

# Shape Our Fremont

Where Fremont residents can learn about shaping proposed housing developments...

## Getting Involved Early in the Process

Expressing your concerns early in the residential development design process is the best way to affect the final outcome.

### Community Meetings

Before submitting any formal plans to the City of Fremont, developers sometimes hold community meetings to get initial feedback from the residents near the development. Rough lot plans are usually displayed and the developer often describes the general look and feel of the proposed development.

If you hear of a developer's meeting, tell your friends and neighbors. Note down what is discussed for future reference. Try to get the developer's contact information.

Planning Department staff does not attend those meetings and the Planning Department welcomes feedback from those who attended.

### Preliminary Plan Review

The city offers a service where developers can submit their project plans to the Planning Department for a Preliminary Review Procedure (PRP). The Planning Department reviews the plans and reports any issues it finds. Developers use this information to decide whether to go forward with the process and to help them shape their formal development application.

Residents may view the preliminary plans at the Planning Department. Contact the Planning Department and/or the planner assigned to the project.

Letting the city know your concerns regarding these early plans may help shape the result.

### Formal Development Application

When a development application is formally submitted, it initiates a Planning Department process to review the plans, to suggest modifications, and, finally, to prepare a presentation to the Planning Commission. This can take several months, and the design may change several times.

Due to copyright protections, development plans are not posted online until the Planning Commission agenda is posted. However, any resident may request to view the plans by contacting the Planning Department.

Contact the city planner assigned to the application to ask questions and make comments.

A Courtesy Notice giving basic information about the proposed project is required to be posted on the street in front of the development. Let others know if you see one posted.

### Prior to Planning Commission Review

Three weeks before a Planning Commission public hearing, an Environmental Review Initial Study will be posted online. This is a preliminary analysis of possible areas of concern such as density, traffic, parking, noise, trees, and other issues. Review this study to see if your concerns have been addressed.

You can write the Planning Commission before the development application is put on their agenda.



Email **ShapeOurFremont@gmail.com** to report community meetings, posted notices or any word of future housing developments in your neighborhood.

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- § A list of proposed residential developments
- § An explanation of the development process
- § The mail and email addresses of city contacts