



Heritage Commission

2014 Draft Comprehensive Plan Update & Introduction to Action Plan

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Recommended Action Committee Recommendation:

Discussion only.

Report

Issue:

The Olympia Heritage Commission will receive a briefing from Community Planning & Development Staff on the status of City Council's review of the 2014 Draft Comprehensive Plan and will be introduced to the next step: the Action Plan.

Presenter(s):

Leonard Bauer, Deputy Director of Community Planning & Development Stacey Ray, Associate Planner of Community Planning and Development

Background and Analysis:

This year Olympia is adopting a new Comprehensive Plan with updated goals and policies that reflect our community's vision. This process is called "Imagine Olympia." The Olympia Heritage Commission has taken part in reviewing and developing the language related to historic preservation that appears in the current draft of the document.

The Olympia City Council is currently reviewing the Draft Comprehensive Plan which was recommended by the Olympia Planning Commission in December 2013. The Council's review will result in a public hearing draft on which the community will be asked to comment. For more information on Imagine Olympia, please visit: http://olympiawa.gov/imagine-olympia.aspx

At today's meeting, Leonard Bauer will provide an update on where the Council is in the review process and address some of the issues which are being discussed that may have relevance to Olympia's historic environment, most notably the "Urban Corridors" concept.

Following this discussion, Stacey Ray will introduce the next stage of Imagine Olympia. Early in the

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process, the City Council identified a vital next step: to ensure that the goals and policies become reality and have real "on the ground" impact by creating an "Action Plan."

Stacey will provide an introduction to how Imagine Olympia is moving to this next phase - "Imagine Olympia | Take Action". Work has begun on identifying the programs, projects and activities that will turn the Comprehensive Plan into reality and ways in which to measure the difference we make in our community over the next two to ten years.

Community feedback received during Imagine Olympia included many excellent programs, projects, and activities community members would like to see happen to carry out the Comprehensive Plan. Those ideas are now being carefully reviewed and considered for inclusion in a draft Action Plan. In addition, Stacey will share how there will be new ways in which to be involved in this process later this year.