



Planning Commission

Final Deliberations: Visions and Values

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Issue:

Priority #1 for the Planning Commission's final deliberations is a review, discussion, and determination of recommendations for Council on the Vision and Values statements in the July Draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Director's Recommendation:

Move to determine a recommendation for Council on the Vision and Values statements in the July Draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Presenter(s): Commissioner Amy Tousley, Chair

Background and Analysis:

In determining the priorities for review of the July Draft and a process for final deliberations, Commissioners determined the first priority was a review of the Vision and Values statements.

The CPU Sub-Committee recommended the Vision and Values be reviewed first to ensure they represent the community, and that they can provide context for decision-making throughout the rest of the deliberations.

The Commission also held initial deliberations on the Vision and Values on September 10, 2012. Staff notes from the Commission's discussion include:

- Under the Community Value - either move the line "our community encourages our physical, spiritual and mental health" up on the list or remove "spiritual health" altogether. Question about whether that should be endorsed.
- Under the Neighborhoods Value - should be, "Citizens, developers, and the City work together to shape how neighborhoods grow, develop and are maintained."

- Under the Environment Value - add, “We recognize that people want to live in an environment with air, water and land free of contaminants.”
- Under the Economy Value - add, “We work to make our economy sustainable.”
- Under the Innovation Value - should be, “We anticipate and respond creatively to global and local challenges, such as energy supply and climate change.”
- Mention something about our history in the “Preserving our Sense of Place and Connections” paragraph. Commissioner Bardin will supply specific language.

Attachment 1: Link to the July Draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The Vision and Values statements are in the first chapter: Olympia’s Vision.

Attachment 2: Draft Vision and Values developed by the Planning Commission in 2011, including a narrative values statement. The Commission has received comments from the public with requests to incorporate a narrative vision, in addition to bulleted vision and value statements. The 2011 draft was not included in the April or July Drafts of the Comprehensive Plan, and may provide a starting point for Commissioners for a discussion of a narrative vision.

Attachment 3: Hyperlink to the existing Comprehensive Plan, which includes a Vision Statement. This may also be a good starting point from which to discuss a narrative format for a vision statement.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

See the *Imagine Olympia* website for links to public comments on *Imagine Olympia* from 2009-current: <http://olympiawa.gov/imagine-olympia/general-pages/process>.

Options:

1. Approve the July Draft version of the Value and Vision statements.
2. Discuss and decide upon a recommendation on the Value and Vision statements.
3. Provide specific direction to staff to prepare edited Value and Vision statements for the City Council’s draft.

Financial Impact:

None. Planning Commission final deliberations have been budgeted as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update process.