



OLYMPIA

Public Participation and Partners Chapter

2045



Main Chapter Themes

- **Participation opportunities are valued**
- **All community members have a role**
- **Collaboration, partnerships, and public participation are essential to making our community a better place**



Chapter Survey Results (95 participants)

- Overall, the goals & policies provide good direction and guidance
- But...the City should do more to inform the community about the status of implementation actions and programs and highlight the successes



Example of Change Based on Survey Results

- *PP1.2 Annually measure and highlight progress towards achieving the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, including how well we are achieving our engagement goals. Engage the community in updating the strategy, publish performance reports, and recognize community partners who contribute to achieving the vision.*

Note: PP1.1, PP1.3, and PP2.3 also support reporting back to and informing the community on the status of implementation actions

Social Justice and Equity Commission

Comments

- Outreach to young persons is important
- Outreach methods should be tailored to reach specific groups of community members
- Greater community representation in the chapter photos is important to convey the overall message of the chapter

Changes Based on SJEC Comments

- New section on equity and inclusion for those most impacted and least able to participate (p.4)
- Updated sections on outreach to communities on the frontline and those that are overburdened and vulnerable (p.4 and p.6)
- New photo of Squaxin Island tribal members at the naming ceremony of Squaxin Park (p.10)
- New section on the accord between the Squaxin Island Tribe & the City of Olympia (p.10)

Also see supportive existing language in PP2.1, 2.2, and 2.3

Youth Council Comments

- Outreach to young persons is important to provide opportunities to be involved and be informed
- Greater representation of youth in the chapter text and/or photos is needed



Potential changes based on Youth Council Comments (1)

- Add photo(s) of youth to the chapter
 - Note: p.2 and p.9 currently have photos of youth



Youth attending a homeless response public meeting

Potential changes based on Youth Council Comments (2)

- Add examples of community members, such as youths, to PP2.1

PP2.1 Make information and outreach materials available through a variety of means for all community members including, but not limited to, youths, seniors, those with disability challenges, and under-represented groups.

Other Chapter Updates (1)

- **New policy on engagement with recognized neighborhood associations (p.6)**
- **Property rights and land use moratoriums moved to Land Use & Urban Design Chapter (p.7)**
- **New policy on City response to public input (p.8)**
- **New policy on communication with subarea representatives (p.8)**

Other Chapter Updates (2)

- **Housing densities section moved to Housing Chapter (p.11)**
- **Transfer of Development Rights program and annexation section moved Land Use & Urban Design Chapter (p.11-13)**
- **Updated section on interjurisdictional partnerships (p.14)**

Timeline

- June 26, 2023 – Planning Commission briefing
- July 6-20, 2023 – Public survey for the chapter
- July 31, 2024 – Open house
- August 5, 2024 – Planning Commission briefing
- September 23, 2024 – Social Justice & Equity Commission
- October 17, 2024 – Land Use and Environment Committee
- October 21, 2024 – Planning Commission public hearing
- November 4, 2024 – Planning Commission deliberations
- February 5, 2025 – Olympia Youth Council
- April 15, 2025 – City Council study session

Council Study Session

- Questions
- Feedback

Next Steps

- Regular Council Meeting for consideration, any revisions, acceptance
- Review of complete Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan for consideration, any revisions, and adoption





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