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# Burien 2044 Advisory Committee 1: Meeting Notes

Vision Workshop | January 25, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm

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## Welcome and Introductions

The meeting took place at Burien City Council chambers. A Zoom meeting link was provided and some persons participated online.

## Staff and Consultants

- Michele Barrera, City of Burien, Administrative Assistant
- Nicole Gaudette, City of Burien, Senior Planner
- Hayden Campbell, Associate, BERK
- Lisa Grueter, Principal, BERK
- Ian Crozier, Associate, Makers
- Queenie Gipaya, Associate, Makers
- Rachel Miller, Senior Associate, Makers

## Advisory Committee Attendance

- Brittingham, Shelley, Arts Commission
- Davis, Kim, Business and Economic Development Partnership
- Davis, Ryan, Planning Commission
- Devito, Rocco, Planning Commission
- Estevez, Sofia, Community Connector
- Garcia, Hugo, City Council
- Gobeille, Rebecca, Planning Commission
- Han, August, Planning Commission
- Hauser, Joe, Planning Commission
- Kassa, Mesti, Community Connector
- Khuc, Nha, Community Connector
- Llanes, Diana, Community Connector
- Martin, Daniel, Human Services Commission
- Negeri, Alemtsehay, Community Connector
- Myers, Leit, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Mouser-Guerra, Holly, Airport Committee
- Pace, Lena, Planning Commission
- Schafer, Charles, Planning Commission

## Discussion

Each member of the Advisory Committee was asked to share:

- What do you care most about for Burien’s future?
- What do you think your or your neighbors’ child cares most about?
- What do you think an elder cares most about?

A summary of thoughts is prepared below, with the consultant identifying category for ease of review. Full thoughts can be found by reviewing the meeting video.

*Table 1: Summary – What do you care most about for Burien’s future?*

Summary: What do you care most about for Burien’s future?	Category of Theme
Arts	Arts, Recreation
Public access to shorelines.	Arts, Recreation
Accessibility: physical, economic, decision-making	Community
Bring more people.	Community
Engaged community, know each other	Community
Feel of Burien, know community members.	Community
Happy, healthy, peaceful life	Community
Keep small town feel.	Community
Welcoming city to everyone	Community
Livable – all walks of life.	Diversity
Diverse community, doesn’t lose its charm	Diversity
Diverse, welcoming	Diversity
Diversity	Diversity
Diversity, ethnically.	Diversity
Opportunities for all cultures – diverse	Diversity
Animal habitat	Environment
Climate change	Environment
Environment	Environment
Green city (trees, pollution, environment)	Environment
Healthy place to live	Environment
Salmon downstream	Environment
Water Quality	Environment
Livability – incomes and life stages	Housing
Adequate (housing) stock for growth, stabilize rent	Housing
Affordable housing	Housing
Housing	Housing
Housing Stock	Housing
Housing: many other things will follow	Housing
Sufficient modes housing	Housing
Businesses	Jobs/Prosperity
Independent businesses	Jobs/Prosperity

Summary: What do you care most about for Burien's future?	Category of Theme
Local Businesses	Jobs/Prosperity
Maintaining infrastructure to grow sustainably.	Jobs/Prosperity
Safe – thrive	Safety
Safety	Safety
Transit Options	Transportation
Transportation	Transportation
Walk/bike/roll – safe routes	Transportation

Table 2. What do you think your or your neighbors' child cares most about?

Summary What do you think your or your neighbors' child cares most about?	Category
Comfortable in own culture	Community
Other children around	Community
Don't change home beyond what's recognizable (no rapid change)	Community
Schools	Education, schools
Schools	Education, schools
Schools , not overcrowded; funded	Education, schools
Schools: resources/activities.	Education, schools
Child-friendly environment: schools	Education, schools
Climate – inhabitable planet and city	Environment
Environment & housing	Environment
Environmental Sustainability	Environment
Mental health (bullying, get energy out)	Health
3 generations in home	Housing
Adequate space to play	Recreation, play, social
Fun, exciting to be with friends	Recreation, play, social
Good parks, schools, sustainability	Recreation, play, social
Have fun	Recreation, play, social
Highline museum	Recreation, play, social
Jungle gym	Recreation, play, social
Parks, beaches, gathering	Recreation, play, social
Parks/playgrounds.	Recreation, play, social
Parks: playgrounds, skate parks, etc.	Recreation, play, social
Playgrounds	Recreation, play, social
Quality of playgrounds, parks/beaches, fun	Recreation, play, social
Street play	Recreation, play, social

Summary What do you think your or your neighbors' child cares most about?	Category
Gather/interact – safe places	Safety
Safe – don't work about cars	Safety
Safe playground, outdoors	Safety
Safe streets – parks, schools, transit	Safety
Safe Streets: want to walk/bike everywhere.	Safety
Safe walking outside	Safety
Safe, exercise outdoors, get to neighbors	Safety
Safety	Safety

Table 3. Summary – What do you think an elder cares most about?

Summary: What do you think an elder cares most about?	Category
Access to roads	Accessibility
Access: food, healthcare, transportation	Accessibility
Access: quality healthcare and services	Accessibility
Accessibility	Accessibility
Walkable neighborhoods	Accessibility
Don't shift culture too fast	Community
Feel welcome and included in community life, decision-making, life experiences to offer	Community
Good neighbor for communication	Community
Food access	Health
Healthcare	Health
Resources for care.	Health
Age in place	Housing
Age in place	Housing
Age in place	Housing
Age in place	Housing
Choice – live close to family and whether they raised a family	Housing
Housing	Housing
Housing – remaining	Housing
Maintain voice in community	Housing
Mobile: walk/roll/bike with ease	Housing
Right kinds of housing – available and affordable (no stairs, no cars)	Housing
Resources – fire, EMT	Safety
Safe	Safety

Summary: What do you think an elder cares most about?	Category
Safety	Safety
Safety – crime, public safety	Safety
Safety, do outdoor tasks	Safety
Safety, welcoming places, mobile	Safety
Security	Safety
Missing middle / multiple types	Transportation
Not losing home – finances	Transportation
Public transportation – safe	Transportation

## Project Introduction and Visioning Results Summary

Hayden Campbell presented the visual glossary on slides. It is a resource, going from A to Z. It may be amended over time.

Lisa Grueter described the overall project, state and regional requirements including Burien’s responsibilities to take its fair share of housing and jobs, and community visioning engagement results, which matched many of the themes the Advisory Committee just brought up in their introductions.

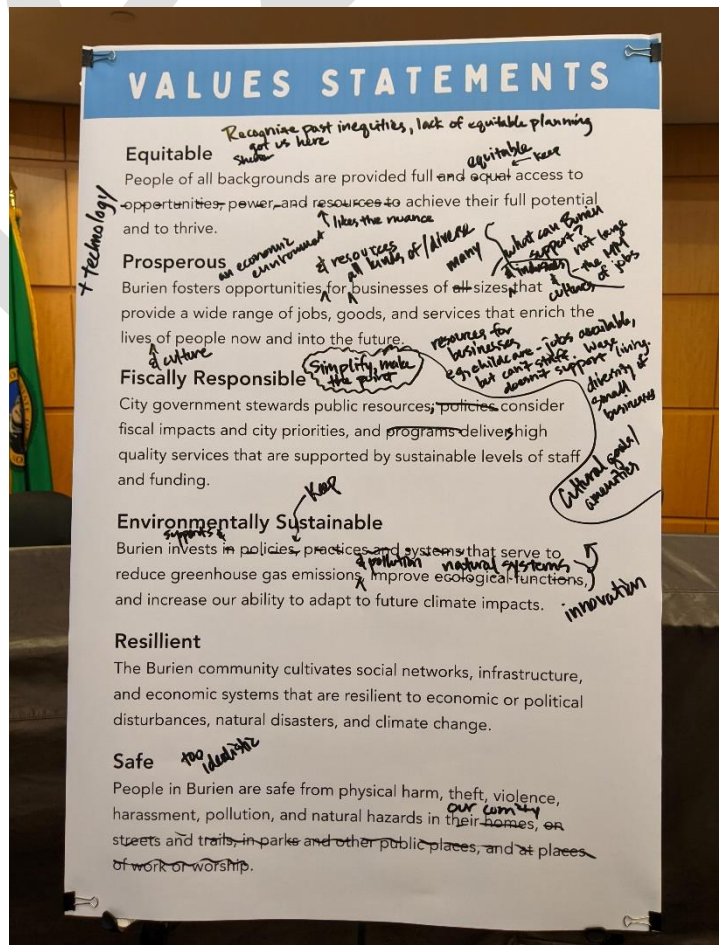
The Advisory Committee discussed the gap between the jobs target and capacity, and the affordable housing goals. Some want to understand more about the potential for office uses. Some suggested there are jobs but not enough people taking the jobs with all the other opportunities at higher incomes (e.g. day care). Information about jobs will come forward at a future meeting.

## Draft Vision Statements Polling and Discussion

Rachel Miller and Ian Crozier described the purpose of the draft Values and Vision Statements. The Advisory Committee suggested editing the Values statements.

### Equitable

People of all backgrounds and cultures are provided full and equitable access to opportunities, power, and resources to achieve their full potential and to thrive. Burien acknowledges that past



inequitable planning led to injustices we have today.

#### *Prosperous*

Burien fosters an economic environment that provides opportunities and resources for all kinds of businesses of all sizes that provide a wide range of jobs, goods, and services, and cultural connections that enrich the lives of people now and into the future.

#### *Fiscally Responsible*

City government ~~stewards~~ carefully manages public resources; ~~policies consider~~ weighs fiscal impacts ~~and with~~ city priorities, and ~~programs~~ delivers high quality services that are supported by sustainable levels of staff and funding.

#### *Environmentally Sustainable*

Burien supports and invests in policies, practices, and systems that serve to improve the health of natural systems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, improve ecological functions, and increase our ability to adapt to future climate impacts.

#### *Resilient*

The Burien community cultivates social networks, infrastructure, and economic systems that are resilient to economic or political disturbances, natural disasters, and climate change.

#### *Safe*

~~People in Burien~~ aims for people are to be safe from physical harm, theft, violence, harassment, pollution, and natural hazards in our community ~~their homes, on streets and trails, in parks and other public places, and at places of work or worship.~~

#### *Innovation*

Burien is not afraid to try new methods and embraces creative solutions, including responsibly adapting to and leveraging ever-changing technology.

With the Advisory Committee input included, the Values and Vision statements would be emailed to the Committee as homework for input and brought back at the next meeting.

## Initial Alternatives Ideas

Rachel Miller introduced shared Visioning and public comments on housing and centers. She described sample maps/ rough sketches of alternative concepts for centers, downtown, and housing. Alternative ideas would be brought back at the next meeting. Lisa Grueter described the use of the Alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement to test ideas. Advisory Committee members noted the downtown area looked like a “thumbs up.”

## Summary and Next Steps

Lisa Grueter noted the next meeting on March 22, 2023 with housing as a key topic, as well as bringing back the Vision and Values and Alternatives.

**Values and Vision:** Members asked about the compilation of Values and Vision Statements. The City will send it to the Advisory Committee as homework. Some asked about adding Technology as a Value. The City Council recently worked on a vision statement; could share it.<sup>1</sup>

**Themes in Meeting:** Rachel Miller summarized some themes across the meeting Introductions and Values:

- Safe and healthy,
- Welcoming and diverse – housing, businesses, gathering, voices in decision making, community connection,
- Aging in place, with resources,
- Environmental sustainability, and
- Places to play.

## Close

The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 pm. The Planning Commission meeting started immediately after.

## Video and Attachments

The video of the meeting is available online: <https://connect.burienwa.gov/burien-2044-advisory-committee-to-guide-comprehensive-plan-update/>.

Materials presented at the meeting are available online.

- Project Introduction and Vision Results Summary Slides
- Visual Glossary

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<sup>1</sup> The City Council's 3-5 year vision is shared here: <https://connect.burienwa.gov/city-council-adopts-framework-to-guide-final-development-of-new-strategic-plan/>.