

Notes from the 05/05/05

**SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS GROUP (1<sup>st</sup> Meeting)**

Caretaker of parents in their 80's	Smaller Spaces
Middle of things in town	Governance system
Individual space has to be beautiful	Meeting spaces
Intellectual life-library	Small spaces if more shared facilities
Interaction in collective areas	Serving-giving back
Maturation-Soul Expression	Transferable, future buy in opportunities
Keep doing things-active	Living and doing, low maintenance
Interaction between individuals	Business Services
Individuals respected, seen, heard in community	Relocated for school-art therapy
Western edge of town	Combine spiritually, simple aesthetics, and work at home
Diversity, not ghettoized by age	Small 2 bed, 2bath 673sf...1000sf would be awesome
Shared cars, popup camper	Concern-isolation of singles
Therapy to learn to let go of stuff	Downsizing 4500sf to 1200 sf
Artist with a lot of equipment left "coop"	House with two master suites, and private kitchenettes
A 11 member cohousing founding group couldn't stay together because of city affordability rules. Resulting mixed-income cohousing evolved into conflicted glass of wine, stimulating conversation vs young families with children-child care.	
Collaborations Non Hierarchal	People give up too much privacy
Gray Panthers seniors + young women	Private condo + college dorm
Integrity spas™ Baby Boomers aging	Shared anti aging
Whole Life Clinic- mix of practioners-MD, acupuncture,etc	
Kid amenities	Problem with cohousing is consequences
Not families, singles	Families with Kids is their own compound
Married 35 yrs, newly single	Loss of California community

Shared ownership of commercial Collaborate Housing Council.org 501c3

Well defined-Living separated from common areas Two prepared meals daily, included in rents

1 bedroom 470sf , mostly singles, a couple with child Organic chef

Small units- young, artist, elders, singles- Big community feeling Library

No self-governing wisdom/mechanism created animosity Low price attracts rather than cohousing

Good structure needed for dealing with barking dogs, ugly outside storage

Artist in residence-add to intellectual atmosphere Looking for more financial security

Mechanism for governance- mediate problems, problematic people

Maybe can't have all, Get most essential things Cutting back to 750sf now-books problem

Financial opportunity House sitter, helping others, looking out for each other

Stay active-service What can I really contribute to, retired, low pension

466sf 1 bed condo stops me from buying stuff that I don't really need

Small ok if I can use a larger space to invite people over and have a larger space to gather

Print shop, video library, digital sound studio Media lab, media center, movie stages

Small spaces where creative going on-job supportive lifestyle

I hated not knowing my neighbors, and then I couldn't stand them once I met them

Intentionality creates a compatibility, but diversity Sense of control of community

8-10 shared kitchen, private rooms with nearby dining Hall, meals, library, piano, squash court, music rooms-when you wanted community, there it was.

Having guest rooms out of the house Come from essence into form

Working together-the glue Commercial + non profit, mutually supportive strategies

For-profits think/act faster SRO (single room occupancy) for elders 120sf compound

Clustering of shared interest, lifestyles groups within development

Neighborhood owned development with profit sharing

Developer and neighborhood alliance and profit sharing