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RE: Sherwood Vision Summit # 1 Final Summary

On July 30, 2018, the City of Sherwood convened a Vision Summit for its 2040 Comprehensive Plan Vision process. Formulating a vision statement is the first phase of an update to the City's comprehensive plan process. The vision will help inform policy updates and guide City Council with its decisions based on a range of topics ranging from citizen involvement to economic development. The first phase of outreach was organized into eight topic areas: (1) housing, (2) transportation, (3) economic development, (4) community engagement, (5) nature, parks and trails, (6) infrastructure, (7) governance and growth management and (8) community health and safety.

Nearly 40 people attended the Vision Summit at the Sherwood Performing Arts Center. A wide range of participants included both newcomers and residents who have lived in Sherwood their entire life. An Open House was conducted from 6-6:30, during which the City held an Ice Cream Social and gave participants time to review summaries of the outreach related to each of the eight topic areas. At 6:30, after opening remarks from Mayor Keith Mays and Planning Manager Erika Palmer, participants heard an overview of the project and work to date from Carrie Brennecke, Senior Planner, and Anais Mathez, 3J Consulting. 3J Consulting assisted with facilitating and staffing the event.

During the presentation, CAC member Tess Kies presented the preliminary draft vision statement, developed based on the themes heard through community engagement activities and guidance from the CAC. The preliminary draft vision statement reads as follows:

In the year 2040, residents of Sherwood appreciate their safe, connected, family-oriented and friendly community. Those who grew up in Sherwood stay for family wage jobs and a high quality of life, and those who raised their families here can retire in the place they proudly call home. Sherwood is renowned for its excellent schools, parks, thriving local businesses, small town feel and access to metropolitan amenities, jobs and natural areas.

Strong Community, Culture, and Heritage

In 2040, Sherwood successfully retains its treasured small-town character and strong sense of community while welcoming new businesses and residents. Old Town preserves its historic atmosphere as an attractive place to shop, dine and gather. The library and performing arts center play a vital role as place of learning and sharing, and art and creativity are woven into the fabric of the city. A variety of community events uphold a legacy of bringing the community together and giving Sherwood a sense of place.

Attractive and Attainable Housing

In 2040, Sherwood has a range of housing choices for a diversity of ages and income levels, providing community members the ability to live in Sherwood throughout all stages of life.

Thriving and Diversified Economy

In 2040, the Sherwood economy has grown to include a variety of businesses big and small that offer stable employment opportunities and family-wage jobs. Sherwood is a gateway to wine country and capitalizes on a robust tourism industry.



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Coordinated and Connected Infrastructure

In 2040, the city's transportation system is efficient, safe and provides transportation options. The town has an active and connected transportation network where residents enjoy walking and bicycle paths between neighborhoods, parks, schools, the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge and Old Town. Quality public facilities, services, and utilities contribute to a high quality of life. Sherwood has an excellent school system, an asset that draws families to the community. Sherwood residents of all ages enjoy the city's robust park system, community centers and state-of-the-art athletic and recreation facilities.

Heathy and Valued Ecosystem

In 2040, Sherwood is a leader as a steward of its natural environment. Vegetated corridors are protected and weave through the city providing habitat, safe passage for wildlife, clean water, and a place for people to connect with nature. The city actively preserves mature trees and natural areas.

Strategic and Collaborative Governance

In 2040, residents enjoy well-funded police, fire and emergency response services that keep Sherwood safe. The city is governed in a fiscally responsible and responsive manner that allows for strategic, well-planned growth and the adequate provision of services.

After the presentation, participants were invited to join a facilitated table discussion. Eight tables, one for each topic area, provided a focused opportunity for participants to dive deeper into what they want to see in the future of Sherwood, and draft goal statements related to that topic area. Participants were encouraged to review the summary boards at each table and consider this feedback as the group crafted goals for each topic area.

Table discussions were facilitated by a CAC member, City staff or consultant. Participants were invited to rotate around the room and join four different table discussions over the course of an hour. At the end of the workshop activity, table facilitators were invited to report back on the top themes and goal statements generated from the discussions at their table. A summary of that report back is included below:

- **Housing:** Participants articulated several main themes related to the affordability, accessibility, diversity, and character of housing in Sherwood. One major goal involves increasing the range of housing types in Sherwood, including providing more housing choices for seniors and multi-generational families, increasing opportunities for ADU development, providing a variety of lot sizes, and developing flexible zoning options. Additionally, they indicate that housing should be affordable and available to people of diverse backgrounds and income levels. Residents want to ensure that housing fits within the character of their neighborhoods by developing design standards, encouraging master planned communities that incorporate parks, trails, and infrastructure, blending a variety of housing within neighborhoods (such as senior housing), providing adequate parking for new housing, and incorporating denser housing in mixed-use developments.
- **Economic Development:** Participants expressed a variety of goals to improve the economic development of Sherwood and balance the tax base. Major themes involve increasing the capacity of City staff (including hiring economic development position), better dissemination of information about commercial hubs like Old Town and developing partnerships with public and private entities to further economic development in Sherwood. Residents want to ensure that businesses can easily move to Sherwood, so they indicate that the City should conduct inventories of existing infrastructure for commercial development such as rail and broadband and provide adequate employment lands for development including Sherwood West. Residents want to attract a variety of enterprise including light industry, professional offices, software, high-end jobs, and a grocery store.



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- **Nature, Parks, and Trails:** Participants have a variety of goals related to the maintenance and capital improvement of Sherwood's network of parks, trails, and natural areas. Residents want to ensure that existing trail and bike networks and parks are well maintained to ensure residents can access them easily. Residents want to increase the connectivity between parks and trails by creating safe, dedicated pathways including new bike paths and an overpass on 99W. They indicate that planning for trails and connectivity will be essential in achieving this goal. Residents also have several specific capital improvement goals for Sherwood to strive for. According to participants, residents would benefit from sand volleyball courts as an addition to one of the existing parks as well as establishing a dog park in West Sherwood. Participants are also interested in maintaining a Beaverton-like water feature that is open to the public and establishing more connections with the Tonquin trail. In general, participants think that parks ought to plant more trees and preserve existing mature trees, control litter, and develop partnerships with developers to ensure more greenspace.
- **Community Engagement:** A clear goal expressed by participants is strengthening community relationships between diverse groups in Sherwood. This includes increasing capacity to organize and strengthen connections with the rural community, schools, faith networks, the Arts Center, youth, and new residents. Participants are interested in increasing the volunteer capacity of residents, including providing more volunteer opportunities especially for seniors and families. Community spaces for people to gather need to be walkable and well-maintained and organized by City departments, including parks and the downtown area, and there should be sufficient programs to ensure youth and teenagers have sufficient activities to do, especially during the summer.
- **Transportation:** Connecting east and west Sherwood was identified as a major goal. According to the discussion, creating pedestrian and bicycle connections over Hwy 99W is one way to achieve this. Additionally, participants would like to increase transportation options in general including creating an on-demand small/local transportation, utilize ride-sharing options with senior discounts, and participate in Safe Routes to School. They feel that the City should coordinate more closely with local road jurisdictions to increase efficiency, plan the future of Hwy 99W, develop a regional stance on roads affecting Sherwood, and prepare for the expansion of roads. Other goals expressed by participants included encourage slow movement of traffic, developing roadway connections with Old Town, explore bypass options, improve safety and efficiency, and plan proactively to community needs.
- **Infrastructure:** To improve the timely and efficient provision of infrastructure, participants think it is essential that Sherwood increases its staff capacity to advocate and plan for infrastructure improvements and ensure partners deliver funding and services in a timely manner. The City should create more robust inventories for existing resources and disseminate information related to infrastructure more widely to residents and developers. Additionally, the City should plan infrastructure development in such a way that provides options and opportunities for Sherwood residents to better meet their needs, including infrastructure for commercial development, senior housing, and new systems such as solar power and municipal broadband.
- **Governance and Growth Management:** Participants generally agreed that growth, especially of employment lands, was going to be critical to ensure the long term economic health of Sherwood and diversify the tax base. However, they indicated that expansion should occur at a controlled pace, and growth scenarios should be analyzed to determine their strengths and weaknesses. Participants indicate that they would like to be more involved with governance in Sherwood and feel that providing more education opportunities about partnerships, projects, dynamics facing the City, and different perspectives on relevant issues would benefit residents. Finally, they note that



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the City can do more to enforce existing laws, especially ones pertaining to parking, traffic, and litter that would benefit both residents and boost city revenue.

- **Community Health and Safety:** Participants indicate that the City should enhance safety for schoolchildren by increasing coordination with police and school resource officers as well as improving traffic safety for schoolchildren walking to and from campus. To allow residents to age in place, the City should consider ways to encourage the establishment of specialized medical services, like the Da Vita Sherwood Dialysis Center on SW Pacific HWY, as well as diversified private transportation options for seniors getting to and from these services. Additionally, participants indicated that as the population grows, the City should ensure public safety and health resources are proportionally scaled, including resources for police, fire, mental health, and traffic safety.

At the end of the report back, Carrie presented the next steps in the planning process. CAC members will refine these draft goal statements at their next meeting and identify any trade-offs and policy choices that have arisen from these discussions. The City will invite the community back to discuss these policy choices and priorities at a second Vision Summit in the fall. This work will then be integrated into the Comprehensive Plan update, to be kicked off at the end of 2018 or early 2019.

Carrie thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

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