THEIR FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS ARE UNNECESSARILY STRESSED AND IMPOSED UPON.

I REALIZE THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS PAID HUGE SUMS TO THE DISTRICT OVER THE YEARS LONG SINCE DELTA VIEW WAS BUILT AND IT IS TIME TO PAY THE PIPER. THESE FEES NEED TO BE USED BY MDUSD TO PROVIDE THIS OVERDUE ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS WONT HAPPEN IN A VACUUM, THE CITY OF PITTSBURG NEEDS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO BRING, THROUGH NEGOTIATION OR LITIGATION, MDUSD TO TASK ON THIS. MDUSD WILL BE CHANGING TO BOARD MEMBERS BY AREA PER NEW STATE LAW. WITH THIS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND WITH HELP FROM COP WE CAN GET THIS SCHOOL BUILT.

THE SECOND AREA OF CONCERN IS THE LOCATION OF THE BASKETBALL FACILITY. THE MITIGATION FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE IN THE AREA MOST AFFECTED BY IT. THAT WOULD BE WEST PITTSBURG. WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS BASKETBALL FACILITY A PART OF THE NEW K-8 SCHOOL MDUSD WILL BE BUILDING IF WE MAKE IT SO.

THE FARIA DEVELOPMENT WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO PITTSBURG PROVIDING THE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS ACCOMPANIED WITH IT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Fardella". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and a cursive "Fardella".

SINCERELY,

A. J. FARDELLA

Shelby Rose

From: Jazmin Hernandez <jazminarh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:06 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: BAD / NEGATIVE IMPACT

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission, The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will wreak havoc to current Pittsburg residents and wildlife.

It will increase traffic in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. It would have significant negative impacts on wildlife, and would seriously degrade the views of the beautiful hills from all around. This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public fully informed of its impacts. If the project is considered at all, it should be greatly improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park. Sincerely, Jazmin Hernandez, Resident of Pittsburg, CA for more than 20 years.

Shelby Rose

From: Stephanie Satterwhite <sesposito2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:49 AM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will snarl traffic in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. It would have significant negative impacts on wildlife, and would seriously degrade the views of the beautiful hills from all around.

The impact on traffic in West Pittsburg and Hwy 4 will be significant and to say it will negatively impact the current residents of our town is an understatement. It already takes a good 30 minutes to go ONE MILE on West Leland to get onto Hwy 4 from Alves Ranch Road (if there are no accidents already on the freeways). The traffic and infrastructure issues NEED to be addressed first. The people who have been living in Oak Hills, San Marco, Vista Del Mar and Tuscany have already been living years with these issues. They need relief, not more people and traffic exacerbating the problem.

This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public fully informed of its impacts.

If the project is considered at all, it should be greatly improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Esposito Satterwhite
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Carrie Locatelli <carebre@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:03 PM
Cc: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will snarl traffic in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. It would have significant negative impacts on wildlife, and would seriously degrade the views of the beautiful hills from all around. As a person who lives in San Marco, who's children go to Delta View, we really do not need additional traffic. Discovery Builders promises potential buyers with a middle school that has still not been built. The neighborhood as well as adjoining neighborhoods are already too crowded.

This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public fully informed of its impacts.

If the project is considered at all, it should be greatly improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park.

Sincerely,

Carrie Locatelli

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: Ricky Bjorndal <arthurbjorndal@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:21 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

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>> The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will add to traffic issues in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. It would negatively impact wildlife greatly, as well as be a detriment to the views of our beautiful hills.

>> This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public thoroughly informed of its impacts.

>> If the project is considered at all, it should be *greatly* improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park.

>> Sincerely,

>> Ricky Bjorndal

>> Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: Aaron G. Smith <ag_smith@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:33 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

This project seems backwards; why wouldn't the housing development take place on the flatter land currently dedicated to the park, and the park/hiking be zoned in the hills? There have already been previous issues of Seeno built homes sliding on uneven ground not meant for housing development, not to mention the complete loss of natural beauty the hills provide the city of Pittsburg.

Sincerely,
Aaron Smith

Shelby Rose

From: Gayle Stansfield <ghstansfield@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:19 AM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: info@cccfd.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will snarl traffic in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. Due to current traffic conditions, my child who is in special education, has to be picked up by the bus two hours before school in order to arrive at Ygnacio Valley high school in a timely manner. Much of the congestion is simply getting out of San Marcos and to the freeway.

It would have significant negative impacts on wildlife, and would seriously degrade the views of the beautiful hills from all around.

This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public fully informed of its impacts.

If the project is considered at all, it should be greatly improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park.

Lastly, NO more building should be allowed until additional roads providing access in and out of the San Marcos neighborhood have been built and not simply planned. In the event of a wildfire the lives of residents are already seriously at risk and additional construction will significantly add to this.

Sincerely,
Gayle H Stansfield
Resident of Pittsburg, CA
925-323-2604

Shelby Rose

From: Susan Julian Gates LAST_NAME <sjuliangates@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:32 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad for our community

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Dear Pittsburg City Council & Planning Commission,

I am a native of Pittsburg. My family came here in 1931. My Italian grandfather, Senny Julian, who emigrated in 1906, always said he didn't need to go back to Italy because Pittsburg and its hills were like his home, but better. My father, John Julian, always said, "Pittsburg is the hidden jewel of the Bay Area."

I grew up looking at the beautiful hills and Mt. Diablo. I never thought anyone would want to destroy the natural beauty of our community. How could they?

It was shocking to me that the City of Pittsburg would entertain a project that would change our hills for eternity. If this is approved there is no turning back.

The Faria/SW Hills Annexation Project proposed by Seeno/Discovery Builders will snarl traffic in Pittsburg and threatens the new regional park on the Concord side of the hills. It would have significant negative impacts on wildlife, and would seriously degrade the views of the beautiful hills from all around.

This is a bad project, and the environmental analysis that's been done for it is incomplete. No specific development plans were submitted for review even though they exist. The current Environmental Impact Report should be rejected. The entire project should be analyzed and the public fully informed of its impacts.

I have not seen any analysis regarding naturally occurring fires. Haven't we learned the consequences of building in areas susceptible to wild fire?

If the project is considered at all, and it should not, it should be greatly improved. Development should be clustered on lower elevations so that it's not visible from all around and reduces other impacts. The ridgeline should be protected, and open space added to the new regional park. Trailheads and public access for Pittsburg residents should be provided through the project to the new regional park.

Sincerely,

Susan Julian Gates
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: RAYMOND O BRIEN <rayob@prodigy.net>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 2:46 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria/Southwest Hills Project

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July 24, 2020

Members of the Pittsburg Planning Commission

RE: Faria/Southwest Hills General Plan Amendments, Pre-zoning Amendments, and Development Agreement. AP-10-717

Why am I not surprised that the City of Pittsburg would railroad a momentous, far-reaching development project through the approval process in these pandemic times with a less than adequate public hearing (virtual meeting) that curtails full participation and engagement by the public with the Planning Commission?

I live in Bay Point, and the members of the Planning Commission can just choose to ignore this letter as I am not a resident of Pittsburg, but Bay Point is within LAFCO "sphere of influence" of Pittsburg, and, more importantly, I and my fellow Bay Point residents will be directly and irrevocably impacted by your decision—principally by the unmitigated traffic and air pollution generated by 1,500 homes and the destruction of open space.

I've quit appealing to public officials in the City of Pittsburg about the loss to residents and visitors alike of the scenic attributes of unspoiled hills. You don't understand scenic attributes as a community value. Scenic attributes don't enter into the values of Pittsburg officialdom; just development and the monies it generates; not to mention the aggravation this brings to Pittsburg residents and surrounding communities, and the incompatible clash this development presents butting up to a new East Bay Regional Park District park.

One would think that with all of the opposition and concern from a host of governmental bodies and local organizations, there would be measured and **full** deliberation with other governmental bodies and the general public. But it appears this is not possible in a city hell-bent on development!

See you at LAFCO!

Sincerely,

Ray O'Brien
Bay Point

Shelby Rose

From: Pittsburg Youth Action <pittsburgyouthaction@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:32 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM 2 (Faria)

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Dear Pittsburg Planning Commission,

We are Pittsburg Youth Action, a grassroots organization established by young people of color for the Pittsburg community. We have actively been organizing young people around social and environmental justice issues. Today we are writing in solidarity with the Coalition to Save Pittsburg's Hills and calling for the termination of Seeno's Faria Project.

Pittsburg is already a hotspot for environmental injustices and this project will exacerbate those disparities. Green space is vital for health and well-being, as well as for the preservation of wildlife corridors and Endangered Species habitats. 1500 new homes atop Pittsburg's hills will also increase traffic, which can lead to an increase in PM 2.5 pollution. PM 2.5 concentrations fluctuate toward unhealthy levels in Pittsburg and this project will further impact our community which is already bearing the disproportionate impacts of environmental injustices. We must also keep in mind the mounting challenges our planet faces as global warming and climate change run rampant. And, we must strive to prevent development that leads to further emissions and reduction in green spaces.

We are also deeply upset by the proposal for a brand new recreation facility for the community that is contingent on this development being passed. As a youth group, we have fought hard over the past 2 months to create a youth recreation center. However, we do not want a community center that comes at the cost of our community's health and well-being.

We would also like to see more energy-efficient buildings and spaces emerge within our community, and not just cookie-cutter homes that simply increase challenges for our already overburdened and underserved populations.

We want to see our community grow and develop, but in an equitable and just way. In order to do so, environmental and social justice must be at the forefront of any new development. This project does not meet those visions we have for the future of Pittsburg. Pittsburg Youth Action rejects the Faria Project and encourages city staff and city council to terminate this development.

Shelby Rose

From: Steve West <skwest4@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 2:13 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment Agenda Item #2-please read at the meeting

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the negative impact on the environment and traffic from the development of the Faria Project which would add another 1500 new houses near the San Marco area. While I understand there is allotment for open space it would appear that some work is already being done in the area without understanding of the full impact on the environment. Why does the developer want to move the project within the existing space and what are the implications of that move? Currently this area lacks adequate infrastructure to support the existing traffic of the area. Prior to covid 19 traffic was typically on San Marco and Leland avenue was typically backed up during early morning commute hours. Will there be a new roadway or freeway exit to support the increased traffic flow needed in place prior to the completion of the development rather something only being done when issue becomes more of a public nuisance? Will this plan be presented to the public at another meeting or have these issues already been decided upon?

Thank you for consideration of this matter.
Kathleen and Steve West
Oak Hills Residents

Shelby Rose

From: Haidi Muro
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Alice Evenson; Amanda McVey; Kristin Pollot; Shelby Rose
Subject: FW: For public comment Planning Commission Item 2 July 28, 2020 agenda

Good morning,

I am sharing Nancy's comments for tomorrow since I am unsure if sent them to anyone else.

Thank you,
Haidi Muro

From: Nancy Parent <lawparent@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Haidi Muro <hmuro@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>
Subject: For public comment Planning Commission Item 2 July 28, 2020 agenda

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Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns about the Faria Project. I have only had a short time to review the agenda packet which was made public Friday in the late afternoon. In that time I could not look at the documents that are proposed to be changed in any detail.

This is a huge project that will develop over a long time and there should be no rush now to make these decisions that are irrevocable. In the time I have had I have developed these concerns

1. There will be mass grading, including wiping out two ridgelines. Once done it cannot be retrieved. The views of and from the hills are an asset for everyone in Pittsburg. I would not want to approve this without an on site visit.

2. Concerning the CONSISTANCY CHART

Item 2G5 5% single story homes is not enough to give a mix of housing. 15 to 20% is more reasonable.

Item 2G8 mass grading taking out 2 ridge lines IS NOT respectful of topography

Item 2P6 no parks or recreational facilities on site and those in the area are too far away to be useful. Paying a fee does not make up

For this. No provision for attachment to any adjacent trails.

3. A minimum lot size of 4000 sq ft is too small. The standard that is proposed to be changed was carefully considered.

I look forward your continued consideration of this project.

Nancy Parent
643 Black Diamond St.
Pittsburg

Shelby Rose

From: Joanna Garaventa <jgaraventa@cnps.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:10 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Jim Hanson
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ITEM 1: Recommendation on the Faria/Southwest Hills General Plan Amendments, Rezoning Amendments, and Development Agreement. AP-10-717 (GPA, RZ, DA)

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CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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PO Box 5547, Emeryville, CA 94608

July 28, 2020

Kristin Pollot, Senior Planner
Pittsburg Planning Division
65 Civic Avenue,
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Re: Faria/Southwest Hills Annexation - Project Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2017032027)

Dear Ms. Pollot,

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the East Bay California Native Plant Society on the Faria project. Pursuant to the mission of protecting California's native flora and vegetation, EBCNPS submits the following comments for your review and response:

1. EBCNPS concurs with *comments made by the East Bay Regional Park District regarding the negative effects of grading* of the 79.2 acres of open space for slope stability. In addition to loss of soil structure and erosion, grading will also result in the loss of soil seedbank and thus native plants and habitat.
2. *Letter sent by EBCNPS Board Member, Lesley Hunt on November 30, 2018* Re: adequate plant surveys and visual incursion of ridgeline has not received an adequate response.
3. No response provided was provided to comments on the Notice of Preparation *submitted by EBCNPS Conservation Analyst Karen Whitestone on April 7, 2017*:
 - a. Documentation inadequately addresses impacts to Concord Hills Regional Park.

- b. Plant surveys performed are “reconnaissance” in nature and fail to utilize CDFW’s plant survey protocols
 - c. Failure to adequately document impacts of soil erosion on sensitive plant communities and protected plants
4. FEIR fails to respond adequately to *comments submitted by Shute, Mihally and Weinberger attorneys on November 30, 2018, such as:*
- a. Relationship of the project with East County Habitat Conservation Plan (ECHCP).
 - b. Project fails to provide complete and adequate analysis of impacts to special status species and sensitive natural communities.

These issues can easily be addressed through plant survey which use CDFW protocol, elimination of grading on ridgelines, creation of broader protected open space between the project and the Concord Hills Regional Park and creation of mitigation measures which adequately document the impacts to biological resources to less than significant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to having these issues addressed and the plan amended accordingly.

Sincerely,

Joanna M. Garaventa
Conservation Analyst
California Native Plant Society
East Bay Chapter

(cell) 925-408-6905

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Amanda McVey

From: Brian Holt <BHolt@ebparks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:31 PM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: Robert E. Doyle; Ana M. Alvarez; Carol Victor; Kristina Kelchner; Colin Coffey
Subject: Comments: Faria/Southwest Hills General Plan Amendments, Rezoning Amendments, and Development Agreement. AP-10-717 (GPA, RZ, DA)

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City of Pittsburg Planning Commissioners –

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments during the first virtual hearing on the Faria/Southwest Hills General Plan Amendment, Rezoning Amendment, and Development Agreement. The East Bay Regional Park District provided written comments earlier today that I trust have been provided to you and that you will have sufficient time to review and consider in your deliberations.

As you may be aware, the East Bay Regional Park District has worked for many years in the establishment of a new regional park on the former Concord Naval Weapons Station – directly to the west of the proposed project site. We have monitored proposals on the Faria/Southwest Hills area for many years and have had the opportunity to meet with the project applicant to discuss the proposed project and our future park plans.

While the Park District is not opposed to the project, there remain serious deficiencies in the current EIR as described in our letter and the current proposal lacks sufficient detail regarding the projects grading, street layout, and lot layouts to make an informed decision. As a result, the current Development Agreement for the Master Plan proposal, the General Plan Amendments, and the Rezoning request would have the potential to result in significant impacts on the ridgelines of the Los Medanos Hills, significant impacts to protected species within areas designated for conservation on the former Concord Naval Weapons, and significant transportation and traffic impacts. In particular, the project footprint needs to be amended to provide a substantive open space buffer between the proposed development and protected open space, a wider corridor needs to be provided between the proposed San Marcos Boulevard extension and protected open space, and additional details need to be provided regarding the projects grading plans, street network, and lot layout.

We have also maintained an interest in working to identify opportunities to ensure the future regional park on the former Concord Naval Weapons Station serves the City of Pittsburg through identifying opportunities for trail connections, public access amenities, and open space. We trust the Planning Commission will engage in a robust review of this large residential subdivision to ensure the projects potential effects and the EIR deficiencies are addressed, that the Planning Commission will seek the details necessary to fully evaluate the project and allow for informed decision making, and that the Planning Commission will seek opportunities to expand public access to the regions protected open space.

Thank you -



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Amanda McVey

From: Robert Belleci <robertbelleci@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:40 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Faria comments

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I am excited to see the Faria project finally move forward. Pittsburg needs more single family homes with access to the greater Bay Area.

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Thank you,
Robert Belleci
(925) 864-2839

Amanda McVey

From: Daniel Arroyo <danielarroyo72@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:12 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Faria Project

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I drive from Antioch to Richmond daily. I can't wait for this project to be built so I can move to Pittsburg and save time on my commute!

-Daniel Arroyo

Amanda McVey

From: Manisha Rattu <mrattu@stanford.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:33 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM 2

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I am writing in opposition of the Faria development project. As a Pittsburg resident with an Environmental Science and Justice background, this project further perpetuates Pittsburg's legacy as an industrial suburb and degrades our environment for both residents and wildlife.

I am in support of growth and development in Pittsburg, however, it must be done so with equity and justice at its core. This project does not do so. Time and time again, we have seen Seeno Homes bring up massive developments of identical, cookie-cutter homes with hardly any distance between neighbors. We need to be much more intentional with our development and incorporate environmentally-conscious designs & layouts.

As someone working at the intersection of the environment, climate, and justice, I would like to see more energy-efficient buildings and homes in Pittsburg. Buildings account for 25% of the greenhouse gas emissions in the state of California. A number of cities in CA are leading the way in terms of building and transportation development that reduce GHG emissions, provide affordable housing options, implement green and aesthetic designs, and center equity. I don't see this project helping fulfill that green economy future that I see for Pittsburg.

I also think it is unfair that the approval of this project is tied to the development of a brand new recreation facility. Pittsburg residents should not have to choose between brand new amenities and the degradation of their health and green spaces. Please reject this project and encourage our city staff to do the same.

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Manisha Rattu

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Amanda McVey

From: Sam Garcia <samgarcia7583@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:48 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: southwest hills development

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I will soon be in the market for a new home, and this location would be great to support me in my business travel. Please approve this project!

Thank you,
Sam Garcia

Amanda McVey

From: Paul Seger <psseger65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Kristin Pollot; meetingcomments
Subject: "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" 2 Faria/Southwest Hills Annexation Project and Final Environmental Impact Report

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July 28, 2020

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I understand the difficult position which city staff has put upon you: this long-standing project, if built, would permanently alter very unique & sensitive open space and wildlife habitat therefore, it is Critical that you demand that CEQA and the FEIR are complete, factual and *in the spirit of CEQA law* and all process is carried out with the most genuine and honest of intentions. During these very difficult times, given the unusual and new circumstances due the Covid-19 pandemic, more time is thereby justified to provide the public opportunity to review, process and comment on the FEIR: the City's staff released the FEIR at the end of the day on Friday, July 17, 2020 and the Planning Commission now considers the Project FEIR at tonight's hearing; the public was allowed just seven business days to review and comment on the project.

Good governance in these difficult times suggest exercising on behalf of the public's interests.

Government Coronavirus Emergency Transparency and Public Access March 20, 2020

As state, tribal and local governments across the United States take measures to respond to the COVID-19 epidemic, executive orders and legislative proposals are calling for the suspension of normal operating procedures including, at times, compliance with open-meeting and public-records laws. We strongly urge government branches and agencies to recommit to, and not retrench from, their duty to include the public in the policy-making process, including policies relating to COVID-19 as well as the routine ongoing functions of governance.

"Government bodies should not opportunistically take advantage of the public's inability to attend large gatherings to make critical decisions affecting the public's interest if those decisions can reasonably be postponed. Just as citizens are being asked to defer nonessential travel and errands, so should government agencies defer noncritical policy-making decisions until full and meaningful public involvement can be guaranteed."

I hope that you'll find the courage to **reject staff's recommendations, continue this hearing to a future date and please require the comment period to be reopened and allow a minimum of 45-90 days [total].**

Thank you for your time,

Paul Seger
Chair, Delta Regional Sierra Club
[comments submitted are on behalf of myself]
714-54-0838

Amanda McVey

From: Christine Carpio <christine.carpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:47 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM 2 (Faria)

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Dear Pittsburg Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the Coalition to Save Pittsburg's Hills and calling for the termination of Seeno's Faria Project.

In my 23 years of residing in Pittsburg, I have seen this city grow exponentially through housing developments that have been built over the years. Although it may seem as a substantial economic growth on the surface level, the expansion of this city can potentially serve as a challenge for not only the environment but for community members as well. Placing 1500 new homes on Pittsburg's hills increases the city's population, escalates the heavy commuter traffic, causes an increase in the city's PM 2.5 solution, destroys wildlife corridors, and advocates for the endangerment of species habitats. We must preserve these green spaces that are vital for our health and well-being by preventing this development project from occurring in our city.

It is also very disheartening to know that the proposal for a brand new recreation facility is dependent on the Faria Project. Although my peers and I have been pushing for the creation of a youth recreation center, we must not dismay our community's health and well-being especially in an underserved population such as Pittsburg.

We deserve green spaces, energy-efficient buildings, and overall, a beautiful community.

Thank you,
Christine Carpio

Amanda McVey

From: Matt Messenger <mrmessage79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:41 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Planning Commission Comments

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Hello,

I commute all over the Bay Area, and was so excited to read about the faria project in the times yesterday. This would be a perfect location for my family to relocate.

Matt Messenger

Amanda McVey

From: Julie Marco <julievmarco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:50 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; Kristin Pollot; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: For Public Comment - Item 2 (Faria Project)

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Hello,

First of all, thank you for the chance to give voice to my thoughts in our city's meetings, as always.

My name is Julie Marco and I've been a Pittsburg resident for 17 of the 20 and a half years of my life. The seemingly never ending, rolling green (or golden, depending on the season) hills that border the southern edge of our town have always been a lovely sight for me and for many others, as I've come to find out while promoting this opportunity to send in comments for this meeting to other community members.

After reviewing the Final Environmental Impact report for the Faria project and the Summary Sheet provided on the agenda, it seems like this is another housing development meant to stuff as many revenue-bringing families and individuals to a town that, frankly, still needs more work on the quality of life it is able to cater for its constituents. This is a project that requires grading of the hills and degradation of our natural views and of the remaining open, undeveloped spaces that remain in our backyards. Understandably, this may be an investment in Pittsburg's financial future, but it is a cop out of investing in our environment and in our city's connection to the land it lies on.

As I've told others I've shared the Faria project with, we need to conserve what remaining undeveloped land we have. This is for the benefit and sustainability of our local ecosystems which include the wildlife and us, people. Instead of losing out on acres of our hillside forever, let's encourage our community to see the beauty in our hills, in our wildlife, as part of an amazing state of so many different natural environments, let's take pride in these beautiful lands that we're able to see everyday, let's encourage recognition of the connection we have to its Indigenous people's history through the same land we both lived on, and in return, I believe we will see people care about and invest their time and futures into Pittsburg at a much deeper level than we have before.

We're facing many turning points in history right now, and though a housing development may not seem like a big battle, the loss of our landscape and the benefits of it to current and future Pittsburgians weighs heavily in the balance, your decision on approving this project is a ginormous one.

If you do decide to persist in seeing this project be approved, please do your constituents a favor and assure us that everyone in this process is following correct protocol, that people are being transparent and that all factors are able to be considered before approving plans. That everyone is wholeheartedly pursuing this project for the benefits it will have for our entire city and the neighboring communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julie Marco

Amanda McVey

From: Kyle Burkhart <klburkhart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:51 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM 2 Faria Project

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Implementing these houses means the more demand on public utilities and higher strains on roadways and the freeways already so packed going to and from pleasant hill/walnut creek area. This lowers the basic standard of living for every citizen not only in this area but for families living east of places like San Fransisco and Oakland where the majority of people work. This alone is not worth the implementation of these new houses and that is not even including the decrease in air quality and destruction of wildlife areas. The short and long term affects of the Faria Project out-weigh the things Pittsburg gains from it. Please consider the feelings of each citizen in Pittsburg and surrounding cities, they are the ones being affected by this and should have a say in whether this follows through or not.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Amanda McVey

From: Erendira Blanco <blanco.erendira@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:58 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 2

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Dear Pittsburg City Council and Planning Commission,

My name is Erendira Blanco, a longtime resident of West Pittsburg, or Bay Point.

I write to you today to implore that you reconsider your proceedings on the Faria/SW Hills annexation Project proposed by the Seeno/Discovery Builders. First and foremost I'd like to express my outrage at the fact that the way the public has not been well informed about the project, with myself having just learned about this a few days ago.

Building atop the Pittsburg hills would have grave negative impacts on the wildlife that inhabits them, as well as environmental impacts related to the inevitable increased traffic this project would bring. Also, the environmental analysis for the project is incomplete and the current Environmental Impact report should be voided. The people of Pittsburg deserve to be aware of the threats to the community this proposal implies. The Pittsburg hills deserve to be left in their beautiful, natural state for all to view rather than inhabit.

Sincerely,

Erendira Blanco

Shelby Rose

From: Juan Pablo Galvan <jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 1:12 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria - Agenda Item #2
Attachments: SMD_FariaCmnts_27jul20.pdf

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Hello,

Please see Save Mount Diablo's comments for the July 28th Pittsburg Planning Commission meeting below and attached:

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Regards,
Juan Pablo Galván
Save Mount Diablo

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July 27th, 2020

Pittsburg Planning Commission

**RE: Planning Commission July 28th 2020 Meeting Agenda Item #2 –
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Juan Pablo Galván
Senior Land Use Manager
Save Mount Diablo



Contra Costa LAFCO Comments - Faria/Southwest Hills

Lou Ann Texeira [LouAnn.Teixeira@lafco.cccounty.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:25 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Since 2006, LAFCO has provided six comments letters on the above-referenced project. In our letters, we expressed concerns regarding the scope of the EIR (i.e., programmatic vs project level), inadequate assessment of conversion of agricultural lands/open space, consistency with LAFCO laws/policies, provision of public services (e.g., water, sewer, fire), boundary issues (e.g., creating an island) and cumulative impacts. In reviewing the responses to comments in the Final EIR, it appears that many of LAFCO's comments and concerns were not adequately addressed.

Give the importance of LAFCO's role in processing annexations to the City and special districts in conjunction with this project, we respectfully request that this item be continued to allow more time to address the LAFCO concerns.

Thank you.

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New Sub- division

Randy Ashford [rashford24@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:07 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Good evening, there enough traffic on highway 4 already without building more houses. The City don't need money that bad to inconvenient the good Citizens of this find City.

San Marco Hill

Marcia Lessley [marciamarcia1207@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:31 PM**To:** meetingcomments

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Traffic is already a mess in the San Marco Development.

It can take 30 minutes to get on to Hwy 4. Currently there is NO other roads to and from SM area and now there is more grading being done more homes, before road access out of the area.

First should be the road and than the houses. Please finish off and open the West Leland Rd so there are more than one exit in case of 🔥 fire which happen already on hwy 4. Open up access Avila Road this will help get people to Hwy 4 quicker. Next the grading is a big dust mess, no notifications was done and not enough water being used to wet and keep the dust down 😊

Sent from my iPad

Public comment on Item 2 Faria/Southwest Hills Public Hearing. (Please read aloud)

Bruce Ole Ohlson [bruceoleohlson@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:37 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Good evening Planning Commissioners, staff, and fellow residents of Pittsburg. I am Bruce Ohlson, Pittsburg's "Mister Bicycle."

San Marco Boulevard currently has a sidewalk on only the east side of the street. When the street was built, back in the early 1990s, the developer was not required to build a sidewalk on the west side of the street. Times have changed over the past 30 years. Currently, we have a trail along the west side of San Marco Boulevard between West Leland Road and the Delta View Elementary School. Also currently, we have a Regional Trail, the Delta de Anza that is operated by the East Bay Regional Park District that is located on the north side of the freeway, Highway 4. The safest and most direct route between both of these trails is on the west side of San Marco Boulevard.

It would be very reasonable to condition the developer of this project to build a ten-foot wide "sidewalk" along the west side of San Marco Boulevard between these two existing segments of public trails that will connect them and enlarge the City of Pittsburg's bicycling and walking network. In the big picture, the cost for building this sidewalk will be miniscule compared with the expense of setting aside the 129 acres of public open space within this development that is being required by the City of Pittsburg as part of this development.

There is currently plenty of space along the west side of San Marco Boulevard in which to fit this "sidewalk." Caltrans, as part of its Complete Streets program, calls for sidewalks along both sides of every public street crossing of its freeways. The Gas Station at the corner of West Leland Road and San Marco Boulevard was conditioned to include space for a 10-foot sidewalk along its San Marco frontage. The City of Pittsburg's bicycle plan (that is to be adopted by the City Council in late August of this year) calls for the construction of this sidewalk-trail.

Please recommend to the City Council that they condition the developer to include this segment of sidewalk along San Marco Boulevard for the citizens and residents of the City of Pittsburg. This is an inexpensive and reasonable request that will increase quality of life for everyone.

Thank you.

~0le

Bruce "0le" Ohlson

Bike East Bay

Delta Pedalers Bicycle Club

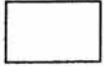
Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee

CCTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee

TRANSPLAN appointee to Highway 4 Integrated Corridor Management Study

Healthy and Livable Pittsburg Collaborative



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Farias Project

Maria Mariscal [maria.mariscal@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:34 PM

To: meetingcomments

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It doesn't matter how many metering lights you installed. The traffic is going to get worse

this meeting is kind of late since they are already demolishing the hill

Please fight for the community.

They only pay for studies, they don't pay for the projects themselves. the developer always wins.

We need more specifics from the planning manager.

It is not how much open space there is. It is how much they are destroying.

There are a few things the developer is not sure about such as the amount of houses or how much money they will pay.

the developer just wants more houses

the developer has more than 20 years of experience. they have answers for everything. Just because they are transparent that doesn't make the project ok.

Shelby Rose

From: Adolfo Sanchez <adolfsanz@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:08 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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Adolfo

Shelby Rose

From: angel barreto <barreto925@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 10:37 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Shelby Rose

From: Angel Contreras <angelcm777@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:51 PM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sincerely,

Angel Contreras

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Ashley Cerillo Bravo <abravo2@mail.sfsu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:57 PM
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Sincerely,

Ashley Bravo

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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Sincerely, Barbara Murphree Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Bottle Blonde <carol.schapker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:29 PM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - Faria project: bad environmental review, bad project

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The voters have already spoke clearly against this use of our land. You need only reflect to get your answer.

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Shelby Rose

From: Charlene Chand <charlenepchand@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 3:26 PM
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Sincerely,

Charlene Chand

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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From: Christine Fregi <fregic@pegasusgroup.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:13 PM
To: citycouncil; meetingcomments; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
Cc: Matt Fregi
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Sincerely,
Christine & Matthew Fregi
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Christine Fregi | *Investor Relations*

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Shelby Rose

From: Cynthia <townlove510@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:46 PM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Cynthia Contreras Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Dikshya Koirala <koirala1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:14 PM
To: meetingcomments
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Sincerely,

Dikshya koirala

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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From: Evelyn Almaraz <evelynalmzz@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:45 PM
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[Your Name]

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Gagan Singh <gaganpriansingh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:05 AM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sincerely,

Gaganpreet Singh
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Henry Martinez <martinezhj@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:46 PM
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[Your Name]

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Aydee Avila <jackie.avila@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 3:56 PM
To: meetingcomments
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Sincerely,

Jackie Avila
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: Ivy <ivyskyvie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:09 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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>> Sincerely,

>> Ivy McKindles

>> Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: Jasmine Paul <jasminepaul.830@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 5:21 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sincerely, Jasmine Paul
(Resident of Pittsburg, CA)

Shelby Rose

From: Jenner McCloskey <jenner.mccloskey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:49 PM
To: meetingcomments
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Sincerely,

Jenner McCloskey

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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From: jldajas@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:11 AM
Cc: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Dajas
46 Belle Harbor Circle
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Sent from my iPhone
sorry for the typos ;)

Shelby Rose

From: Jennifer Jay <jjay925@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:02 AM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:06 PM
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Sincerely,
Jill Dorais
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Shelby Rose

From: Jonathan Nunez-Babb <jonathannunezbabb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:59 PM
To: meetingcomments; +citycouncil@ci.pittsburg.ca.us; +jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Shelby Rose

From: Juliana Martinez <jolenem96@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 1:46 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Juliana Martinez

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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From: Kevin Frias <kevinurielf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 11:09 AM
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[Your Name]

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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Shelby Rose

From: lindaq <lindaq@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:36 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Sincerely,

Linda Quick

4258 Hillview Drive

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: mn659@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:00 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Michael Nott
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Michelle Koski <mkphantom26@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:01 PM
To: citycouncil@pittsburg.ca.us; meetingcomments; jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org
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Michelle Koski

Shelby Rose

From: Pauline Poe <ppaulne@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:34 AM
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Pauline Faith Poe
Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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From: Bobby Lee <anustart1134@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:15 AM
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Sincerely,

Robert Lee

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

Shelby Rose

From: Sid Quick <sidquick@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:02 AM
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Sincerely,

Susan Armstrong

Resident of Pittsburg, CA

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I'd like to add that, as a San Marco resident, I moved into this neighborhood and fell in love. However, many of the promises made when we bought our house 8 years ago have not been fulfilled. While the home builders have been busy knocking down our hills and making profits, the city has done nothing to address the major infrastructure problems that exist. The one grocery store that serves this area is not able to keep up with the population increase and as a result, we and our neighbors take our money to spend in Concord grocery stores. Even worse, those of us that moved in with small children were told a middle school was coming and yet we are still waiting. Our one-year-old when we moved in is now 9 years old. We are faced with the very real decision of having to move out of the area to send our kids to a better middle school (as Riverview Middle School is only rated a 2). Why are we still waiting? Why haven't these infrastructure problems been settled? Plenty of our neighbors would stay here indefinitely if it wasn't for the atrocious middle school and lack of infrastructure. We, personally, would be upgrading to a home in this same neighborhood if these issues were not in question. Please stop lining the homebuilders' pockets, and improve life for your taxpayers.

Sincerely,
Shiva Gaskari
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