

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY

## FEEDBACK FORMATS

**Collaboration between Barber residents and the design team is a top priority. In order to execute the vision for the site, we sought your opinion in a variety of formats, including:**

- 1.** Interactive Map: numerous comments were left on the map with location-specific details
- 2.** Public Engagement Sessions: two virtual sessions and one in-person, outdoor event were held to present the latest design progress and hear your perspective; between the three events, approximately 200 residents and stakeholders participated

## SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS

- 1.** Barber is a great community—everyone is a good neighbor, it's family- and kid-friendly
- 2.** The history of the neighborhood is evident in the beautiful, unique architecture
- 3.** Barber is a walkable, bike-friendly neighborhood
- 4.** Right now, there isn't much traffic on most of the streets in Barber
- 5.** Mature shade trees, maintained landscaping and lawns, and wildlife create a serene setting
- 6.** The large lots and building typologies here are historical and beautiful
- 7.** The neighborhood feels safe and quiet
- 8.** The new social hub would be a great destination and missing amenity in both the neighborhood and Chico as a whole
- 9.** The refurbishment and re-purposing of the existing buildings/features on the site feels like a positive and appropriate homage to the history of the site and neighborhood
- 10.** Distributing traffic in/out of the new neighborhood via multiple streets makes sense, especially if the streets are designed to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists too
- 11.** Barber needs more open spaces for a variety of uses—lively events, quiet walks, kids playing, recreation, picnics, etc. The new design has a great balance of open spaces
- 12.** The organic farm is a great way to connect the old and new communities. It used to be a wonderful neighborhood anchor and we are happy to see it return

## SUMMARY OF WEAKNESSES

1. Concerned about the potential of traffic increase on all Barber neighborhood streets: especially on 16th Street, fast-moving traffic is an issue today
2. Existing neighborhood roads need to be better maintained: poor lighting, missing sidewalks, and poorly-kept asphalt
3. Are we sure that the site has been cleaned up and monitored properly?
4. Railroad noise could be a problem; a buffer for sound is necessary
5. Lack of public transit in the south portion of the neighborhood, including the Barber site. Mobility and accessibility for seniors must be addressed
6. Affordability: rising housing prices are becoming prohibitive for renters to become owners

## SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES

1. Neighborhood-serving retail like a grocery store, coffee shop, pharmacy, etc. would be ideal
2. The more bike trails and walking paths, the better
3. Other uses for the social hub might include: maker spaces, art studios, religious buildings, performing arts spaces, farmer's markets, etc.
4. The architecture of any new/refurbished buildings should pay homage to the history of Chico and the character of the Barber neighborhood
5. More recreational amenities, including an aquatic center, mini golf, roller hockey, etc.
6. Family-friendly activities including playgrounds, splash pads, and more would enhance the community feel
7. Affordable housing, including smaller subsidized low-income housing units should be added to balance the housing market in the area
8. Find permanent supportive housing for the unsheltered homeless
9. Age-in-place concept should be explored; senior accessibility throughout neighborhood
10. Pay homage to the history of the site; involve indigenous communities (Mechoopda Tribe)
11. Sustainable development including solar panels, native landscaping, construction techniques, etc. should be a priority