

belmont vision update

the community embraces a vision for belmont

Belmont's six-month visioning process came to an exciting conclusion on October 14 as the City Council unanimously adopted a community-drafted vision statement. Belmont's vision is both a celebration of what the community is today and a call to action for tomorrow.

The Belmont community was truly the driving force behind the visioning effort. Nearly 80 Visioning Committee members worked tirelessly throughout the summer to craft the themes for the City's vision statement. Over a hundred community members gathered on Vision Saturday in September to discuss the emerging themes and share their own visions for the future. A community-drafted statement was then presented at the Art and Wine Festival and on the web to encourage additional feedback, which was reviewed and incorporated by a citizen's committee. On October 14, expressing gratitude and respect for the community's work, the Council approved the City's first-ever **vision statement** with no changes.

Having reached consensus on what the community wants Belmont to look and feel like twenty years or more from now, the City now has a critical framework for evaluating future policy decisions. Most immediately, the vision will guide consideration of the City's Economic Development Strategy and will provide direction for the forthcoming General Plan update, which will begin in 2004.

SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN SHAPING BELMONT'S FUTURE!