

# belmont vision update

## visioning participants are engaged and enthusiastic

The Belmont community is the driving force behind this visioning effort, shaping both the dialogue and the outcome. Resisting the lure of backyard barbecues and summer blockbusters, Visioning Committee members have dedicated many of their summer evenings to shaping Belmont's future. They are engaged and enthusiastic! Here's what some of them have to say about the visioning effort:

### **Reverend Kristi Denham**

*United Church of Christ Pastor*

"It has been an honor to be a part of such a powerful and creative process! And there are so many good people here! I hope we will include visioning as an ongoing part of our community work."

### **Judie Davis**

*Arts Commissioner*

"This project has been more exciting than I expected and am amazed to see how many visions have crossed over from group to group."

### **Chester Fisher**

*Holiday Inn Express*

"We all agree that Belmont is a great place to work, live, and frolic. This is a great opportunity to find ways to make it even better."

### **John Boykin**

*Cipriani NA*

"As we continue further along in this process I hope to see our general summaries maintain the spirit and punch of the ideas we have generated."

### **Arno Jacobi**

*Harbor Ind'I Area Prop. Owner*

"It has been a pleasure working with such a diverse group dedicated to the betterment of Belmont."

### **Dr. Judith Greig**

*NDNU Dean School of Education and Leadership*

"I expected to find that coming to an agreement on our common values was going to be a challenge. I am blown away by how similar the values are across different experiences in education."

### **George Metropulos**

*Vice Mayor*

"One of the things that's really impressed me is the spirit of connectedness among the groups. Real consensus is emerging and it's exciting!"

### **Howard Mason**

*City Treasurer*

"This is a worthwhile project that the community of Belmont will benefit from for the next 30 years."

### **Cori McKenzie**

*Central School Principal*

"I have been impressed by the interesting and enjoyable people I have met that came from different doors to find commonalities through the exchange of their ideas."

### **Carolyn Selby**

*Carlmont Center Manager*

"The Visioning Process is a great opportunity for the residents of Belmont to 'connect'."

### **Mark Lewis**

*NDNU - Public Relations Director*

"What a great concept! How often do you get the chance to work closely with a group of such smart, energetic, and enthusiastic people to custom design the future of a whole city."

### **Paul Wright**

*Mayor*

"I'm extremely pleased and impressed with the process so far. I really like the fact that this is primarily a community-driven process, and the commitment of the Visioning Committee participants has been outstanding."

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**Dan Murphy**

*McDougal Park NA*

“I see our small town community is willing to make changes in a caring way and is willing to be progressive and active in resolving community issues.”

**Denny Lawhern**

*Belmont Historical Society*

“I believe very strongly that Belmont’s real vision in the future will find inspiration reflecting from its past.”

**Eric Shrader**

*Belmont Redwood Shores School Board*

“Even though there are seven different committees, I am impressed by the great deal of commonality we have between our groups and I believe that this will contribute to the creation of a strong unified vision for Belmont.”

**Judy King**

*Rec & Parks Commissioner*

“Despite coming from different committee backgrounds, I am amazed by how many like minds there are that came up with similar desires for Belmont’s future.”

**Audrey Murray**

*Arts Commissioner*

“It is apparent that we have a core group of people that can create a coalition to assist the city representatives and staff in implementing this vision and long range plan to make Belmont the art hub of the Peninsula.”

**Mike Elkins**

*NDNU, Chair Theatre Arts Department*

“I am encouraged that the city is taking the initiative to get so much diverse input and create an inclusive spirit for helping to improve the community arts and facilities.”

**Steve Singer**

*Rec & Parks Commissioner*

“I am noticing that all the groups have some shared values and we are really heading towards a quality vision for Belmont.”

**Kenn Parsons**

*Planning Commissioner*

“This project started slowly and our enthusiasm has and is continuing to grow. I am inspired to see just how much the citizens of Belmont care about their city.”

**Jere Kersner**

*City Manager*

“Visioning Committee participants are engaged, energetic and enthusiastic about this effort, and you can see the results in their faces. They are really jazzed up, and it’s great to see!”

**Ellie Woodard**

*Belmont Historical Society*

“History defines this city. Our committee is uniquely challenged to look to the past in order remind us of benefits that will help influence the future of the city.”