

City of Trinidad
Project Ideas from Spring 2015 Community Goals Meeting

A. INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS AND PROJECTS

Maintain/beautify/Improve Entrance to Trinidad and other areas of town

1. Regularly pick up litter
2. Maintain the garden beautification areas at freeway gateway and around parking areas in Town, at Saunders Park
3. Enhance the entrance to Trinidad by moving the large whale sculpture that is on the north side of Main Street to north east corner of Main and Patrick Point Dr. I understand the sculpture is for sale
4. Remove ivy from city property, i.e. cemetery
5. Increase native plants in the museum garden and around town
6. Vegetation and historic tree protection projects

Improve Community Spaces/ youth-friendly facilities

7. Kids have a skatepark supported by our community
8. Building a site that informs people of the 1st indigenous inhabitants of the land
9. Improve maintenance at Saunder's Park. Develop Friends of Saunder's Park?
10. Build a community center
11. Create a safe, recreational area for families and young children since school is off limits 9am-5pm M-F. Toddler playground
12. Have more library hours
13. Provide bike rack at the library
14. Signage clean-up

Encourage solar PV—Town Hall and residential homes

15. Photo-Voltaic Solar Panels (PV) on City Buildings
16. Develop ordinance to encourage PV for home owners
17. Support PACE, Property Assessed Clean Energy

Trails and viewpoints development/ improvement

18. Lobby for faster Hammond Trail extension
19. Create or support an online interactive trail guide
20. Resurrect Trails Steward Group—partner with school and Land Trust

21. Prune Trinidad Head trail to improve views
22. Improve Van Wycke Trail—purchase easements?
23. Develop a Trinidad Lighthouse to Lighthouse Trail (memorial to BLM) and use as a marketing promotional for tourists
24. Install accessible viewpoints for tourists to utilize the beauty of the area
25. Better, intelligent, informative trail and park signage for all trails. Web site support as well as brochures and maps
26. Identify all trails by signs and maintain accessibility
27. Trail and vegetation management on all trails
28. Develop a trail to Strawberry Rock.

Improve Scenic Drive

29. Write a grant to improve Scenic Drive based on protecting Trinidad Bay
30. Address issues on Scenic Drive to improve it for bikers, pedestrians, vehicles and one lane roads, emergency routes
31. Underground wires and remaining utility poles and complete the street light project
32. Develop a Trinidad Boardwalk along existing bench/vista area above memorial lighthouse. Could include interpretive signs, telescopes, trail map to BLM lighthouse. Provides history, engagement and a destination for visitors and locals to enjoy. Could include making Edwards one-way street from Trinity to Wagner
33. Develop a zoning/planning/building permit flow chart that is displayed in City Hall
34. Provide municipal WiFi or internet (as in Chatanooga TN)

B. Community Character Goals & Projects

Protect fishing village and small town feel

35. Increase live in : vacation ratio
36. More small homes, single family homes
37. Protect and enhance the fishing village qualities that remain
38. Embrace the past—historical, cultural, fishing village—while looking forward to the future

Protect view-shed/unobtrusive structures

39. View-shed protection from public areas, i.e. streets, parking areas
40. Showcase natural surroundings—choose muted colors and unobtrusive structures during design review
41. Liberate Trinidad’s Head open space from the commercial cellular communication facility

Work towards balance in the community between: Old/Young; Vacation/Residents; Affordable; Families; “VDU” limitations

42. Sustain a healthy balance between city, family residences, vacation rentals, and commercial rental businesses. Fear is that VRBOs will continue to displace family homes and long-term family rental units
43. Return city to a community of residents—moratorium on vacation rentals and phase out—decide on limit
44. Provide affordable housing for families (to keep kids in town) and senior housing
45. Maintain balance in low/med/high income housing options
46. Create a place where old/young, new/long-time, rich/poor are treated with respect
47. Determine a guiding principle—balance between the interests of residents of Trinidad and business interests which capitalize on town’s setting—in order to maintain the town and surrounding environment
48. Encourage more basic commercial facilities (laundromat, ...)
49. Develop youth-friendly projects for residents and families to encourage, welcome and invite youth.

Recognize needs of homeless, transients

50. Work with county to plan for homeless and transients
51. Create a place where homeless (an possibly mental ill/addicted) travelers can easily interface with county DHHS social workers for help (avoiding thefts, etc)
52. Create a list of services for referrals

C. Community Engagement Goals & Projects

Respect and Honor indigenous people, culture, and land.

53. Build/improve relationships with local tribes Respect indigenous people and land. Honor indigenous cultures and sacred sites.
54. Community-organized projects to build trust and relationships between Tsurai Ancestral Society, Rancheria, Yurok Tribe and the City
55. Land return to Tsurai
56. Fixing what happened between Tsurai and Trinidad regarding the lighthouse
57. Promote the importance of the Tsurai and educate the community on their heritage. Build ongoing appreciation of Native cultures, heritage, contributions
58. Reconciliation with Native American heritage and people
59. Teamwork—partnering with Native American neighbors, State Parks, Museum, library, Land Trust, Cal Fire, business community, school, civic, city to leverage our individual capabilities, and meet regularly
60. Bring an end to the bickering and threatened lawsuits, and lawsuits waved would be a hugely desirable outcome for everyone—new and ancient residents of the area

61. Develop a maintenance project which would engage the whole community to fix Axel Lundgren Memorial Trail and 12.5 acres TSA. A work party to trim, clean, maintain entire bluff, including village site so Tsurai Ancestral, Yurok Tribe, and Trinidad Rancheria, and all of Trinidad, all feel the area is respected and loved. Volunteers would probably make themselves available to assist in trimming, especially berry vines
62. Take the American flag down at the town hall to not perpetuate colonialism
63. Leave the American flag in place at town hall, lighthouse and at school
64. Provide annual opportunities for input from the community
65. Develop a skills/needs match-making volunteer network

Trinidad as a role model as a sustainable, abundant and thriving community working together as a big family.

66. Quarterly or seasonal community potluck event promoting community betterment
67. Have broad civic engagement
68. Support a “village” project for senior aging in place
69. Develop community garden
70. Trinidad promotes itself as a destination for people to visit and engage with CA coastal trails, vistas, natural environments/beaches via a “Trinidad Boardwalk” or a Lighthouse trail
71. Develop a city newsletter

D. Public Safety

Increase law enforcement

72. Partner with Rancheria for additional security, i.e. patrolling security guard
73. Develop SCOP volunteer base
74. Expand/continue Neighborhood Watch in local neighborhoods, include businesses
75. Video surveillance at multiple sites
76. Increase sheriff department time/presence. Have deputy be more proactive in enforcing rules and regulations. 7 days/week police presence, especially at night (9pm-5am)

Improve pedestrian safety, bike

77. Develop speed bumps/traffic calming plan for city
78. Investigate safe routes to school funding
79. Replace all streetlights with like poles
80. Develop bike lanes
81. Re-paint the pedestrian crosswalks

Plan for natural disaster safety

82. Review city's emergency plan. Coordinate with all stakeholder—residents, businesses, school, Tribes

Address issues related to transient population

83. Reduce transient population
84. Investigate resources available in other cities in an effort to develop a plan for Trinidad
85. Keep people from camping on city property, especially museum, library and city park

E. Fiscal Stability and General Governance Goals & Projects

86. Fair and consistent enforcement of existing ordinances, especially trees, trails, and signs.
87. Focus on existing ordinances and limit putting forth any new ones due to limited city staffing
88. Finish sign ordinance process. Budget staff time to do it
89. Staff present real plan with budget and time to complete sign ordinance process
90. Old Wagon Road Trail—make it happen!
91. Have a long-term plan to develop a balanced budget to ensure fiscal stability (3-5 years?)
92. Direct staff to plan for and include long-term costs for projects, e.g. infrastructure projects should include post-project (ongoing) costs for staff, maintenance
93. Develop 3-year budget projections as part of the annual budget
94. Evaluate Revenue Sources
95. Increase city income from vacation rentals
96. Consider TOT rate via council
97. Plan ahead for sales tax expiration—renew sales tax?

E. Environmental Sustainability Goals & Projects

Forest Preservation

98. Forest stewardship should drive decision making
99. Save surrounding forest from clear cutting
100. Preserve forest around strawberry rock. Pressure Green Diamond to cancel two timber harvest plans around strawberry rock

101. Develop a docent program. It is an ecotourism opportunity
102. Link to California Coastal National Monument
103. Develop multi use trails—hiking, biking, rock climbing, birding, wellbeing

Protect Water Quality and Supply

104. Protect water quality, and develop long-term plan for water, ensuring adequate and safe water supply for future generations.
105. Improve water conservation.
106. Restored Luffenholtz Creek watershed. Upstream restoration, drought-resistant re-vegetation, develop plan for groundwater recharge. Engage with all landholders. “What if Luffenholtz Creek goes dry?”
107. Develop additional storage. One million gallon storage tanks “underground,” cisterns
108. Streamline water catchment tank permitting for residents
109. Get a handle on water distribution system
110. Eliminate the city’s stormwater discharge from Trinidad Bay
111. Have hydration station in town and more drinking fountains
112. Explore possibility of Mad River water lines to Trinidad and North
113. Increase recycling containers in public places
114. Upgrade septic systems that are failing
115. Provide environmental sustainability mitigation funding for removal of septic tanks, pollution of ASBS, help of residential septic upgrades
116. Be proactive regarding climate change. Address climate change at a relevant scale (do our part). We are all in this together.
117. Keep forests intact to increase O₂ and decrease CO₂, aka lungs of the earth. Maintains water quality. Increases biodiversity, habitat, native flora.
118. Plant more trees to prepare for the future
119. Be examples of health forests, watersheds and biodiversity
120. Prepare for sea level rising
121. Develop workshops on native plants and conferences on how native plants help decrease global warming

F. Other Goals & Projects

122. Take best advantage of our natural beauty, as Trinidad’s attractiveness centers on the natural surroundings. That is our our tourism draw. Promote and market Trinidad’s amazing coastal rocks and vistas/trails via a destination attraction

123. Develop a mission statement/vision regarding Trinidad's scenic/cultural resources to help us promote and protect our resources
124. Communicate the mission/vision statement via smartphone technology
125. Create a detailed list of and map of points of interest in Trinidad and surrounding area. (The existing one leaves out areas)
126. Increase city efforts to build infrastructure of natural resource recreation and market it as an eco-destination
127. Funding outreach for eco-tourism
128. Make city contribution to Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau
129. Develop new, annual events that promote arts and other events
130. Host tennis tournaments and bocce ball tournaments
131. Jazz festival
132. Support heritage arts music
133. "Trinidad, not Tobago" Festival with fans
134. Promote venues for fine arts
135. Communicate about events via smartphone technology
136. Develop marquis on Town Hall
137. Move whale sculpture to Cal Trans lot where bike locker was formerly