

Highlights from the Public Meeting to discuss the Martinez General Plan Update (GPU) on Jan 12, 2022

From the Thousand Friends of Martinez perspective

- The issue of the City's **GPU undermining funding for future parks** and publishing incorrect and misleading park information was discussed in detail. The published information is incorrect and will give the public the idea that we have met our goal for parkland, which is not true.
- The **dates for future Public Meetings** that had been agreed to under pressure from the public at the 12/15/2022 meeting were put off. **No dates were set.** This is the Most Important Public Document the Council approves.
- The **lack of any detailed plan for Climate Change or Sea-level rise** was brought up by several parties. The maps provided for sea-level rise did not make it possible to see where sea-level rise would make land unusable---it was especially unclear on **flooding at the high-density housing sites on the waterfront** that the GPU is proposing for the first time ever. Previous information showing periodic flooding at those housing sites was not in the report, and was brought up by one participant.
- The **danger of putting housing on waterfront property as close as 100 feet from the railroad tracks** was discussed, as was the issue of the danger from underground pipelines in the area. The possible City liability for future failures here is a major concern.
- **The failure to include all documents** referenced in the GPU was noted, such as Appendix B in Element 4.0. It was missing, so the document is incomplete.
- The **lack of any plan for proposed future trails and parks** was discussed and several people asked to see such plans included.

Thousand Friends will be preparing more detailed discussions on many of these issues, and publishing them on our website. We'll send out notices as they are prepared. Please help us with your time, energy and donations.