

Mayor and Councilmembers,

On June 6th, the council approved having the street vacation of part Washington Blvd. be on the July 11th agenda. The parcel to the depth of 7 feet is to enable the construction of Mission Paradise (PLN2019-00085) townhouses to be right at the sidewalk. It is not to create a wide frontage for pedestrians.



Staff will most likely tell you that since the parcel has been put on the surplus list that the council MUST approve this street vacation request. Why then does the council even have to vote on it?

At the 7/28/22 Planning Commission hearing, I opposed the layout and architecture of Mission Paradise as had HARB. I oppose the council selling the section of Washington Blvd. to this developer.

See the Planning Commission 7/28/22 agenda at:
http://fremontcityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1879

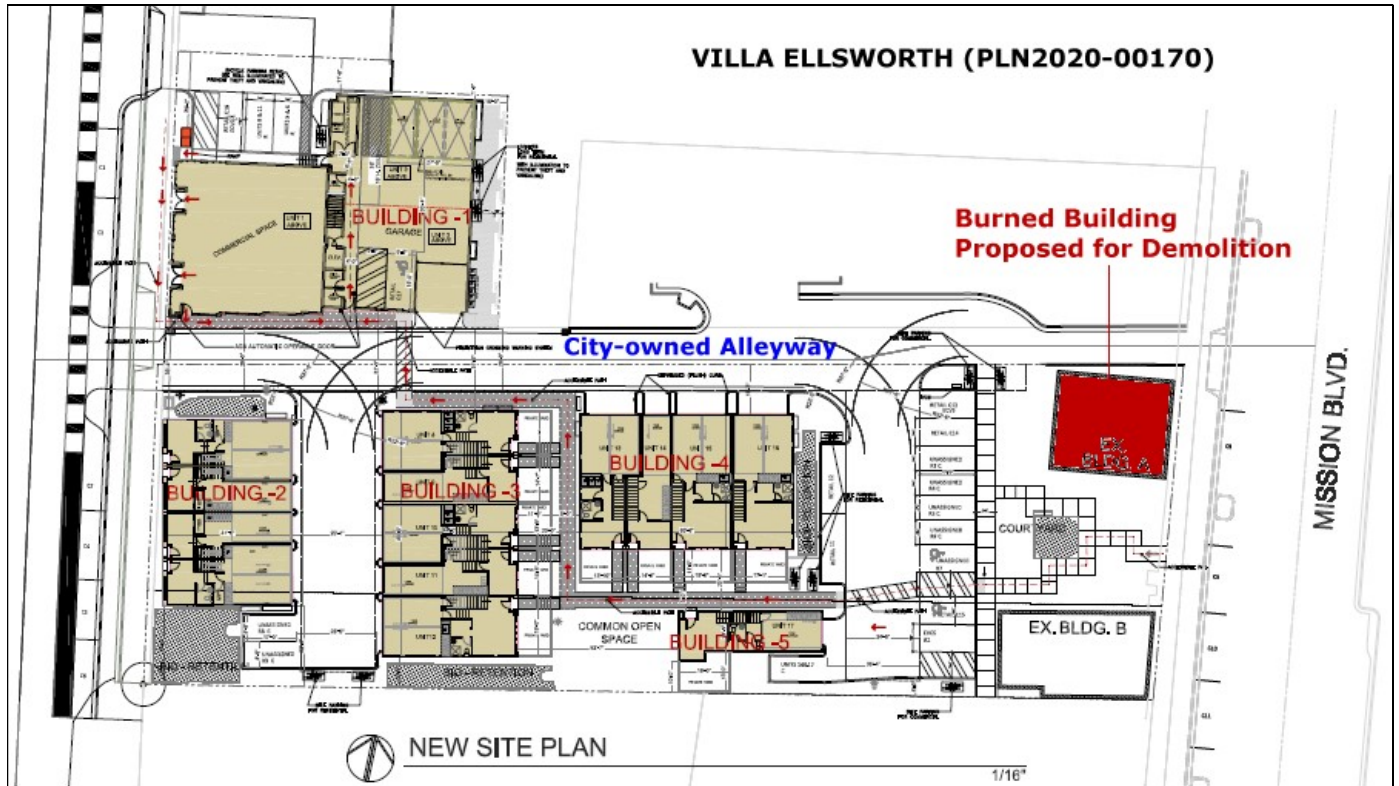
This is a chance for the council to have a say about what happens to the Mission San Jose historic town center. Please do not approve this street vacation.

Regards,
Alice Cavette

Below is about a project by the same developer:

VILLA ELLSWORTH (PLN2020-00170) is proposed by the same developer across Ellsworth St. on the old Mclvor's property. The developer claims to be a family-owned company that cares about Fremont history. Yet they propose to pack in 17 townhouses of the same tall, white architecture as Mission Paradise. It just doesn't fit the Mission San Jose historic town center style.

This project also proposes to use city-owned right-of-way. The alley through the center of the project and past the old Fremont Tiny-Tots property would be part of the access.



Building 5 is a 3-story stand-alone townhouse crammed into the project to maximize profits.

The historic house at 43341 Mission Blvd. partially burned last December. The developer has filed for a demolition permit (PLN2023-00285) which will go before HARB. If that is allowed, who knows what they will propose to fill that space. A modern commercial building with flats above?

There has been a lot of graffiti on the old Mclvor's Hardware building and there is trash and broken fencing. It hasn't been cleaned up even though Fremont's Code Enforcement has notified the developer/owner. The Mclvor lots, prior to the sale to this developer, were well maintained. Do not let this developer claim blight as they did for the Mission Paradise site.

The whole core of the Mission San Jose historic town center will forever be changed. The clapboard buildings of the 1800's will no longer be represented. Such a loss for Fremont!