

01: Introduction

02: Inspiration / Likes

03: Privacy

04: Spaces, ground view

05: Spaces, bird's eye view

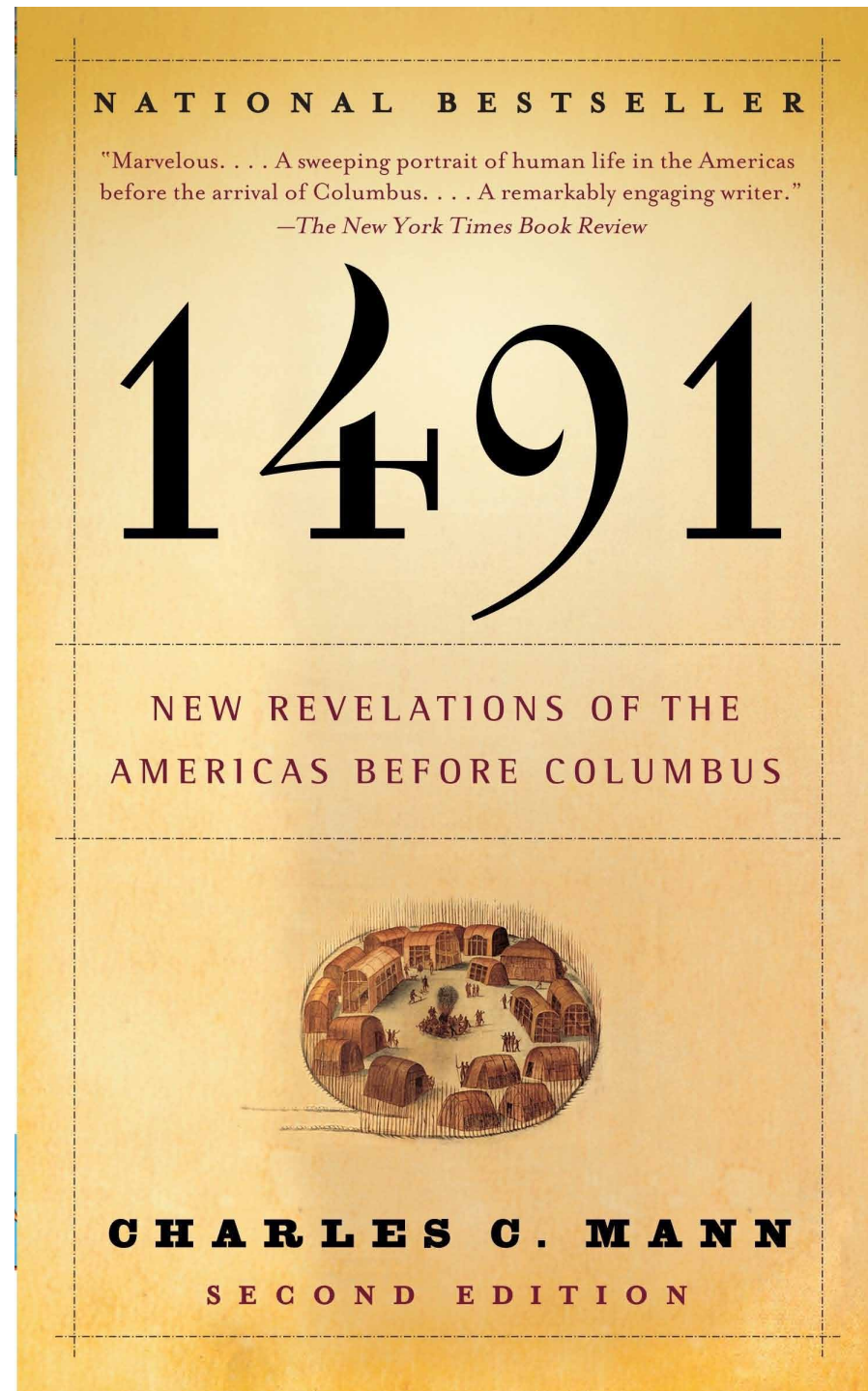
06: Recreation, equipment

Drought is nothing new

Serious drought is here to stay.

When our Menlo Commons community converts to drought resistant landscaping, we have an opportunity to enhance our park, making it even more beautiful and useful to all residents.

Read about drought in the Americas, way back in time



Recap, first meet, June 8

Group's Compelling Objective

Save Water

*Do the Right Thing for
Menlo Commons and
our Community at Large*

Save Money on Water

*Maintain and Create
Attractive Landscaping*

Dag's Objective Today!

Pave the Way for Consensus

- a) Understanding / Wants*
- b) Completed Staff Work*
- c) Idealized Planning*
- d) Sharing Information*
- e) Discussion to come*

→→→ *Consensus*

Group's Objectives *— One*

Criteria for landscape improvements.....

- A) Minimal irrigation... ?*
- B) Enhanced beauty — better than now*
- C) Kinds of drought resistant plants*
- D) Opportunity for new features
recreation, social interaction*
- E) Other considerations*

Group's Objectives *— Two*

*Solicit bids to develop a
landscape master plan....*

Landscape architects

- a) Identify*
- b) Evaluate*
- c) Recommend
to our Board*

In my broadcast to MC residents on March 29,

Subject: Bldg E gym remodel - clarification and update

I wrote among other things

Don't ever trust me. Consider me a loose cannon.

I like to think of possibilities. I won't know if an idea is feasible, desirable, cost-effective, or otherwise makes sense until it has been explored. So I imagine and explore, keeping in mind the concept of Completed Staff Work. There is much to imagine here at Menlo Commons, by myself and any other resident. I expect to enjoy life here for a good many years and it is in my interest to do what I can to enhance the value and livability of Menlo Commons for all. So I try. This is fun too. You will hear more ideas from me in coming months and years. Don't get alarmed.

Trust your Board.

Your Board is there to consider alternatives with great care, with complete transparency, engaging the entire community. No hare-brained ideas will get traction or funding until they have been carefully considered by the Board and presented to our community.

Exploration and careful evaluation is the name of the game. It can only get better!

So,

As I outline my (current) vision for social spaces here at Menlo Commons, these are ideas to explore and (with your help) evaluate to see if they are feasible, desirable, cost-effective, or otherwise makes sense.

Your job is NOT to evaluate at the outset; understanding what the vision is comes FIRST.

Therefore, please DO ask for clarifications. DO NOT voice objections at this stage.

We all get to sleep on it.

DO come with counter-proposals at subsequent meetings.

We will all sleep on it again.

We will consider all alternatives once they are thoroughly understood by all.

THAT will be the time to discuss pros and cons.

At every stage, IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER.