

TO: Ken MacNab, senior planner, City of Calistoga

FROM: South Oak Street residents

RE: Logvy Community Park Master Plan Revision

August 25, 2009

We would like to comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Logvy Community Park Master Plan Revision, as outlined in your Notice of Intent sent to neighborhood residents. We understand that you are accepting comments between August 1, 2009, and August 31, 2009.

Although your Notice of Intent makes no mention of the footbridge that is proposed to be built over the Napa River, connecting Logvy Park with South Oak and School streets, we understand the bridge project to be part of the Logvy Park Master Development Plan. Therefore, we would like to reiterate our concerns about the bridge. You will note from the public record that some or all of these concerns have been brought to the attention of the city at earlier dates, most recently on January 10, 2008, at the outset of the process for revising the park master plan.

There has been no public discussion about the impact the bridge proposal would have on nearby residences, but we believe the project could radically change the character of the South Oak/School streets neighborhood.

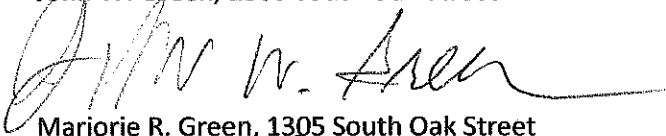
Our concerns are these:

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING.** We fear many people heading for Logvy Park would drive as close as possible to the bridge, park their cars and walk across the river, transforming the neighborhood streets into a municipal parking lot. This could be particularly true when events are held at the fairgrounds. The proposed bridge would create a situation contrary to the way Logvy Park is designed to function. The park has a designated entrance and a new parking lot, and visitors to the park should be directed to that area – not to an adjacent residential neighborhood.

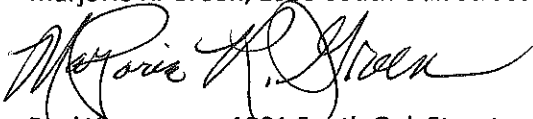
**PROXIMITY TO A RESIDENCE** where the pedestrian and bicycle trail leading from the bridge would meet School Street. The city owns a right-of-way at this point, but decades ago the city approved construction of a house whose only access from the street is over a driveway constructed on the right-of-way. The juxtaposition of the house and the proposed trail raises serious questions about safety, practicality and legality. Who would be liable in the event of an accident involving a vehicle entering the driveway and a bicyclist or jogger using the trail? On the face of it, this would seem to be an unworkable arrangement.

Thank you for your consideration.

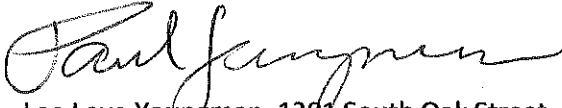
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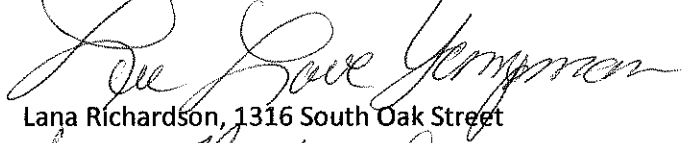
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