

**COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE
MONTA LOMA/FARLEY/ROCK STREET AREA
FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

Follow-up Responses to Issues Raised at the October 25, 2018
Council Neighborhoods Committee Meeting

Presented below are the City's responses to questions requiring follow-up from the October 25, 2018 Council Neighborhoods Committee meeting with residents of the Monta Loma/Farley/Rock Street neighborhood area. If you have further questions about any of the following responses, please contact the responsible Department at the phone numbers noted below. General questions can be directed to Monica Joe, Assistant Planner - Affordable Housing at (650) 903-6379.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - (650) 903-6301

1. *What can the City of Mountain View do to facilitate a conversation between those who are wary of the influx of population and densification of the City and those who are welcoming? This would help us move forward as a more united community.*

The City's Human Relations Commission (HRC) is dedicated to the purpose of promoting respect, involvement and inclusivity. Since 2012, the HRC has hosted annual Civility Roundtables (known as CRTs) with a focus on engaging in and facilitating civil conversations between Mountain View residents. Past CRTs have explored the topics of corporate responsibility, undocumented workers, gun violence, police relations, traffic, parking, and affordable housing, the changing face of Mountain View and free speech. For 2019, the HRC is proposing to host a CRT on civil discourse, with the goal of providing residents with practical tools on how to engage in difficult conversations with empathy and respect. More information on the event date and location will be available in early 2019. The HRC meets at 6:30 the first Thursday of the month during most months. Agendas and more information about the HRC is available on the City's website.

The work of the HRC is one of many ways that the City works to create "Community for All," which the Council adopted as a priority goal in 2017 to protect vulnerable populations in Mountain View and preserve the cultural and socioeconomic diversity of the community. To learn more, visit the Community for All page on the City's website. This site includes links to community resources that provide services to raise awareness, build understanding and community and help immigrants and other residents in need.

2. *What is the annual city revenue from property taxes?*

\$53 million, or 38% of the General Operating Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - (650) 901-6311

1. *Are there plans to install a speed radar on Rengstorff between Middlefield and Montecito? A visual reminder of the speed limit might be sufficient to prevent accidents.*

A request from the Public Works Department to the Police Department has been made to install radar speed signs on this section of Rengstorff.

2. *There is a fire hydrant next to the Sierra Vista Park that continues to have cars parked next to it. Is there a way to mark it for safety reasons?*

A work order to paint a red curb was issued to the City crew, and the work has now been completed.

3. *Is there any more information about the de-channelization of Permanente Creek?*

This project is governed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. You can request more information directly from the District online through:

<https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=80>

4. *Can the City assist in getting the adjustment to the FEMA Flood Maps for our neighborhood after completion of the Flood Basin project?*

The City will continue to work with the Santa Clara Valley Water District on the flood basin project including the updating of the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Zone Maps. After the flood basin is complete, the Water District is planning on submitting the appropriate data and a request for a map revision to FEMA. The information will be reviewed by FEMA and the public process for updating the maps will be followed. We expect it to be several years until the new maps are issued by FEMA. Once the new maps are issued, the City will provide outreach to all property owners who are affected.

For more information about your risks in or near the Special Flood Hazard Zone, please contact the Public Works - Land Development Division.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6365

1. *Can the City start a senior reassurance program? It would allow seniors to call in every morning and if they do not, the program sends the appropriate staff to their home from Police Department, Fire Department, and Paramedics.*

Although the City of Mountain View does not currently provide a “senior assurance” program, the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency does have an In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program designed to provide assistance to those who otherwise cannot remain safely in their home. The IHSS provides services according to client’s ability to perform daily activities and can include assistance such as feeding, bathing, dressing, housekeeping, laundry, and shopping, as well as accompaniment to medical appointments, paramedical services, and proactive supervision. More information can be found on the IHSS home page at <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/ssa/daas/ihss/Pages/ihss.aspx>.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department website also has resources concerning 2-1-1 for non-emergency information on community, health, and disasters in Santa Clara County. You can visit the webpage here: <http://www.sccfd.org/community-education/safety-information-referral-assistance/senior-aging-resources>.

The Alzheimer’s Association, Department of Aging and Adult Services, Meals on Wheels, and other community programs designed for the elderly are also on this page.

Lastly, the City of Mountain View Senior Center is an all-purpose facility that provides programs and services specifically intended for adults 55 years of age and over. There is a Senior Center Monthly Prime Time News newsletter that contains information on workshops, events, classes, health services and other happenings at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 266 Escuela Avenue and can be reached by email at seniorcenter@mountainview.gov

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6306

1. *What concrete actions is the City taking to ensure there will be sufficient amenities such as libraries to accommodate new housing development?*

The Library, like other City departments, annually reviews a variety of service level metrics and proposes changes in materials, staffing and equipment as appropriate to meet community needs.

2. *Is there a building code that regulates the length of time a property can be under construction? We have a house that has been in construction mode for 3 years. Another home sold that is unoccupied and unsightly, where internal deconstruction has been done but the external has not.*

A valid inspection is required to be performed every year (365 days) to keep a project active. Historically, the time limit used to be 180 days per the adopted building code, but when the Governor of California signed AB 2913 in September of 2018 it extended the time limit to one year.

3. *Are there any 3-story row houses that are ADA accessible?*

Much of what is being built is attached, but because they have a property line between them they would be considered separate dwellings and would not be required to provide accessibility features.

The California Building Code regulates when accessibility requirements are to be applied to rowhome development. Per the CBC 1102A, Building Accessibility section, newly constructed units are required to meet the accessibility requirements when there are:

- 1) Apartments with three or more dwelling units; and
- 2) Condominiums with four or more dwelling units

The type of proposed construction will dictate how the accessibility requirements apply, as some of the accessibility features are not required to be installed initially, but rather built in a manner that allows for easy adaptability to provide accessibility, when required/requested by a potential tenant/buyer.

Features may include accessibility/adaptability in the path of travel to the units and the entry doors, accessible common-use features (such as parking, parks, pools, etc.), and features within the units.

Buildings built prior to March 13, 1991 have no requirements for accessibility.