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Upcoming Public Workshops Offer Chance to Help Design Fort Ord

What are your design ideas about former Fort Ord redevelopment? The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) wants to know and is hosting a series of public workshops to elicit input on Regional Urban Design Guidelines (RUDG). The workshops are an opportunity to offer input on former Fort Ord village and town center, gateway, regional circulation corridor and trail design preferences. Your input will contribute to the eventual completion of the RUDG, which will include standards for road design, setbacks, building heights, landscaping, signage, and other matters of visual importance.

Development of design guidelines is a requirement of the FORA Reuse Plan. FORA has retained a nationally renowned town planning firm, Dover, Kohl & Partners, to conduct the workshops and produce draft guidelines that reflect community preferences.

The public involvement process begins **Monday, February 2** with two consecutive events at the Carpenters Union Hall at 910 2nd Avenue, Marina (across from the Dunes shopping center off Imjin Parkway).

The first event, a forum from **1-4 p.m.**, features town planning and walkability experts Victor Dover, Peter Katz, and Jeff Speck discussing issues facing Fort Ord and how design guidelines can help shape the future of redevelopment. That evening, from **6-9 p.m.** at the same location, a public workshop will provide community members an opportunity for hands-on participation and personal interface with the design team.

Several additional evening workshops are also scheduled at alternate locations to encourage broad community involvement and input during the design guideline process, including:

- **Wednesday, February 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** and **Saturday, February 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**
Soper Field Community Center, 220 Coe Avenue in Seaside
- **Thursday, February 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Student Center, Building 12 (Intergarrison Rd, Seaside)
- **Saturday, February 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**
Marina Public Library, 190 Seaside Circle in Marina (behind the Walmart shopping center).

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend one or more of these events. Participants will interact with urban planners, economists, transportation engineers, and environmental experts working on producing the draft guidelines. Each workshop will also include progress reports about items generated in prior workshop sessions.

From February 3-10, the public is also invited to stop by the FORA office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to speak with design team members and provide input as the design guidelines evolve.

A public Open House at the "design studio" at FORA will be held Monday, February 9 from 6-8 p.m., offering an additional opportunity for public input and review.

Wednesday, February 11 from 6-9 p.m., a "charrette" workshop at the FORA offices will present a work-in-progress review and design team wrap-up session.

"Everyone in every community in our Central Coast region has a stake in this work," says FORA executive officer Michael Houlemard. "We are extremely fortunate to have engaged one of the leading urban design firms in the nation to conduct the process and produce suggested guidelines. This robust process brings all our communities together in planning and development of future reuse projects for regional economic recovery."

More information and details about the RUDG process can be found on the FORA website (www.fora.org) or by contacting the FORA office at 883-3672.

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Information about Dover, Kohl & Partners:

Dover, Kohl & Partners is a nationally recognized town planning firm based in Coral Gables, Florida. Using principles of traditional town planning, the firm's work encompasses restoring existing urban centers and towns, reconfiguring sprawling suburbs into communities of real neighborhoods, conserving natural environments, and preserving society's built legacy. Dover, Kohl & Partners is best known for its collaborative, public design processes, known as charrettes, as well as illustrative master plans that emphasize complete neighborhoods as the basis for creating viable communities.