



Agenda
Planning Commission Workshop
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
City Manager's Conference Room | 975 George Washington Way

Commission Members: Chair Madsen, Vice-Chair Wallner and Commissioners Clark, Wise, Palmer, Boring and Berkowitz

Liaisons: Council Liaison Lemley and Alternate Council Liaison Luzzo Gilmour
Staff Liaison Development Services Manager Simon

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order / Attendance:

Agenda Items:

- I. Discuss Visioning and Elements of the Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Adjournment

The next Planning Commission Workshop is October 12, 2016

The next Planning Commission Meeting is October 26, 2016

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COUNCIL WORKSHOP COVERSHEET

Council Date: 10/05/2016

Department: Community & Development Services

Key Element: Key 3 - Economic VitalityKey 5 - Natural Resources ManagementKey 6 - Community Amenities

Subject:

Discuss Visioning and Elements of the Comprehensive Plan Update

Summary:

The City of Richland has begun the process of amending the comprehensive plan. As part of that process, we have held two public input sessions and have received numerous comments from the general public via the city's website.

Attached you will find information from the consultant that summarizes input we have received from the public input sessions. Please feel free to review this information prior to the workshop.

Attachments:

1. Visioning Notes
2. Visioning Summary

Community Visioning Notes

August 30, 2016 and September 7, 2016

August 30, 2016	
Preserve and enhance Open Space	Conscious development of riverfront
	Open Space
	Preserve and enhance nature
	Keep river / wildlife corridor open
	Better repair of trails
	Maintain wetlands (i.e. Amon Basin)
	Walking and bicycle access - waterfront
Improve entry to Richland	Improve entry to Richland
Safe and enjoyable transit	Reduce traffic congestion
	Reduce light pollution
	No fireworks permitted within City limits or parks
	G.W. Way sidewalks walkable (wider)
	More effective mass transit
Affordable housing	More available and affordable housing
Appropriate Residential Zoning	Appts away from wetlands and established communities
	Maintain zoning for low density
	More control of abandoned property
Planning for growth	Planning for growth - decrease sprawl, increase housing density in central Richland and in South Richland
	A much larger UGMA area to allow for growth
Designate/ preserve open space	Designate/ preserve open space – more open space for leisure walk
	Keep open space we have
	Preserve, protect and increase natural areas; don't monetize shorelines
	Direct growth away from shoreline
	Maintain and expand available open space
City provided utilities	Internet as a utility by City
	Promote sustainability of resources (recycle/compost)

	Develop customer focused utilities. Deal with aesthetic issues – sign codes, landscaping, xeriscaping, native plants
	Enforce park rules – leash laws, litter
Public Participation Plan	Public Participation Plan
Multi-modal transportation	Nurture multi-modes of transportation
	Road plans with environment in mind
	100 miles of bike paths (paved) that are separated from the roads (not just designated on the side of the road)
	Limit trains
	A developed waterfront area with restaurants, art shops and tourist attractions
	Separated rec. paths - comprehensive network of human powered paths
Provide affordable housing	High density housing/ low maintenance
	Affordable housing. Greenbelts that intersect alignments.
	Housing for all income families
Improve and enhance transportation and accessibility	Better traffic management
	Facilitate biking and walking
	Traffic flow
	Walkable community – fewer cars needed
	G.W. not a highway, a blvd
Maintain environment-protect natural resources	Identify/protect wetlands/ open spaces
	Accessible wetlands
	Good environmental policies
	Public spaces (parks, rec and protected land)
Use sound economic development practices	Strong economy
	Local business welcome – city encouraged
	Economic development (non-Hanford)
	Responsive government
	Fiscally conservative government
Be strategic with land use	Wise housing development in relation to critical areas/ adjacent housing
	Controlled growth via local neighborhood input
	DOE transferred land plan
	Revitalization of historic areas

Maintain good public safety	Quality police/ fire departments (well paid)
	Safe community
Other ideas	City wide internet access
	Activities for all ages - affordable
Maintain and improve livability in neighborhoods	Safe community (young and old)
	Maintain quality neighborhoods
	Thoughtful caring community
Maintain and promote a livable and sustainable community	Improve walkability options – hiking trails
	Bicycle friendly community (League of American bicyclists stds)
	Meet vision of livable, sustainable community
	Integration of planning elements
	Keep green zones
	Emphasize becoming a greener city
Protect and preserve open space	Quality of life includes preservation of open space
	Create open space shorelines
	Balance growth with open space
	Keep city parks free of over development
	Clean air, water, shoreline
	Protect open spaces
	Maximize the amount of new open space
Recognize and improve listening of citizen input and community values	Residents more important than tourists (and developers)
	More voice for Planning Commission (well managed; think -> act)
	Plan needs to recognize two Richlands (2 diff env) – Hanford, south – farmland/canyons
	Implement and enforce sane hillside regulation for new homes/ communities
	Map, notice to nearby residents
	Accountability and communications (on trees); not just decide without input
	Voter turnouts 38 -> 80%
Reduce / control sprawl	Higher density uses for downtown
	Increase building height and reduce asphalt and concrete (increased density)

Improve accountability and communication and response	Willing to reverse bad decisions
	Communication from city agencies about decisions
	Anticipate who will complain and work with them (public input)
	Input requested from community users at Community Center
Create a vibrant community, progressive and leading	Citywide public broadband (city owned like Blacksburg)
	Community solar as part of our utility
	Strong economy tech sector – not dependent upon Hanford/ DOE
Promote and manage smart growth	Control/project/predict. Facilitate but not promote growth
	Downtown Richland as a village (mixed use)
	Improve all walkability and trails
	Limit rooftops (manage development)
	Redevelopment infill (uptown residential)
Promote culture and art	Art, music, dance, drama, poetry
	Welcome/encourage diversity (human capital)
	Good medical services
Protect and restore natural resources	Protect existing wetlands (including away from rivers)
	Open spaces along the river
	Educate citizens on critically sensitive habitat.
	Environment over growth
	Quiet places
Small classes at school	
Encourage and protect enjoyable outdoor activities	Greenway, walkable rivershore
	Restrained Rivershore development (outdoor enjoyment)
September 7, 2016	
Revitalize the urban core	More developed core
	Mass transit/ trolley (uptown to Columbia point)
	Pedestrian oriented downtown
	Smart development
	Updated central Richland (Uptown area)
	Remodel/ replace Uptown Center
Encourage an environment	A healthy arts community by creating an environment

that promotes culture	Museum district, Waterfront Center, Island View
Conserve open spaces	More open spaces
	Open space
Ensure public input before action	More frequent input from residents/ surveys
	Informed public in City Planning
	Reaching out to minorities and millennials
Protect critical areas	A wildlife corridor from the Yakima River to Horse Heaven Hills
	The land speaks first
Address needs of aging population (facilities, transportation)	
Retain riverfront corridor	
Create a vibrant and cultural community	
Urbanize Richland core	
Create a diverse and sustainable economy!	
Facilitate/promote all modes of transport!	
Preserve our natural areas!	
Solicit public involvement	Solicit input before planning
Construct and maintain aesthetic corridors	Pretty roads (Columbia Center Blvd., gage Blvd.)
	Green corridors (walking, biking)
	Maintain open/ green spaces (City designated)
	Trees – plant more
Let the native land come first (preserve)	The land comes first
	Keep natural habitat/ open spaces
Provide multi-modal transportation	Emphasize good health and exercise opportunities
	Direct bike paths (house to store); Avoid long arterial roads (house to store)
	Provide safe walking and bicycle path
	Bike lane and paths
	Improved walkability
	Improved traffic flow

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Building an active community	Getting to add more socials between Howard Amon Park and John Day Plaza
Emphasize sustainable design	Food farms in the City
	Sustainable design in everything
	Direct Trans (?). Away from natural area
	Manage growth (build in)
	Integrated land use
Better traffic management on G.W.	

Community Visioning Summary

August 30, 2016 and September 7, 2016

Community/Neighborhood
Create a vibrant, cultural, progressive and leading community
Provide citywide broadband network, community solar as part of the utility, strong tech sector economy that is not dependent on Hanford or DOE
Maintain and promote a livable and sustainable community
Improve walkability options, hiking trails; ensure a bicycle friendly community; keep green zones; emphasize becoming a greener city
Promote affordable activities for all ages
Maintain and improve livability in neighborhoods that are safe for young and old residents, thoughtful, and caring
Integrate all planning elements
Economic Development
Use sound economic development practices for a strong economy where local businesses are welcomed and encouraged by the City
Encourage a responsive and fiscally conservative government
Create a diverse and sustainable economy
A developed waterfront area with restaurants, art shops and tourist attractions
Land Use and Growth
Planning for growth to reduce sprawl
Increase housing density in central Richland and in South Richland, higher density uses for downtown with increased building height, reduced asphalt and concrete
Promote and manage smart growth
Improve walkability and trails; revitalize and urbanize Richland's core; improve downtown as a mixed use village; redevelopment infill in the uptown residential area; revitalize historic areas; plan for DOE transferred land
Be strategic with land use with wise housing development in relation to critical areas adjacent to housing; implement and enforce sane hillside regulation for new homes/ communities
Control, project and predict growth. Facilitate but do not promote growth
A much larger UGMA area to allow for growth
Put more control of abandoned property
Housing and Neighborhood

Provide affordable and available housing for all income families
Provide high density and low maintenance housing
Appropriate residential zoning; put apartments away from wetlands and established communities; maintain zoning for low density; put greenbelts that intersect (residential) alignments.
Transportation
Provide multi-modal transportation
A comprehensive network of safe human powered paths such as recreation paths, paved bike paths that are separated from the roads (not just designated on the side of the road); limit trains; provide safe, enjoyable and more effective mass transit
Facilitate biking and walking opportunities so that fewer cars are needed
Plan roads with environment in mind.
Improve and enhance transportation and accessibility with better traffic management; reduce traffic congestion.
Better traffic management on George Washington Way; wider and walkable sidewalks on G.W. Way.
Reduce light pollution
Open Space and Natural Areas
Identify, maintain, preserve, protect and restore natural resources, habitat/open space, and wetlands
Quality of life includes preservation of open space; balance growth with open space; maximize the amount of new open space; ensure clean air, water, shoreline
Designate open space for certain activities such as leisure walk
Introduce good environmental policies for wetlands and other natural resources
Retain riverfront corridor with conscious development that doesn't monetize shorelines; keep river/wildlife corridors open
Direct growth away from shoreline
Walking and bicycle access along waterfront; better repair of trails
Protect critical areas and wildlife corridor from the Yakima River to Horse Heaven Hills
Educate citizens on critically sensitive habitat
Public Participation/ Communication
(Create a) Public Participation Plan
Improve accountability, communication and response
No decision should be made without public input; anticipate who will complain and work with them; input requested from community users at Community Center
Ensure public input before action; more frequent input from residents/ surveys
Solicit public involvement; send maps and notices to nearby residents
Recognize and improve listening of citizen input and community values
Residents are more important than tourists and developers

Plan needs to recognize two different environments of Richland, Hanford, and the south side with farmland and canyons
More voice for the Planning Commission
Communication from city agencies about decisions
Reaching out to minorities and millennials
Urban Design and Culture
Create a vibrant and cultural community
Encourage an environment that promotes culture and art; promote museum district, Waterfront Center, Island View
Revitalize Richland's urban core with mass transit/trolley (uptown to Columbia point), pedestrian oriented downtown, smart development, and updated central Richland Uptown area.
Emphasize sustainable design
Improve entry to Richland
Construct and maintain aesthetic corridors; boulevards, green corridors for walking and biking, and plant more trees
Welcome/encourage diversity as human capital
Sustainability
Maintain and improve livability in neighborhoods
Maintain and promote a livable and sustainable community
Emphasize sustainable design, food farms in the City, developments away from natural area, more build in environment to manage growth and integrated land use (mixed use)
Emphasize sustainable design
Parks and Recreation
Encourage and protect enjoyable outdoor activities and public spaces such as greenways, walkable river shore, parks, recreational areas and protected land.
Promote recreation paths, paved bike paths that are separated from the roads (not just designated on the side of the road)
Build an active community
Emphasize good health and exercise opportunities; promote affordable activities for all ages
Add more social activities between Howard Amon Park and John Day Plaza
Enforce park rules – leash laws, litter; no fireworks permitted within the city limits or parks
Keep city parks free of over development
Facilities
Address needs of aging population (facilities, transportation)

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Provide good medical services
Utilities
City provided utilities
Provide Internet and community solar as part of our utility by the City
Promote sustainability of resources (recycle/compost)
Develop customer focused utilities. Deal with aesthetic issues – sign codes, landscaping, xeriscaping, native plants
Public Safety
Maintain good public safety;
Quality police/ fire departments (well paid)
Ensure a safe community for young and old residents
School
Small classes at school