

Burien 2044 Advisory Committee Meeting #5: Meeting Summary

September 27, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm | Burien City Hall, Miller Creek Conference Room 3rd Floor

Workshop Objectives

- Share Early Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements for initial feedback

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Staff and Consultants

- Jeffrey Watson , Interim Community Development Director
- Alex Hunt, Senior Planner
- Michele Barrera, City of Burien, Administrative Assistant
- Lisa Grueter, Principal, BERK
- Rachel Miller, Senior Associate, MAKERS
- Queenie Gipaya, MAKERS

Advisory Committee Attendance

- Brittingham, Shelley, former Arts Commission member, Burien 2044 member
- Garcia, Hugo, City Council
- Gould, David, Planning Commission
- Khuc, Nha, Community Connector
- Martin, Daniel, Human Services Commission
- Mouser-Guerra, Holly, Airport Committee
- Negeri, Alemtsehay, Community Connector

Not in Attendance

- Davis, Kim, Business and Economic Development Partnership
- Llanes, Diana, Community Connector
- Estevez, Sofia, Community Connector
- Kassa, Mesti, Community Connector
- Trinh, Elly, Community Connector

Welcome and Introductions

- Ice Breaker: What was your favorite place to go or activity this summer in Burien?
 - Seahurst Park

- Beaver Boulevard Park
- Long Walks
- Welcoming Burien Event – Vietnamese Tabling
- Parks – Valley + Puget Sound Park
- Restaurants Downtown
- Barber/Salon

Early Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements

The Advisory Committee reviewed the goals in the Early Draft September 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Some comments at the meeting included the following. These comments would be considered with Advisory Committee written input following the meeting.

Housing

- Distribute housing throughout the corridors
 - Essential needs (grocery store) – neighborhood center map
 - Different balance between housing needs and displacement
- Older adults – need for housing development for people with disabilities
- Access to charging stations + backup power to reduce reliance on electricity
- Sustainable homes – alternative materials/local resources (building salvage)
- Secure homes – surveillance monitor (digital and physical)
- Privacy + access to information
 - City’s role with tech advancement? Infrastructure?

Community Health & Wellbeing

- Senior center as sensitive land use
- Healthy environment/active/play/civic
 - Opportunity for resources and access
- Limit noise and air impact but bolster airport/port business?
 - What businesses are attracted to proximity to airport/or other businesses near airport to discourage compatibility?
 - Efforts to reduce negative impacts (i.e., regulations for jets to be quieter).
- Consider Arts & Culture as an element?
 - As an anchor for community safety

- Theater relocation
- Communicating the impacts from previous plans/other projects
 - Bring clarity to the recommendations
 - Trade-offs + how to offset negative effects (i.e., new transit line in Boulevard Park, traffic disturbance from neighborhood)
- Smart City → transportation, info, data, improve lives
 - Automated (driverless) cars – how does it affect urban design/built environment?
 - Smart home/condominium → back up power, how do we let people stay in their homes/city longer? How can we help?
 - Aging in place → how can tech help?
- Technology Preparedness/Transition
 - Laptop trainings → create/lead to disparities
 - Access to internet → expensive

Economic Development

- Education training – develop skills and training
- Technology advancement (robotics, artificial intelligence, etc.) -> displacement due to digital/tech advancement
 - Will require new skills
- Live arts and culture that ties into economic development

Utilities

- Reliability
 - During storms
- Non-climate utilities impacts
- Feasibility of these policies/goals?
 - Capital projects
 - City will plug in needs
 - City will track after five years → Dashboard for public to track
 - Needed for preparation

- Progress and transparency
- Emergency Management Plan
 - City has updated
 - Community Center as a hub
 - City resources to be utilized during emergency support from County
- Implementation
 - What metrics?
 - How can it be quantified?

Public Comment

Members of the public present did not make public comments.

Summary and Next Steps, Conclude

Comments on the Early Draft Plan are welcome for the following three weeks. Electronic and hard copies are available. Lisa described upcoming Draft Plan sharing steps including an open house and story map in December 2024.

Meeting material links:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Meeting 4 Summary Notes](#)
- [Draft Burien 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update Memo](#)
- [Draft Burien 2044 Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)