



Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Feedback Summary

Workshop 1 | Living in an Urban Environment

August 5, 2008

On August 5, 2008 a public Workshop was held for residents of Yesler Terrace in the Jesse Epstein Building.

The general subject was urban living possibilities. A virtual tour of a future Yesler Terrace was given through images of existing urban environments from around the world. These images were presented not as recommendations, but of possibilities. These images reflect what is being done around the world. After ideas were presented, residents were asked for feedback on ideas they liked and disliked.

What ideas presented did you like?

1. Farmers market.
2. Flea market for traditional arts and crafts.
3. Solar energy generation and anaerobic digesters.
4. Public art.
5. Walking areas, paths.
6. Playground.
7. Personal garden space, roof-top gardens.
8. Rainwater collection to feed gardens and public water features.
9. Small shops below housing units.
10. Safeway supermarket.
11. Hill climb assist.
12. Shower for disabled.
13. Swimming pool.
14. Alert button.
15. Street lighting (as long as it doesn't enter into the home).

What ideas did you not like?

1. Roof-top garden.
2. Alert button if it is not connected to the police department.
3. Large concrete plazas, fear that it will be used as a walking path rather than a social lingering place.
4. Tall buildings.
5. Small business in the home.

Concerns:

1. Rental price of new construction for small business owners.
2. Loss of views due to building height.
3. Open playfield is currently not utilized.
4. Unit layout: showers equipped for disabled residents, adequate bathrooms for number of residents in each unit, larger rooms.

The following poster was presented at the end of the workshop. Each resident was given an orange dot to place on the arrow demonstrating their comfort with the ideas presented.

