



Meeting Notes

Advisory Group Meeting 1

May 11, 2022, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Via Zoom

Purpose of Meeting 1:

This was the first advisory group meeting for the Lynnwood 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The meeting focused on introducing the planning team and process, as well as discussing the roles and responsibilities of the advisory group. The planning team presented background information about the comprehensive planning purpose and elements.

The remainder of the meeting focused on having the Advisory Group respond to a series of brainstorming questions through the online interactive program Mentimeter. The responses to these questions, attached, will help support work on the comprehensive plan. We also discussed our first outreach effort: Big Ideas Month in May, and the importance of ongoing engagement activities. Lastly, we discussed our next steps in the process.

Planning Team:

- David Kleitsch, Director Development and Business Services
- Ben Wolters, Economic Development Manager
- Ashley Winchell, Planning Manager
- Kristen Holdsworth, Senior Planner
- Mandi Roberts, OTAK
- Sierra Carson, OTAK

Meeting Participants:

- Carol McMahon – Resident
- Chiho Ha – Korean Women's Association
- Danielle Carnes – Edmonds College
- Deborah Kilgore – Resident/Edmonds School Board
- Derica Escamilla –Resident
- Federick Brooks – Sound Sports Performance and Training LLC
- Hector Garfias-Toledo – Trinity Lutheran Church
- Joshua Judd-Herzfeldt – Resident
- Jutsi Patel – Mathnasium of Lynnwood
- Kris Hildebrandt – Resident and Human Services Commissioner
- Lori Hirsch – Resident

- Myra Rintamaki – Heroes Café
- Patrick Robinson – Resident and Planning Commissioner
- Paul Rosser – Chick-Fil-A
- Yun S. Hong – Best Lynnwood Inn

AGENDA:	
6:00 to 6:25	Introductions to the planning team; Advisory Group introductions
6:25 to 6:35	Review work plan, timeline, and future meeting topics
6:35 to 6:55	Review of comprehensive planning process, proposed elements to be studied, and planning background information
6:55 to 7:25	Brainstorming questions via Mentimeter (see attached results)
7:25 to 7:35	Review of Big Ideas Month engagement and next steps in process; next meeting will be July

Presentation:

The presentation provided at the May 11, 2022 Advisory Group Meeting is provided at www.LynnwoodWa.gov/2024CompPlan for reference.

Things I love about Lynnwood:

During the introduction's portion of the meeting, Advisory Group members were prompted to say one thing they love about the City of Lynnwood. Advisory Group members' answers are listed below (some items were mentioned multiple times).

- H-Mart
- Parks
- Centrality/location
- All the languages, cultures, and diversity
- The City's potential
- Opportunities
- Orange Line and Light Rail
- Welcoming to new people

- Lots of choices
- Opportunity to get involved in the community

Comments and Questions:

In addition to the input gathered as part of the brainstorming questions (attached), the following comments and questions were provided by Advisory Group members during the meeting.

- The scope of a comprehensive plan is large, and the community should think big when discussing the vision of the city for the next 20 years.
- Lynnwood should be a place that is safe for young families. Neighborhoods should be walkable and provide access to parks and other amenities.
- Concern that there has been a lack of resources provided for the city's most vulnerable residents. Would like to see more human services provided so that all Lynnwood residents have what they need to thrive.
- **Q:** How will the City of Lynnwood coordinate with other cities in the region during this comprehensive planning process?
 - **A:** The City will be using regional planning frameworks provided by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to guide the comprehensive planning process. In addition, Lynnwood is part of Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT), which is a cooperative and collaborative inter-jurisdictional forum consisting of representatives from the county, cities, and Tulalip Tribes. The City will continue to look for opportunities to coordinate with other local jurisdictions.
- **Q:** Will engagement resources be provided in languages other than English and Spanish?
 - **A:** The City will be providing all major public engagement materials in English and Spanish and is also planning more targeted engagement in other languages. The City will be coordinating with community leaders to collect input from community groups and working with translators for small focus groups.

Next Meeting:

- July 13, 2022 (6-7:30 PM)

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1. What is your favorite place in Lynnwood?

veterans park
lyndale park
lynndale park
civic campus
alderwood mall
heritage park
h-mart
the fuji house
walking in my neighborhood
edmonds college
rec center and park
dragon park
under a tree

2. What do you think Lynnwood's biggest opportunity will be in the next 20 years?

Light Rail connection north and south

Create affordable housing

The light rail for sure!

Housing for all income brackets and ethnicities.

Tech company and growth that generates

To become a major hub linking Snohomish County to Seattle

To become more inclusive of all our community members. Success depends on all of us.

City center. It should be dense, walkable, and busy with diverse businesses. And easy to hop on light rail!

Keeping our growing community safe while walking, playing in parks

2. What do you think Lynnwood's biggest opportunity will be in the next 20 years?

Light rail and the other public transit connections

Embracing the reality that we are a very diverse community

Center of north puget sound

Growth in diversity and becoming a hub for transportation

More better public schools

3. What do you think Lynnwood's biggest challenge will be in the next 20 years?

Traffic and congestion

Rising cost of housing

Equity

Planning human services to help our most vulnerable residents

Attracting new and exciting business and industry.

growth in population and the city's infrastructure capacity to sustaining growth

Affordability

Displacement of low income residents, losing vibrant culture in the process.

Handling the sudden and rapid growth in population

3. What do you think Lynnwood's biggest challenge will be in the next 20 years?

Adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Public Parking

housing

safety

4. What do you want Lynnwood to be known for in the next 20 years?

community
progress

fun place to visit
accessibility to services
supportive of the least
a destination
thriving
a well organized city
best health care
a good night life
the fittest city
vibrancy diversity
best city for family
a fun diverse place to vi
entrepreneurship

5. What events, organizations, and businesses should we reach out to for input in this planning process?

Social service agencies

Edmonds school district, students, chamber of commerce, diverse iorga, any orgs that are focused on younger residents, frankly.

Different Age groups

Veteran organizations and elderly

Moms, Teachers, Doctors, Nurses

Young families

Neighborhood watch groups

Business ownersChamber members

Community Behavior Health organization (KWA)

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Community organizations representing the diversity of our city

Verdant

Volunteers of America

Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs; ChambersImmigrant and Refugee ServicesLatino Education Training InsitituteCommunities of Color Coalition (C3)Leadership Snohomish County

Small Businesses

Lynnwood food bank

tabling/ surveys in parks

Boys and Girls Club

South Snohomish cold weather shelter

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