



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025
Richland City Hall – Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard**

Planning Commission Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call:

Attendance: Chair Richardson	Present
Vice-Chair Nicholson	Present
Member Anderson	Present
Member Hernandez	Absent
Member Lambert	Present
Member Leonard	Present
Member Samuel	Absent

Also present were Councilmember VanDyke (remote via Zoom), Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Planning Manager Stevens, Senior Planner Ballard, Planner Nelson and Administrative Assistant II Kirkpatrick.

Agenda Item:

1. Comprehensive Plan - AHBL

The City of Richland is conducting its required Comprehensive Plan update under the Growth Management Act, incorporating new state goals related to climate and shoreline planning. The update will align the Plan with current legislative requirements while balancing local community priorities.

Public participation is a key part of the update process. The city has created a Future in Focus that brings together three major planning efforts—our Comprehensive Plan, City-wide Transportation Systems Plan, and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan—into one coordinated vision for the future. A community survey, opening October 10th, invites input on demographics, hopes and concerns for Richland, and a review of the city's 2017 Vision Statement, which emphasizes progress, safety, diversity, and harmony between economic development and natural resources. Ms. Stickney is hopeful of coming back with survey results in December.

Commissioners asked how the community survey would be advertised, distributed, and whether there were specific targets or expectations for outreach.

Councilmember VanDyke reviewed the Strategic Plan and legislative priorities, explaining how these guide implementation and communication efforts.

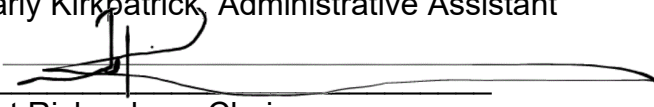
Councilmember VanDyke, Development Services Director Rizzitiello, and Planning Manager Stevens provided closing comments on what to expect throughout the upcoming update process.

Staff noted that the Comprehensive Plan adoption is anticipated by the end of 2026, and Stickney committed to providing the Commission with a project schedule. Mike reported that Kimley-Horn is preparing the revisions requested by the Commission and will present them on December 10.

Adjournment:

Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

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APPROVED BY: 
Jet Richardson, Chair