

Summary

Samos Neighborhood Conversation, November 20, 2007

Question 1: What do we already know about Grant Rd.?

- Samos neighborhood still has rain run-off and flooding issues, particularly at Cherry Ave.
- There are currently abandoned houses which are sites for graffiti, squatters, cut-through vagrancies, parking – all contributing to blight.
- Small businesses are already leaving.
- Homeowners on Grant Rd. don't know what will happen.

Question 2: What characteristics along Grant Rd. should be preserved?

- Park at Campbell Ave. and Grant Rd. – it's "all we have" (and we would like it expanded).
- Some of the homes.
- Clean air and trees.

Question 5: What characteristics along Grant Rd. should be changed?

- Some design to address flooding; example: water harvesting, something more than sewers.
- Mass transit, wider bike lanes – need to have 21st Century designs.
- Noise mitigation such as a wall like along Campbell Ave. and it should be on both sides of Grant Rd.; greenery, a buffer zone.
- Light rail to run North and South along Campbell Ave.
- Pedestrian and bicycle underpass.

Question 6: What do we fear and hope for along Grant Rd.?

FEARS –

- Flooding.
- Abandoned houses and blight.
- Not knowing what will happen.
- That the City won't keep options open such as considering grade-separated intersections.
- Effects of noise.
- Uncertainty about how "deep" the acquisition will go into property – will all or part of it be taken? Fair market value and relocation?

- Safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. Difficult to cross 6 lanes.
- The route between Campbell Ave. and 1st Ave. will have increased traffic.

HOPES –

- Best possible solution regarding lights at intersections.
- Move the RTA changes to the foothills since they're the ones benefiting the most.
- Safer pedestrian and bike-friendly crossings.
- Light rail.
- More green space.