

VISION FOR BURIEN

Our Future. Our Choices.



Steering Committee / City Council Joint Planning Session

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In Attendance:

Steering committee members:

- Dr. Kristine Brecht – Resident and Family Practice Physician in Burien
- Jim Clingan – Burien Planning Commissioner, life-long resident
- Virgil Domaoan – White Center Community Development Association
- Mike Fosberg – Long-time community swim team coach; Principal Highline School District
- Michael Goldsmith – General Manager Elliott Bay Brewery; BEDP Advisory Board Member
- Genesis Guardado – Youth representative
- Pam Harper – Third generation resident, community activist and historian
- Butch Henderson – Boulevard Park Resident
- Rachel Levine – North Burien Resident, White Center Library Guild President
- Scot Rastelli – Life-long community resident, Graduate Student in the Dan Evans School of Public Affairs at UW
- Rod Robbins – Burien business owner, long-time community member

Burien City Council:

- Joan McGilton – Mayor, City of Burien
- Rose Clark – Councilmember, City of Burien, and Steering Committee Member
- Jerry Robison – Councilmember, City of Burien, and Steering Committee Member
- Gordon Shaw – Councilmember, City of Burien, and Steering Committee Member
- Lucy Krakowiak – Councilmember, City of Burien
- Jean Spohn – Parks Board member; Winner of Environmental Citizen of the Year award, long-time resident and park steward

Not Present:

- Anna Denton – Active in the Senior Community
- Kathy Hand – Former school board member
- Maureen Hoffmann – Former Burien Arts Commission member, community volunteer and resident
- Angelica Alvarez – Highline School Board Vice President
- Margarita Suarez, Translator and counselor
- Brian Bennett, Deputy Mayor, City of Burien
- Jack Block Jr., Councilmember, City of Burien



Welcome & Introductions

Mike Martin welcomed everyone. Brian Scott, BDS – Planning and Urban Design asked the Council and Steering Committee members to introduce themselves briefly as not everyone knows each other. Some city staff and members of the community were also in attendance.

Process Update & Upcoming Events

Brian Scott reviewed Visioning Process to-date and upcoming events and steps to take toward completing the Vision.

The next meeting will be the Burien City Council meeting on June 6th. On June 7th the Steering Committee will meet to incorporate the feedback from the Council into the Vision to be presented to Council on June 20 for adoption.

Meeting Purpose / Agenda / Ground Rules

This joint meeting of the Steering Committee and the Council is an opportunity for council to give some direction on the Vision before the Steering Committee goes forward.

Community Input to Date (affinity groups, surveys, & community forums)

Brian Scott presented a summary of all input to date followed by his interpretations. From the first survey, Brian presented the word cloud showing the most often used single word descriptions. Brian reviewed the top Values and Fears identified in the affinity groups and first online survey. He reviewed the core values and themes that the steering committee identified at their last meeting which were condensed to Community, Diversity, Economy, Environment, and Health & Safety. Brian and city staff used these core values and themes for activities and surveys during the Community meetings and for the second online survey.

Generally he found that the framework of core values and issue options worked well. About 50 people attended each meeting of the three community meetings. The meetings took place on two Saturdays and one Tuesday evening. Brian Scott reviewed the Community feedback in a presentation showing data and bar charts for each of the semantic differential comparisons which were two statements scale 1 – 5. He noted the shape of graph is the important thing. There were about 300 responses: 40-50 from each meeting; 100 from online survey; 25-30 from New Futures at the Heights and Latinos for Community Transformation; surveys

submitted on paper at the community meetings; and a few that came in the mail. Brian ensured the group that this is enough information to move forward and to look at it globally. Council and Steering Committee members also received a paper copy of the data and bar charts.

A couple of issues surfaced when Places maps and comments and open ended questions were analyzed:

- Should Seahurst be brought out in the vision?
- The older vision contains an aspiration for effective, progressive, governance – This only came up a few times anecdotally in the current vision process, but perhaps should be included again.

Vision Framework & Key Questions

Mike Martin asked Scott Greenburg, City of Burien, Community Development Director, to describe an idea the staff is exploring to embed the Vision in the Comprehensive Plan update – each Vision statement would be a chapter in the comprehensive plan. There was support from the group for attaching the Vision to the Comprehensive Plan. It would add some more meaning to the Comprehensive Plan.

Framework –



Overall, the vision statement could include these 6 categories:

- Community
- Diversity
- Environment
- Economy
- Schools & Kids
- Safe and Healthy



The group reviewed the Core Values / Issues Options and discussed Vision Concepts proposed by Brian.

Brian led a discussion of key questions that came out of the process and recorded the results on the wallgraphic shown below. Consensus was for Brian to take these comments and work out a draft to present at the June 6th Council meeting. The Steering Committee asked to see the draft clarifying the Core Values and Framework in advance of the meeting. Brian committed to sending out an initial draft at least a week in advance of the June 6th Council meeting.

Brian will summarize feedback from the meeting and use it to provide direction in completing the framework and Vision statements

Wall graphic from the Vision framework discussion:



Homework for the Steering Committee – reflect on draft Vision statements and offer e-mail input on the draft for Council. Send questions /comments to Jenn Ramirez Robson. City Council will give feedback and questions on what is missing.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

