

## **Appendix D: Displays from Community Visioning Workshop**

# Welcome!

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## **LAKE FOREST PARK** Public Workshop and Open House

### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 Open House
- 9:30 Presentation & Group Exercise
- ☞ *Comprehensive plan update*
  - ☞ *Visioning process and outcomes*
  - ☞ *Group exercise on draft vision concepts*
- 10:20 Small Group Discussion
- ☞ *Draft vision statements*
- 11:00 Report Out
- 11:15 Large Group Discussion
- 11:45 Next Steps
- 12:00 Adjourn

*Thank you for joining us and sharing  
your ideas for Lake Forest Park's future!*



# OUR VISION PRIORITIES for Lake Forest Park's future

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*Please share 3 – 5 short phrases, ideas or words that capture your hope for the future!*



# Comprehensive Plan Visioning

*What do we hope Lake Forest Park will be like in 20 years?*

To begin answering that question, City of Lake Forest Park staff and volunteers have been reaching out to as many community members as possible. Over the summer, the City met with community groups, attended community events, conducted a statistically valid telephone survey, and posted the same survey online. We met with hundreds of people over the course of the past 4 months.

## Community Group Meetings

- 07/02 Stewardship Foundation
- 07/24 Merchants Association
- 07/28 GOV WATCH
- 08/09 39th Ave Block Watch Group
- 08/12 Home Business Owners
- 08/18 Lake Forest Park Seniors
- 08/19 Civic Club
- 08/20 Rotary Club
- 08/24 Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church
- 09/08 Whispering Willow Park Task Force
- 09/10 Lake Forest Park Youth Council
- 09/10 46th District Democrats
- 09/25 Shorecrest Leadership Class

## Community Events

- 06/06 Farmer's Market
- 07/09 Concerts in the Park
- 08/05 National Night Out
- 08/16 182nd St Annual N'hood Party
- 08/16 192nd St Annual N'hood Party
- 08/31 Farmer's Market
- 09/07 Farmer's Market

## Public Meetings

- 09/20 City Hall
- 09/23 City Hall
- 10/04 Lake Forest Park Elementary



# Outreach Highlights

## Most Frequently Mentioned Big Ideas

Environmental sustainability

Economic sustainability

Walkable, bikeable character

## Recurring Themes

More sidewalks connecting neighborhoods with commercial areas and parks

Better access to Burke Gilman Trail and Lake Washington

More community gathering places (parks, restaurants, cultural events, etc.)

Support existing local businesses and bring in more

Mitigate traffic impacts to residential areas

Provide park and rides near transit

Revitalize the Town Center

Plan for a multi-generational community (incl. housing options for seniors)

Improve communication between City and residents

Ensure City regulations support community goals

Use City resources effectively

Carry on Lake Forest Park's legacy as a friendly community in a natural setting

Improve internet access and speeds

Work with regional partners to address regional issues



# Telephone Survey Findings

## Overall, people have very high opinions of Lake Forest Park

- 67% believe things in the City are headed in the right direction, compared to just 11% who believe things are on the wrong track.
- 85% are satisfied with the amount of City services they receive for the taxes they pay.

## Residents prioritize public safety and law enforcement, though they personally feel very safe in the City

- 18% mention crime prevention/public safety issues when asked to name the most important issue they would like their city government to address.
- Residents rate responding to emergencies and natural disasters and law enforcement as the top two funding priorities for the City.
- Nearly all (98%) residents feel safe in their home and 90% feel safe on the streets of Lake Forest Park.

## Residents prioritize public safety and law enforcement, though they personally feel very safe in the City

- Residents rate sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian walkways as the most important transportation improvement to fund over the next 10 years (79% overall importance, 54% “very” important).

*Although a slightly lower priority, 60% rate bike lanes and bike paths as important to fund over the next 10 years.*

- Increasing the number of sidewalks and bike lanes is the second most mentioned City service that residents feel should be increased or added.



# What is a Vision Statement?

## A Vision Statement

- ☞ Communicates what the City wants to be like in the next 20 years
- ☞ Provides overall “big picture” guidance for the entire Comprehensive Plan
- ☞ Is supported by all of the goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan
- ☞ Is often formatted as a short paragraph

## A few examples...

### Woodinville, Washington

*Woodinville is a safe, friendly, family-oriented community that supports a successful balance of neighborhoods, parks and recreation, tourism and business. We have preserved our Northwest woodland character, our open space, and our clean environment. We have enhanced our ability to move freely throughout the community by all modes of travel. Woodinville is a pleasant place in which to live, work, play, and visit, with a compact, inviting downtown that is attractive and functional.*

### Salt Lake City, Utah

*We envision Salt Lake City as a prominent sustainable city: the international crossroads of western America, blending family life styles, vibrant artistic and cultural resources, and a strong sense of environmental stewardship with robust economic activity to create a superb place for people to live, work, grow, invest and visit.*

### Tallahassee, Florida

*When we think about the community that we want to become, we see a waterfront community with the following features:*

- *A cleaner, more beautiful community that embraces and enhances its waterfronts*
- *A community that has maintained its heritage as a fishing and tourism center while adopting the newest technologies and strategies*
- *A community in which new development or redevelopment is compatible with the historic look of the community and protective of the natural environment*
- *A community that has maintained its tree canopy*
- *A community that provides family wage jobs*
- *A community that has recreational opportunities, medical services and shopping opportunities*
- *A community with an active civic life of fraternal organizations, social clubs and religious institutions*
- *A community of outstanding schools*



# Current Vision Statement

## for LAKE FOREST PARK

*Lake Forest Park's vision statement reflects its desired identity and values and expresses its future aspirations. The following principles guide the City of Lake Forest Park's development as a community, a physical place and a provider of public services to its citizens.*

- 1. Lake Forest Park inspires a strong sense of community based on pride and participation. The City will maintain a connection among citizens and with their government by managing growth and encouraging opportunities for citizen interaction.*
- 2. Lake Forest Park's natural resources provide an attractive place to live and work and contribute to the ecological balance of the region. The City will be a model for preservation of the environment and our natural resources within the surrounding urbanized region.*
- 3. Lake Forest Park values diversity among its residents and its businesses. The City will encourage a variety of local housing and business opportunities, compatible with community values, that meet the needs of its diverse citizenry with respect to socioeconomic, age, ethnicity, household composition and business activities.*
- 4. The citizens of Lake Forest Park place a high value on education. The City will support the public schools, the community college, the local libraries, community events, the arts and life-long learning.*
- 5. The City of Lake Forest Park values a high level of service to its citizens. The City will provide excellent public safety, efficient municipal services and access to a variety of parks and recreational opportunities to meet its citizens' needs.*
- 6. Lake Forest Park values high standards for public and private development. The City will encourage development that minimizes impact to the environment and urban design that is in harmony with natural and neighborhood surroundings.*
- 7. Lake Forest Park values a variety of transportation alternatives to assure mobility of its citizens. The City will provide and encourage transportation facilities for motorized vehicles, pedestrian trails and bike ways.*
- 8. Lake Forest Park values regional solutions to regional issues. The City will work together with surrounding jurisdictions to further our shared local and regional interests while maintaining the autonomy to advance local interests on behalf of its citizenry.*



# Building the Vision

for **LAKE FOREST PARK'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

## Small Meetings

Stewardship Foundation  
Merchants Association  
GOV WATCH  
39th Ave Block Watch Group  
Home Business Owners  
Lake Forest Park Seniors  
Civic Club  
Rotary Club  
Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church  
Whispering Willow Park Task Force  
Lake Forest Park Youth Council  
46th District Democrats  
Shorecrest Leadership Class

## October Community Workshop

Culminating event  
Synthesize input  
Sort and prioritize

## Ongoing Activities

[www.lakeforestpark2035.com](http://www.lakeforestpark2035.com)  
Social media network  
Public open houses  
Planning Commission meetings  
City Council meetings

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**Community Vision**



