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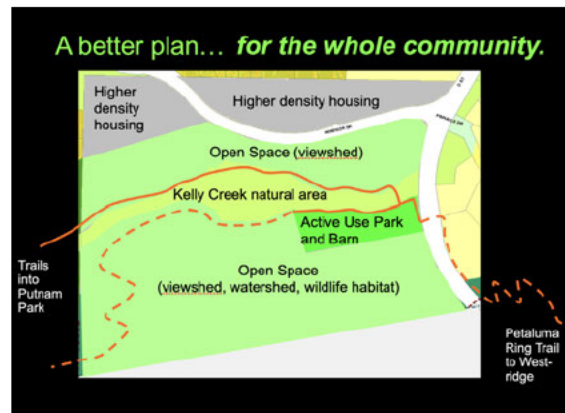
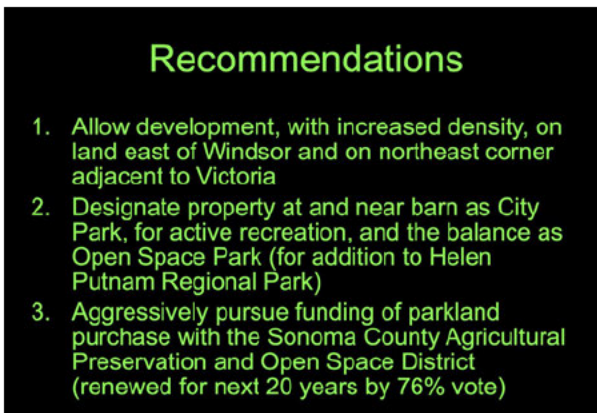
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Dear City Councilmembers and Staff:

I am writing this as both a private citizen and representing Safe Streets Petaluma.

As a private citizen and resident of Petaluma since 1981, I support the proposed "Extend Putnam Park" deal that reserves the critical parts of this property for nature.

When the Davidon project was still asking for 80+ homes spread over the entire parcel, I presented a slide show to the Council with photos of the Kelly Creek woodlands and my recommendation for a compromise. At that time, I didn't think the City had the power to stop the entire development short of buying the entire parcel. I still don't. My suggested compromise then was to "Allow development, with increased density, on land east of Windsor Drive and on (the) northeast corner adjacent to Victoria", and to "aggressively pursue funding" to purchase the rest for park land.



Lucky for the people of Petaluma and the critters that live on this land, the Kelly Creek Protection Project raised money and made a deal to make this a reality.

Even if someone could raise enough cash in time to buy out the rest of the property, I wouldn't support it. That kind of money would be far better invested in creating affordable housing that is connected to "a safe, comprehensive, and integrated bicycle and pedestrian system for recreational users and commuters throughout Petaluma" (from Petaluma's 2007 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan).

This brings me to my comments for Safe Streets Petaluma: we have a golden opportunity here to not only mitigate the traffic and VMT impact of those 28 new homes, but to make the expanded Putnam Park more accessible to *everyone* in Petaluma, regardless of location, age, income, or ability. One year ago, the City Council voted unanimously to make "safe streets" a high priority goal, to finally build that comprehensive and integrated mobility system envisioned by the 2007 Bike Plan. The work has started, and now we need to accelerate.

We ask that the City consider a new "crosstown connector", a Petaluma Park-to-Park Bikeway (working title). This would create a mix of barrier-protected bike lanes, traffic-calmed "greenway" blocks, and existing off-street paths, linking Putnam Park in the far west to the Sports Fields complex on the east edge of town. Along the way it would connect to Walnut Park, the new River Park on McNear Peninsula, Kenilworth Park and the Library (and the new Petaluma Commons affordable housing, helping them get around without extra car parking), the Skate Park and Swim Center, McDowell School and Park, Murphy (Little League) Field, the E. Washington Creek Trail, Wiseman

Park, Prince Park, and Rooster Run Golf Course. I rode this five mile route last Friday (see trip map below). Most of the route already exists, and there seems to be enough budget for the paint, barriers, and signage needed to complete it and cut the ribbon within a year. Let's do it!



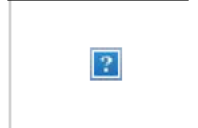
Let me be clear: the value of the Putnam Park extension project before you tonight stands alone, and deserves your approval. Combine it with this crosstown bike parkway, and we've made a huge step toward meeting the City's mobility, health and safety, climate and equity goals.

Thank you for your consideration and community service.

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For Council February 27, 2023 Meeting

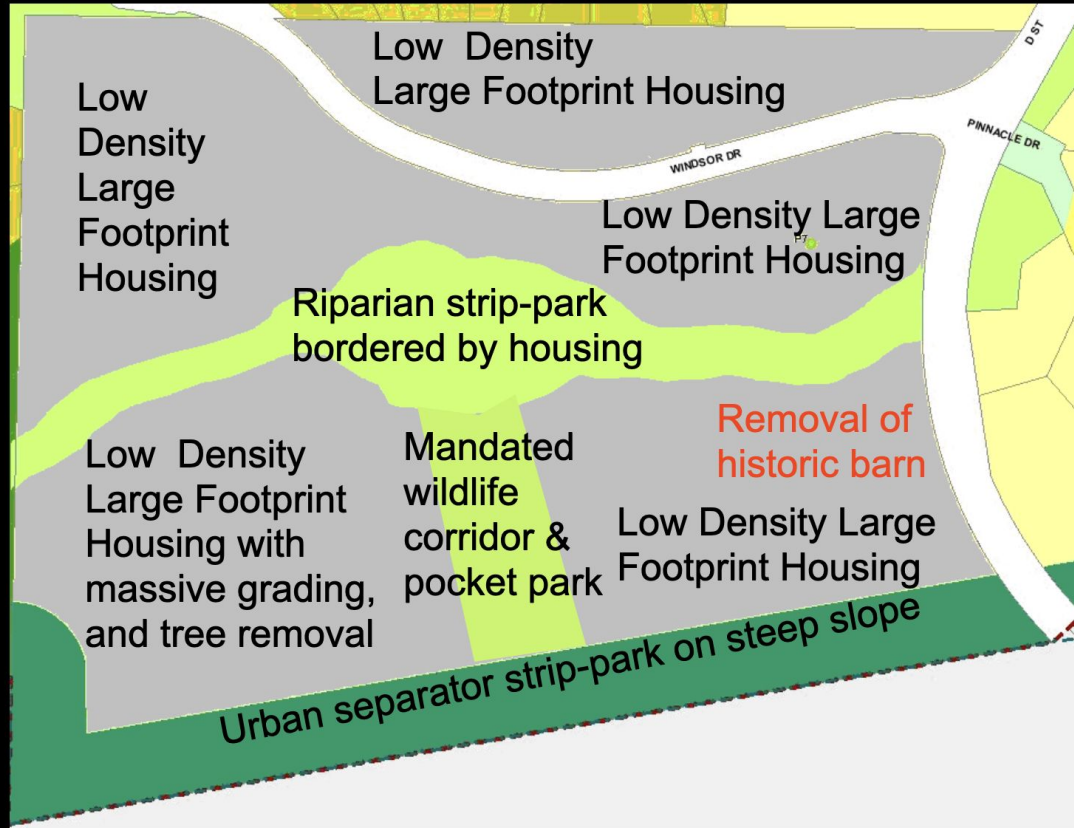
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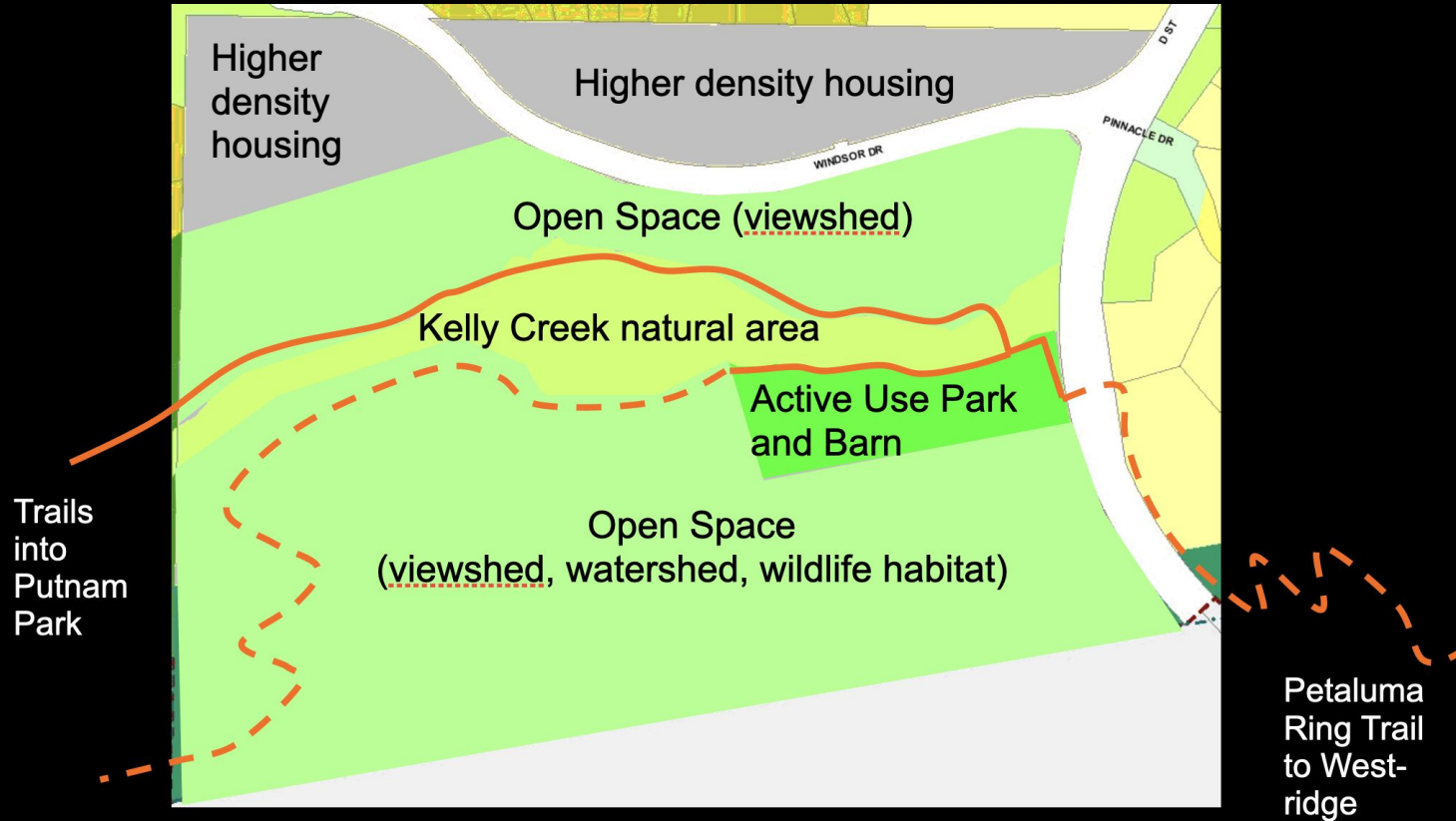
...or this?



A good plan... for maximizing Davidon's profits.



A better plan... *for the whole community.*



Recommendations

1. Allow development, with increased density, on land east of Windsor and on northeast corner adjacent to Victoria
2. Designate property at and near barn as City Park, for active recreation, and the balance as Open Space Park (for addition to Helen Putnam Regional Park)
3. Aggressively pursue funding of parkland purchase with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (renewed for next 20 years by 76% vote)