

Friends of the West Shore

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COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

Social Cohesion: Supporting Community

Friends envisions a socially cohesive, barrier-free West Shore community in which the large majority of residents and visitors enjoy use of the available social, recreational, and commercial resources.

Our Community Vision	Regional Vision Summary: Pathways & Forum 2007
Provide commercial development that serves the majority of residents: businesses should be compatible with local character and community needs.	<i>A diverse economy should be fostered that is in harmony and complementary to the unique natural environment of the Basin</i>
Develop a West Shore community newspaper/newsletter to get the word of activities and events to the local West Shore area. (Possible expansion of TCPUD quarterly newsletter).	<i>Cultural facilities, events and education should be included in community planning efforts in the Basin.</i>
Provide community activities – availability of community centers and events, e.g. farmers markets, artists’ trade shows and other activities.	<i>Historic, artistic, and cultural opportunities should be enhanced wherever possible in community planning efforts.</i>
Provide local community forums for social gathering places to enhance the sense of community and to exchange information and educate the community throughout the year.	<i>New community centers and other types of public facilities should be constructed as social activity centers. Cultural facilities, events and education should be included in community planning efforts in the Basin.</i>
Promote open, un-gated communities.	<i>“Based on mutual respect and the integration of human and natural communities, a balance exists that inspires and motivates residents, businesses, visitors and governments alike to work together”.</i>
New residential housing, whether condos, multi-residential, or single family dwellings, should be compatible with the neighborhoods, where a mixture of socio-economic levels can strengthen the community.	<i>Investment should provide a variety of housing choices that strengthen neighborhoods, contribute to the local economy, and support local businesses</i>