

OurCamas2045 Visioning Outreach Preliminary Summary of Engagement Results

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Project Overview

The City of Camas is undertaking a multi-year initiative to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Our Camas 2045 Comprehensive Plan will establish a vision for growth and development and will articulate goals, objectives, policies, and actions to guide our future through 2045. The plan will also address recent changes to Washington's Growth Management Act related to housing and climate change. In conjunction with Our Camas 2045, the City of Camas is developing a downtown subarea plan to establish a more detailed vision and action plan to catalyze public and private investment in our historic downtown that preserves and enhances its unique sense of place. Our Downtown Camas 2045 will be a visionary roadmap that honors our rich heritage and maintains our hometown feel while setting the stage for a thriving future.

Beginning in December 2023, City staff and the consultant teams led outreach efforts to better understand the community's vision and priorities related to Camas' future. As of May 2024, the *Our Camas Visioning* process has reached over 1,000 community members through Community Conversations, Community Events, an online survey, online mapping tools, and the project website. The main purpose of the outreach effort was to ask the following questions:

- *What makes Camas, including our historic downtown, special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?*
- *What about Camas, including our historic downtown, would you like to change in the future? What can improve?*

While there was variation in how these broad questions were posed across different activities, they were designed to identify common themes around the aspirations and concerns of Camas residents and business owners, which is a key piece to the development of the vision statement for both downtown and the broader community. After each engagement activity, all information received was reviewed and stored within the online survey database, either through individual survey responses or manual input (which is noted within the survey system) of notes from events and activities.

This summary provides an update on the various outreach efforts and summarizes the preliminary key themes that are emerging from these activities through tagging of community conversation and event notes and survey responses. The raw survey data, which includes the notes and feedback from community conversations and events, is included as an Appendix to this document. Note that this is not a statistically valid survey and is only meant

to qualitatively explore themes regarding the future of Camas.

Engagement Activities

Community Conversations

To reach a wide spectrum of Camas community members, project staff and members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) facilitated community conversations with local groups, clubs, committees, and organizations in Camas.

While most community conversations were facilitated by City staff, project staff and CAC members, a “Community Conversation Kit” was available on the project website for anyone to download and conduct among their own networks.

As of May 15th, fourteen community conversations were conducted with the following groups, engaging approximately 558 community members in Camas:

- City Council
- Camas Library Board of Directors
- Columbia Ridge Assisted Living
- Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Camas Association
- Skyridge Middle School
- Prune Hill Residents
- Camas Planning Commission
- Holly Hills Residents
- Camas City Directors
- Downtown Merchants
- Camas Parks and Recreation Commission
- Camas Lions Club
- Camas High School



Community conversations were held in-person, and the discussion questions followed the same questions posed through the online questionnaire. These discussions helped extend the reach of the online questionnaire. Notes from discussion leaders were manually input to the questionnaire and marked as a community conversation.

Community Events

Starting in April, the project team kicked off the beginning of presence at community events. Tabling at community events provides a unique opportunity to reach many people in one place. Materials for tabling were designed to receive community feedback, build project awareness, drive people to the project website, and promote opportunities to get involved.



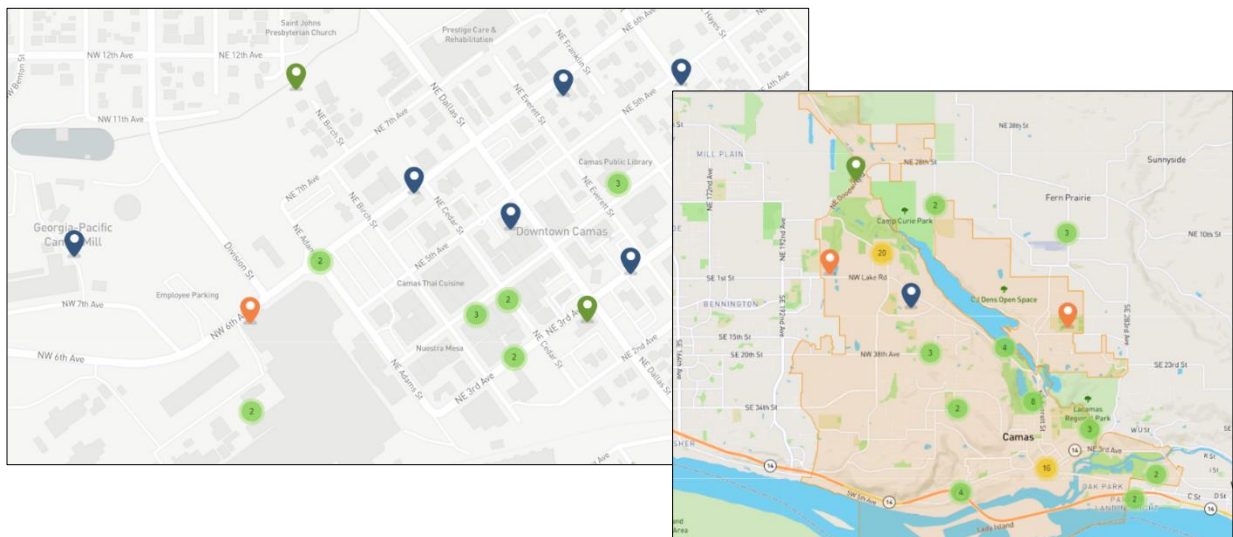
- Downtown Camas First Fridays

Online Engagement

Running concurrently with outreach through Community Conversations and community events, an online questionnaire and interactive map was launched in early February 2024. A citywide mailer was sent to all Camas residents to announce the launch of the project and promote the project website and online engagement activities.

As of May 15th, 2024, the questionnaire received 366 responses, accessed through the City's *Engage Camas* online platform, which has received over 2,000 visitors to the site.

In addition to the questionnaire, an interactive online map provided the opportunity for participants to identify and describe areas of opportunity or concern both in the downtown and in the wider Camas community. Overall, the interactive map has received 146 pins.



Topics and Key Themes

The following is a preliminary list of topics that have begun to emerge from the outreach conducted through this initial visioning process. These topics are a synthesis of the comments shared by Camas residents and business owners when they describe what they love about their community today, and what they want to see in the future. The word clouds provide a visual representation of the most repeated phrases. These will be updated and refined once the visioning outreach concludes in spring 2024.

What makes Camas, including our historic downtown, special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?

City-wide

- Family-friendly
- Outdoor Access
- Trails
- Small-town feel
- Safety
- Community
- Cleanliness
- Art
- Parks
- Beauty
- Community Events
- Natural Resources

Downtown

- Walkability
- Charm
- Trees
- Historic



What about Camas, including our historic downtown, would you like to change in the future? What can improve?

City-wide

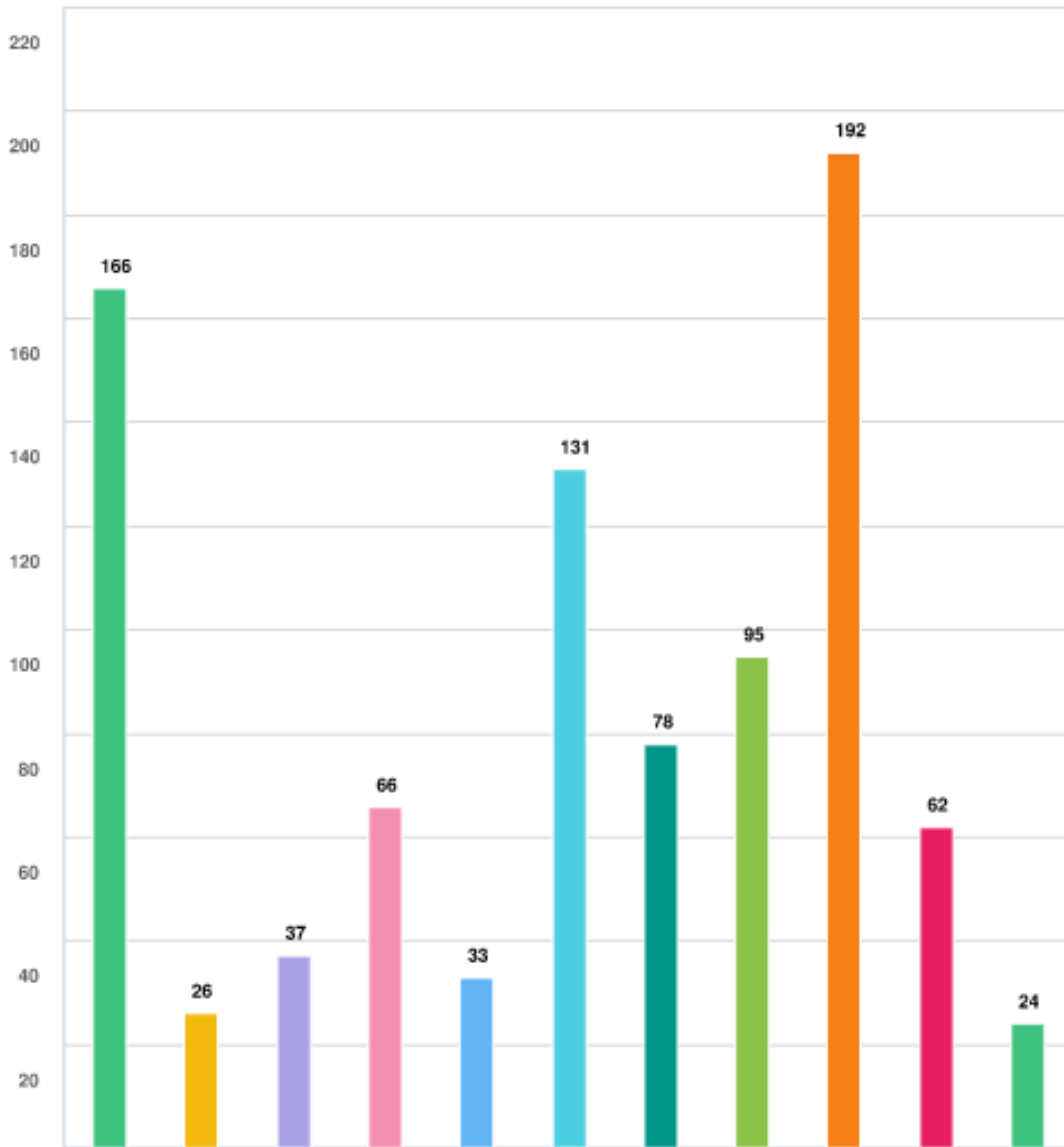
- Equity
- Support diversity
- Celebrate history
- Community pool
- Prioritize infrastructure
- Gathering space
- Lake quality
- Improve walkability
- Enhance parks
- Increase green space
- Dog park
- Smart growth
- Encourage employment
- Youth activities

Downtown

- Better parking
- More restaurants
- Less Church property
- More businesses
- Redevelop Paper Mill
- Expand downtown
- More hotels
- Maintain landscaping
- More entertainment
- Develop waterfront

In addition to these two broad visioning questions, the online questionnaire also asked respondents to identify the most important topics to address through the *Our Camas 2045* Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Subarea Plan process. Parks and Recreation, Air, Land, and Water Quality, and Historic Preservation were the top three topics that respondents chose as seen below in a snapshot of the results.

Q4 | In your opinion, what is the most important topic to address in the *Our Camas 2045* process? Identify your top three priorit...



Question options

- Air, land, and water quality
- Civic identity
- Climate and natural hazards
- Economic development
- Equity and inclusion
- Historic preservation
- Housing choice and affordability
- Infrastructure development
- Parks and recreation
- Transportation and safety
- Other (please specify)

Based on the topics that were uncovered through the visioning process, four key themes emerged that captured the sentiment and aspirations of Camas residents and businesses owners about the future of their community. An assessment of the outreach feedback is organized around these four key themes, which may serve as the foundation of the *Our Camas 2045 Vision Statement*.

Community Pride and Connection:

The questionnaire's results show support for more community events and activities to add to existing programming. There were requests for better communication with residents, more involvement in decision-making processes and the welcoming of new families moving into the area through informational welcome packets. Respondents share concerns about taxation, zoning, and development decisions. Many respondents also call for more community facilities like a swimming pool, youth center, and more recreational activities such as parks, trails, and sports facilities. Lastly, some suggestions call for improving access to education, including the need for more schools and support for innovative education models.

Positive feedback was offered on the community feel and connection, shown in sentiments like "it's a great mix of people, a safe place for families, and has a small-town community feel" and "I think the city still offers a feel of community that is lost in some places." Many point to the downtown as the center of the Camas community, noted in responses like "the downtown corridor is the foundation of Camas" and "the DCA (Downtown Camas Association) is critical in creating a welcoming atmosphere." There is strong support for locally owned businesses, seen through responses like "small family-owned businesses" and "local businesses, walkability." Emphasis was seen on preserving the small-town feel through responses like "preserve the small-town feel" and "don't turn it into a crowded, noisy place!"

Environment, Natural Beauty, and Outdoor Recreation:

The questionnaire's results highlight care and passion for the many opportunities for access to nature and the outdoor recreation opportunities offered by the regional outdoor access, lakes, the waterfront, and hiking trails. Concerns were voiced about water quality in lakes seen through responses like "water quality in lakes" and "clean up the lake." Respondents noted the need for clean-up and maintenance to preserve the natural beauty and green spaces.

Many respondents spoke positively about the City's access to nature through statements like "access to nature on a daily basis is very important to me" and "nature, calmness/peace are what I think of with Camas." Emphasis was placed on the beauty, greenery, and trails, seen through responses like "I love our beautiful eclectic town" and "trails, green space and parks."

Housing and Economic Development:

The questionnaire's results ask for better management of growth, specifying the need for infrastructure considerations prior to additional housing development, shown in responses like "developers are building housing developments faster than our infrastructure and the schools can handle them" and "growth needs to be better managed." Concerns were voiced

about parking availability and infrastructure improvements such as improved streets, sidewalks, and central gathering places like parks or a town square. Emphasis was placed on improving walkability with better sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian-only areas, and safer pedestrian crossings, as well as reducing car traffic in downtown areas. Specific responses seen were "Strive for more large sidewalks" and "Walkability and food; shopping options downtown."

Positive feedback was given on the current state of the City's safety, cleanliness, quietness, and quality of schools. Responses indicated "it's a safe and clean community" and Camas is a "small, quiet, clean town." Emphasis was placed on slowing down development and preserving existing buildings, with comments that expressed "many things have changed over the past 15 years" and "it's sad to see buildings destroyed for what some feel is 'improvement'."

Downtown and Local Businesses:

Respondents call for maintaining and preserving the historical significance of Camas, including educating youth about the town's founding and heritage. There is considerable appreciation for the quaint, historic downtown area, noted in responses like "it is a tight knit community," "the small-town feel" and "I love the older buildings downtown with the lighted trees."

There is a strong desire to preserve downtown's charm and ambiance, expressed in comments such as "preserve the small-town vibe" and "preserve the heritage and hardworking culture of the past." Emphasis was placed on the feel and the draw offered by downtown and its local businesses, noted in responses like "our quaint historic downtown area, wonderful shops and restaurants" and "love the 'community' feel, the downtown area is quaint and enjoyable."

Every key theme has ties to the downtown core, with specific suggestions for downtown development including building a parking garage, revitalizing existing parks through the addition of new play structures, restrooms, and water fountains, preserving the historic look and feel of the area, and attracting more diverse businesses, shown in responses like "continue to encourage businesses to develop in the downtown area" and "continue investment in the downtown core."

Respondents express a strong desire for downtown to be more pedestrian-friendly, with respondents saying, "make the downtown core walkable (vehicle free), with ample parking around it" and "make the entire downtown core a pedestrian zone." There is a strong interest in more dining and restaurant options, with nearly 40 mentions of the word "restaurant" in the survey analysis. This is supported by sentiments like "add more restaurants, cafes, wine bars" and "[I] would like to see more shops/restaurants and other business that make it fun to spend an afternoon shopping and eating."

Lastly, there are some differing opinions on increasing housing downtown, but more often,

respondents note the need for more downtown housing options in addition to hotels and places for visitors to stay. Specifically, people mentioned supporting “downtown businesses by including more housing” and “more housing downtown and throughout town for all income levels.”

Conclusion

The raw survey data, which includes the notes and feedback from community conversations and events, is included in the Appendix. All comments received through community conversations and community events were inputted into the questionnaire to build an online database of feedback. Information from this summary will be used to craft the *Our Camas 2045 Vision Statement* for the Comprehensive Plan update and Downtown Subarea Plan process.

Our Camas 2045: Vision Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

01 December 2023 - 15 May 2024

PROJECT NAME:
Our Camas 2045



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Why do you choose to live and/or work in Camas?

Screen Name Redacted
2/09/2024 07:21 PM
When I originally purchased property here in Camas it presented as a small town that valued exactly that- a small town culture of safe protection. Boy was I wrong!

Screen Name Redacted
2/09/2024 09:12 PM
I moved to Camas specifically because of the downtown area. I have lived by Crown Park and now live by Doc Harris, and specifically live close to the center of downtown because it is what makes our city special.

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 07:55 AM
I was born and raised in Washougal and I love our beautiful eclectic town.

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 09:40 AM
Schools, nature, small town feel

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 11:47 AM
I moved to Camas because I liked the simple small town feel. I loved how kind and inviting people were and how safe it was.

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 11:14 PM
Community and culture

Screen Name Redacted
2/11/2024 10:27 AM
It is safe for raising a family. It is close to parks and nature with a strong community feel rather than an unplanned urban sprawl.

Screen Name Redacted
2/12/2024 10:02 AM
nature, calmness/peace are what I think of with Camas. Camas is ideal in its environmental setting--- with the lakes & rivers providing so many areas to walk and hike. I love how green it is here, and keeping access to recreation in nature is very important to me.

Screen Name Redacted
2/12/2024 02:44 PM
Small town feel, family environment, unique shops, lots of open spaces, amazing schools.

Screen Name Redacted
2/12/2024 02:59 PM
Safety, good schools, small town feel, cleanliness.

Screen Name Redacted
Great schools. Proximity to job.

2/12/2024 04:48 PM

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 08:43 AM

I live in the Green Mountain neighborhood off of Ingle. I live here because of safety, access to the lakes and hiking trails and the good schools.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 08:52 AM

The excellent school district, green spaces, rivers & "small town" feel.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:11 AM

Community focus on families, quality schools, and a safe, welcoming environment.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:37 AM

Great schools and wonderful community

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Because my wife lives here.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Schools and community feeling.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:00 AM

The safety and small town feel! If it changes to much more I may have to choose elsewhere.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:42 AM

Parks and trails. Quiet and not overdeveloped.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:52 AM

I am a lifelong Camas resident. I stay because of the beautiful area and because the town has been developed thoughtfully and in a way that has retained and enhanced its unique small town feeling.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:55 AM

Schools and public outdoor recreation/beauty (lake, park, gorge)

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:18 PM

Small and historic town is why we moved here 20 years ago.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:47 PM

School, Community, Parks and Trails

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

It's a great small-town feel with modern amenities. Convenient location and spectacular views.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 01:27 PM

Parks/Trails, Schools, Location to PDX, Taxes, and the hope of a more diverse downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:09 PM

The natural beauty and small town charm.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:59 PM

From Washougal. I love what used to be the small feel like Washougal. I work in Camas. I enjoy supporting the local businesses in town and the trails and parks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 06:00 PM

Schools and location

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:02 PM

Small feel

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:34 PM

Great small community vibe, lots of green space and dedicated parks and trails.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:53 PM

safety and schools

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:21 PM

Lots of open green spaces, and a useful, vibrant downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:29 PM

I enjoy the small town feel, plentiful outdoor activities and trail system

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 11:33 PM

Small town feel. Time moves slower. Know people I went to school with.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 05:29 AM

I live by downtown and like being able to walk to get many basic everyday needs met, while also being able to walk to a trail system from my house. Access to nature on a daily basis is very important to me. And also the great schools for my kids!

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 08:06 AM

Good schools. Small town feel. Both of these aspects are dwindling FAST. Developers are building housing developments faster than our infrastructure and the schools can handle them. Camas high school is over crowded and serves only the top echelon of students. A second high school is needed. New road projects are literally pushing small businesses out - people that have spent time and money and invested in our community. What the EverettStreet corridor project is doing to these businesses is outrageous- all because the city didn't have a plan for infrastructure after allowing developers to build hundreds (maybe thousands?) of homes east of the lakes.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 09:39 AM

Safety and quality schools

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 12:05 PM

Raised our children in Camas Schools while working in the metro Portland-Vancouver job market. Have remained here now that we are empty-nesters and retired because of the availability of services, health-care, relatively low taxes, and excellent parks & trails

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 05:16 PM

Safety, small town community, conservative values

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 08:30 AM

We've built a family, home and community here.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:16 AM

We live in Camas because we have lived here for 50 years now and don't want to sell our home and start over even though we don't like the direction that our town is going.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:16 AM

Safe, good schools, beautiful scenery, modern suburbs and development

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:26 AM

Our quaint historic downtown area, wonderful shops and restaurants.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:33 AM

We picked Camas first for the schools. Second we picked it based on it's proximity to PDX and Portland. Third we picked it based on it's charming downtown and walking trails.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:39 AM

Now that the city doesn't give a crap about the beauty of trees, all access to the lake or anything nature/wildlife related, not sure why. I

will be moving out of here in the next 2 to 3 years. Camas used to be a gem - now it's just as ugly as strip-mall Vancouver. Well done Camas, you've ruined the beauty that brought me here. Shame on you.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:46 AM

Safety. No homeless camps and drugs on streets. There's no gang activity and violence.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:44 AM

The schools, small town community but close to airport and PDX. Parks and neighborhoods with trees

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:44 AM

Nice, friendly small town with great schools.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:52 AM

Small Community values, school excellence, safety, quiet neighborhoods.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:58 AM

I live in Washougal, but worked at the paper mill for 40 years. I moved here for work but enjoy the small town feel of Camas and Washougal.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:02 AM

I like the small town feel and abundance of trees and trails.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:06 AM

Small community support, outdoor access to hikes, lakes, feeling of safety

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:08 AM

New Housing.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:18 AM

We chose to live here because of the small town feel, specifically downtown's charm. We live a few blocks from downtown and the walkability is a huge positive for my partner and me. We also love how close we are to the hiking trail and river walk. It feels like we have everything we need here and it is lovely not having to leave town unless there is a special need.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:18 AM

I moved here to live with my daughters family. I enjoy the area and 'home' town feel.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:29 AM

I live it Camas because it is a friendly, safe community. We love the large lots of land that houses are on. We love how adorable yet functional downtown Camas. We love that getting into Portland and PDX isn't a hassle, traffic is good.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:28 AM

Large lot homes, small town feel.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:36 AM

away from the bigger cities, yet near enough to PDX and Downtown Vancouver if need some city life. Feel fairly safe - but this is starting to change....

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:41 AM

The low crime rates, people it draws to the community and abundance of outdoor recreational access/opportunity (primarily biking lanes, trails and open space).

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:43 AM

It's where the business I work at is located.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:48 AM

The charming downtown and friendly people drew us to Camas. Our home is within walking distance to downtown. We also like its proximity in the Portland metro area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:50 AM

I work and hangout in camas because it is a great town with awesome small town feel. Being able to hangout downtown and walk to round lake park and feel like you are in the middle of nowhere is so cool. So many great places to eat and drink

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:52 AM

It is a cute, vibrant and at the same time quiet town that is really enjoyable to stroll around regularly. There are also lots of events and opportunities available.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:59 AM

I love the small town feel, it's very beautiful.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:58 AM

Beautiful area, love down town, and friends already here

Screen Name Redacted

It is beautiful and safe

2/15/2024 10:56 AM

Screen Name Redacted Community culture, downtown

2/15/2024 10:59 AM

Screen Name Redacted Public green spaces with water access for hiking, biking and dog walking, proximity to airport and Portland, quality schools,

2/15/2024 11:17 AM

Screen Name Redacted Our jobs were here (in the late 70's). Now we could work anywhere but we love the downtown core and the fact that we live within walking distance, n "old Camas."

2/15/2024 11:30 AM

Screen Name Redacted Nice surroundings

2/15/2024 11:45 AM

Screen Name Redacted Amazing small town and community feel. Lots of access to great parks and recreation.

2/15/2024 11:49 AM

Screen Name Redacted It's beautiful

2/15/2024 12:41 PM

Screen Name Redacted Well, technically I'm in Washougal, but only just -- however our family did live in Camas for about 10 years. The biggest draw -- besides good schools -- was and is the downtown core, with shops, restaurants, galleries and regular community activities. The places I visit most often are Caffè Piccolo, Camas Antiques and the library.

2/15/2024 12:44 PM

Screen Name Redacted Small town feel but close to bigger cities. Originally the school district but feeling lied to regarding it being top notch.

2/15/2024 12:53 PM

Screen Name Redacted Great school districts, small town feel with proximity to Portland/Vancouver.

2/15/2024 12:56 PM

Screen Name Redacted Love the small town feel the town

2/15/2024 01:07 PM

Screen Name Redacted Its reputation for being a clean and safe place to live. A place that cares about the families that live there

2/15/2024 01:10 PM

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:08 PM

We live in an older neighborhood walking distance to downtown. Love the downtown but disturbing to see all the development swallowing up the outskirts of camas.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:16 PM

Small town and great schools

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:16 PM

I love the community! The shops and nice restaurants. I also love the trails for biking and walking. I really really love camas.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 03:14 PM

Love the small town feel(I live close to Downtown, I'm in Washougal, but camas school district.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 03:56 PM

Great schools

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 04:23 PM

Location, schools, amenities, and recreational opportunities.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 04:40 PM

I both work and live in Camas. I wanted a small town feel, but close to the city of Portland. I like the parks, especially Round Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake and Lacamas Lake parks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:20 PM

Schools, trails, beautiful and quaint downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:39 PM

It is a nice little city

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 06:46 PM

Because it's home for over 29 years.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 07:46 PM

Fairly small town setting.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 11:23 PM

I love the strong sense of community reflected in the pride shining in our downtown and parks, the strong support of our schools and public services, and the joyous neighborhood feeling of First Fridays, Camas Days and Farmers Market.

Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 12:20 AM	You are close to nature and the beauty of the trees and lakes, yet not too far from civilization either.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 05:07 AM	I like the community and small town atmosphere.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 08:08 AM	I have lived in Camas for 62 of my 64 years. I love our town, but our growth needs to be better managed.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 08:40 AM	I chose to live in Camas because of the quality of schools and because of the mix of rural and small-town urban community. I value open space and trails and I love that Camas has so much open space and rural community in combination with a lively small-town feel downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 09:47 AM	Small town feel, love the beauty of the downtown as well as the nature around us.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 11:53 AM	nice people, pleasant, clean, safe, pretty.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 12:34 PM	We moved for the schools and will stay because of the natural beauty, dedication to preserving quality public spaces and the small town ethos that drives development.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 01:44 PM	Love the 'community' feel, the downtown area is quaint and enjoyable, the work of the Small Business Association is vibrant, there are art galleries, and the vintage Liberty Theater is great!
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 04:54 PM	Live near Camas, Vancouver!!😊
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 05:18 PM	Safety, clean, parks/trails, small town feel.
Screen Name Redacted 2/16/2024 06:17 PM	Camas has done a great job balancing community, businesses, jobs, and schools. The historic downtown. We are far enough away from the big cities, but close enough to go there if we chose.

Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 08:19 AM	Found an affordable view property in an established neighborhood 34 years ago.
Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 09:23 PM	It is a safe, family friendly small town where one can actually know others who also work and live here.
Screen Name Redacted 2/18/2024 09:07 AM	Natural elements: the forest, trails, lake, river
Screen Name Redacted 2/18/2024 09:38 AM	I relish living close enough to Lacamas Park, and ready access to all the trails, while also within easy walking distance to downtown Camas.
Screen Name Redacted 2/18/2024 04:15 PM	Schools and neighborhoods
Screen Name Redacted 2/19/2024 08:42 AM	I love the small-town vibe, interesting houses, walkable streets, and community events (even if I don't partake in very many).
Screen Name Redacted 2/19/2024 11:53 AM	Outdoor recreation (hiking, mountain biking, lakes, etc.), good schools, safe.
Screen Name Redacted 2/19/2024 02:23 PM	Family (I'm a 3rd generation Camasonian), friends, community.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 09:33 PM	Highly rated schools. Safety. Quiet, small town life-style.
Screen Name Redacted 2/21/2024 10:35 AM	Small town, small school district, nice people, cute downtown area, beautiful nature
Screen Name Redacted 2/21/2024 05:11 PM	I live in Camas because I enjoy quick access to trails and LaCamas Lake. I also enjoy. Downtown Camas.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2024 01:22 PM	Beautiful suburb and location next to Columbia River is gorgeous. Great schools and safe for kids
Screen Name Redacted	Moved here for schools in 2001. Staying because we like the

2/23/2024 09:58 AM

downtown & parks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 08:28 PM

We moved here from out of state, we heard from a lot of people this is the best town to live in for kids, and low crime.

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 08:36 AM

We wanted to move to camas for the quiet, unique, far-away feel from the big city; for the schools; for the serene beauty of the trees, the quiet neighborhoods, the less populated roads. Sadly, many of those things have changed over the past 15 years. The streets are failing - our road is crumbling apart and looks like it could be a sinkhole one day soon. Our street is like a main highway, our house is being targeted nearly every weekend by kids trying to beat down our door - causing health issues for my husband. We can't sit in our backyard without hearing industrial decibel leaf blowers all day and street racers at night. The front of our house has become a parking spot for folks that are up to no good - no plates or temp tags, smoking, yelling, trash, etc. Yet the city keeps asking for more of our money while our quality of living in this city is taking a nosedive.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 09:54 AM

I love the small town feel. Not a lot of Portland and Vancouvers messy homeless politics.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 10:39 AM

We moved here for work. We chose Camas for the Lakes, trails, small community, and we heard so much about the great schools. We LOVE the Library!

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 11:58 AM

For the neighborhoods, open spaces/farms, and schools.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 02:25 PM

Access to nature and schools

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:18 PM

Good schools Beautiful community The lake (which I didn't know was filthy until I moved here)

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:31 PM

It's got small town charm without the right wing politics

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:57 PM

Schools, safety

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 06:28 PM

School district

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2/27/2024 07:09 PM

We moved to Camas for the high performing schools and fantastic outdoor hiking. Protect the parks!

Screen Name Redacted

2/28/2024 08:59 AM

Two biggest factors that brought my family to Camas from San Diego. 1) My family is nearby in Washougal 2) The schools have a reputation for being top notch.

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2/28/2024 06:52 PM

Outdoors

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2/28/2024 09:06 PM

I have lived in Camas for almost 30 Years because it was a great small town.

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2/29/2024 08:38 PM

Proximity to Lacamas Park, Columbia River, and Portland.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 09:00 PM

Proximity to Lacamas park - our family hikes, mountain bikes and trail runs through the park multiple times a week. We love access to the lakes in the summer (we wish they were safe to swim in). We love that there's almost no traffic in camas and there's a vibrant downtown thats fun to walk in and attend community events.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 09:46 PM

My kids and grandkids live here and I really love the small town life. Hope it's not over built.

Screen Name Redacted

3/01/2024 07:51 PM

great environment, green space, parks, hiking trails, library

Screen Name Redacted

3/01/2024 09:44 PM

It's a safe and clean community

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2024 07:37 PM

Schools; Lacamas Lake Park and Heritage Park; quality and consistency of neighborhoods; small-town feel; moved for work then fell in love with it and stayed; better than the other nearby choice, Washougal; clients recommended it, so we moved to Camas from the Bay Area; outdoors and access to nature; moved from another mill town, Aberdeen, WA; reduced the commute to my job at PDX Airport; all of the choices, Camas was the best; my husband's work colleague

lived in Camas and told us to check it out.

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3/04/2024 02:05 AM

It was a small community with a sense of pride.

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3/06/2024 05:58 PM

Small town, recreation, schools

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 06:24 PM

Access to outdoor activities and Lacamas lake. Beautiful downtown area.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 06:36 PM

1:Love the trail network and views. 2: Higher-end homes. 3: Favorable WA state tax structures 4: Charming downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 07:49 PM

Beautiful scenery, parks and recreation, safety, sense of community, high quality of life

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 08:09 PM

Schools, outdoor parks and recreation, the ability to participate in local government and make a difference, the community we've built, schools, schools, schools, community, being connected and feeling involved.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 08:05 PM

great schools, opportunity to participate in government and the environment, parks and outdoor space

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 01:11 AM

Quiet and slower paced, feels safe, doesn't have a lot of the issues facing Vancouver, emphasis on nature

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:17 AM

Great schools, friendly community, safe and beautiful environment.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:33 AM

The school system (we moved from California)

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:38 AM

Good schools, grew up here, safe.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:04 AM

Mostly because of the downtown -- the shops, galleries and small businesses feel like a community. When you walk into a store, as

often as not they greet you by name. It's also just beautiful in every season, with all those mature trees.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:11 AM

It is so nice to not have to get on the freeway to get involved in community. I appreciate the family events in the Hometown field. The tree line streets and the lit up nights are enchanting.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:29 AM

Odyssey middle school is the singular reason we chose camas. It's an extraordinary program

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 11:41 AM

It's a family oriented town and it's pretty. We also fell in love with a church here before we moved to Camas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 12:51 PM

Safe, good schools, beautiful area

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 01:27 PM

Love downtown

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 01:44 PM

The quality of life- we have an incredible balance of "small town", natural amenities, proximity to larger city options and great small businesses.

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3/07/2024 04:01 PM

School district & safe feeling community

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 07:09 PM

Schools and cleanliness

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 07:16 PM

Small town community feel, great schools and trails, safety

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:16 PM

I chose to live in Camas for the beautiful natural areas and quality public schools.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 09:15 AM

school district, community feel like DCA events, beautiful nature like Lacamas and Round lake trails

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 12:32 PM

Good schools, Lacamas Park, beautiful views, Lacamas Lake

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 12:49 PM

The schools, the location close to pdx airport and portland.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2024 08:13 PM

I moved here for the small-town feel, abundance of trees and trails, and low amount of traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 03:15 PM

Family nearby, PDX metro is convenient for working remotely but traveling when needed, love PNW

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 08:30 PM

To raise kids in a safe community, with good schools

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 10:21 PM

I grew up in Camas, my family is here and I love living and working in the downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2024 12:45 PM

I've lived in the community for approximatly 52 of my 56 years. The proximity to PDX while not being in the big city is perfect.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2024 02:43 PM

Good schools, great community feel, love our downtown shops and restaurants

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2024 09:17 AM

Safe community, lots of community events, hiking trails and parks, great schools, lake activities

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2024 10:58 AM

School district and overall safety

Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2024 08:13 PM

Originally, because it was close to work, and we liked the location. Now its because we still like the location, and our backyard permaculture "food forest" produces tons of food for us.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 06:19 PM

We moved to the area due to work, but chose Camas because it was a small, safe town with an old-style downtown.

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Family here and the good public schools

3/16/2024 06:30 PM

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 06:51 PM

I love both the small town feel as well as the proximity to a big city. I love the parks, the ease of being in nature. It feels like a mostly safe, close community.

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3/16/2024 08:19 PM

Close to ocean,mountains and airport

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 08:36 PM

It is a great town. I live and work in Camas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 09:32 PM

School district

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 11:41 PM

Moved here for the SCHOOLS - staying for the beautiful trails, amazing downtown community, and deepening social connections.

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3/17/2024 01:24 AM

Love the location and small town feeling.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 07:22 AM

Small town feel

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:14 AM

Safety, cleanliness, nature access

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:39 AM

We chose to live here for the schools, proximity to a larger city with a small town feel.

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3/17/2024 08:49 AM

When we moved here, it was a small, pretty town with a few restaurants and shops, close to major cities. The schools also had a good review for our growing family. That's what brought us here.

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3/17/2024 09:01 AM

Schools, excellent police, location.

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3/17/2024 10:29 AM

We love the small town feel, the great school system, and the support of small businesses.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 10:29 AM
I like how it's a small town with beautiful nature and events like Wheels and Wings and First Friday, but it's next to the medium town of Vancouver and the large town of Portland.

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3/17/2024 10:40 AM
School system and the darling downtown area

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 01:45 PM
Small town with character.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 05:10 PM
Good schools. Close to parks and trails.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 05:27 PM
It's a small town, great place to raise a family, feels safe but also close to metropolitan area.

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3/17/2024 05:43 PM
Sense of community. Businesses in town owned by fellow Camas citizens. Quality of life, small town feel.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 08:22 PM
Trails... and the shrinking historical downtown core and shrinking landscape.

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 02:54 AM
I've lived here off and on for 30 years. I love it

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 09:51 AM
Small safe community with great schools

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 11:49 AM
It was for the schools

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 11:54 AM
Quieter than the surrounding areas. I feel safer here. I found the best house (privacy)

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 01:45 PM
Camas has the best schools in PDX metro area. Camas is safe and we love the small-town community feeling.

Screen Name Redacted
3/19/2024 10:13 AM
Great school, lots of green spaces, cute downtown

Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2024 05:25 AM	Nature, affordability, school districts, parks, community.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2024 03:19 PM	Love to mountain bike at Lacamas Park
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2024 03:29 PM	Charm sense of community Wanting to work where you live
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2024 07:26 PM	Family friendly community, good schools, close to Portland, airport and extended family.
Screen Name Redacted 3/22/2024 07:12 AM	I moved to Camas in the 90s. Within that time, Camas has turned into a city, that is now nothing that it was. Honestly if we did not have our home specifically where it is, as well as what it is, we would not own a home in this town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/22/2024 09:01 AM	nice, clean, town, close to shops (costco walmart) but also lots nature
Screen Name Redacted 3/25/2024 10:09 PM	We moved to Camas to raise our kids in a smaller city.
Screen Name Redacted 3/26/2024 09:46 AM	10 - 15 minute commute to work Quality schools Trails, green space and parks Real downtown, not just strip malls
Screen Name Redacted 3/26/2024 11:07 AM	Safety, schools, cleanliness
Screen Name Redacted 3/26/2024 04:18 PM	Good schools, affordable housing, close to Portland, natural beauty.
Screen Name Redacted 3/27/2024 03:45 PM	§ People knowing/supporting each other § Close-knit downtown business community § Great schools § Family Friendly § Close to nature (paths, lake, parks) § Clean and Safe § Don't see a homeless problem (new residents) § Downtown acts as living room – expands social fabric § Events bring people downtown, and they come back for the businesses § Compact, walkable, accessible (balanced with proximity to nature, but access to 205/14/PDX airport) § Authentic historic charm (architecture, mill town history, "Hallmark movie") §

Library programing, Youth Sports programming § "We pass all our bonds"

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4/03/2024 08:44 AM

Because it's a nice small town

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 09:08 AM

Camas has been special to me. I grew up in Camas 1947 to 1969, lived on Prune Hill 1976 to 1991; in Fern Prairie 1991 to 2002. My Grandpa had a Business College in Camas from 1939 to 1964; my parents had a clothing store from 1947 to 1972; Dad was involved in the business community, and held advisory positions for the school and city. Great activities growing up in Camas, first Little league teams; Babe Ruth teams; fun at Crown Park; swimming at the Camas Pool, saldy now gone!! It's sad to see buildings destroyed, for what some feel is "improvement"?? The old Church that was recently destroyed was a historic building that should never have been destroyed. Camas is unique for it's visual atmosphere includes old buildings to be treasured and maintained!! The downtown Post Office is one of those treasures!! My vision of Camas, is the Camas I grew up in, and I shudder at the thought of the growth of Camas that seems to be happening. S Slow the growth, before Camas totally loses it's identity!!

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:07 AM

I grew up in Camas & Washougal. It was a beautiful and peaceful area with an abundance of open, green space providing a healthy habitat for people and wildlife. Then the money-hungry developers arrived.

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4/03/2024 10:24 AM

I love the little city feel. I love the tails, parks, and the school district.

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4/03/2024 10:43 AM

Schools

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 11:02 AM

I grew up here and liked the small town and associated close knit community.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 12:34 PM

I grew up here. My parents grew up here. My grand parents moved here when they were very young. For me it's just home! I lived for a while in the Seattle area, and in the mountains of Montana, and on Oahu. But this is home.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 04:45 PM

I chose to live here because I was looking for property in the camas washougal property. I grew up in washougal in the gorge. I loved our smaller towns back then and it feels safer here.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 05:13 PM

Born here

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 06:10 PM

I don't live in Camas, but in western North Carolina. However, I lived in Camas for the first 23 years of my life and off and on after that until 1981 when I moved away permanently, only visiting now and then.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:03 PM

Great small town feel. Caring community.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 11:32 PM

I'm 4th generation Camas!!! My roots are here!

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 02:26 AM

I have lived in Camas for over 55 years. The small town was calm, safe, and friendly. Housing was affordable, schools were great, and the land was beautiful.

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4/04/2024 07:30 AM

It is my hometown. My family has been here for years! However...you all seem to be in favor of pushing locals out

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 08:05 AM

Camas schools, being near family, lots of parks and outdoor spaces.

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4/04/2024 08:11 AM

Schools

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4/04/2024 08:23 AM

Small community that is great for families

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 08:34 AM

I grew up in Camas and it's where I raised my family. I know maintaining a small town mindset is difficult as the city grows but the feeling of close community is why we stay.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 08:58 AM

Cuz it's a beautiful old town feel, LOVE the older CLASSIC buildings with our towns history so vibrant.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 09:54 AM

Originally, because of the schools for our children and because there was a separation from Vancouver. Now, because it feels like home and has maintained it's "small town" appeal.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 11:51 AM

Camas is a fantastic place to live ! Small town appeal but still has plenty of things to see and do ! We found an affordable house in a beautiful country atmosphere, and have been here for over 20 years. Hate to see things changing but it's inevitable. That's what progress is. Does Camas need progress ? My opinion.....to a certain degree. But not if it's going to destroy everything of historic value in this wonderful community. That's a big part of the charm and appeal of Camas....it's not BIG CITY !!!

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4/04/2024 01:01 PM

We chose to live in Camas because it was near my husband's work and it was supposed to have the best schools (2006). I would not choose Camas for the schools today.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 01:15 PM

I live and work in Camas because of the kind community filled with people who appreciated common sense approach to problems. Moved here in 2008 and it has changed and NOT for the better.

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4/04/2024 01:39 PM

It's always been a unique town with outstanding charm and appeal.

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4/04/2024 01:44 PM

The small town feel

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 03:32 PM

Rural small town feel

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 06:13 PM

Small, quaint town.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 06:58 PM

3rd generation resident. We built this town, but now our presence and opinions are neither desired nor required.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 07:26 PM

I liked the small-town feel and the tree canopy downtown. I loved the lakes and rivers. I like the quaint old Mill houses. I liked that I could do shopping, medical visits, yoga, groceries all right downtown.

Screen Name Redacted 4/04/2024 07:36 PM	Walkability, schools, beautiful downtown, library, lgbtqia+ safe
Screen Name Redacted 4/04/2024 11:03 PM	Because it is safe, I want my children to grow up in a lovely community, and the school district is of the highest quality.
Screen Name Redacted 4/05/2024 10:37 AM	The schools and safe neighborhoods
Screen Name Redacted 4/05/2024 11:41 AM	Small town with no over development.
Screen Name Redacted 4/06/2024 07:48 AM	The small town atmosphere, with so many small businesses. We are a community deliberately striving to avoid being incorporated into a huge, faceless metro.
Screen Name Redacted 4/06/2024 02:58 PM	My husband grew up hear.
Screen Name Redacted 4/06/2024 11:45 PM	Small town, friendly community that is not far from a Metropolitan city
Screen Name Redacted 4/08/2024 09:20 AM	A wonderful, thriving small town with access to some of the best nature in the world. And fairly low density living, which needs to be preserved in future planning.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2024 10:29 AM	I grew up here, my family and friends live here. I love the area and my job here.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2024 01:45 PM	The charm of the community, great schools, small town and community centric events.
Screen Name Redacted 4/12/2024 03:40 PM	We've retired here which allows us to live comfortably in Washington State (our home state for 30+ years) while also being close to our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter who live in Portland. This is a beautiful town that is so nicely walkable. We regularly (daily almost) use the walking trails of the large Lacamas Creek Park; so great! Downtown is also walkable for us (a short 4 blocks or so) from our wonderful neighborhood in our remodeled 1937 house. Finally, so close to the airport!!

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4/12/2024 05:02 PM

good schools, access to outdoors, safe, relatively affordable

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 05:38 PM

Close to Portland and the airport but far enough away it feels safe, clean, and family friendly.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 08:46 PM

Love the small-town feel and approachability of the downtown core and nature trails.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 09:08 PM

Nice and homey without too much suburban sprawl

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:49 AM

Small town feel, quaint shops in town, the lakes and surrounding beautiful parks and trails, crown park. Close to airport. Nice genuine people.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 06:19 AM

Small town community pride, availability of easy access parks and trails, school system quality, safe neighborhoods.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 07:03 AM

Parks, lots of family centered events, schools, convenient to everything.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 03:33 PM

Small town feel, but has so much and close to bigger cities and airports. I like the downtown area, very friendly, every thing close and lots of small businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:36 PM

I bought a home here when prices were cheap and nobody wanted to live here.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 05:05 PM

We have young kids; appreciate the commitment to quality education from the city and community. We enjoy the quiet clean local feel that Camas provides.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 08:05 PM

Small town close to river and large city

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:03 AM

Camas is a quiet, clean community with an abundance of open space parks for outdoor activities.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:11 AM

Walkability! Camas is one of the few places in Clark County that a person can navigate almost entirely on foot. We have great trails and need more! Walking and biking contribute to public safety (basically citizen patrols) and keeps our residents healthier and more connected.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 05:39 PM

Grew up here and came back after working in Oregon. Sad to see what has happened to this historic city and the changes leadership is making without thought to the citizens or qualities in this town we love. Unfortunately I realize filling out a survey will not have an impact on leaders who have heard concerns with deaf ears. As long as money and progress is dangled in front of their faces, they will continue to ruin the aspects of this city we appreciate and come back home to.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 07:17 PM

The schools.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:40 AM

Born and raised here since 1961. Many Many friends and family friends. small town community. Love the closeness of Hiking, the mountains. Lose to city and medical and high speed internet.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:39 AM

Love the small town! This feels so much safer than a larger city (Portland).

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:53 AM

WA state personal income tax structure. The charm of downtown. Safety of community. Proximity to Portland. Green space.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 02:26 PM

quaint small downtown; schools/parks/etc increase the resale value of my home

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 02:56 PM

Small and nice downtown

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 04:36 PM

I choose to live in Camas because it has a small town feel and largely lacks the urbanized strip mall business sections. It is quiet at night and low traffic. I love hiking the trails and visiting the parks. People are friendly and do not seem to be in a hurry. The schools are great and I love the library. Downtown by the mill is a perfect place to stroll

and not feel overwhelmed by a big city feel. We moved here last year from eastern Washington and I wanted to be in Camas because it is outside the city and I hope it stays that way.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 05:23 PM

Schools and green space

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:59 PM

Grew up here and love the town. Because of the great schools, moved back so my kids could get a great education and everyone is friendly.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:10 AM

Quality of life! A family-friendly environment with good schools, safe neighborhoods, parks and trails, quiet (little air traffic and limited vehicle thoroughfare). Proximity to the river, access to freeways for commuting, as well as getting to the airport, or into Portland. We don't want to live in Portland, so we do not want Camas to become anything like Portland!

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:34 AM

Parks and trails, lake, close to undeveloped land-we like being close to rural areas.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 03:59 PM

It used to be a small town, safe community. Now the city allows homeless people to live downtown, i.e. Carmen, and they don't do anything about it!

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 06:51 PM

I enjoy the access to nature, the community feel, and the events that our put forward for families.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 08:21 PM

Initially I moved to the area because of my job, which was in Vancouver. Because of tax reasons, I wanted to live on the WA side. I chose Camas because of the short commute, schools had a good reputation, and I liked the livability of the area.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 08:06 AM

Small community, nature, less traffic

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 12:10 PM

We have chosen Camas for the quality of life it provides (Close to a large city - Portland - , close to the airport, quaint downtown, close to the Columbia Gorge)

Screen Name Redacted 4/17/2024 02:49 PM	A walkable vibrant downtown with a lot going on, and easy access to the countryside.
Screen Name Redacted 4/17/2024 05:10 PM	Love the access to recreation. The probability that you may run into someone you know at the store. The pride in the town activities and name.
Screen Name Redacted 4/17/2024 05:48 PM	It's safe and beautiful!
Screen Name Redacted 4/17/2024 05:58 PM	Great schools! All of the green areas, with beautiful trees and plenty of walking/hiking/bike riding paths, interspersed throughout our growing city.
Screen Name Redacted 4/17/2024 09:07 PM	Quiet, small town feel, good schools
Screen Name Redacted 4/18/2024 07:28 AM	Community. The hiking trails. Nature at our back door is amazing.
Screen Name Redacted 4/18/2024 09:31 AM	Good schools and easy access to nature
Screen Name Redacted 4/18/2024 09:52 AM	We wanted a safe, family friendly, town.
Screen Name Redacted 4/18/2024 02:06 PM	Beautiful history, beautiful preserved natural areas, beautiful people
Screen Name Redacted 4/18/2024 03:33 PM	Views, privacy, quiet community
Screen Name Redacted 4/19/2024 05:56 PM	Smaller town with services, trails are wonderful, nice downtown, nice library.
Screen Name Redacted 4/19/2024 07:24 PM	Quiet area.
Screen Name Redacted 4/20/2024 10:55 AM	I grew up here, and decided to move back here to raise my kids because of the excellent schools, safe community, beauty, and

hometown pride. I love that it's close to bigger cities but retains its small town feel.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 06:40 PM

Central location, close to highways, good views of Columbia river, good weather, good people, safe

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 07:25 PM

my sister lives in Portland. I never thought I could afford to live here, but had some good luck - then did a crazy thing - bought a house I saw on the net for nearly 900 grand. Had never been to Camas. I love it.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 08:25 PM

Nice community. Not crowded outdoors. Downtown

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 09:05 AM

The Camas area is a great location. Close to all the amenities you could ever need if you go West. Close to all the outdoor activities you could ever want if you go East.

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 12:10 PM

Walkability, good schools, quiet town, good weather, trail system, lakes, awesome library, shopping district downtown, community events.

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 05:00 PM

Character -- the surroundings, the people, the history. It is reminiscent of some of the smaller coastal towns where I grew up (as they existed then).

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 09:08 PM

Small town vibe, open spaces, proximity to nature and hiking.

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 09:20 PM

I live here because of how walkable and bikeable camas is. Camas is a rare example of a city that relatively held on to its urban fabric.

Screen Name Redacted

4/26/2024 07:36 AM

library, access to natural and less populated hiking and walking areas, rivers & lakes, green!

Screen Name Redacted

4/27/2024 12:34 PM

Good schools and access to hiking

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Family has been here since the 1800s

4/27/2024 05:02 PM

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4/29/2024 10:59 AM

I can own a nice home here, the nature is beautiful, the schools are great.

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4/29/2024 12:38 PM

Beautiful location. Wonderful people. Hiking trails. A concern for the public's input.

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5/02/2024 03:06 PM

good schools, good community, lakes, close to PDX airport, not too crowded

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5/02/2024 03:30 PM

It's quiet, safe and schools are great

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5/02/2024 09:31 PM

There is a nice balance of green space, well paying jobs, and lots of potential to grow into a model, well-connected community.

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Schools

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5/03/2024 08:07 AM

Parks and trails, library

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5/03/2024 08:23 AM

Schools and public safety

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5/03/2024 08:42 AM

Proximity to the Gorge, mountains, and outdoor recreation; access to the trails on the Columbia and Washougal rivers, and Lacamas/Round/Fallen Leaf Lake; affordability of housing; proximity to PDX and Portland; good schools

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5/03/2024 03:27 PM

Community, parks and trails

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 03:28 PM

Quality of life, small community

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5/03/2024 04:05 PM

retiree, gladly left congestion of Portland, OR 5 yr. ago for contented living in the Camas/Washougal corridor. Grew weary of paying 10% income tax to Oregon! Camas is nicely sized and Very Clean.

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5/03/2024 04:05 PM

I bought a house in 2015 when it was more affordable than Vancouver. Now it's not affordable to live here.

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5/03/2024 04:05 PM

It is where our daughter lives. We love the downtown area.

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5/03/2024 04:07 PM

Because it's a wonderful place

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:37 PM

Cost of living, quality of schools, natural beauty, a lake (bummed to learn it was contaminated after moving)

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 05:41 PM

Schools Parks Small town feel Great food and stores

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 06:03 PM

1. I was able to buy a solidly built home, old and in need of repair, but so solidly built I can play my piano in the middle of the night yet the neighbors don't hear me! 2. Walkability. Nature trails are within 3 blocks of my house, and go on for over 12 miles; sidewalks (and many bike lanes) make exercise safe and enjoyable. 3. Great community spirit: meaningful volunteer activities, shared pride in our hometown, the Farmer's Market, a vibrant independent library, friendly small businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 06:01 PM

The school district at the time (2019) and the small town atmosphere with the natural beauty surroundings.

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5/03/2024 09:16 PM

Small town vibe, beautiful surroundings, convenient to Portland and downtown Vancouver, great schools, recreational opportunities

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 09:55 PM

Beautiful downtown, proximity to Portland and the Columbia Gorge, safety

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 09:19 AM

We moved here in 1992 when we found an affordable home. We love the area and also can't afford to move anywhere else if we want to downsize in our retirement.

Screen Name Redacted

Schools, Fisher Investments job, hiking trails, downtown restraints

5/04/2024 09:47 AM

and shops

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 04:41 PM

Quality of Life -- walkability, trails, schools, downtown and other local services & amenities, proximity to major metro areas (Vancouver and Portland), green spaces and tree canopy, PNW climate, access to lakes & rivers, mountain views...

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5/04/2024 05:28 PM

Access to parks and trails, access to downtown

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5/04/2024 05:30 PM

The trail networks is number one Schools

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5/05/2024 08:40 AM

Location close to Gorge/Mt Hood, good schools

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5/05/2024 09:13 AM

The school district and access to outdoor recreation.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 12:39 PM

Family. I use to love the small town feel and the endless view of untouched land.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 03:21 PM

I love the green areas, the wildlife and fields close to downtown, the small town atmosphere

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 04:34 PM

Safe and quaint town!

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 06:11 PM

Raised kids here... love the area

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 09:37 PM

My partner is a 5 generation Camas resident. We choose to live here because his family is close.

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5/06/2024 02:01 PM

I Love the small town feel and sense of safety we enjoy.

Screen Name Redacted

5/06/2024 03:27 PM

I've lived here all my life.

Screen Name Redacted

5/07/2024 08:24 PM

It's a safe community with good schools.

Screen Name Redacted

5/10/2024 01:55 PM

It has been our home for 25 years and we love the dedicated space to nature and trails. Please continue to protect and expand our green spaces as we move forward.

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2024 02:20 PM

Camas and the surrounding areas provide a place to live that is both beautiful and ideally situated (ie close to the airport, Portland, the Gorge, Mt. Hood, etc).

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5/12/2024 07:25 AM

Schools, close to nature , close to PDX

Screen Name Redacted

5/12/2024 06:47 PM

We have been here a pretty long time and watched Camas grow. It's a really good place to be for so many reasons including the outdoors, the accessibility and the overall quality of life.

Screen Name Redacted

5/13/2024 04:33 PM

My wife's best friend from grade school lived here and we visited. We decided this would be a great place to retire.

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5/13/2024 09:22 PM

Safe attractive residential neighborhoods.

Optional question (341 response(s), 26 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q2 | What makes Camas, including our historic downtown, special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?

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2/20/2024 02:02 PM

Small town feel; the architecture, small businesses, and green space paths. High amount of tech employment base. Access to airport. Access to nature. School system excellence.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2024 07:21 PM

City council absolutely needs to govern better with consideration of ALL residents and peoples who pay property tax to the city of Camas. This is not currently represented.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2024 09:12 PM

Downtown Camas is a jewel among gems. Every time I have friends or family come from out of town we routinely visit the shops and restaurants in downtown Camas and don't really go to Vancouver or Portland. We need to continue to build on downtown and it's infrastructure, so that this type of hospitality attraction can continue for years to come.

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2/10/2024 07:55 AM

The wide variety of shops and dining, the trees and lights and all the fun activities.

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2/10/2024 09:40 AM

Downtown with it's small businesses, lakes with hiking trails

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 11:47 AM

I love the older buildings in downtown with the lighted trees. It is a great area to come and walk and shop.

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2/10/2024 11:14 PM

The Antique Shop, old theater, and Lacamas Lake.

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2/11/2024 10:27 AM

We should strive to preserve the safe and walkability of the community along with a high density of a community lifestyle enhancing businesses. Also the access to nature and trails and lakes.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 10:02 AM

The downtown corridor is the foundation of Camas, rooted in the history of the mill. Honoring the history of Camas as a mill town and all the business that started from that is important. I think DCA did a great job with the walking tour/signs which tell key historical businesses/people. I think the key in the long term future is in the clean up and eventual transition of the existing mill. Someday this mill will go and with it is an opportunity to still tell the historic Camas legacy, while bringing modern development and opportunity in a prime location of downtown

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 02:44 PM

Character. Old but well maintained buildings, nice landscaping, unique shops, good food.

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2/12/2024 02:59 PM

Downtown is well maintained from a beauty/cleanliness stand point and I enjoy the retail options. Parks are safe and clean, but could use a refresh. Roads are pretty well maintained and fixed when there are issues. The Brady corridor road improvements turned out great. I would like to see more maintenance to clear roads quicker during

winter weather and more road enhancements to improve walkability on older country roads (i.e. McIntosh and the southern end of Brady).

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2/13/2024 08:43 AM

It's special because of the focus on keeping the original facades of the buildings.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 08:52 AM

All of the things listed in #1 above. But I'll ad ... keep giant apartment buildings & big box, national chain stores, out of the downtown core. Don't let the urban/suburban sprawl, industrial development & traffic nightmare become Camas/Washougal, as it has in the once iconic small towns of Gresham & Troutdale, directly across the river.

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2/13/2024 09:11 AM

Local businesses, walkability, the many community events (first Friday, farmer's market, etc).

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2/13/2024 09:37 AM

The 1st Fridays and the liberty theater.

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2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Proximity to the river and the mountains. Open (undeveloped) land.

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2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Preserving small businesses.

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2/13/2024 10:00 AM

Everything that is already there!! The design of the buildings to the beautiful feel it gives. There is not allot to enhance other then making sure the maintenance is kept up.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:42 AM

Small town feel, traffic is not bad, downtown is fun, all the forested areas within the city limits. These should all be preserved .

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:52 AM

My favorite things about Camas are the trails and parks around the lake and the thriving downtown. The Northshore plans to create a larger trail system and connect all the trails will make the lake area even better. Maintaining the charm of downtown while expending the core out onto adjacent streets will make the downtown better too.

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2/13/2024 10:55 AM

small, walkable downtown

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2/13/2024 12:18 PM

It's less special since the "elected" officials ignore our wants.

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2/13/2024 12:47 PM

Small Town Feel, Great Library, Unique Small businesses

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

Preserve the heritage and hardworking culture of the past. It's a small town that doesn't give up!! Let's strive for a cleaner and more appealing town for visitors and locals. Clean up the streets and continue to make it a desirable place to be in.

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2/13/2024 01:27 PM

The potential. It has everything to be something truly special.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:09 PM

I would strive to preserve the natural beauty of the town in addition to downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:59 PM

Old growth forests. Trails and parks. Small family owned businesses. Areas for youth to gather and be active. Create a local music venue for youth and adults.

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2/13/2024 06:00 PM

Small businesses

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2/13/2024 07:02 PM

Diversity celebrations

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2/13/2024 07:34 PM

Don't over develop. Don't allow commercial companies in, stay local and preserve the history and natural beauty.

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2/13/2024 07:53 PM

Beautiful tree-lined streets and historic buildings with unique local businesses.

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2/13/2024 09:21 PM

Useful stores (Lutz, Bookish, Periwinkle) that help me get my tasks accomplished (housework, gifts) without having to drive to Vancouver.

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2/13/2024 09:29 PM

The small town feel

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2/13/2024 11:33 PM

Community events Mill Mixed income residential Youth sports

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2/14/2024 05:29 AM

I do think having so many trails basically right in town is very unique, please continue to preserve / expand the trail system and connect different trail areas. The downtown is adorable, it just needs to keep doing what it's doing.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 08:06 AM

The community still feels quaint and approachable, but it is quickly growing to a size where community involvement and hometown pride will feel meaningless. Vancouver has already turned into this.

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2/14/2024 09:39 AM

Old fashion values.

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2/14/2024 12:05 PM

Parks, trails, and open spaces, with a dynamic library as a part of fabric of the community.

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2/14/2024 05:16 PM

The buildings are historic and quaint. There are no homeless people. A variety of businesses. However you need 2 more coffee shops and some more cafes. To enhance it, I'd recommend requiring businesses to be open for a portion of Sunday.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 08:30 AM

Preserve the small town vibe. All the restaurants, shops and avenue of old trees add a unique charm to Camas. Preserve small town vibe- limit excessive growth, that our infrastructure can't maintain. Our roads are overloaded and downtown Camas events, like Boo Bash, Christmas tree lighting are almost impossible to access. There's not enough parking, so we need to arrive hours early to attend. Preserve our trees. They add such value to the city. Preserve the look of the old buildings. Revamp the mill into a shopping / lifestyle center like the Bend Mill District. Preserve our trails. Clean up the lakes, and stop motorized boats/ jet skis, that make so much noise and prevent non-motorized boats and swimmers from being safe.

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2/15/2024 09:16 AM

We enjoy the history of the buildings from the Antique store to the old post office.

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2/15/2024 09:16 AM

We need to enhance the downtown with more modern developments such as take down the paper mill and build a new Camas waterfront

with contemporary shops and dining. We can still preserve the old downtown just have the new downtown Camas at the waterfront connect to the old historic downtown Camas. Many cities do this such as Dublin, Ohio with their new downtown Dublin connected to the old history downtown Dublin.

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2/15/2024 09:26 AM

The people and shops. You need to somehow get control of the 'church' property back. It's a shame that so much of that amazing street is now empty or a church. I am a Christian but this isn't the best use for historic buildings and losing prime real estate and good restaurants is so disappointing.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:33 AM

The downtown is very charming and a highlight of the area. The tree lined streets and hanging baskets in the spring make the downtown beautiful. The retail stores are varied and offer a lot of options for residents and visitors. However, when you peel back the layers, there aren't a whole lot of places to keep you downtown. For instance, we only have a handful of restaurants families and friends can gather. The church has bought up valuable storefront space and took a pizza restaurant with it. If we can't get more restaurants, what about a food truck park? Restaurants can make Camas more of a destination.

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2/15/2024 09:39 AM

Quitting being greedy SOB's and preserve! Ridiculous that this is even a question.

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2/15/2024 09:46 AM

The small local businesses are special and add character. Preserve the Family oriented community.

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2/15/2024 09:44 AM

The small town feel. You can go anywhere and run into someone you know. The members of the town really care about each other. This has been truly shown in how the town has thrived even through COVID. The parks and trails are amazing. Continuing to work to preserve and improve these is very important. All of the activities throughout town throughout the year.

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2/15/2024 09:44 AM

Locally owned businesses. Downtown Camas Association events.

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2/15/2024 09:52 AM

Walk-ability, diversity of shops, restaurants, and entertainment. I hope that more spaces are available/affordable for small shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. I love the community events hosted/supported by the DCA. I would like more parking options, or

more communication regarding transportation/shuttle options for community events, i.e. First Friday, October-fest, Car Show, Christmas tree lighting, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:58 AM

The downtown development has made shopping downtown very inviting. I would like to preserve the small town atmosphere

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:02 AM

Please preserve the historic buildings, small town charm, trees, and nature trails.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:06 AM

Not many small towns left and it feels good to be part of the community. preserving historical buildings and culture is important for the future generations

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:08 AM

Keep the great downtown association that is driving business.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:18 AM

I love that downtown has local companies. I think this is the future of malls and strip malls across the country. People want to support local and it's such a good thing. I also love how walkable downtown is, and that it is pedestrian centric, not car centric. America's roads (stroads) are designed for cars, not people, and it is so unfortunate and dangerous. Having a pedestrian centric downtown is so much safer and provides a much better experience.

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2/15/2024 10:18 AM

the small shops are part of the feel. I like the events and parade in the summer. the general area is nice with parks and walking trails. Parking is always the big problem downtown.

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2/15/2024 10:29 AM

Preservation on the friendly and safe community is so important. The look and feel of our historic downtown is essential.

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2/15/2024 10:36 AM

Its fun to have a local theater, and small locally owned shops. Parking spaces are too small for modern day large vehicles. More places to eat, less salons..

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:41 AM

What makes it special is its juxtaposition to water - to Lacamas Lake and the Columbia/Washougal rivers. We should strive to enhance the downtown, especially by reclaiming the land destroyed by the Mill over the years and hold GP accountable for remediating ALL

properties and the underlying soil/sediment/groundwater owned by GP to the highest land use classification, residential.

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2/15/2024 10:43 AM

The brickwork and tree-lined lane - main street is gorgeous anytime of year and I'd love to see that continue. The art throughout the downtown area is also lovely and greatly enhances the feel of it. The theater is especially wonderful to have, and I frequent many of the local businesses including the hardware store, truly scrumptuous, mesa, kop chai and others.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:48 AM

We enjoy the trails and access to nature on walks or on bicycles.

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2/15/2024 10:50 AM

Its ease to get to, great places to eat and drink and proximity of one place to the next is very nice Should strive to keep the small town feel. No big buildings, no big corporate block take overs (ex, the new church taking up a whole block)

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2/15/2024 10:52 AM

The history is still seen throughout our town while we continue to grow and have more modern amenities. I would love to continue preserving the history while growing to meet our community's needs.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:59 AM

I like the shops and restaurants, the farmers markets. I like the trees, flower baskets, and statues.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 10:58 AM

Downtown. A vision for the mill is critical, and should be mixed use with housing

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2/15/2024 10:56 AM

It is cute and charming

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2/15/2024 10:59 AM

continuing preservation of historic downtown preserving walkability safety, parking ease.

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2/15/2024 11:17 AM

small town feel with great shops, movie theater, live music and restaurants, community events and unique themed gatherings

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2/15/2024 11:30 AM

The vintage buildings with their upgraded, locally owned shops and restaurants. The trees and plantings help immensely but the narrow

street makes it particularly inviting to walk along 4th. Please try to add landscaping to the side streets, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

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2/15/2024 11:45 AM

Don't change to much

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 11:49 AM

The small town feel. Shops are owned and operated by locals. It has a unique vibe. Doesn't feel like every other place.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:41 PM

It's unique history and charm and beautiful natural beauty of the area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:44 PM

What's special are all those independently owned businesses along Fourth Ave. The downtown core is so very pleasant because of all those tall, leafy trees and the well-maintained plantings and flower baskets. There's also just a good mix of different things, which means you can easily spend half a day or even a day shopping interspersed with restaurant-hopping. It's wonderfully walkable.

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2/15/2024 12:53 PM

Embrace the new cultures moving into the community.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:56 PM

Small town feeling and locally-owned businesses.

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2/15/2024 01:07 PM

Preserve the small town feel

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2/15/2024 01:10 PM

A balance of cute small businesses, nice places to eat and clean and safe parks and recreation area. Strive to preserve the cleanliness and safety.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:08 PM

Beautiful Crown Park is so underutilized and lacking updates. A bathroom would be nice. The parks here are lovely. They need to be upkeep better. We were promised a splash pool when they arbitrarily tore out the pool. That's been several years ago and nothing.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:16 PM

All downtown activities , Small town feel, great shops, great schools, lots of hiking and park land.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 02:16 PM

Community things! Like first friday, farmers markets, etc. So fun!

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2/15/2024 03:14 PM

Charming

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2/15/2024 03:56 PM

I like the downtown feel with the shops

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 04:23 PM

The warm welcoming family feel. People still say hello and our downtown business are friendly and inviting.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 04:40 PM

Small family owned businesses, historic buildings, and honoring the history of how camas came to be. Lets preserve the nature we have here. Round Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake and Lacamas Lake parks, Washougal River. Please prevent any further development on these natural sites. Preserving nature is key to making it livable here.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:20 PM

Special because it's a great mix of people, a safe place for families, and has a small town community feel.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:39 PM

It is a tight knit community Let's keep it that way

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 06:46 PM

The originality of Camas art, businesses and streets. Please preserve some of the original charm. Not just brew pubs and burger joints. Keep flowering baskets, first Friday's, Girls night out, add 5k, events, art walks. Add Sassy Saturdays and other fun activities.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 07:46 PM

Balanced city with parks, library, retail, theater, restaurants, and residential. Preserve the downtown area but improve the entrance on 6th into downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 11:23 PM

There seems to be a shared feeling of enjoyment and belonging when I'm downtown and cross paths with others, even if we don't know one another. I invite friends and family from out of the area to join in one of the special downtown events, and they feel like they've been welcomed to our block party

Screen Name Redacted

It's quaint...lets keep it clean and the crime low.

2/16/2024 12:20 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Small town, preserve the restaurants and shops.

2/16/2024 05:07 AM

Screen Name Redacted

The people who have been here the longest seem to want to keep our Camas hometown feel. I am not a fan of out of towners moving in and wanting to change everything. Our school district is awesome, 4th Avenue should be walkable with stations that are permanent from early spring through the end of Farmer's market or Boo Bash. Then all events could take place there with not do many spardic Street closures.

2/16/2024 08:08 AM

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The small-town feel of Camas and the mix of small neighborhoods and rural community is one of my favorite parts of Camas. I think the town needs to preserve some of the rural areas and not just convert it all to subdivisions. Camas also needs to preserve and invest more in expanding open space and green areas, primarily natural areas and natural walking paths. With the growth we expect in the coming decades, we need to expand access to open space and natural areas.

2/16/2024 08:40 AM

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Something for everyone. Preserve the history of the town.

2/16/2024 09:47 AM

Screen Name Redacted

nice people, pleasant, clean, safe, pretty. downtown is charming. Lacamas Lake is a treasure. Christmas festival is enjoyable.

2/16/2024 11:53 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Downtown should be enhanced by encouraging tax paying enterprises to set up in an environment that encourages community, growth and diversity of commerce. Real access to the entire community via trails, roads and public transit should be encouraged.

2/16/2024 12:34 PM

Screen Name Redacted

(see above for 1st question) Communities need to grow of course but Camas needs to do this while keeping the small town feeling. The cohesion in downtown is a real draw for not only locals but people outside the area as well.

2/16/2024 01:44 PM

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The buildings, shops and restaurants

2/16/2024 04:54 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Nice walkable downtown, trails, usually pass school levies, festivities

2/16/2024 05:18 PM

downtown. Preserve downtown especially the movie theater, preserve park and open space.

Screen Name Redacted

2/16/2024 06:17 PM

Thanks to the city leaders, the downtown has been maintained as its historic self, camas should preserve that and not let it turn into a bunch of multilevel high rise apartment buildings to pack population into that area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/17/2024 08:19 AM

Great ambiance and flowers. Keep flowers and greenery.

Screen Name Redacted

2/17/2024 09:23 PM

Preserving the liberty theatre, library, the look of downtown Camas: lights, landscaping, sidewalks, monthly first Friday's and other events throughout the year. The parks and trails are phenomenal. Great school support.

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 09:07 AM

My favorite parts of downtown are the library and the theater. They signify the history of the town and community. Lutz's is fantastic too—very hometown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 09:38 AM

Signage that shares the history of our city with newcomers. I also enjoy places to mingle with a cup of tea, coffee, wine, and not just door to door spas.

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2/18/2024 04:15 PM

Downtown

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2/19/2024 08:42 AM

The mill history, murals/plaques, and a very dedicated and active library (with bees!) are special. I would love to enhance our knowledge about the history of the downtown-adjacent neighborhoods.

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2/19/2024 11:53 AM

Outdoor recreation (parks, lakes, etc)

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2/19/2024 02:23 PM

Preserve and protect our small businesses! Ensure development and growth doesn't adversely impact this vital part of what makes our community "us".

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 02:25 PM

• Strong sense of community • Camas Farmer's Market • Many family friendly events, unique and inclusive • Iconic Main Street charm and beauty • Tree canopy, downtown and throughout town • Award winning library and programming • Downtown is cozy and inviting • Downtown is walkable—so much contained within a few blocks • Safety downtown and throughout Camas • Liberty Theatre—quality of programming and experience • Live music in multiple locations in downtown on the weekends; other events throughout the week in the bars/restaurants (tastings, bunco, karaoke, trivia, murder mysteries, etc) • Undertone of friendliness in downtown and throughout town • All of Camas is cleaner than average city • Quality stores, restaurants and services downtown—great mix for our size • Merchants collaborate with each other • Our community supports our downtown and wants to engage with our businesses • Surprising art scene: organic, authentic, variety of media styles, engaged artists • Many art focused events • Public art in downtown—engaging and fits within our aesthetic and scale • Downtown amenities—benches and seating areas, art, bike racks, signage • Our public schools • Our trail systems/parks; recreation areas • There is a Main Street Program that has and continues to intentionally revitalize downtown

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2/20/2024 09:33 PM

Community events. Well maintained landscaping and store fronts. Locally owned businesses that service all age groups.

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2/21/2024 10:35 AM

Our historic downtown is so cute! Fun activities, small businesses, nice people. The library is amazing! Please keep it small and local.

Screen Name Redacted

2/21/2024 05:11 PM

I love the small town feel of Camas. I hope we can improve what we have without becoming too big or commercial.

Screen Name Redacted

2/22/2024 01:22 PM

Business friendly and very walkable historic downtown. I wish it was just more pedestrian friendly from downtown camas to Crown Rd. Many people walking on Crown Rd to Lacamas Creek Trail to downtown camas and that area does not feel very safe for all the pedestrians. I would like to see more large sidewalks and walking paths as a pedestrian who walks on crown rd to downtown camas often.

Screen Name Redacted

2/23/2024 09:58 AM

Walkability and food & shopping options downtown

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 08:28 PM

Downtown camas is straight out of a hallmark movie! All the stores and walking the streets makes you feel like you're the main character

in a small town movie. I'd love for there to be more restaurants and other unique stores added in the downtown strip, and possibly adding on to make it longer! Definitely preserve the library and post office, and keep all the older buildings as long as possible! It adds to the charm. I think the city could enhance the landscaping around the town, and adding lighting around camas.

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2/26/2024 08:36 AM

Please stop adding more housing development before building the appropriate infrastructure. Fix the roads first. Putting the cart before the horse will never end well. And for some reason this trend continues to happen. Maybe revamp the planning commission .

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2/27/2024 09:54 AM

Keep it small. Keep it walking friendly, but put it back to two lanes by safeway. Have the police actually give speeding tickets on 6th by the ball fields. Alot of people do 50 to 60 so they can be first to the stupid roundabout. Keep the homeless away. The mess they bring is disgusting.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 10:39 AM

We moved from Bend and feel that even though Bend is much larger it has really figured out how to have a small town community vibe. It puts a large portion of its' budget into parks and rec and and the schools (teachers, admin & especially the counselors) really show they care and put the kids and community first. Everyone lives in and contributes to the community. We haven't really felt that here. We feel Camas has such a unique opportunity with Lakes, Trails and historic downtown , however it's really not maintaining or utilizing them well. Clean lakes should be top priority. If we eliminate motorized vehicles on the lake it would make it less stressful on the ecosystem and more enjoyable for people to enjoy. We love paddling and kayaking on the lake with the kids and their friends but many times my kids have been knocked off by wave runners and speed boats circling us like sharks. Needless to say it makes it much less enjoyable and more difficult for kids, beginners and older adults to enjoy. We are fortunate to border the Columbia which is perfect for those vehicles so it wouldn't really be a loss for people who would like to participate in motorized activities .Also seems that since some people were interested in a community pool we could work on cleaning the lakes and maybe even have swimming areas & install inflatable features like slides, etc in the summer. We are so happy to see that work is being done to improve the trailhead on 3rd street. Thank you.

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2/27/2024 11:58 AM

The character of the neighborhoods and the fact that there are still farms and open spaces. It's old AND new; not cookie cutter.

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2/27/2024 02:25 PM

Quaint family friendly outdoor shopping and eating and events.

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2/27/2024 04:18 PM

Local businesses and events

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2/27/2024 04:31 PM

Don't turn it into a crowded, noisy place! Keep the old charm

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:57 PM

Cute old buildings. Stop taking down cute older ones and instead focus on getting rid of the 80s ones like the old Rivermark bank building if something needs to be taken down.

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2/27/2024 06:28 PM

Preserve the small town feel

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 07:09 PM

Unique shops & good food! Camas city pride.

Screen Name Redacted

2/28/2024 08:59 AM

I enjoy the cute downtown feel.

Screen Name Redacted

2/28/2024 06:52 PM

Open space

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2/28/2024 09:06 PM

Actual homes, used to have little traffic.Strive to stop turning us into Vancouver

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 08:38 PM

Lacamas Park. Historic downtown. Building/maintaining more trails to get citizens healthy and happy in nature.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 09:00 PM

Lacamas park is a pure gem and we love the lakes. Please preserve these wonderful areas and continue to work on the algae bloom issues in the lakes. Historic downtown is special because of it's focus on pedestrians over cars which facilitates enriching community events.

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2/29/2024 09:46 PM

The cute town town area. Crown park is beautiful and should have attention.

Screen Name Redacted

3/01/2024 07:51 PM

charming downtown, We like the events in the summertime, Camas days, antique shows etc.

Screen Name Redacted

3/01/2024 09:44 PM

To have more options for cultural event. Theater, live music, musical, festival.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2024 07:37 PM

People talk to one another, unlike Salmon Creek where we used to live; connectedness; play park (run out of a local church, where a lot of moms and kids got to know one another; sociableness of our neighborhood, Lake Pointe; mom connections; convenience of downtown Camas; Heritage Trail and Round Lake trail network; green spaces; you recognize a lot of people when you're out; Downtown Camas merchants and staff; beauty; it's the total package: schools, downtown--you don't have to sacrifice anything; safety; community steps up to help each others; connections; cute, quaint, has trees; driving down Lake Road; most people own their homes; neighborliness; people have your back

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2024 02:05 AM

We have a quaint historic downtown. The shortage of parking for events keeps us away from enjoying it. Parking is needed!

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 05:58 PM

Natural spaces, good well-staffed schools, charming downtown

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 06:24 PM

Great schools, good parks near Lacamas lake, nice downtown area. Please don't let Journey church take over the whole downtown area. Downtown is quaint but it's in need of more restaurants and specialty stores. We need to draw more foot traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 06:36 PM

1:Privately owned business vs big chains and franchises everywhere, especially downtown. 2:Love the beautiful trees downtown and some buildings have character.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 07:49 PM

Charming atmosphere, independently owned businesses, convenient location. Strive for more diverse, higher caliber restaurants and bars/lounges.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 08:09 PM

Downtown: Strong community pride, shops, well-cared for. Bringing visitors downtown--it has a great feel; the big, mature trees make it

feel really nice. Variety of businesses, including restaurants, movie theater; feels very family-friendly; feels safe.

Screen Name Redacted
3/06/2024 08:05 PM

park space, city adding green space, tree canopy

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 01:11 AM

Love the old buildings and that everything doesn't look "cookie cutter" downtown. Please preserve and enhance nature and wildlife.

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 09:17 AM

Small town feel with unique small businesses

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 09:33 AM

We really do like the downtown area and the lakes/walking trails

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 09:38 AM

downtown is charming Camas is hanging on to the small town feel that I loved growing up.

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 10:04 AM

The library is incredibly special. Small businesses like Lutz Hardware are hard to find -- they're always friendly, and they always go the extra mile to find what you need. I LOVE Camas Antiques. It is definitely my happy place. Most times I visit, I buy things, but even when I don't, I leave feeling uplifted. Camas street fairs are unbeatable.

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 10:11 AM

The Historical placards, and old buildings really add to the flavor of the town. The little statues of animals are a bit of whimsy and greatly appreciated.

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 11:41 AM

Downtown Camas has unique old buildings and several nice shops/restaurants. It has a quaint and charming feel, should be maintained.

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2024 12:51 PM

Tear down the papermill and build a waterfront. It'll bring in more businesses to the area and help our local economy. Build more modern buildings like a new library, contemporary downtown shopping.

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3/07/2024 01:27 PM

all the people

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3/07/2024 01:44 PM

The charm of downtown to me lies in the historic appearance, the trees, and our amazing small businesses.

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3/07/2024 04:01 PM

the DCA is critical in creating a welcoming atmosphere which invites participation, but does not create artificial pressure. The regular newsletters, First Friday activities, and community events show how passionate and engaged the DCA members are, and encourage others to get involved as well. I value connection with my neighbors and knowing that all parents are aware of activity and will communicate in order to keep our kids safe so they can feel like they are playing on their own and gaining independence. I would love to see proactive planning to address the drug and houseless crisis that are stretching toward our town and could impact that sense of safety.

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3/07/2024 07:09 PM

More promotion of small business. Additional community centered spaces and parks.

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3/07/2024 07:16 PM

Small town feel, good community/schools, clean parks and trails, local businesses

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:16 PM

I enjoy the events downtown, but they do get sort of redundant. I love the seasonal decor.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 09:15 AM

school district, community feel like DCA events, beautiful nature like Lacamas and Round lake trails, small independent businesses, lots of little eateries, local theater, library, etc. small town feel.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 12:32 PM

The downtown is charming. The trees and other plantings must be preserved to retain this charm.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2024 12:49 PM

Its a great city with small town charm and pride, don't take all the open space and build on it. Takes away from the charm

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2024 08:13 PM

Please preserve the old buildings that give our town the character that keeps it from looking like "any other town." Please maintain our trees, trails, and pedestrian-friendly traffic levels

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 03:15 PM

walkability, small town vibe, green trees, the sense of community, Natalia's cafe, bookstore, library, kid's stores and the movie theater all

create an awesome homey vibe

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 08:30 PM

For downtown specifically, I love the events for families and it's great to see small businesses downtown. We could use more options for food/drinks. Downtown is cute, clean, walkable, safe.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2024 10:21 PM

Our stores and merchants are so friendly and there is always something fun going on.

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3/12/2024 12:45 PM

Keep from making it like California 2.0.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2024 02:43 PM

The lovely parks, downtown shops and restaurants, library and schools

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2024 09:17 AM

Local stores and community activities. Less church owned buildings would be great...

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2024 10:58 AM

Safety, great school and absence of homeless people

Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2024 11:29 AM

Small Town feel, *Small businesses, *Green space paths, *Access to nature, *School system excellence

Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2024 08:13 PM

Events downtown, and downtown itself. Decent (though incomplete) trail network. Camas lily fields, though they are getting degraded from invasives, development, and "bad instagrammers" who trample the plants. Pretty good community feel.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 06:19 PM

The movie theater, the antique store, the trees, the library, and the farmer's market. We also like the variety of restaurants downtown, places to get a hair cut. We don't go to the most expensive restaurants or the wineries. Places for people to sit and visit (benches, and I think there used to be a gazebo? in the downtown area are nice. We also liked the outdoor seating for restaurants allowed on the sidewalks or parking spaces during covid. Camas Days with the parade and the annual car show are also our favorite annual events.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 06:30 PM

Nice downtown, small town feel, easy and free parking. Save the downtown post office and other older buildings and trees. Sorry to see that church go and too much development

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 06:51 PM

I like that there are t really any corporate entities. It's walkable, easy to park. I love unique stores like Poppy & Hawk. I wish there were more like it.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 08:19 PM

Green trees,local business, quality food and drinks. No big shopping plazas please,not too many tourists too.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 08:36 PM

There are great restaurants and nice stores. Preserve a safe water system. Don't turn a contaminated pump on.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 09:32 PM

Schools

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2024 11:41 PM

First Fridays are amazing, don't change a thing. Would love to see consistent source of information for everything going on around town - seems like I'm always the last to know when there's a special event coming to town.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 01:24 AM

The little few blocks of our old town and the business located there.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 07:22 AM

The commitment to building a vibrant business community that draws citizens of Camas as well as tourists to our downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:14 AM

The trees and design of historic downtown are so charming and having shops and restaurants down there continue is crucial. We should preserve the downtown and continue to expand the specialty shops and restaurants. We also need to preserve the walking trails near the lakes as it makes camas so special!

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:39 AM

We are proud to bring visitors. Feels safe, charming.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:49 AM

The downtown area is beautifully landscaped and maintained, it has a good variety of restaurants and shops and an affordable theater, a lovely library. Preserve the diversity of stores, the theater, the small

town feel. It's sad that we have not preserved the small town. There are far too many people and the roads are crowded.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 09:01 AM

A small town environment is important for our youth.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 10:29 AM

The small and family-owned businesses, good restaraunts and shops. We were drawn to the town not being over-developed, which has been changing unfortunately.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 10:29 AM

The Main Street including its trees and foliage. The shops owned by local, small-town owners rather than a bunch of chains.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 10:40 AM

I love the community events. There's always something going on. The DCA has done a fabulous job making the town welcoming and beautiful.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 01:45 PM

The mix of businesses including a theater.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 05:10 PM

Love all the restaurants and beer places.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 05:27 PM

Downtown Camas needs to remain historic. It does not need more housing, it needs parking, walkable paths, places to sit and enjoy.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 05:43 PM

Our downtown expand streets beyond 4th with trees love the feel of 4th

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2024 08:22 PM

Taking the charm out of Camas isn't good for anyone. There's literally no point having a DCA if the purpose is to strip away the things that make Camas unique. This includes historical buildings, like the octagon church. Putting up a high rise apartment with little character and no parking spaces will make it more difficult for people to want to stay downtown.

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3/18/2024 02:54 AM

Preserve

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3/18/2024 09:51 AM

Safe walkable downtown

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2024 11:49 AM

Love the mill. Don't lose the feel of a mill town!

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2024 11:54 AM

Like everyone I've met - the "small town feel" and TREES! Camas needs to hang on to open spaces, views, RESIST ALL DEVELOPMENT - the roads are becoming too busy, and most of all protect the TREES! People love to visit Camas because it "feels" like a hip, 1950's town - if you put sky scrapers around the main street it will not attract visitors or inhabitants. Right now Lacamas lakes are at risk and the rest of the hiking areas - which are being overused.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2024 01:45 PM

Camas is very walkable with wonderful trails and safe streets and sidewalks. Downtown Camas and Crown Park neighborhoods are very walkable and community oriented. We love First Fridays, farmer's market, Crown Park movies/concerts, egg hunt and summer kid's activities. We miss the Crown Park pool and look forward to the water feature/splash pad being installed soon.

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3/19/2024 10:13 AM

Great school, the walkable downtown area, the hiking trails

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2024 05:25 AM

Stop allowing churches on Main St., we fell in love with down town, but Journey is destroying it by trying to take up more space. Fully support them anywhere but the Main Street down there. Protect the trails.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2024 03:24 PM

Open space and trails. public safety. Tree canopy. Quiet. proximity to gorge Public ambulance model. Quality and accessibility of schools. Clean, well-kept. Accessibility to PDX, and airport. WA tax, amenities of big metro. Charming downtown, walkable. Small businesses. Library programming. Job opportunities. Historical mill town- jobs and investment. Work ethic, Community pride. Volunteer culture. Focus on youth and opportunities. Responsive and approachable city staff. City size and culture. Municipal service providers. High tech buy-in, finance, educated community. Community events. Family-oriented. Small-town feel. Proximity identity.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2024 03:29 PM

Old fashioned charm of Downtown can't be replicated, beautiful historic architecture Ridgeline lighting and trees The relationships, and the connections we make The limited height of the buildings Lots

of fun events! Public safety, people feel safe and secure, clean Family focused, excellent schools Good support for small business owners Nice parks and trail systems Many artists, lovely public art, art that fits our scale Walkability Flower baskets Cohesiveness, planned and intentional Liberty Theatre, Camas Hotel, Farrell building (Camas Antiques building)—all buildings to preserve, matter to our town Good restaurants Small and subtle features like public art, gazebos and benches

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2024 07:26 PM

It's charming, the historical buildings, restaurants, coffee shops, library, cinema, post office, boutiques.

Screen Name Redacted

3/22/2024 07:12 AM

Camas is quickly turning from special to pathetic. The masses of homes, Now apartments especially apartments in downtown without having builders pay for road improvements, impact for utilities , schools, services.

Screen Name Redacted

3/22/2024 09:01 AM

Want to see my vibrant shops and restaurants while preserving historic small downtown feel. Love the quirky activities, first Fridays, themed festivals, garden festivals, Camas Days etc. Love how clean it is. Keep residential and commercial areas separate. Don't put large commercial buildings right next to residential areas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/25/2024 10:09 PM

I think the city still offers a feel of community that is lost in some places. I like that there are trees and green spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

3/26/2024 09:46 AM

Downtown - quality and uniqueness of shops and restaurants, street trees and flowers, walkability Trails , green space and parks including large trees

Screen Name Redacted

3/26/2024 11:07 AM

Love the food options, cute shops like Poppy and Hawk. Safe atmosphere. Strive to preserve the safety and cleanliness. Continue to keep homeless off the streets of Camas. Enhance dining options, family friendly shops and events.

Screen Name Redacted

3/26/2024 04:18 PM

It's a Cute downtown. We need to preserve our great public schools.

Screen Name Redacted

3/27/2024 11:46 AM

What makes Camas Special? Parks Nature Open Spaces Community Pride Walkability Friendly people Schools Tree-lined streets Special Events History of good planning Downtown Library Lakes Good

football team Great location/transportation corridors What should we strive to preserve? Tree canopy High-quality education Lakes Community center Nature/trails Sense of community Arts Sports Safe/Quiet Historic look and feel of Downtown Small business friendliness Inclusiveness

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4/01/2024 11:31 AM

· Schools XXXXX · Location · Reasonable commute to jobs · Open spaces XXX · Proximity to international airport XXX · Liberty Theater (downtown entertainment hub) · Connected community & neighborhoods “you can’t leave your house without running into a neighbor” · Natural beauty/trails/lakes XX · Many opportunities to get involved in community · Comfortable/quiet · Affordability

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4/03/2024 08:44 AM

It’s small and nice.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 09:08 AM

Downtown Camas needs to be preserved for it's historic feel!! Be careful to stop destroying historic buildings without a great deal of community input!! Stop the growth around and near LaCamas Lake. The Lake is a mess, and needs much attention, new homes should not be added to the problem. I would hope part of the paper mill could be maintained since there would be no Camas history without the presence of the mill in Camas. Stop small lots, and keep open areas, and keep areas that could be used for farming. Limit any annexation.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:07 AM

Please preserve what little green space and wildlife habitat still remains. We don't need more concrete, blacktop, apartments, etc. The planned Everett St. "improvements" are an example of the poor decisions being made ... putting small businesses out of business. The small businesses downtown are a significant reason for the charm and ambience of the area. "Pave paradise, put up a parking lot"... it's a shame.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:24 AM

Just the whole look of downtown should be preserved. Camas Days where they close off the roads and have a big city party.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:43 AM

Local businesses like bookish

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 11:02 AM

The down town area is nice. Reduce traffic and congestion.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 12:34 PM

It's special when things are preserved as much as possible. I think with the exceptional push for growth caused by an exceptional demand, then we should be asking for more than usual in return. 1) Do everything possible to SLOW the process down, giving extra time for preservation of natural spaces. 2) make sure the infrastructure is in place BEFORE anything else happens. 3) Demand and get a quid pro quo. For everything given up for growth, something else is preserved that might otherwise be lost.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 04:45 PM

I love historic camas. I think less new buildings and keeping camas smaller is better. I also do not think we should extend the city boundaries by the airport. More country less highly populated neighborhoods. More trails and walking biking areas, more parks. Stop developing in camas. I want smaller town not city.

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4/03/2024 05:13 PM

Everything

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 06:10 PM

The memories of places I loved that are lost and gone forever. Don't turn all the remaining open space into massive houses on tiny lots.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:03 PM

The preservation of small town history. New buildings should fit the history style if small town. Not modernized monstrosities.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 11:32 PM

The beauty of Camas needs to be preserved. Quit building developments with houses on top of each other. Save our trees and hurry up and fix crown park (I took the survey years ago)!

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 02:26 AM

I am having a hard time finding a response to the first question. We should strive on protecting our land, our natural resources, and STOP building large developments on every open field. Our community needs safe places for teenagers And family's to go to, such as, skating rinks, bowling alleys, or game rooms.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 07:30 AM

Camas is a small mill town...even though the mill is nothing like it used to be...it is where are roots are as a town...no need to go and make it something new. Preserve the history, preserve our trees, forest, space and small town feel

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 08:05 AM

The many local shops in downtown make it very special. When we first moved here there were a lot of outdoor dining spaces that used

parking spaces in downtown. I miss that. In the summer the outdoor space was beautiful and gave even more charm to downtown.

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4/04/2024 08:11 AM

Businesses

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4/04/2024 08:23 AM

Small town feel

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4/04/2024 08:34 AM

The improvements to the downtown core have been such a joy to watch and participate in! Let's continue to be mindful of our history as we grow and change. Not everything old needs to be torn down and replaced with shiny new buildings.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 08:58 AM

Preserve the history of our fun town, the classic small town feel. The people, community, nature, trails, green spaces all need to be saved.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 09:54 AM

Camas is special because it has maintained the small town vibe. When I drive through the narrow downtown streets it me how little it has changed over the years I have lived here. I don't think that should ever be allowed to change.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 11:51 AM

It's closeness to the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area. Our historic Downtown should be preserved AT ALL COSTS !! It is part of what makes Camas so special. The events downtown are so enjoyable. Being able to see other Camas residents enjoying Downtown together....as a community should. Enhance the small town appeal of this city ! Don't destroy it !

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 01:01 PM

The old buildings with nice architecture. Green spaces to walk and play. The lake, although it's a mess right now and needs to be fixed.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 01:15 PM

The DCA is a mean girl clique. Top to bottom it lacks 'community'. Benefits those that are deemed worthy, won't even implement suggestions from people that cost little no money if it isn't from people who are in the circle.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 01:39 PM

The lake, hiking trails, downtown and classic feel of the mill.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 01:44 PM

Camas needs to preserve it's small town character and NOT build high density apartments on top of retail buildings. KEEP HIGH DENSITY HOUSING OUT OF DOWNTOWN CAMAS !!

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 06:13 PM

Don't build any more apartment/condos. Re purpose historic buildings. Explore using 5th avenue for more shops and events. Maybe planting more trees on 5th avenue would bring more shade for this.

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4/04/2024 06:58 PM

Good local events like farmers' market and mothers' day plant sale

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4/04/2024 07:26 PM

Plant trees that will grow tall on 5th street. Enhance areas for small shops and businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 07:36 PM

Strive to preserve commerce in downtown, encourage climate-resistant solutions in future development, maintain roads, improve pedestrian safety, improve water runoff/flooding in old neighborhoods

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 11:03 PM

The small town feel. Camas has such an adorable downtown, I love the shops, restaurants, and coffee options.

Screen Name Redacted

4/05/2024 10:37 AM

More affordability and diversity would be great

Screen Name Redacted

4/05/2024 11:41 AM

Historic downtown should be left alone . No high density housing. Improve the infrastructure downtown. You need to stop over developing every open space to make more tax money. Quit annexing more area, you cannot even effectively service the area you already have!

Screen Name Redacted

4/06/2024 07:48 AM

The small town feel is important. People know their neighbors and support the local businesses. Perhaps most importantly, Camas feels safe. You aren't constantly watching your back here, like in Portland.

Screen Name Redacted

4/06/2024 02:58 PM

DO NOT TEAR DOWN ANY MORE HISTORIC BUILDINGS!!!!!! EVER!!!! Every old building is special and needs to be saved and protected for future generations.

Screen Name Redacted

4/06/2024 11:45 PM

The most special thing is that it's far enough from Portland

Screen Name Redacted

4/08/2024 09:20 AM

the Downtown vibe, access to parking. LaCamas Lake and park. Also, driving on the north side of the LaCamas Lake is a special experience, and one that cannot be duplicated. Its special and needs to be preserved.

Screen Name Redacted

4/08/2024 09:52 AM

Walking trails and parks. Small town feel. Proximity to city and culture. Walkable downtown, the character, no empty stores, people are invested. Welcoming environment for all ages. Monthly events, something for everyone, including kids. Grocery stores and library are in accessible locations. First responders and police are the best, and their partnership with schools is appreciated. Access to hiking trails. The people. Safety. The beer. Consistently pleasant. People care about their property. Downtown is really important. People are very friendly. The dog park is very social and offers social opportunities. Tight knit business community, everyone is very supportive of each other.

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4/08/2024 12:48 PM

- People knowing/supporting each other
- Close-knit downtown business community
- Great schools
- Family Friendly
- Close to nature (paths, lake, parks)
- Clean and Safe
- Don't see a homeless problem (new residents)
- Downtown acts as living room – expands social fabric
- Events bring people downtown, and they come back for the businesses
- Compact, walkable, accessible (balanced with proximity to nature, but access to 205/14/PDX airport)
- Authentic historic charm (architecture, mill town history, "Hallmark movie")
- Library programming, Youth Sports programming
- "We pass all our bonds"

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4/12/2024 10:29 AM

Small businesses with community desired products/services, walkable trails that feel safe, limited large apartment complexes in favor of beautiful individual family homes, walkable downtown areas that's safe.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 01:45 PM

The frequency of community events and available events to attend. The older buildings certainly provide charm that would be missing if they were removed. Even the historic and older houses in the area contribute greatly to the community's feel.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 03:40 PM

Slow traffic in lovely tree-lined street. Great restaurants and shops but these should be added to even more. By remodeling and

restoring, keep the old buildings and, thus, the historic feel.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 05:02 PM

Charm in historic downtown. I would like to see the character preserved. Our parks and outdoor spaces are also quite impressive.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 05:38 PM

We love the historic buildings, hanging flowers and big trees that line the downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 08:46 PM

Walkability, small local businesses, and the events that draw people to participate.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 09:08 PM

The greenery and small business shops, lack of large corporations

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4/13/2024 04:49 AM

The down area consists of old historic buildings. The 2 shops on 4 th, Camas Antique store and the Camas Hotel, remind us of the past that goes back well over 100 years, and I think showcasing that is vital. Even the mill has a history of its own. Oh I forgot, the liberty theatre and library are historic too.

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4/13/2024 06:19 AM

Simple, accessible, vibrant but not too busy with people, parking is fairly easily regardless of event. Strive to enhance grocery shopping experience.

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4/13/2024 07:03 AM

It has a unique collection of shops, great restaurants, and is very walkable. I do feel like churches taking over downtown space might change the vibe though.

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4/13/2024 03:33 PM

Small town feel, small businesses, community events, park district is great, wonderful friendly feel.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:36 PM

The mill. This town would be NOWHERE without the mill at the epicenter. Everything Camas has /is can be traced to the mill. We do our forefathers a disservice to bad mouth the mill and its history. It's disgusting to hear the high school now call themselves the Makers instead of the Papermakers. To come from another state and want to change this towns history is extremely narcissistic.

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small, local shops/restaurants, and the local theatre is fantastic. The

4/13/2024 05:05 PM

downtown looks very clean and friendly and has a wonderful family feel. There's a large variety of parks and playgrounds that are all close and clean and wonderful for our family to hang out at.

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4/13/2024 08:05 PM

The downtown is distinctively unique and should stay that way

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:03 AM

Clean, quite with an abundance of preserved outdoor space. The downtown area is very pretty and quaint.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:11 AM

Camas lucked into a classic walkable core downtown before exclusionary zoning took over. Please don't ruin our downtown with more traffic. We must keep vehicle traffic at low speeds and increase access to downtown by walking, biking, or rolling. 2 of my adult family members don't drive and two more with they could reduce their driving if access was safer.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 05:39 PM

What makes it special is the hard working men and women who made this town what it is. Green spaces. Limit urban growth. Please please stop growing the city boundary. We have space within city limits to grow if needed but the more we sprawl and entice folks from elsewhere to push bigger streets, more traffic lights, etc. The more we become the suburb of LA these people are trying to move away from.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 07:17 PM

Camas is nice because of the good schools, greenery/parks/playgrounds/trails, cute downtown. There are no big box stores and it's not cookie cutter which is a good thing. Keep it small and improve sidewalks and add crosswalks for all the kids here trying to enjoy what it has to offer.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:40 AM

preservation of main street buildings, the mill. that look and feel .

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:39 AM

Small businesses are the heart of camas. It is important to continue to support our local small box stores. The post office and library are especially important landmarks. While the Mill isn't nearly as large and productive as it once was, this is a big part of Camas history and at least the interpretive lobby should be maintained.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:53 AM

The downtown is adorable! Keep investing in it with local businesses and expand the tree-lined streets. It could use more diverse

businesses. It is heavy on galleries, churches, and stores catering to 'parents.' More businesses to attract the youth would be good. The addition of churches in the downtown is not helping to make it feel diverse and attractive to tourism.

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4/15/2024 02:26 PM

quaint, small, friendly

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 02:56 PM

Keeping the downtown clean and keeping the town small

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 04:36 PM

You should strive to preserve the small town community feel where people feel safe, friendly and unique. Keep it small please, it doesn't need to be like the Vancouver waterfront. We don't need more cookie cutter strip mall buildings. The historic downtown is perfect the way it is, even with the mill. This is a special place that is quiet and out of the way, focused on recreation and families. We can go to Vancouver for everything else.

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4/15/2024 05:23 PM

Local businesses and tree-lined charm.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:59 PM

The brick buildings, the shops, it's very quaint. Strive to keep it that way and preserve it by making the entire city a national historic site.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:10 AM

The family-friendly environment NEEDS to be preserved. Preserve the quality of schools, as well as parks, lakes, and greenspaces as much as possible. Limited high density - we do not want to see large, multistory apartments or office towers. Keep the small town feel - single family homes, vibrant downtown - with restaurants, shops, and small businesses. Cleanliness and safety are important - we want Camas to feel safe for families.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:34 AM

Small town feel of downtown, lots of activities (outdoor, Liberty theater, downtown shops, close to gorge), history with mill.

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4/16/2024 06:51 PM

I like the small town feel, family friendly and walkability nature of it. I'm disappointed that the city chose to allow an entire block to be purchased by a church to decide what to do with a prime location. I don't mind them having a presence but to take probably the most important section of all of downtown to then decide what is available to our community shouldn't be allowed by just one entity. I like the

diversity that the town has and this takes away from it.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 08:21 PM

I found that Vancouver never felt like it had a feeling of community; Camas does. It has that small town feel that happened to grow a bit bigger. We should preserve that as Camas continues to grow.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 08:06 AM

Preserve as much historical character as possible while keeping buildings safe and comfortable. Keep downtown open, not packed in or it becomes uncomfortable to visit

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 12:10 PM

What makes Camas special: It is a stable environment: Families who have moved here stay here. What should be preserved/enhanced: Quality of education provided by Middle and High-Schools

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 02:49 PM

Old bulidings and trees, lack of strip malls, small independent businesses, great parks and green spaces with good hiking/walking

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 03:57 PM

Quality of schools. Parks and green space; heritage trail, lake access, crown park, trail connectivity, and river access. Community events. Pride. Downtown flower baskets. Climate. Access to services and healthcare. Great EMS response times. Strong law enforcement. Safety. DCA. Chamber of commerce. Collaborative leadership. Care for where they live. Library programming. Small town charm.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 05:10 PM

Love that it's always had a small town feel and hope that as we continue to grow we don't stray too far from that.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 05:48 PM

It's clean and beautiful and people clearly care about kids.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 05:58 PM

Everything I listed in #1, plus our beautiful library, the downtown area (with exceptions I'll list later), Lacamas Lake (with exceptions I will also list later).

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 09:07 PM

Small town feel. Clean look. Green and flowers

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 07:28 AM

The small town feel. Don't let big box stores kill small businesses. Keep the old look and feel of downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 09:31 AM

Strong sense of community, downtown Camas is a place we enjoy going to

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 09:52 AM

We enjoy that the historic downtown is clean. We'd like to see small and local business prioritized and giving them affordable rent. Rather than large businesses or churches. The friendly residents and family focus, with city events geared towards families are the best.

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4/18/2024 02:06 PM

Sense of community.

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 03:33 PM

I like the library. The rest of the building are outdated and need to be replaced.

Screen Name Redacted

4/19/2024 05:56 PM

Preserve the culture of the downtown, preserve the theater, the library.

Screen Name Redacted

4/19/2024 07:24 PM

I like the parks and downtown area.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 10:55 AM

Downtown Camas is so cute. It also always has a bit of a magical feel to me. The older buildings are certainly a critical part of that vibe. I love its walkability. I also think that the library is particularly important. I always stop in when I'm downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 06:40 PM

Preserve and enhance walkability to everywhere, shops, neighbors, parks. Downtown has European town feel with all things within walking distance, focused on pedestrians and interaction with neighbors.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 07:25 PM

downtown is delightful. keep it that way it is - looks like you're going back in time. the flowers, trees, wonderful.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 08:25 PM

Keep the charm

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 09:05 AM

It is not special right now. It has the potential to be special though.

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 09:35 AM

The library - independent ownership. Green spaces and parks. Walkable and bikeable downtown. Strong school system. DCA. Library and parks and rec programs. Safety. Urban and rural. Mountains. Small businesses - Grains of Wrath and Natalia's Liberty theatre. Downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 12:10 PM

Love the downtown charm and public library, farmer's market, first Fridays. Please preserve these. Love the neighborhood feel and the number of pedestrians and cyclists. My bipoc and lgbtqia children feel safer here than most smaller cities/towns.

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4/23/2024 05:00 PM

I would love to see the many community events that bring people together (First Fridays, Farmers Market, etc.) continue. Growth is inevitable, but maintaining the friendly, relaxed, small-town character is critical. I would prefer to have a limited number of those multi-level complexes we're starting to see on 6th St. In the areas I grew up in, they've built too many and irreversibly changed the character of those communities. Love the idea of expanding the downtown out to include surrounding streets.

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4/23/2024 09:08 PM

Downtown has a quaint small town feel, which is very charming.

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4/23/2024 09:20 PM

I think the walkability is the greatest strength. I would try to enhance the city's density by allowing for more mixed use zoning, especially in the crown park neighborhood.

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4/26/2024 07:36 AM

the history of Camas is centered on downtown. The town was formed around the mill industry which is why roads built oriented to mill and such. At some point the mill needs to go, but the history is important & should be used as educational opportunities. The older & repurposed buildings help preserve the character and new DCA educational signs help hint into the past. Would love to see more

Screen Name Redacted

4/27/2024 12:34 PM

The forest and hiking trails within city limits is one of Camas's most valuable features, the city should strive to expand and enhance them. And the schools.

Screen Name Redacted

4/27/2024 05:02 PM

Small town feel, great old post office, library, trees. Safe to walk the streets, lots of Greenspan for quality of life

Screen Name Redacted

4/29/2024 10:59 AM

Bustling businesses, shops and restaurants! We need more high rises with shops and stores underneath apartment/condo type living. Also, needs to be more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. The sidewalks are really old and narrow. We need to add larger walkways and bike lanes all the way down to the Lacamas Creek Trail and up SE Crown Rd as well.

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4/29/2024 12:38 PM

Keep the streets narrow and the businesses small. Maintain the hanging flower baskets.. they're stunning! The town remains small and friendly with many activities.

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5/02/2024 09:40 AM

Cutest downtown, little town atmosphere. Public space and parks. Historical element - preserve the core. Prepare for growth. People come for the feeling and small-town vibe. Unique shops. Cleanliness, well-maintained, well-planned. Strong history of growth projections, which has preserved the home feel. PPL. Access to nature and lakes. Great place to raise kids. Uniqueness of Mill.

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5/02/2024 09:43 AM

walkability, greenery, local businesses

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5/02/2024 03:06 PM

quiet residential community with lots of nature

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 03:30 PM

There's not much bringing me to downtown

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 09:31 PM

The walkable, small town feel is great, and the city seems to want to maintain lots of green space for citizens.

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 10:20 PM

Diverse family friendly food and entertainment options plus shopping.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 08:07 AM

Historical buildings, walkable space, small retail and dining spaces are what make downtown Camas a fun place to hang out.

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5/03/2024 08:23 AM

Cohesive feel to the community. Camas should continue to enhance areas of largest citizen agreement.

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5/03/2024 08:42 AM
It's cute, historic, and walkable. More restaurants and dining would mean more reasons to go downtown or meet others out.

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5/03/2024 03:27 PM
It's picturesque. Lots of cute shops. Could enhance food options

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5/03/2024 03:28 PM
Character - cute, non-chain shops, well maintained buildings, walkable streets

Screen Name Redacted
5/03/2024 04:05 PM
This area has an ABUNDANCE of parks and walking paths! Yrs. gone by, the Mill made Camas-town smell, undesirably. By the time I moved here: Camas no longer "smelled." YAY Camas library is a stand-out!

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5/03/2024 04:05 PM
Much is made of the historical aspect but the city continues to let the historical infrastructure degrade. Spend the money bringing it up to code before it becomes a greater issue / emergency.

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5/03/2024 04:05 PM
The community is very active and plans a lot of fun events. Definitely preserve the small town feeling.

Screen Name Redacted
5/03/2024 04:07 PM
The waters and trails, aswell as downtown and the wooded areas with no homes on them

Screen Name Redacted
5/03/2024 04:37 PM
Downtown is great. Preserve restraunts and bar diversity (acorn and oak!) Worried about church owning a whole block.

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5/03/2024 05:41 PM
Parks and trails

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5/03/2024 06:03 PM
See above.

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5/03/2024 06:01 PM
The natural beauty, open spaces, parks, outdoor recreation. It would be amazing to turn the mill into a a cool shopping area once it isn't running anymore.

Screen Name Redacted
5/03/2024 06:31 PM
walkability, connectivity to trails

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5/03/2024 09:16 PM

Investments and priority placed on small business success, parks

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 09:55 PM

Maintaining a clean and safe downtown, incorporating the historic charm and displaying signage about the towns history. Events are great. Events like First Fridays aren't unique to cities and towns, but Camas takes so much pride in the community, it just feels like home when attending one.

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5/04/2024 09:19 AM

The architecture and the trees:

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5/04/2024 09:47 AM

Shops and restaurants, hiking trails, schools. Should strive to enhance these, as well as more outdoor and indoor recreation

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 04:41 PM

Walkable, human-scaled development downtown. Street trees. Please preserve and enhance pedestrian and bike access, limiting influence of automobiles. Camas parks and trails are wonderful -- please protect and improve ped/bike access to parks and trailheads.

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5/04/2024 05:28 PM

Building and vibe, community feel

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5/04/2024 05:30 PM

Enhance walkability and connection to the river. Camas could also get rid of the mill so that we can get back our views and connection to the riverfront.

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5/05/2024 08:40 AM

Walkable downtown. Need more connected pathways for walking and bikes.

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5/05/2024 09:13 AM

Good variety of community events throughout the year, as well as community ed and parks and recreation opportunities. Enhance quality of parks (e.g. consistently having bathroom facilities, public parking, pedestrian access). Preserve small businesses downtown and preferably extend operating hours so it's easier to shop small businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 12:39 PM

Our natural resources must be protected. Keep our water clean for drinking and recreation. Preserve all the old buildings and homes. The

downtown post office needs to be preserved. It's a beautiful building.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 03:21 PM

4th Street with its numerous small shops, galleries and eateries, beautiful trees and cozy sidewalks. Some of the side streets could be enhanced in the manner of 4th St.

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5/05/2024 04:34 PM

Small-town feel. No chain stores. Everyone very friendly.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 06:11 PM

We need to focus on roads and development of the northshore area with a variety of live work areas. So many great options. Check out Northwest Crossing area in Bend, Oregon

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 09:37 PM

The small town feel is something to be valued. I love that I can walk downtown and run into familiar faces. Business seem to be involved in the community and I believe that it is important that they continue to contribute to the community in a positive manner. I believe it is imperative to preserve our natural spaces. The lake, the trails, and the parks.

Screen Name Redacted

5/06/2024 02:01 PM

The streetscape is a beautiful, colorful and trendy setting with streetside dining opportunities. I believe the street and curbs have been cut lifted or repaired for so many years that a thorough repair and finish needs to be done on all concrete curb sidewalk, and asphalt surfaces.

Screen Name Redacted

5/06/2024 03:27 PM

Make it so you don't have to be a millionaire to live her.

Screen Name Redacted

5/07/2024 08:24 PM

It has a small town feel with modern amenities.

Screen Name Redacted

5/10/2024 01:55 PM

Camas is special as it has largely kept out the large box stores and restaurants from downtown. Small business is the way to go.

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2024 02:20 PM

Camas provides a wonderful variety of green spaces, including forested areas as well as parks and trails. The natural beauty should be preserved and not decimated to make way for development. Preserve the "quaintness" and the small town feel that Camas currently exudes.

Screen Name Redacted
5/12/2024 07:25 AM

Unique shops , great library, small town

Screen Name Redacted
5/12/2024 06:47 PM

We seem to focus only on the downtown. While it's quaint it is well beyond being the focus of a city of our size. Many people live far away from the downtown. Some of the businesses are in constant turnover. We should strive to enhance the downtown but we also need to set a vision on the next generation of special and historic parts of Camas, which means we start to build them today.

Screen Name Redacted
5/13/2024 04:33 PM

A livable scale, a walkable downtown, natural resources. All of these need to be balanced against growth.

Screen Name Redacted
5/13/2024 09:22 PM

Local businesses, no corporate franchises. More focus on arts

Screen Name Redacted
5/15/2024 12:24 PM

Trails and mountain biking. Connectivity to PDX and surrounding areas.+ Greenspace.+ Not heavily built out/ very chill and peaceful. Not a lot of crime. Unique downtown/historic look. Water/rain. Hills. Clean. Community events. Lakes and parks+ Low crime/safety. Trails. Churches. Friendly people. Great schools. Public safety/1st responders. Food trucks in neighborhoods. Ecosystem in back yard/ lots of wildlife. Camas pride. School athletics. Topography/geographic location. Views/the gorge. Don pedros and other restaurants. Cold winter/warm summer. School funding. Trees and wide roads. Community education programs and services.

Optional question (348 response(s), 19 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question

Q3 | What about Camas, including our historic downtown, would you like to change in the future? What can improve?

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2/20/2024 02:02 PM

Housing diversity; increase medium and high-density housing. Connecting/expanding walking path system. Re-energizing high tech employment in town (reverse job losses from Sharp, HP, UL Labs, etc.) Improve telework infrastructure via high-speed internet/public data access. Improve access to regional transportation to better support business travel (commuter bus to airport and train stations) More secondary neighborhood small retail centers with groceries, coffee, and small shops in Grass Valley, but NOT sprawling minimart areas. Create walkable/architecturally nice areas. Dedicated food

truck park with covered eating areas especially adjacent to other infrastructure like parks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2024 07:21 PM

Create a better parking plan at the rate growth is being allowed. I had to find a different church due to lack of parking and no longer patron restaurants in Camas. Reasonable parking is no longer available. Preserve the history of Camas and why it was even founded. The young people need to know and be able to experience some of why Camas exists.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2024 09:12 PM

We need better infrastructure downtown. We need better streets sidewalks. We really need a central gathering. Place like a town Square or town Park that ties third, fourth, and fifth together. And eventually sixth, especially as more development happens.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 07:55 AM

We need a big parking garage. I vote for buying the lot that belongs to the mill across from Grains of Wrath. Allow the mill employees free parking and charge everyone else. It would pay for itself in no time and then it would be a source of revenue for the town.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 09:40 AM

I would like to see more sidewalks outside the downtown area, and maybe a park on the North shore of the Lacamas lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 11:47 AM

Downtown should not be changed at all!!! The improvements that were suppose to be made to Crown Park should happen already. Lacamas lake needs to be cleaned up and properly maintained to stop the toxic algae that grows every year.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 11:14 PM

Water quality in lakes

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2024 10:27 AM

We need expand safe walkable areas and higher density areas for community gatherings and lifestyle enhancement. Create separate zoning for industrial or "strip mall" like development away from residential areas. Keep as much of chain stores and restaurants outside of camas.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 10:02 AM

walkability-- sidewalks are nice, but in the future it would be nice to see 4th Ave as a pedestrian only plaza. 4th Ave already feels too small for cars that are passing through and with as many pedestrians that cross it can be dangerous

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 02:44 PM

Honestly, not much. There are some old buildings that need some TLC but other than that, I like the way it is.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 02:59 PM

Prioritizing a refresh/enhancements of existing parks, roads, and infrastructure before new development. Specifically, I'd love to see road/sidewalk improvements on McIntosh and southern end of Brady Rd to connect communities to the new Columbia Palisades development and to be able to handle the increase in traffic. I'd also love it if we could refresh some of our park play structures so that I don't have to drive to Vancouver so often for park play.

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2/13/2024 08:43 AM

Add more restaurants, cafes, wine bars.

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2/13/2024 08:52 AM

More green spaces & pedestrian walk ways.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:11 AM

It would be amazing to have a park with a playground within easy walking distance of downtown. Also a dog park! Be very thoughtful about future housing development and how it will impact infrastructure, schools, environmental, etc. I think it would be wise to also try to entice larger employers to come to the city so more people can live and work within the city limits.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:37 AM

I wish the church didn't own the whole block. Fun places for kid and teens to hangout.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Make the entire downtown core a pedestrian zone (as can be found in European cities and towns). We'd need to develop some parking plazas around the periphery.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:00 AM

Stay on track with what the people want for the future, Stop the Condo generic look building that has started and make the building fit the historic look and feel or it will be lost forever. When the mill clean up comes don't fill the area with more buildings use the space for actual gathering areas and the overflow of the events that are downtown. If we get much more the infrastructure is not going to support all the influx in wanting to bring more homes to the area. Try supporting who is already here it is hard to even go enjoy the lakes anymore.

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2/13/2024 10:42 AM

Very slow growth will preserve it all.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:52 AM

Continue to encourage businesses to develop in the downtown area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 10:55 AM

Walking/Biking is very disjointed. 500 is the primary road and should connect downtown to the lake/park. We need a nice grocery store. Right now the only option is QFC, which is almost in Vancouver - Trader Joes or Zupans would be a great addition! The downtown area needs more restaurants and community areas that are open to bring regular business to the stores. A large portion of the main blocks are closed most of the time. The mill is an eye-sore

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:18 PM

I would like to end the ugly box condos and preserve what little is still standing in our town.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:47 PM

Better Access to Sport Facilities and Access to said facilities...example, turf fields, swimming center, community workout facilities, generally improvement of recreational opportunities (see Tualatain Hills Park and Rec Center). Road improvements (sidewalks, bikel anes, less potholes and delayed maintenance). Improve over crowding of schools at all levels. Better maintenance of exisiting parks. Stop adding more development without adding necessary resources (schools, parks, roads) etc...to accommodate growth.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

I'd like to see more new development opportunities. Let's bring in new businesses and eateries. Make the town more walkable.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 01:27 PM

More density and apts/condos. Less parking lots and more retail/dining space. Community gathering center. Finally, mill redevelopment.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:09 PM

I would like to see less development.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 02:59 PM

Stop creating developments with such narrow streets kids can't even play, buses and emergency vehicles can barely fit, and families have no parking.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 06:00 PM

More multi family housing. Revamp mill area and utilize space differently.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:02 PM

Parking, add dog park, make it affordable for small businesses to have space

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:34 PM

Support the police. Keep the community safe and clean at all costs.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 07:53 PM

Adding more businesses (not churches) in the downtown streets and planning for the eventual mill closing.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:21 PM

No more sprawl. Smart downtown planning, gradually increasing density, with smart management of car traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 09:29 PM

A downtown that has a broader footprint, integrated housing with businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 11:33 PM

Community events should be expanded beyond downtown to assist with growth. The mill should be mostly demolished but a small portion used as a museum. Allow for low income programs to thrive like boys and girls club instead of removing. Many people depended on those resources

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 05:29 AM

I think the two intersections at 6th and Adams and 6th and Dallas are not safe - I regularly see people almost get into accidents at both of them because they expect them to both be 4-way stops. Also I wish there were a few more dining options downtown - some more like casual lunch options, or maybe a small drugstore or a bakery - more ways to get your everyday shopping done while walking around so you don't have to drive elsewhere.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 08:06 AM

Downtown is beautiful. The tenant mix is perfect. We HAVE to slow down on residential development. Let's concentrate on fixing our lakes, lack of infrastructure and another high school that will actually "See and Serve ALL students".

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 09:39 AM

More family events in and around parks and Lacamas Lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 12:05 PM

Downtown-- improve the infrastructure (trees, sidewalks, cross-walks, utilities) along with improved parking opportunities, safer pedestrian-automobile interactions. City-wide, with existing trails their connectivity needs improvement, as well as new trails construction as community grows. Also preserve open space and habitat - reduce opportunity for wildfires to impact them as well as to property owners structures.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 08:30 AM

The mill- see first answer. Clean up the lake. Create a trail right around long lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:16 AM

We would love to see the town be more inclusive. We feel that the town only caters to the "rich" and leaves the average person out. For example, the events that take place usually involve going from store to store - places that have gotten so snobby and out of hand!

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:16 AM

It needs to be refreshed with a new modern library, fire department, and more shops buildings with contemporary modern architecture like the Vancouver waterfront or how the Firstenburg library looks. We need a new downtown Camas at the waterfront that connects to the historic one, or replace the old library and older downtown buildings with more modern stores and library.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 09:26 AM

Also, you do need to bring back some short term parking spots. Having to lug 20+ lb bags of dog food blocks is ridiculous. Please put a few 10 minute spots on Cedar Street. This would be good for the bagel shop too.

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2/15/2024 09:33 AM

I would like to see more walking/biking paths that can get residents to downtown and the Lake. Everything requires a car, but when the weather is beautiful, we all want to be out doors on the trails and lake. So many cars and few parking spaces make it a nightmare for the City. If the city focused on utilizing parking areas with trails/paths for residents and visitors to use, it might make the roads safer and more pedestrian/bike friendly. Sort of what Leavenworth had for it's visitors.

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2/15/2024 09:39 AM

This is fucked. If you don't like what is here, then fucking move somewhere else.

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Youth centers are needed and teen leadership social building.

2/15/2024 09:46 AM

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Build another high school and probably middle and elementary as well. There are so many families moving here and not enough space in the schools. Class size is a huge issue and there is not space to create more classes. It is unfortunate that Journey Church has control of such a huge chunk of the downtown. They do a lot of great things, but they also limit future possibilities.

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2/15/2024 09:44 AM

*We need a swimming pool! *Do something with the building at 4th & Cedar. So sorry the church owns it & it doesn't seem to be benefiting the community. Prime location.

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Better communication regarding shuttle options for downtown events.

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No suggestions

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2/15/2024 10:02 AM

3rd ave - would be nice to have more trees

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2/15/2024 10:06 AM

More communication within the community, more acceptance of new families

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2/15/2024 10:08 AM

Reduce the large foot print of the church downtown. We need more businesses on our great main street.

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2/15/2024 10:18 AM

I'd like to see Camas become more pedestrian centric over time. There are areas of Camas that are really sketchy still. For example, there is a section of 3rd ave heading into Washougal that we, and apparently most pedestrians, avoid due to safety issues. As you head over the river on the 3rd heading out of downtown, the road splits into 4 lanes for apparently no reason (it is 2 lanes in downtown and then 2 lanes shortly after in Washougal), and the speed limit increases to 45. There is a sidewalk on one side of the road, but it is very narrow, and there is no safety divider to protect pedestrians. I see kids on that sidewalk relatively often going to the skatepark, and it makes my skin crawl watching them because one of these days, someone will hit a pedestrian on that road and kill them. That is the definition of a Stroad and it is dangerous. I don't see adults or folks walking their dogs to the river trail because of that stretch of road. It is such an unfortunate

spot seeing how pedestrian centric downtown is. I'd love to see Camas build on the safety of downtown and change the few Stroads in town, including this stretch, to be a lot safer. On this road specifically, there is no reason the road needs to open up to 4 lanes. It starts as 2 lanes and then ends in 2 lanes short after the 4 lane section. This is not benefiting anyone. I'd love to see the speed limit go down, because there's no reason to speed up right before the river walk trail, keeping it slower will go a long way. But specifically, I'd like to see this stretch of road take more after downtown. Let's decrease it to 2 lanes, and then create parking along the street for that river walk and a sidewalk on the other side. This would make the walkability of Camas so much better to our local natural amenities and it will show Camas' dedication to keeping our roadways safer for families.

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continue to encourage small and diverse business in downtown. improve the parks. parking downtown, hard to do and not distract from the feel. The issues with the lake need to be completed, not just studied. there must be solutions.

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2/15/2024 10:29 AM

I would like to see forward thinking on how people are going to move in and out of the downtown area. The Everett Street corridor is getting some improvements in the future, but we need to be mindful about those improvements and know that more and more people are moving to this area and that area will bottleneck very easily today. Just a truck stopping in the road for a little bit by the lake market can shut down the entire round about very quickly and stall out many people. I also think we need to be focus on the future of education. Relying on old traditional education models need to go. We need to fully support our project based schools and make way for more innovative education models. Support publicly funded language immersion, Montessori education. Offer more education models for more diverse learning.

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2/15/2024 10:36 AM

better parking. More food choices. Clear out all homeless. Better security at night against vandalism to small businesses. Do something with all the property from the Mill that is no longer used.

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2/15/2024 10:41 AM

Improve the outcome of the DRAFT RI workplan that does the bare minimum to address decades of waste disposal and potential contamination from a variety of known toxic chemicals the plant has used or produced and discharged.

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Having the church local church buy out an entire block of downtown

2/15/2024 10:43 AM

feels like an encroachment that is likely to continue. I would certainly like to see it contained whatever that my look like as it is limiting to other organizations wanting to start small businesses. The church already doesn't contribute taxes and although they do not represent 1/6th of the population of Camas, they now own 1/6th of Mainstreet. It will not feel like a historic downtown if this continues.

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2/15/2024 10:48 AM

Camas needs improved pedestrian and bicycle access on NE Everett St. between NE 23rd Ave and Lake Rd. This may alleviate some parking issues at Round and Lacamas Lakes if more people could safely walk or ride their bikes to the lakes.

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2/15/2024 10:50 AM

More small town places to eat. We previously had a terriyaki spot and a pizza spot that promoted easy cheap meals not only for people that work in down town but people that want to come down and experience camas and not pay an arm and a leg for a burrito and beer

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The crosswalks on 3rd and 6th avenue has been very dangerous and I have had quite a few encounters were I look both ways, one car stops so I begin to cross but the other side is not paying attention and have come very close to hitting me. I have also seen it happen a lot to people crossing the street, especially during big event days in Camas that happen at night when it is dark. If we could get the crosswalk signs that flash when a person is crossing the street at major crosswalk areas (Birch, Cedar, Everette), that would significantly increase the safety of both the drivers and the pedestrians.

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2/15/2024 10:59 AM

I feel that people are staying in campers off of 6 near the shell station. The homeless is coming through to our neighborhoods now.

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2/15/2024 10:58 AM

Input from residents. You only care about the mill, legacy interests and developers. No one trusts you.

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2/15/2024 10:56 AM

Take down the paper mill ! Add more parking lots

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2/15/2024 10:59 AM

Not going through with, or modifying the Everett St Corridor project so it doesn't take away parking and somehow enhances parking safety at Acorn & the Oak Restaurant. Please do not add another roundabout at 35th.

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2/15/2024 11:17 AM

Expand the former and some-day former Mill property and make it mixed use residential, commercial and usable green space for public recreation but keep the old-town character and feel (convert parts of the old Mill to brewery/restaurant/concert/small conventions space like Edgefield

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The future the mill property needs thoughtful planning to add its blocks to the core, carrying on the streetscape and LOCALLY OWNED small businesses, with varied living options thrown in.

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Community event Free concerts

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Continue investment in the downtown core. Would like to see more shops/restaurants and other business that make it fun to spend an afternoon shopping and eating (no more things like State Farm offices please). It would also be nice if there were more uniform signs and such that gave it a more cohesive feel. Definitely could use more night life. The old Westly Ford property would be a prime spot for someone to do something cool.

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Keep it local and unique

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I'm not keen on how much property Journey Church owns in downtown; it should be left to individual business owners. Businesses I'd like to see: Frozen yogurt or ice cream -- please! -- bubble tea and a high-end bakery similar to Grand Central or St. Honore in Portland.

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There should be more Restaurant options . Be more culturally diverse.

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More places to eat!

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2/15/2024 01:10 PM

am noticing more transient people or homeless people in the area. If that continues and we become more like our neighboring communities we will no longer want to live in the area or shop/dine in downtown camas

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2/15/2024 02:08 PM

Parking is a big big issue for downtown. Also it seems very odd that two blocks of development are owned by the church with one building still remaining empty.

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2/15/2024 02:16 PM

I was against taking out the pool. I thought we were at least going to get a splash pad playground there. Instead, we got nothing. Am very unhappy about all that. Need more okay things like that for the younger folk. Also, very unhappy with our leadership for slipping in that new tax last year. Myself, and many others, are not going to forget that come voting time.

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2/15/2024 02:16 PM

More nice restaurants (like feast 316, Tommy Os, Nuestra mesa) and a kid's clothing store! I know there is the used clothes but that doesn't fit our family's needs.

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ATM for Bank of America We need an outdoor public swimming pool!!!!

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Add more shopping with better hours

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2/15/2024 04:23 PM

Better pedestrian crossings from 3rd is my main concern.

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I would like to have focus on preserving natural beauty and slow down development of cheap strip malls. Lets focus on quality of development. I would also like to see more hotel options near or at Downtown.

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2/15/2024 05:20 PM

The mill property redevelopment should add to the downtown, more parking downtown, better playgrounds and sports fields, maintenance of existing trails.

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More higher end restaurants

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2/15/2024 06:46 PM

Do not charge for parking. That's part of the charm. Keep the two way streets. Keep the events and add more.

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1.Remove the paper mill buildings and improve the entrance into

2/15/2024 07:46 PM

downtown. 2. Improve traffic control on 3rd Ave near Garfield. After the new stripping was done several years ago with the free right turn onto Garfield, the traffic is constant up Garfield because traffic doesn't need to stop and makes it very difficult to cross Garfield from the side streets. 3. Add more trees since residential development has taken so many out. 4. Parks need some serious attention with ivy and other invasives out of control, 5. Deal with water quality issues with LaCamas and Round Lake. 6. Fire/Ems costs sound out of control.

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2/15/2024 11:23 PM

Parking Parking Parking (Is it okay to park anytime in the lot north of Grains of Wrath?!?)

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2/16/2024 12:20 AM

Perhaps have more community activities, like an every Friday night street fair.

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2/16/2024 05:07 AM

Less churches and more restaurants. I want to keep my money here instead of driving to Vancouver or Portland. On Sundays, it is hard to park w/ the church patrons taking all the parking.

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2/16/2024 08:08 AM

Parking needs to be addressed, cars park right up to stop signs, angle parking in front of GOW block your vision trying to pull out onto 5th Ave. All landscaping downtown on vision clearance area's should be ground level.(all tamjupiners should be removed, accidents waiting to happen) First Friday events are awesome and draw a great crowd.

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2/16/2024 08:40 AM

I think that Camas really needs to improve its transportation and safety infrastructure. Many of the roads lack sidewalks and bike lanes, despite all the development and new houses that are being built. I think that Camas needs to prioritize establishing walking and biking connections throughout the city, connecting areas that are currently walkable and bikeable (like downtown and within some of the newer subdivisions) to the rest of Camas (e.g., non-car transportation arteries connecting new developments such as Green Mountain area to the rest of Camas downtown area).

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2/16/2024 09:47 AM

There should be more for kids to do, especially middle-high school age. Less businesses that require you to be into alcohol/drinking.

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2/16/2024 11:53 AM

I wouldn't change anything. I would discourage people from trying to change it too much.

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2/16/2024 12:34 PM

Water quality within Camas should be a high priority. Nothing adds value like a pristine body of water. Having our own little Lake Tahoe would be worth the whining of folks who don't want to give up outdated and dangerous methods of keeping a lawn green. Additionally, placing an emphasis on keeping downtown focused on thriving commercial spaces will make Camas a better place to live and visit.

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2/16/2024 01:44 PM

The city needs a 'welcome package' for new homeowners. This should include a city map, how Camas utilities work - sewer and water charges esp, some special coupons for newcomers, etc. When we moved here only Lutz sent us a special coupon. Everything else mentioned here we had to find out on our own. Since The City of Camas handles things differently than other parts of Clark County, this information be very helpful and clear confusion for new homeowners for very little cost. As for the historic downtown - keep up the good work! Also, the weekly Camas small business newsletter is very informative and is done very well!

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2/16/2024 04:54 PM

Close street for walking through and festivals and provide a new parking structure

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2/16/2024 05:18 PM

We need another high school above all else. Then another middle school. The downtown church takes up most of the block tax free. I'd like to see small business thrive there instead.

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2/16/2024 06:17 PM

As above I would leave the downtown as historic, add to the camas urban growth boundary Accommodate the growth.

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2/17/2024 08:19 AM

Parking and xaccess.

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2/17/2024 09:23 PM

We could really use a dog park...or two! Cleaner water in Lacamas and Round Lakes.

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2/18/2024 09:07 AM

Make Main Street pedestrian only. It will create a better space to gather and socialize. Outdoor dining and seating areas where the parking spaces are. Cross street traffic would be allowed, but not East/West traffic. I've seen this in Europe and it's amazing.

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2/18/2024 09:38 AM

Include more gathering spaces, for meeting others for a bite. Small restaurants, places to gather for breakfast, lunch, happy hour, dinner, or dessert after a movie.

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Traffic and stop building new homes

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2/19/2024 08:42 AM

I would love to see the mill become a more beautiful or interactive part of the landscape. I know GP is holding onto mill operations with white knuckles to avoid a cleanup, but imagine covering its walls in murals or, eventually, converting the inside into apartments! I also think we could improve our food offerings and activities for teenagers downtown. Would love to see healthy fast food (like salads or grain bowls), the return of pizza, etc. I think teens could use someplace to go be teens - it's hard to get to a mall from here if you can't drive. Finally, I love Camas, but we would all benefit from a more diverse population. Right now the city is over 75% white. I'd like to see us examine why that is and how we can promote a more inclusive city.

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2/19/2024 11:53 AM

Road bike infrastructure (more bike lanes). Cleaning up lacamas lake.

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2/19/2024 02:23 PM

Make the downtown core walkable (vehicle free), with ample parking around it.

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2/20/2024 02:25 PM

- Improved area or permanent cover for the Camas Farmer's Market—larger, covered, shadier
- More options for teens—activities, stores, food options
- More/safer sidewalks and bike lanes
- Traffic slower on 3rd Ave! So dangerous to cross.
- Crossing visibility on 5th Ave at Birch
- 6th & Adams intersection
- A community pool accessible to all where learning to swim is a mandatory course through public schools
- Extend aesthetics and amenities and lighting of 4th Ave to 3rd, 5th and 6th
- Better/more downtown parking
- Central gathering space in downtown with performance area and outdoor eating area
- Need good deli/bakery
- Kitchen store with classes
- Pizza place with good management
- Quality resale store for adults
- Men's clothing store
- Boba shop
- Affordable teen clothes
- Comic book/pop culture/record store
- Better electrical in downtown for events
- Underground infrastructure upgrades in downtown
- Safer, walkable pedestrian areas in downtown
- More or improved parking in downtown
- More restaurant options
- More trees on 3rd, 5th and 6th
- Bulb outs on 3rd and 5th to slow traffic/improve safety
- Crossing lights on 3rd (if still main downtown thoroughfare)
- 4th Ave car free pedestrian only area.
- A central gathering space
- Permanent

covered farmer's market location with adequate electrical and water •
Downtown infrastructure can accommodate the growth we need •
More housing downtown and throughout town for all income levels •
More activities to do downtown after 6pm • Progress and growth while
keeping the sweet hometown feel • We have a community center with
swimming pool accessible to all • Heritage tree program/tree City • 27
acres to the north of 6th leaving downtown developed and well and
artfully connected with historic downtown creating synergy and
vibrancy for both. Good flow between both • The mill property has
been cleaned up and the plan for mixed use, green space,
performance/gathering area and housing has been formalized and on
its way to execution • An executable maintenance and preservation
plan for downtown is used by City • Downtown is a thriving local and
tourist destination where businesses thrive and the community
absolutely loves to come to and be a part of. Downtown is used by all
parts of Camas. Flow from North Shore has been figured out and all
of Camas is connected and united.

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2/20/2024 09:33 PM

Nothing comes to mind.

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2/21/2024 10:35 AM

I love it just the way it is! Parking is becoming more challenging.

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2/21/2024 05:11 PM

I would love to see more small businesses and unique restaurants.

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2/22/2024 01:22 PM

More walkways, more pedestrian friendly sidewalks up Crown Road
to downtown camas. Many people walking there but does not feel
safe for walkers.

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2/23/2024 09:58 AM

Maintain parks better.

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2/24/2024 08:28 PM

I think some roads need to add stoplights/roundabouts to replace
stop signs. -add more streetlights throughout the town —improve
playgrounds on all our parks. The kids (and parents) are bored, and
the play equipment on ALL the playgrounds in camas need a revamp.
The kids need a much bigger space of play equipment to climb and
play on, and consider putting a covering (shade) over the
playgrounds to be able to use during the rainy season. Also safety at
parks are a big issue. If there could be more fencing or landscaping
between the park and the road that would help a lot! -adding more
clear signage to where things are around town. -adding city garage

cans outside! This will help so much with all the litter around town! -
More preparedness around snow days. The snow should not paralyze an entire town if we know it's going to snow every year. The city needs to fund more plows, and ice melt and be ready for the snow so the children don't miss school, and families can't go to work. -Cleaner water resources in the lakes -More parks and rec programs for littles. There is almost no programs in the area for babies, and toddlers/children under 5. Adding more classes, sports and activities would be amazing! -more speed limit signs throughout the neighborhoods to enforce slower speeds. And also more police visibility and enforcing speed limits. —more shopping options! Another grocery store (Trader Joe's, target, Whole Foods), and more clothing store options in the camas area. -Finally, a city funded indoor playground/ sports complex. This is 100% doable and a big need in our community. This could be like firstenburg center with an indoor pool, gym and other amenities, but I think it should include a very very big indoor playground. Here is a link for a reference: <https://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation/plymouth-community-center/indoor-playground>

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2/27/2024 09:54 AM

Needs better parking. Better police enforcement of speeding !

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2/27/2024 10:39 AM

1. Sidewalks/Bike Lanes: We feel that sidewalks and bike lanes are of utmost importance to the community. We live off Sierra and don't feel that it's safe for our kids to walk or ride their bikes to school on Lake Rd and Everett St. 2. Clean Lakes and Trails around them. Lacamas Lake & the park around has such potential to be a wonderful community hub but it's not really maintained and set up as such, and there are so few community events held outdoors there. It would be great to have more nicely maintained grassy areas around the lake for people to congregate and play. (Love the Lodge, the events there are great!) 3. Historic Downtown: It's disappointing that so much of it is owned by the church. To us that is not historic and not enhancing or enticing. A downtown with lots of local shops, galleries, bakeries, great cafes and restaurants is what needed to boost the entire downtown. The loss of the Camas Slices is really huge. A downtown without an incredible Pizza place or 2 is really a big loss for the town. We hope a great place, or 2 or 3 come in soon. 4. Columbia Access Downtown: We are a town on the river. It would be wonderful for the downtown to expand to front the river and have wonderful trails, shops, bakeries, restaurants, artwork etc there. (Like The Old Mill District in Bend) 4. More Community Opportunities/Classes/Camps/Volunteer Opportunities/Support for middle school and high school kids 5. We LOVE the Library. Would love to see more interactive events for it.

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2/27/2024 11:58 AM

I'd love to see safety improvements in roads, including pot hole repairs, but no more roundabouts. What could improve- planning! Absurd projects like RV "resorts", which are going to become back door routes for housing, should be stopped. Do actual affordable housing. It'll yield pride in ownership and tax revenue. Be smarter about subdivisions - we don't need so many at the expense of open spaces and farm land. Otherwise, we're just Vancouver.

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2/27/2024 02:25 PM

No more mill.

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2/27/2024 04:18 PM

We need actual businesses not one block entirely owned by a church on the main strip. We need to change the language in the zoning to keep that from happening on the next block. The lake needs to be clean. This is such a draw and now a HUGE drawback to a community with no pool We need to get the community rec center to do more classes as well. Other states have cities with a park district. Look at great cities park district classes and event

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2/27/2024 04:31 PM

Listen to small businesses and the community when they say they don't want something. It's appalling how the community is blatantly ignored!

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2/27/2024 04:57 PM

Building more community, maybe creating more parking. Would also like to see some upgrades to our playgrounds/parks and have some water features added.

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2/27/2024 06:28 PM

Do not run business out just for the sake of "progress"

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2/27/2024 07:09 PM

We should remove the turn left option driving down NE fourth Ave turning left onto NE Adams St. The light turns red on Adams st when no one is there and creates traffic buildup. Community filter on our drinking water and protect our lakes. Put a walking / biking train around the entire Lacamas Lake!

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2/28/2024 08:59 AM

I would like to see some more growth. More businesses, parks, special events that incentivise me to visit downtown and to stay in downtown. Too often I visit downtown for one thing, and then I leave.

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2/28/2024 06:52 PM

Better protected bike lanes protected from traffic.

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2/28/2024 09:06 PM

Stop building apartments, fix existing sewer lines instead of sending us letters to only flush toilet paper, urinal, and I won't even say the last word. Some find it rude. Also, fix the roads. Housing is taking over. We used to have a great small town, waiting for more lights, also more roundabouts, turning Camas into Downtown Vancouver. I am glad we have our home without kissing our neighbors. Look across the lake so sad. Yet charge impact fees etc. We don't want to pay more to cover builders.

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2/29/2024 08:38 PM

More bike lanes and bike parking. Better maintenance of Lacamas Park trails. The main trail gravel is washed out and rough in sections making it dangerous for rolling ankles and difficult for using strollers.

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2/29/2024 09:00 PM

Historic downtown is fantastic. It would be wonderful to expand it so it is larger and still prioritizes pedestrians over cars. It would be wonderful to clean up the lakes so they're safe to swim in. It would also be great to have more bicycle lanes so that it could be safe for families to cycle around the city.

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2/29/2024 09:46 PM

Keep it up so it stays the beautiful area that it is.

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3/01/2024 07:51 PM

Some of the buildings could use a facelift. Would love to see some of the "non historical" buildings have larger windows, be updated to be more modern so it has a better feel when inside, and so can bring better businesses like more restaurants and interesting shops, cafes. Some of the buildings are so dark and depressing and that's why the businesses fail because it's not pleasant to be inside dark old buildings.

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3/01/2024 09:44 PM

Have more community parks, bike lanes and amenities services.

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3/02/2024 07:37 PM

More pickleball courts, including covered courts and dedicated pickleball-only courts; ADU rules--while they help with density and provide small-sized homes, their location can compromise look and feel of the neighborhood (such as the one on NW Dahlia Drive that just went up); keep funding the Downtown Camas Association (DCA); provide more affordable housing, so we're not just a city of wealthy; continue asking for community input--the City is doing a great job!

manage compulsory growth

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3/04/2024 02:05 AM

More parking! No more downtown housing.

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3/06/2024 05:58 PM

Slow down on housing developments so our infrastructure can adjust to the growth

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 06:24 PM

I'd like to see some parks in the eastern part of Camas. The overbuilding on Friburg-Strunk is disheartening - especially the hideous huge building on the corner of NE13th (Godwin) and Friburg and the proposed gas station. Very disheartening to have giant warehouses in an area with high end homes. We could use a grocery store there, a rec center would also be appreciated. The church property for sale on Godwin near the Heritage Trail should be bought by the city and turned into a nature area. Camas needs to think about the future - instead of these big corporate complexes that are hard to fill and warehouses - why not build a multi-purpose area - a shop and live - sort of place. A destination that will draw people. Parks and recreation needs to expand.

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3/06/2024 06:36 PM

1:Maintain and enhance architectural standards for development. 2: Roadside landscaping and maintenance needs significant improvement--irrigation, plantings, invasive species removal. Roads need resurfacing more frequently.

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3/06/2024 07:49 PM

Better road and roadside maintenance, reduction of invasive plants, and enhancement of open space environments.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 08:09 PM

More parking downtown; when adding denser housing, put more downtown--business downtown deserve that, will help other biz flourish as well. As Camas grows, let's maintain or grow greenspaces--parks, lake; make sure we don't lose sight of their importance. Getting the big, empty ex-headquarter buildings filled is important to the overall health of Camas.

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3/06/2024 08:05 PM

support downtown businesses by including more housing

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3/07/2024 01:11 AM

Better parking downtown. Not wiping out so many trees. Getting very expensive.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:17 AM

Demolish Georgia Pacific and invest in outdoor space with restaurants, walking paths and additional small businesses

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 09:33 AM

Anytime my husband and I are able to go out later at nights (when we have a babysitter), downtown camas feels like a ghost town. Also, in the summer, it's very hard to find parking near the lake and walking trails. We tried twice last year and then gave up.

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3/07/2024 09:38 AM

development is getting a little crazy. a development by my house received a green light - with SO Many crammed in houses, even though several neighboring residents asked for alterations.

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3/07/2024 10:04 AM

I would like to raze the paper mill and build out some amenities on the waterfront. On a smaller scale, I'd love to see more mid-price, family friendly restaurants in downtown. I still sorely miss Twilight Pizza: It was a good midpoint price range, the food and service were always amazing, and the atmosphere was so comforting and welcoming. Nuestra Mesa is, of course, excellent, but I'd like to see two or three more midprice options. I think we need a good, all-round, sit-down bakery, like Grand Central but locally owned. And for heaven's sake, get an ice cream or frozen yogurt place downtown.

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3/07/2024 10:11 AM

I really think downtown Camas could use a food, truck corner or parking lot. Anytime there is an event there, you would have to go into a restaurant and sit for an hour or so, and pay very high prices. I have longed to go to a place where you can just pick up, a reasonable priced item and eat as you walk along the street. I usually go home early because there's nothing to eat. I would greatly appreciate having the papermill closed down. There is still stuff spewing in the air that we don't know what it consists of.

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3/07/2024 10:29 AM

I'm not sure how it could be done, but having a singular church group steadily buying up downtown is absolutely going to be the downfall of the area. Losing unique shops like Camas slice has a ripple effect on the types of business and diversity of population that will visit the area. There's no parking for any of the restaurants when the church has fuctions.

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3/07/2024 11:41 AM

Downtown Camas has become a little bit to ideological these days. It doesn't feel quite as welcoming as it used to. Ironically, I think it's because it is trying to be overinclusive, to the point of pandering. This

is especially apparent in the library. I do not like to even bring my children there any more. And I am of a minority heritage.

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3/07/2024 12:51 PM

Needs a waterfront, and contemporary shops and restaurants. Better and larger walking paths and sidewalks. Would be great to build a bridge to the Oregon side as well so less traffic on I-205

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connected sidewalks

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3/07/2024 01:44 PM

I would like to encourage more small business growth. So much of our downtown is taken up by the church where businesses for our community members could thrive. I would also like to see more diversity in businesses. And in general, Camas has a critical need for affordable housing to promote that diversity and inclusion. The water quality issue at our lake needs to be addressed. And the businesses along Everett need protection from future road expansions. Taking away all their parking is not the right answer. They are as much a part of the culture of our town as our downtown businesses.

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3/07/2024 04:01 PM

I would love for the seasonal farmers market to be at a more convenient time for those who can't make it downtown because of a traditional work / commute schedule. I would like a simple list of available local resources when community members seek help beyond what I can provide (ie. housing, food insecurity, heating/cooling centers, utility supplement). Related, community education (partnership with the schools) on personal responsibility and empowerment to use available resources to improve personal circumstances. Improved parking, or local transportation options to the many parks, trailheads, water access points I would love to work for a local company rather than commuting into Beaverton

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3/07/2024 07:09 PM

Natural areas around camas are blanketed with invasive English Ivy and BlackBerry bushes. These are choking out native wildlife and plants. It degrades the natural areas and reduces possible recreation.

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3/07/2024 07:16 PM

Update parks (specifically the play structures) to accommodate family community, more businesses downtown

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3/07/2024 09:16 PM

Camas needs more social hubs and things to do during the rainy season. I wish there was more indoor recreation options for adults and children. I wish there were community hikes and nature days like

the ones held at Columbia Springs. I love the quaintness of historic downtown, but part of me wishes we had more modern shopping and dining like the waterfront in Vancouver or the 5th street market in Eugene. I absolutely hate that the Camas slices building was sold to the church and am not a fan of the church taking up so much prime real estate downtown. There is so much wasted space at the library and I feel like the public buildings we do have are not utilized enough. Everywhere we have lived before would have "open gym time" at the rec centers and schools where community members could use the facilities. They would also host educational and cultural activities there too. I miss having access to regular quality and free summer park programs, the programs here are sparse and seem to cater more to outsiders than they do community members. I always feel pressured to buy things when we come downtown for events, it's awkward. Camas needs to modernize a little bit

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3/08/2024 09:15 AM

NO MORE CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN SPACES! bring back the pizzeria or other restaurants and shops!!, also, more bus lines!!! connect us to Vancouver and Portland!!, improve water quality in wells and lakes! no more toxic algal blooms!! spend the money so we can swim all summer!, revitalize Crown Park and update the old outdated playground!

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3/08/2024 12:32 PM

Journey church, which takes up an entire block and could be anywhere, should not be allowed to take up an entire downtown block. This area could be used for additional restaurants and shops that would entice commerce and create a more vibrant downtown community.

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3/08/2024 12:49 PM

No community pool.

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3/10/2024 08:13 PM

I would like to see historic building being repurposed instead of being torn down. A stop light at the intersection of 6th and Adams would be beneficial for traffic flow.

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3/11/2024 03:15 PM

Replacing the papermill with a massive public green space; in the more near-term -- closing the main street (don't know it's name) from traffic so that we can bike and walk there, encouraging more and more varied activities that are not just spending money at shops and restaurants/cafes. Kids don't have a play area, benches could be set up in a few areas to encourage folks to hang out together

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3/11/2024 08:30 PM

We could definitely use more dining options downtown and a space for children to play. I also think the church downtown should consider relocating to free up space for small businesses. As for the rest of camas, we need better walking paths/sidewalks for pedestrians and more parks for children that are within 10-15 min walk of any home. Lots of driving required to get to parks for kiddos isn't ideal. Being able to walk around more easily between neighborhoods would make the city feel more connected. Specifically, need a sidewalk along 16th/hood/18th by the llama farm. I've seen too many people walk along there and it doesn't seem safe. Trees - what happened to all the trees? I grew up in this area and loved all the big mature trees. So many trees have been cut down due to new developments. How can we hold developers more accountable to preserving the beauty of the natural landscape? The tiny trees that they put up are no comparison to what used to be there that made camas so desirable. The schools are good now but with all the new housing, I think people are worried of schools overcrowding and the quality of schools going down. I urge the city to be as proactive as possible to plan and forecast to ensure we can keep up with the demand for a high quality education for our children.

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3/11/2024 10:21 PM

I think what needs improvement are the side streets. They have always been neglected and everything is always about 4th street. There are many wonderful side street stores and the downtown is tiny, so this should be doable. Every store matters, not just 4th! Flowers, benches, flags, clean up, more art, better lighting etc.

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3/12/2024 02:43 PM

If the mill closes completely, we need to clean it up/ destruct it and put in a nice waterfront shopping and restaurant district. We also need a public pool. And more sports fields. Probably another traditional high school.

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3/14/2024 09:17 AM

Increasing food options, adding a bakery back in

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3/14/2024 10:58 AM

Restaurants, kids sport facilities, entertainments

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3/15/2024 11:29 AM

More Dog Parks, Maintain walking path system Maintain 'hometown' feel of historic downtown Refocus on sports/parks - "Historically Camas always had a city pool" Better public transport especially to downtown, limiting need for additional parking Consider adding parking meters PORT Development by the river - mixed use housing/retail, expand/improve river walk Limit hirise development to

the waterfront (eg - new condo at the 192nd bluff) For higher density housing (rental or condo), incorporate nearby amenities (grocery,restaurant, parks) - Walkable secondary retail districts in addition to downtown(eg - Grass Valley - DON'T be limited to 'mini-malls')

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3/15/2024 08:13 PM

There is WAY too much car-dependent development, which is an utterly unsustainable ponzi scheme. See <https://youtu.be/AOc8ASeHYNw?si=3E9g7It0AOQW1zql>, <https://youtu.be/7IsMeKI-Sv0?si=LowZjQvuH8HogFZH>, <https://youtu.be/7Nw6qyyrTel?si=IXCQiU3WRIDGjfl>, and <https://youtu.be/ORzNZUeUHAM?si=cierWsSXXEt7T1Q6>. Also the city is pretty much swallowed in invasive English ivy, which the city apparently has no concerns about because they have done next to nothing to stop its spread.

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3/16/2024 06:19 PM

I would not like to see high rise apartment buildings. It makes an area feel very urban and enclosed. We do need a public parking area that can accommodate weekend visitors.

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3/16/2024 06:30 PM

How much of downtown is Journey Church going to own. Not a fan of this.

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3/16/2024 06:51 PM

The church landlord situation?! What is going on with that? What is going on with that side of the street?!

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3/16/2024 08:19 PM

I would like to have some sort of jazz festival there or some other kind of life music in summer

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3/16/2024 08:36 PM

A city council that does things like care and do something about being sure our water is clean and safe and don't turn on a contaminated pump. Also to care about alge bloom in the lakes.

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3/16/2024 09:32 PM

Remove paper mill and churches, add more restaurants and shops.

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3/16/2024 11:41 PM

CAMAS. NEEDS. A POOL. Seriously, this is hands-down the hardest part about living here. I would love to see the library open on Sunday! In terms of retail options: Our town could also use a consignment shop, a pizza place, and a few more healthy-food options. Can't wait to see the Everett Corridor project results!

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3/17/2024 01:24 AM

I'm not sure what I want to see changed...

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3/17/2024 07:22 AM

Improve the infrastructure in downtown (water, sewer, electrical, fiber optic) and repair the streets. Expand the focus of downtown from 3rd to 5th street.

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3/17/2024 08:14 AM

I'd like the city to stop the church from buying up all of the real estate in downtown and effectively controlling who can own a business down there and what kind of business they can open.

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3/17/2024 08:39 AM

We need a pizza place.

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3/17/2024 08:49 AM

Do not continue to build more. There's already too many people. You can't find parking downtown. Big events are overly crowded.

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3/17/2024 09:01 AM

We need an affordable public pool. Shame to those who closed the old one.

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3/17/2024 10:29 AM

First and foremost, the water needs to be cleaner. We now have to spend a considerable amount of money (after our general water bill, which isn't cheap) on water filter systems and filter replacements. Instead of other projects, this should be the main focus until resolved. In addition, I would hope that instead of building more apartments/developments, the town would focus on providing more businesses and jobs to those who live here. Many parks could also be improved for children and families.

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Say no to development whenever possible. Preserve and increase natural areas, PARTICULARLY AT THE WATERFRONT. The traffic is bad enough without adding more residents to the mix!

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3/17/2024 10:40 AM

I don't like that the church takes up such a significant amount of downtown space.

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The church should not be allowed to buy more property in the downtown section.

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Added public parking

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Keep a portion of the historic mill and turn it into a museum that's large enough to house the Washougal museum and showcase the rest of Camas/Washougal history. Make the rest of the area a bike/walking path, places for families, pets, picnics and a view of the river. It would be the perfect place to put in an amphitheatre to host concerts. No one wants to drive down the hill or drive past the large eye sore of falling apart mill that isn't fully operational anymore. Yes, it helped the town thrive, but we need more places for families. More family entertainment. We need an entertainment center like Big Al's or Round One. A place for kids to have fun. Families are tired of leaving Camas to travel to Vancouver and Portland for things to do. Also, why not do seasonal events such as a pop up ice rink? It brings in tons of revenue which we need as a city.

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3/17/2024 05:43 PM

We need a parking structure. There are ways to work it so it could also house a year round farmers market with covering. Suggest looking at structure in Port Angeles

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Tidying up sidewalks and curbs. Preserve the post office (it could really use some paint). Codes should be put in place for new apartments being equipped with parking space and new buildings should have codes dictating characteristics of a building that can be integrated with the existing buildings. Historical buildings that are 'for sale' should be actively made known to the local community.

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3/18/2024 02:54 AM

Nothing

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3/18/2024 09:51 AM

We need more restaurants and variety of spots to go for entertainment downtown , less hair as. Church places on the main strip

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3/18/2024 11:49 AM

Need an unleashed dog park somewhere. Camas and Washougal claim to be dog friendly but there are NO UNLEASHED dog parks.

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3/18/2024 11:54 AM

NO MORE DEVELOPMENT. STOP CUTTING DOWN TREES. I have been here 9 years and the population has doubled. More people should mean MORE parks and open space, but parks are being

compromised and open space is dwindling. The ingress is at maximum. To put in more roads means less trees and that's not acceptable. We don't want a freeway running through downtown or up the canyon. Development should happen right along Hwy 14 to divert traffic away from downtown and the natural areas. Add a little shuttle bus from the 14 development and parking lots up to Camas. No more buildings above 2 stories in the downtown area and add a few small, green parks to preserve the casual feel in that area. STOP TRAFFIC on the main street from the mill to the library. Be smart about development in the blocks surrounding that area, to encourage artsy development - not density. Acquire more forested land for hiking and relaxing and to preserve the feel. STOP development immediately around Lacamas lakes - no one wants to "hike" with condos looking down at them. And to preserve the (already questionable) water quality. TREE ORDINANCE - save our big Sequoias and Douglas firs. Forget about "inclusion" per se, but focus on an area where ALL people would want to visit (and are welcome) because it fills them with hope and reconnects them with earth and a positive idea of America, it's NATURAL & clean, calm, safe and unique.

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3/18/2024 01:45 PM

Downtown Camas needs to plan for growth and include denser development with buildings with ground-floor retail, apartments above (including high-end with mountain/water views) and basement secure parking (just like what is being built on 6th Street now to replace 2 churches). Please include CTRAN and public transportation planning for downtown/Crown Park as well as neighborhoods.

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3/19/2024 10:13 AM

Connect all the walking areas, more places to eat downtown. More places with outdoor seating

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3/20/2024 05:25 AM

Work to give incentives to take down the paper mill. It's time has past.

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3/20/2024 03:29 PM

Have more rental space and housing Have more parking Have safer crosswalks Have improved mass transit, connecting Camas and east Vancouver. Have shuttle services for events or transport from recreation areas Have better traffic flow Have condos and businesses on current mill property; waterfront development Have plans with developers to preserve trees, nature, and open and green spaces Develop with infrastructure in mind (infrastructure analyzed and upgrades planned now for future growth) Build an additional high school in a different area to help diffuse traffic Be a destination Have code on what business can occupy space in downtown, to ensure

more ground level retail. No dead zones in downtown. Have increased housing at all economic levels Extend the charming aesthetic from 2nd to 7th AVE Be a place where everyone feels welcome Absorb additional mill property, both North and on the waterfront Connect with a walking/biking trail to the port Have more activities for families and teens Have a connection from the city to our trail system and lakes

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3/20/2024 07:26 PM

More shops, restaurants and keto street parking free!

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3/22/2024 07:12 AM

Proper impact fees charged to accommodate ridiculous tolls on utilities, roads,schools,Traffic is discouraging. Road conditions,sewer lines are ridiculous especially for existing homes that have been here for decades.We were Camas not Camas washougal.They tried for years to merge the 2 towns,yet the city has done it without voting from home owners.lets see if we can put another bar into this town.some major businesses are owned by the school district instead of being a positive within paying taxes,as well as supporting employment.UL is a rental for the School district.Sharp is now schools.what else can this town do? Where are proper cross walks.updating sewer lines in existing neighborhoods.

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3/22/2024 09:01 AM

would love the buildings to get a facelift. modernize but don't change character of downtown. Would love to see more sidewalks on major streets especially near schools and corridors that lead to downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/25/2024 10:09 PM

I wish that there was more to do downtown. I would like to see more local things for our young people to do on the evenings and weekends. I would love to see more concern and intentionality about caring for the physical environment and living things. I think there could be some replanting of native plants and trees on school and city properties. I would like to see better routes for non-motorized transportation. There are times when I would like to send my kids somewhere on bikes but there are no bike lanes or even shoulder space for them to ride in.

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3/26/2024 09:46 AM

Improve pedestrian safety - complete sidewalks and trail access. Add bike lanes separated from traffic. Restripe 6th so there is a turn lane, Increase park and trail maintenance including correct pruning of trees. Implement fire mitigation plan. Improve sidewalks downtown to reduce tripping hazards. Consider creating community town center by reducing traffic on 4th, e.g., create a pedestrian mall, only allow east-west traffic, and so on Add workforce housing with good design so it

fits. Increase economic opportunities so people don't need to commute to Portland.

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3/26/2024 11:07 AM

More activities for children, more dining options

Screen Name Redacted

3/26/2024 04:18 PM

Need to figure out and develop the mill if that is an option. We need more restaurants. More activity and people downtown.

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3/27/2024 11:46 AM

What would you like to change? More mixed-use Water quality of lakes More job opportunities Preserving/expanding tree canopy No vacancies Downtown More bike trails/opportunities for riders Redo City Hall & Fire Station Future clean-up efforts @ the Mill Add Mixed-use to Mill property, clean up to mixed-use standards More sidewalks More street lights Improve connectability/walkability to services What can we improve? More housing Downtown Roadway paving Traffic safety Pedestrian/bike safety Water/sewer/storm facilities in Downtown Park/sports field improvements More resident involvement More community gathering spaces Plan for Economic Development

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§ Better access to waterfront (Washougal) - waterfront redevelopment (what Vancouver has done) § More sidewalks! Near schools, Prune Hill, main thoroughfares § Housing downtown § Housing choice / variety § More neighborhood commercial to scale (hubs) § More pocket parks, dog parks § More jobs/better jobs/ career jobs for youth § More bike-ability, crosswalks, traffic diet § Improve/expand utilities and infrastructure (stormwater) § More parking downtown, especially for events ("what's reasonable for walking distance?", shuttles, accessible for elderly, disabled) § Transit § More and better connected trails § Retain community events (July 4 fireworks, farmers market) § Maintain facilities/parks/trailheads § Architectural integrity/design standards

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3/28/2024 01:26 PM

I was very un pleasantly surprised to find the camas had allowed two bookstores within two blocks of each other recently. Camas is too small to support two bookstores, especially in the children's arena. Within a year I predict one of them will go out of business or will begin to fail. I don't see how this is good planning.

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4/01/2024 11:31 AM

· Better manage open spaces · More options for teenagers downtown · Address lake algae blooms · More inclusive community (increase diversity) · New community areas outside of downtown X · Housing

affordability and diversity X (homelessness) · Increased entertaining/dining · Expand and maintain momentum downtown · Downtown parking challenges · Infrastructure investment · Improved bike/sidewalk access · Expand lake use beyond east end · Rethink public space downtown (more public spaces)

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4/03/2024 08:44 AM

Don't move here from California, because your politics ruined it, and vote for the same crap. We don't want a big town with tons of retail space or apartments. Don't California Washington.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 09:08 AM

Keep Camas downtown intact!! All efforts possible need to be taken to preserve and maintain historic Camas buildings!!

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:07 AM

Preserve and create more open green space!!! Quit tearing down historic buildings and replacing them with structures that do not fit in with the "historic" ambience of the downtown area.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:24 AM

Although I would hate to change anything about downtown and parking garage would be super nice and the church moving out of downtown would be nice so it can be more retail and restaurants.

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4/03/2024 10:43 AM

More sports fields and better amenities for young families

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 11:02 AM

Growth and development plans don't imply action to expand. A growth and development plan can be predicated on sustaining existing boundaries. Zero growth and development can be a plan as well.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 12:34 PM

Down Town Camas needs a parking structure. Like 2 stories plus a two level basement garage. Shops above, parking in the basement.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 04:45 PM

Keep it as historic as possible. New is not always better. I love all of the downtown events that camas does.

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4/03/2024 05:13 PM

Nothing q

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4/03/2024 06:10 PM

Re-evaluate the almost irresistible movement of local governments partnering with large business toward the destruction of natural and

historic places in the name of progress. Make Camas local, and not just in expensive "crafts" but in agricultural produce. Don't just be a cute outpost of Portland.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 10:03 PM

Restore Crown Park to be the crown jewel it used to be. New pool or splash park. Family friendly restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with an old town feel in the downtown area.

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4/03/2024 11:32 PM

Please no more apartments downtown. Please keep the downtown the focal point of our community. Please keep the lake road on north shore where it is!!!!!!!!!!

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 02:26 AM

Keep things cleaned up. No graffiti. Stop building so many new developments Try to preserve old buildings. The beautiful church on 6th should have been preserved. I was so upset when I saw it was sold and again when it was torn down. Camas was once an ample forest, now we cannot find many areas that remind of what Camas once was. Stop developments, keep large land plots whole. Figure out a way to filter all water going into LaCamas Lake. Do not allow nearby houses to use turf or fertilizers.

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4/04/2024 07:30 AM

Improve keeping our historic buildings and open space. Stop putting in gigantic subdivisions

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4/04/2024 08:05 AM

I would like to have more consistent sidewalks and maybe a "lake to city trail" from Lacamas park to downtown.

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Mill

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More parking

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I would like us to be ever mindful of economic disparity. We were, at our core, a blue collar community. While I know that has changed and many more affluent people call Camas home, let's strive to make people at all socioeconomic levels feel welcome and included in future plans and visions.

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Stop taking away all the historical stuff. Stop taking down the old

4/04/2024 08:58 AM

building for more HUGE ugly buildings they are taking away from the appeal of our town. Stop taking away all the trees and nature, it's taking away from the appeal of the area. The more that's taken away, the more big ugly buildings, the more us locals hate it. We loved our history, the nature, the trails and trees...now we have clear cuts everywhere with housing developments everywhere. Taking land from all the animals and causing what will be catastrophe changes to our environment

Screen Name Redacted

4/04/2024 09:54 AM

I would like to see housing expansion slow. Especially high density housing. Street design can and should be improved! Especially 18th Ave. It is the main East access to Prune Hill, yet still terminates at a stop sign on Division.

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4/04/2024 11:51 AM

Not a whole lot ! Love it just the way it is ! I know it will change, but keep the community feel.....small town. Part of why I live here ! It's not PORTLAND !! or even Vancouver !! It's nice to come home....away from the big cities ! Stop pandering to BIG MONEY developers !! Like I said, I know things will change, just use common sense ! Something that seems non existent these days ! PRESERVE HISTORY !!

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4/04/2024 01:01 PM

For my family, the biggest thing that needs to be fixed is the access to the lake. We like to use the boat ramps on the northeastern side (Leadbetter Rd). The ramps are broken, the parking is a mess. There is no signage telling people not to park on the ramps and although this should be common sense, they do it anyway. The city needs to spend a little money to fix it up.

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4/04/2024 01:15 PM

Get rid of the church on Main Street. WAY too big of a footprint that does nothing to improve downtown and takes up parking. Include flags on poles of area children art work from a variety of ages to showcase our young people's talent.

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4/04/2024 01:39 PM

No change, why fix what's not broken?

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4/04/2024 01:44 PM

Keep the present buildings up to code and standing. Any new buildings have to match the building themes of present day downtown Camas. NO new apartments in downtown Camas.

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4/04/2024 06:13 PM

Buy part of the mill parking lot off 5th and block off driving down 4th have an open walking downtown area.

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4/04/2024 06:58 PM

Less emphasis on big money and toney, pricey kitsch and more connection with our history and local environment.

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4/04/2024 07:26 PM

Do something about the mill. It is an eyesore coming into down. Even Washougal has plans for beautifying their downtown and making it walking friendly. The Mill is creepy, contaminated, and mostly vacant. All those buildings as you drive in on 6th are empty and ugly. And THAT is our welcome to Camas? Get the mill to start tearing down the derelict buildings and cleaning up what they don't use anymore. Georgia Pacific is no friend of Camas anymore. They are an eyesore, a hazard, and a monument to environmental destruction.

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4/04/2024 07:36 PM

Do no allow single non-commerce entities to buy/occupy an entire block of premium retail/restaurant space downtown. Improve road conditions in the older neighborhoods. Implement climate change solutions now to avoid costly repairs in the future.

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4/04/2024 11:03 PM

Please don't let one church buy up all of downtown. I'd love to see a community space where classes, activities, and special events could be held during the rainy months.

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4/05/2024 10:37 AM

Keeping roots while being open to change

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4/05/2024 11:41 AM

Improve the infrastructure and restore the buildings. Increase parking

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4/06/2024 07:48 AM

Nothing really, love the historic downtown area.

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4/06/2024 02:58 PM

Nothing! Keep it like it is. Modern buildings have no place in historic downtown. Like that ugly apartment/ business building they just built not to long ago and that they are building that they had to tear down that beautiful 1912 church to make another UGLY one!

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4/06/2024 11:45 PM

More variety of businesses downtown.

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DT is nearly perfect, My main issue is the new neighborhoods with

4/08/2024 09:20 AM

high density. Please don't stuff the houses close together. There's already considerable traffic in our area, and with the new high-density living situations you are allowing, this will continue to get worse and worse. Camas's charm is dependent on the quaint vibe of downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods, and also the larger lots with plenty of green in the surrounding areas. Every time a new neighborhood goes in, with the houses right on each other, and narrow streets without street parking, it starts to have a Gresham and Happy Valley feel. I mean this in the most offensive way possible. I moved to Camas from Lake Oswego because of the country vibes and LACK of cookie-cutter neighborhoods. In my 6 years of owning a home here, on 232nd Ave., the growth has been too much, and an eye sore.

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4/08/2024 09:52 AM

Preserve the trails around Lacamas Lake. Preserve the steps from the Mill Ditch. Deal with the paper mill. Have more green space and kids play areas, especially near high density housing. More sidewalks and bike lanes. Fiscally balanced. More activities for youth like bowling and roller-skating. Flashing crosswalks at 3rd and Birch. Turn 4th Ave into a pedestrian walkway/mall and have event parking nearby. Lighted parking stalls for efficient in and out. Small swimming pool for kids, but not a huge aquatics complex. A community venue for all seasons that has police and fire access. The Paper Mill is a big question mark. Lots of empty lots that could be festival parking. Multipurpose recreation facilities.

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4/12/2024 10:29 AM

We need more affordable (under 400,000) family homes with actual yard space instead of more apartments and cookie cutter housing that create traffic on roads that can't sustain it and make downtown camas events and business almost impossible to attend. We need to make sure the design of newer buildings match the esthetic of the historic downtown camas buildings. Nobody wants to see our

beautiful downtown turned into a a cluster of modern city style buildings. Widening roads to accommodate influx of traffic caused by all the apartments and cramped housing developments only hurts home owners and business owners, and untimely will ruin our walkable areas and surrounding nature. There needs to be a better way to meet the needs of new residents without destroying what's already here. The city also needs to actually address the lake issue and make it safe. If the city is going to continue to promote it as a family and pet friendly place, they need make sure it won't kill said pets or cause people/animals to get sick. This has gone on for a ridiculous amount of years and the city already knows what the problem is. Please fix it.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 01:45 PM

More commercial opportunities (i.e. retail/food and beverage). It would also be beneficial not to allow churches to continue to absorb former commercial spaces as they are occupying some of the limited downtown space and do not contribute to local economic growth. Especially given the vast amount of people that do not partake in religious services - they create empty spaces in the community that could better serve everyone, not just attending Christians.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 03:40 PM

We don't believe downtown Camas is an appropriate place for a church. This organization should be strongly encouraged to move to a better location with the space then used for additional restaurants and shops. Maybe expand the historic hotel and/or add another by remodeling/restoring upstairs spaces in the downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 05:02 PM

I would like to see more diverse offering in downtown businesses. Many of the shops and restaurants are very high end, and fall within just a few business types (fancy salons, fancy clothing stores, expensive restaurants).

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4/12/2024 05:38 PM

Get rid of churches on the main corridor and make room for more small business everyone can enjoy. We need a pastry place, organic food, more variety. Murals on the mill and open area museum/exhibit of the history of the mill to make it beautiful enriching for preserving the history as well as preparing for the future of it.

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4/12/2024 08:46 PM

Parking is limited and vehicle maneuverability feels tight. I wonder if it makes sense to have more one-way streets and wider pedestrian areas.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 09:08 PM

Too many churches and church owned property makes me worried about how the city will generate enough revenue that will go back into the city itself

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:49 AM

Seeing pictures of historic Camas is really fascinating to view. If there were more opportunities to see pictures from the past that would be nice.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 06:19 AM

Our Safeway is outdated. Would love to have a market available similar to Metropolitan Market that Tacoma/Seattle has.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 07:03 AM

I think a parking structure is necessary in the future. Moderately worried about the degradation of the mill and the toxic effects of that plus the visual of an old dilapidated mill is just not appealing.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 03:33 PM

Like to see upkeep of the area, new things tried but not pushing out the old that have been with the development of the community. Balance growth and progress with our past.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:36 PM

We need to make decisions that allow people who were born and raised here to continue to affordably live here.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 05:05 PM

No real changes; keep Camas what it is -- resist the urban sprawl.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 08:05 PM

how about not changing anything!

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:03 AM

The downtown area is in need of more restaurants and other attractions. A park central to downtown would be nice. It also needs to be enlarged. I think what needs to be changed in the outlining areas is all of the high density developments. Traffic is going to increase. I have seen this in other areas I have lived. Add more single family developments. Encourage families to live here.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 11:11 AM

More people, more housing, more parks, more trails! People are an asset to our community not a burden to be avoided. We need more people but we have to provide housing and transportation choices that don't negatively impact existing residents. We have wonderful public lands but they need to be better maintained and made more

accessible. The maintenance of our trails has greatly improved in the last few years. Keep up the good work.

Screen Name Redacted

4/14/2024 05:39 PM

The push for more outside chain businesses with non local ownership is ruining the qualities of downtown we come here for.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:40 AM

Less congestion - negotiate with the mill to add close-in parking. Close 4th street from Adams to Dallas as pedestrian traffic only. (see Boulder, CO. as an example)

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:39 AM

Love the historic downtown! It might be beneficial to include some foot traffic only spaces. Foot traffic is essential to the boutique shopping that is the heart of downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 10:53 AM

This question is too similar to the above. Improve and enhance are pretty much the same. This is a wasted survey question -- bummer. I will try to give a different perspective to help. Regarding downtown. No more 'national chains' such as Subway, DQ, Burgerville, or Safeway. Keep the downtown dedicated to small local businesses. Incent the local real estate owners to clean up their properties. Some properties can use some upkeep. Third Ave is a main artery and lacks charm. Add it! It would've been good to put some architectural guidance to new construction. You can add new architecture that invokes an old-period charm. In essence, the old charm of Camas is very limited to a few short blocks. Regarding Camas in general. Too much development. We are losing our green spaces to roof ghettos. Enhance the rural roads --- there is more traffic on them, specifically young drivers. They need to be safer, widened, and guard rails.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 02:26 PM

the plant is an eyesore and I'd like to see decommission, consolidation plans with a timeline

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 02:56 PM

Add one or two nice sit down restaurant in downtown

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 04:36 PM

Downtown is amazing the way it is and draws a lot of people here. Keep the mill. I moved here to find a city just like Camas and I'd hate to see it urbanized. People should move to an area and appreciate it, not just want to change it and make it what they moved away from. I'd like the water quality to be addressed and be able to use the lake more in the summer. So if any improvements are needed, the lake could be cleaned up.

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 05:23 PM

Maybe churches shouldn't buy up the entire thing?

Screen Name Redacted

4/15/2024 06:59 PM

Do not change anything downtown. Downtown is what makes Camas so special. What can be improved is more round-a-bouts and sidewalks in the older parts of town, including sidewalks on both sides of NW 18th Ave off of Division. Also fix the Division street (off of NE 6th), so it's not so bumpy.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:10 AM

Continue to improve and attract small businesses to the area. Make it a destination for people in surrounding areas to come enjoy and spend their money in downtown. Continue to keep Camas from becoming like Portland. We do not want the density, the traffic, or the busy-ness of what Portland has become. Let other places build high-density housing - keep Camas feeling like a small town.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 09:34 AM

More bike lanes, limited growth compared to currently. Would like Camas to stay a smaller town. Improved cleanliness of roadways-less litter.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 03:59 PM

I don't want anything to change. In fact, I think it was awful that the church was razed to make way for tons of high rise housing and very little available parking.

Screen Name Redacted

4/16/2024 06:51 PM

As mentioned before I think it would benefit our community to have that one block section not completely be owned by one single entity. The more diverse the businesses we have here, the better it is for all. I think providing assistance to those small local shops would also be beneficial and I think looking at some sort of height/land use code for the downtown section would also be beneficial to keep the small town feel. Lastly I'm also nervous about the expansion taking over are green areas (for example north of lacamas lake).

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4/16/2024 08:21 PM

The city government drifts to want to spend too much of the budget on things away from the core mission of the city, especially on consultants. I would like less wasted money on consultants. Sure, you might need them for expertise like engineering, but I don't see the need to spend lots of money on consultants to spin things (like marketing) for how the city wants me to vote on issues, or in marketing in general.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 08:06 AM

Better parking/walking. Keep it small

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 12:10 PM

1. Make downtown Camas a pedestrian area; make it so it can be used in the evenings (street lights) 2. Develop new hiking trails (incl. several miles long ones) 3. Sidewalks on every street 4. Build a few public pickleball courts 5. Add charging stations for EV cars

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 02:49 PM

I would love to see some the old mill land cleaned up and developed into more dense mixed-use to expand downtown. Better public transit would be cool to (a street car between Camas and Washougal???)

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 03:57 PM

Historical downtown district. Liberty theatre/camas antiques; historical anchor. Signage/historical tour offerings. Good jobs. Small business/merchant engagement. Diversified housing and employment. Community pool. Draw more business. Expand jobs and tax base; commercial and industrial zones. More parking and housing downtown. More medical services.

Screen Name Redacted

4/17/2024 05:10 PM

No ideas at this time.

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4/17/2024 05:48 PM

I would like to see more child friendly development happen at crown park. Whether that's a splash pad or an updated playground of both.

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4/17/2024 05:58 PM

Downtown Camas has been taken over by Journey Church. This prevents the use of the entire community for business purposes and has made downtown Camas less attractive to me. I rarely go down there anymore because there just aren't enough businesses to go to. It also reduces the income for the city from business sales tax collections. I realize the city has no control over who purchases buildings downtown, but a contingent of city administrators could visit with Journey's commercial arm and explain the problems their growth downtown has created for the city. Lacamas Lake has a terrible parking and safety problem that needs to be addressed. Swimmers, kayakers, paddle boarders, jet skis and motor boats all use the same entry/exit point which creates a serious safety issue. There is not enough parking for the amount of use the lake gets during summer months.

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Expand core street/downtown outwards. Don't just build new

4/17/2024 09:07 PM

architecture buildings try to keep vibe in new construction.

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4/18/2024 07:28 AM

More walking trails. Better integration with nature.

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4/18/2024 09:31 AM

More walkability and bikeability outside of downtown.

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4/18/2024 09:52 AM

The fireworks situation is getting out of hand. The weather is drier and warmer and the fireworks are loud, obnoxious, and cause trauma and stress for veterans and pets. We are upset that the city has not done anything to change the fireworks rules - we'd like to see that happen ASAP.

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 02:06 PM

More parking and/or public transit downtown. Events in Camas are special but difficult to attend for those not within walking distance.

Screen Name Redacted

4/18/2024 03:33 PM

Have a luxurious coffee roaster, brunch spot, private spa, small natural grocery store, a gym, retail shops from this era such as lululemon/alo, a wood fired pizzeria.

Screen Name Redacted

4/19/2024 05:56 PM

Remove the buildings of the mill and open more access to the Columbia River. Some bike lanes in the downtown area with a few bike parking areas would be nice.

Screen Name Redacted

4/19/2024 07:24 PM

I would like to have parking available for the library. The street parking is 2 hours only and it doesn't allow me to study long hours in the library without moving my car.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 10:55 AM

Obviously, the mill is a huge part of Camas's history, but it is a huge space now that could probably be better used in other ways since so few people actually work at the mill anymore. I know repurposing that space is a massive undertaking, but it's something I would hope to see happen in the future.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 06:40 PM

Improve sidewalks, quality of roads (eg along SW 6th ave) so can walk safely without worrying about having to walk on the road with some people driving carelessly. Make power lines underground or away from trees so less disruption with falling trees in winter. Bring in more businesses, more businesses, jobs and residents.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 07:25 PM

I hope any pollution issues from the plant are being addressed. I'm retired, & don't get out much, so I can't be much help here. I've seen the maps for the corridor but I've never driven around there.

Screen Name Redacted

4/20/2024 08:25 PM

More independent owned restaurants

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 09:05 AM

Downtown Camas needs more housing density. More midrise housing so that more people live in the same amount of space. Then there will be enough demand for more retail businesses to make money. Then when you have more people and more businesses, it will be a thriving community. Also, prioritize sidewalks and bike lanes so people don't have to drive everywhere.

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 09:35 AM

Outdoor community gathering space. Parking and housing downtown. EV charging stations. More infrastructure like electricity, water, roads and buildings. Planning for Mill property and waterfront in general. Complete streets. Public transit. Connection of neighborhoods to downtown. Preservation of native plants/ Local jobs. Preservation of open space. Lake clean-up. Another high school/technical school. Dark sky compliant lighting. Pool.

Screen Name Redacted

4/22/2024 12:10 PM

Improve street safety in neighborhoods with high visibility crosswalks and medians, add sidewalk b/t the lakes and downtown on Everett. Do not let precious downtown real estate be used for single entity non-commercial use (i.e. the church that takes up a block). Improve water runoff in old Camas neighborhoods by Crown Park. Address speeding issues on neighborhood streets, especially coming down from Prune Hill into Crown Park area. Future-plan for climate change with more tree canopy and native plants in neighborhoods to help with both heat and storm water/flooding.

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 05:00 PM

More restaurants with more diverse/ethnic offerings. More places for young people (especially teens and pre-teens) to hang out.

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 09:08 PM

I have a huge issue with the increased presence of the church in the downtown area. This does not illustrate an inclusive and welcoming environment to those that are not religious or of that particular faith. Adding new restaurants, cafes and shops will draw more residents to the area.

Screen Name Redacted

4/23/2024 09:20 PM

I wish there was less parking and more bike and pedestrian infrastructure. I feel that the parking lot on NE 6th & NE Birch has a lot of potential if turned into something more productive like housing/commercial like the lot across the street. I feel the same way about the parking on NE 7th & NE Adam. There's so much potential if camas captures it!

Screen Name Redacted

4/26/2024 07:36 AM

driving & parking seems to be a problem. I eventually see more road closures to allow for walking through 4th Ave for instance. The roads feel too small as it is. But traffic and parking management would be key to deal with.

Screen Name Redacted

4/27/2024 12:34 PM

A walking street with outdoor restaurants would really enhance downtown. We are also a bit concerned about a large portion of the downtown being owned by a church rather than individual commercial businesses. We also believe that Camas needs a public pool.

Screen Name Redacted

4/27/2024 05:02 PM

Keep downtown a place where people can actually come down and do business with a wide range of locally owned shops. Keep homeless from begging on streets and from camping/ doing drugs in our parks and greenspaces. PRIORITYIZE SAVING TREES AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS.

Screen Name Redacted

4/29/2024 10:59 AM

We need to add more multi-use buildings with living areas up top and shopping/restaurants at the bottom. Please also make it more pedestrian friendly with larger newer walkways and bike lanes. You're already doing this for the rest of Camas so please modernize downtown Camas as well.

Screen Name Redacted

4/29/2024 12:38 PM

More places to park... but spaces located outside the downtown to encourage walking.

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 09:40 AM

Traffic. Plan for the mill; think about what is next for that area. Growth management: we need to ensure there is workforce housing. Be wary of northward growth, consider increasing density in other areas. Preserve farmland. Housing prices. Transit connections to neighboring communities. We need 55+ housing and single level housing for transitional housing. The enrollment in the school district is projected to be steady, son plan for that. Continue renewal. More park spaces. Plan for all economic levels. Plan for population growth from climate change. Work together with Washougal.

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 03:06 PM

clean up the lakes

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 03:30 PM

More diverse restaurants. A place for comic books or board games. A record store

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 09:31 PM

Getting into downtown via anything other than a car feels really dangerous. Vehicle speeds on 6th and 3rd into and out of downtown are incredibly high. Travelling between sr14 and downtown on 6th at 25mph as opposed to the 40-50mph speeds people routinely travel at would add maybe 1-2min while improving safety and access. I would impress on the city that efforts to slow traffic and restructure 6th Ave into a shared traffic mode, two-lane road would improve safety and massively improve the possibilities for mixed-mode transportation for locals into and out of downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

5/02/2024 10:20 PM

More guaranteed small business tax incentive / breaks to allow small business to plan for the future and develop a foothold in our town.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 08:07 AM

Enhance pedestrian accesibility. Close off 4th Ave to motor vehicles between Adams and Everett and create a pedestrian mall with permanent outdoor dining opportunities. Think Boulder's Pearl Street Mall .

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 08:23 AM

Growth in residents should be lockstep with growth in transportation and infrastructure.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 08:42 AM

Reclaim the mill; take care of the water quality of the Lacamas Lake

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 03:27 PM

Would like to improve food options

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 03:28 PM

The Church breaks downtown up - that really should be retail. More restaurants, gourmet shops would be good.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:05 PM

Historic downtown is just fine as it is. It's walkable & plenty of avail. FREE parking. Aside from the 2 safeways + the BiMart, we lack presence of larger commercial stores (like Target, Fred M, etc.) Also, having to drive long dist. to Peace Hlth. med ctr in Vanc., - - longer term, it would be nice to have a multi-specialty Peace Hlth. clinic in

this vicinity.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:05 PM

Cut and trim the trees. They have dangerous limbs that need trimming

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:05 PM

I can't think of anything I would change.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:07 PM

Seeing better care for the downtown sidewalks which are filled with cracks and dirt

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 04:37 PM

Crown Park upgrades

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 05:41 PM

More parking , make it easier to park .

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 06:03 PM

1. I am very concerned about the lack of grocery stores! There is only one in Camas, and it is small, overcrowded, has no competition to keep prices down, the produce section is inadequate, and most of the rest of the store is just unhealthy junk. With all the growth going on in our area, we need access to quality food in order to avoid becoming a food desert. We need an alternative, whether it be a decently-run Whole Foods (unlike the disaster on 164th St which closed a few years ago), or a New Seasons. An alternative would be to offer double the amount of space to entice Natural Grocers to move to Camas from 192nd St. Its signature store is found in Sedona, Az., and is a dream store offering whole, organic fresh foods and healthy alternatives to the processed foods that are directly related to heart disease, diabetes, strokes, and cancer. 2. We don't need more downtown parking! We need to get out of our cars and walk. Make it pleasant to do so---if only more trees had been planned for 5th and 3rd Avenue, our city could have been transformed into an even more wonderful attraction. We got 3rd St. right---how can we expand on it? Imagine a downtown that is so attractive that it becomes a destination point for vacationers to stretch their legs, have a meal, and enjoy the quirky shops we offer. 3. Have City Council outlaw and enforce fines for those who think a loud, mufflerless car is a happy car. It is not, at least for the general public. I don't know if electric cars are a good solution to our environmental problem, but if so, more charging stations might fit our future also. 4. Solve the water problem! I am appalled that City Council plans to release known high levels of PFAS-contaminated water into the community this summer. Why not enforce water rationing by especially targeting landscape watering.

The high earners among us can afford to dial down their pretty landscapes, but the current plan to release PFAS into our drinking water is abhorrently unfair to those on a limited income, who have no way to mitigate the carcinogens that are released into our drinking water. (Side note: using unfiltered water from the tap in Camas, my attempt to grow broccoli sprouts has only produced slimy, inedible garbage. When the water is filtered, I can grow amazing sprouts. Fix the water supply!)

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 06:01 PM

A beautiful waterfront would be nice. The mill is kind of an eyesore.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 06:31 PM

more walkability/bikeability downtown and connectivity between different parts of the city. We don't need more parking -- the downtown area especially already has sooooo much parking. We need density, more affordability of housing/housing choice, we need connected trails/parks, more crosswalks and bike lanes throughout the city as well as sidewalks.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 09:16 PM

Better and more continuous bike lanes and ease of biking. Follow through on the lake management plan.

Screen Name Redacted

5/03/2024 09:55 PM

Push to keep historic downtown Camas as an economic center of the city. With the increased housing development, I have concern that the historical charm will not be able to withstand the growth. I would also like to see more effort going towards addressing the PFAS in well 13 (and wherever else it may have leached to), more transparency with Camas paper mill, and proactively holding up it's connection to Earth Day through the coordinator, Denis Hayes.

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 09:19 AM

More walkability. Block off the downtown section of 4th street for pedestrians only. Include those blocks on 3rd and 5th street to look like 3rd street to include more trees and benches.

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 09:47 AM

More things to walk to in various neighborhoods.

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 04:41 PM

Low speed limits (cars) throughout the entire city. More, better, and safer bike lanes (protected bike lanes where possible). Connecting up of pedestrian trails and sidewalks where gaps exist. Allow for housing CHOICE -- ADUs, multi-family, etc., especially within walking distance of downtown and transit lines.

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 05:28 PM

River access, walk/bike trails connecting to Lacamas Park, more restaurants

Screen Name Redacted

5/04/2024 05:30 PM

get rid of the mill asap and we'll all be better for it. property taxes from that in an of itself will help boost building more trails. use Minneapolis as an example here. stop letting all the churches take over historic downtown and allow actual businesses to flourish. for all the homes currently in the MX use area by the lakes to actually have businesses so that area can revive itself into foot traffic. look to mill valley California here as an example. reduce parking minimums for businesses so that you can let the market decide what is successful

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 08:40 AM

Design for biking, walking and transit. Less focus around cars and more around people.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 09:13 AM

Operating hours of small businesses downtown. Open earlier so that parents can shop after school drop off, but before other obligations.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 12:39 PM

Stop allowing allowing big developments to be built, preserve large lots and farms. Now that we know better, remove fluoride from our drinking water.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 03:21 PM

No more mega churches taking up an entire block of shopping area in downtown. Keep the post office, library and city hall where they are and AS THEY ARE. Provide more parking for the small restaurants and businesses on GP's property, if possible, or on 3rd St.

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 04:34 PM

More independently owned businesses

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 06:11 PM

More action ! City of Camas purchased amazing properties including the Leadbetter house. Downtown area is thriving, focus on the lake areas!!!

Screen Name Redacted

5/05/2024 09:37 PM

I would keep big box stores and corporations out of our city to preserve the small town feel. Our city is growing astronomically and every year it seems that the original Camas I fell in love with goes away. Little by little. Our taxes also seem to go up year after year. Many old timers who grew up in this city are finding it harder and

harder to keep up with the rising taxes. Many old folks are on fixed incomes and the new residents and increasing taxes are driving people away.

Screen Name Redacted

5/06/2024 02:01 PM

I want to see the lake clean and the trail built so that I can ride bikes, walk, and float with my family on a clean lake

Screen Name Redacted

5/06/2024 03:27 PM

Stop now it's not getting better.

Screen Name Redacted

5/07/2024 08:24 PM

The addition of a public turf soccer field would allow youth athletes of many sports to play and train year round. As far as downtown, I think it would be great to have two blocks cordoned off from cars permanently, allowing more room for dining and socializing of pedestrians. This could be similar to Church Street in Burlington, VT or River Street in Savannah, GA. Downtown Camas will need something special to draw people from the 192nd shopping and dining center once it is complete.

Screen Name Redacted

5/10/2024 01:55 PM

I would like to see a move to safe and sane fireworks. It is the only time of the year that I would rather be anywhere else than in Camas. It is hard on pets and people alike. I would also like to see Lacamas Lake cleaned up.

Screen Name Redacted

5/11/2024 02:20 PM

Outlaw fireworks altogether.

Screen Name Redacted

5/12/2024 07:25 AM

Potentially more parking , make Main Street pedestrian only ? Keep it affordable for families

Screen Name Redacted

5/12/2024 06:47 PM

We'd like to see the scope of downtown expanded perhaps to even include a connection to the 3rd street corridor towards Washougal. And we need to plan for that. When we have grown out of Prune Hill and the North Shore, downtown will be small and cramped and still old buildings. We need multiple town centers whether they're historical or new.

Screen Name Redacted

5/13/2024 04:33 PM

The mill must break cleaned up including ensuring contamination has not already, or will threaten our drinking water. The mill, much of with is no longer in use, should be the focus of new growth. Camas need government that respects neighborhoods, and relies on more internal

organic growth versus continued push into the forests.

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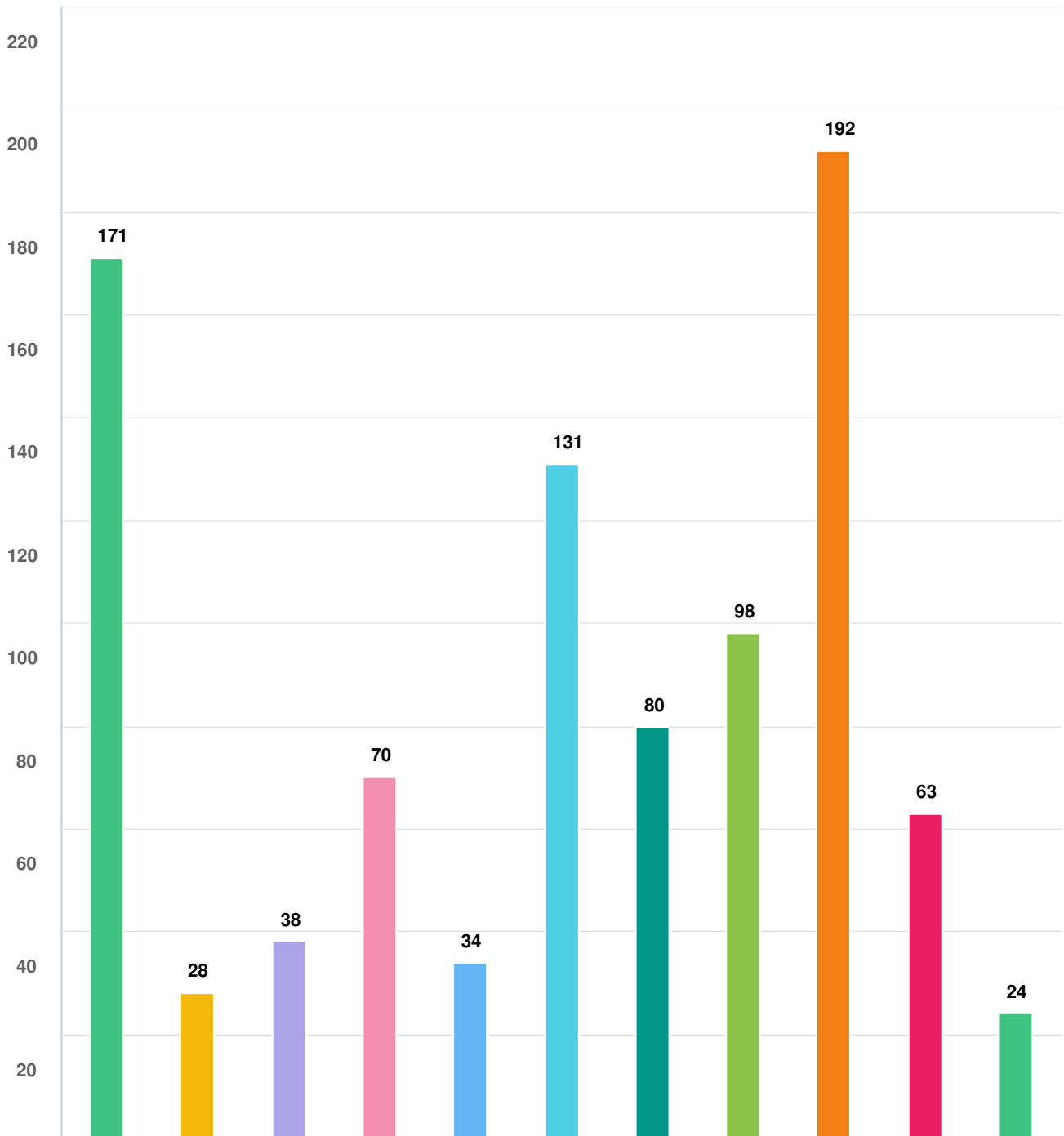
5/15/2024 12:24 PM

Lack of connectivity/end of road. Need a car to get around. Icy roads are hazardous. Not many cheap fun things to do. Lake water quality.+ Affordable housing and housing types. Infrastructure at peak times near CHS. Traffic safety - not enough exits.+ More areas like downtown. Speed limits/street designs. Rain proof facilities. Roads/walkability/lack of sidewalks.+ Lack of bike lanes. CHS needs a pool. More trees. Dog parks. Youth activities. Emergency management and snow plows. Crown park has no pool or programs. Signs not maintained. More athletic fields - rugby pitch, ice skating rink, indoor tennis, basketball, cricket

Optional question (343 response(s), 24 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q4 In your opinion, what is the most important topic to address in the Our Camas 2045 process? Identify your top three priorit...

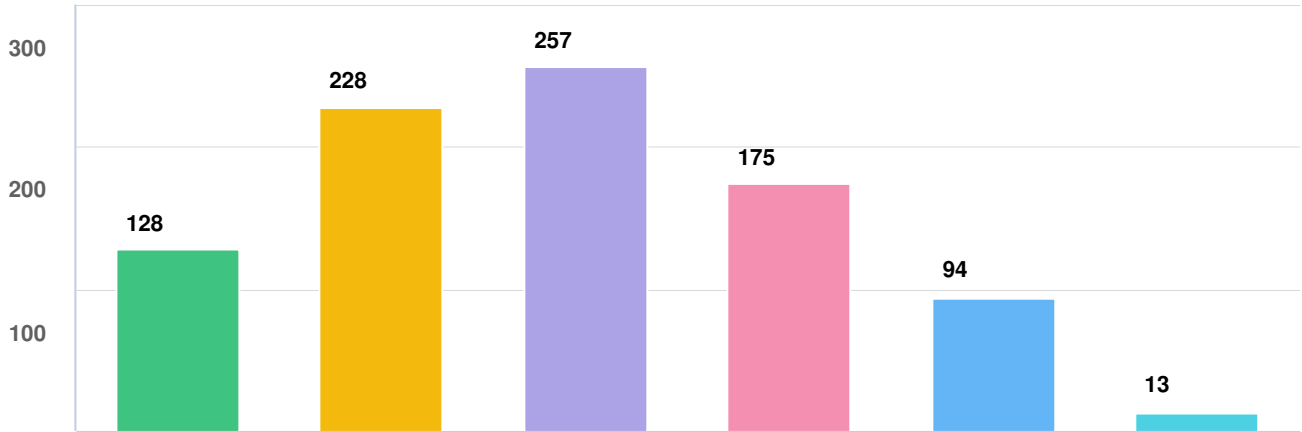


Question options

- Air, land, and water quality
- Civic identity
- Climate and natural hazards
- Economic development
- Equity and inclusion
- Historic preservation
- Housing choice and affordability
- Infrastructure development
- Parks and recreation
- Transportation and safety
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (347 response(s), 20 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 In what ways would you like to participate in the process for Our Camas 2045?



Question options

- Attend public meetings
- Stay informed through the Engage Camas website
- Complete online questionnaires
- Stay informed by email
- Conduct a community conversation or participate in a focus group
- Other (please specify)

*Optional question (341 response(s), 26 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q6 As Our Camas 2045 gets underway, what people, groups, or communities should we make sure to engage in order to make this an inclusive process?

Screen Name Redacted Study the number and types of tech sector jobs left in town to better understand the needs of the companies to re-invigorate that sector.
2/20/2024 02:02 PM

Screen Name Redacted I'd like to see our young people involved since they are the future.
2/10/2024 07:55 AM

Screen Name Redacted Everyone who is willing to participate. Make it easily available and people will engage.
2/10/2024 09:40 AM

Screen Name Redacted Make sure to communicate with residents that have been here for more than 10 years and not just the new transplants. I see a lot of changes being made to accommodate me comers without consideration to the people that have been here for years.
2/10/2024 11:47 AM

Screen Name Redacted No one left behind
2/10/2024 11:14 PM

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2/11/2024 10:27 AM

Create surveys for any residents to participate in

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2/12/2024 10:02 AM

I'd like to see youth conversations. I am constantly blown away by the teens in our community for bringing keen insights & well thought out issues.

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2/12/2024 02:44 PM

Gen X and Gen Z.

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2/13/2024 08:52 AM

Local families & long time residents 1st, Big money Developers last

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2/13/2024 09:37 AM

Local business owners

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2/13/2024 09:42 AM

Area Agency on Aging Churches Schools Veterans

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2/13/2024 10:00 AM

I believe any full time residents even the young adults in our schools should be given a reasonable chance to voice their opinion by surveys. Inside and outside of the city limits. It affects us all as a whole.

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2/13/2024 10:55 AM

Parents and community-focused people.

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2/13/2024 12:18 PM

This is a ridiculous survey since our city officials ignore all we want and act like they care. Everyone in this town live here because it's a town, they do NOT want a city!!!!!! Get ride of the stupid equity and inclusion BS and do what people want! We used to be a nice conservative town until all the liberals moved here and want to change us into California or Portland. If you truly want to know what people want, then have a town meeting with Q&A's in an evening after 7pm. Not mid week or early afternoon when people are working. And give plenty of time in advance unlike the sneaky last minute meetings that no one can attend or voice their opinions.

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2/13/2024 12:47 PM

Camas Little League, Clark County Youth Football, Camas Business Owners, CREDC

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 12:49 PM

Future homeowners, local builders, developers, and local church organizations. They understand and know the true problems of the town.

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2/13/2024 01:27 PM

The youth of camas and young families.

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2/13/2024 02:59 PM

Our future youth Downtown families Small businesses

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2/13/2024 06:00 PM

Those with school age children

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2/13/2024 07:02 PM

Open minded humans

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2/13/2024 07:53 PM

The families that actually live here - including the traditional neighborhoods like Everett Corridor and downtown. Town Hall is WAY too insulated and homogenous with the same people on committees over and over again. Stop moon eyeing the developers that over-promise and underdeliver.

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2/13/2024 09:21 PM

First Friday attendees ... They're invested in the community.

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2/13/2024 09:29 PM

Get the message out through multiple communication means, including print

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 11:33 PM

Organizations, neighborhoods, apartments, Events, employees of businesses (not just owners), Elk, schools, resource centers

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2/14/2024 05:29 AM

I feel like Camas can be fairly economically stratified - there are so many ultra-wealthy and upper class people here that they are generally the ones more engaged in public processes. So just more engagement of those of us who are not on that end of the spectrum.

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2/14/2024 08:06 AM

NO OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. Decision makers need to have a dog in the fight. Outside consultants are absolutely ruining Vancouver and have already cost the city of Camas an exorbitant amount of money. This is a well educated community, tap into that resource.

Screen Name Redacted All. Businesses, Families, Community groups, Churches, School, ect.
2/14/2024 09:39 AM

Screen Name Redacted This is a dumb question. Your Jon is to make the information
2/14/2024 05:16 PM available to the community and whoever wants to get involved can do
so. Seeking out specific people to be "inclusive" is very exclusive.

Screen Name Redacted Parents of school age kids. Retirees. Existing Camas citizens.
2/15/2024 08:30 AM

Screen Name Redacted Please include a variety of people from all economic backgrounds.
2/15/2024 09:16 AM

Screen Name Redacted The East Asian population is the fastest growing group in Clark
2/15/2024 09:16 AM County, so include more of them please.

Screen Name Redacted Residents, schools and businesses.
2/15/2024 09:33 AM

Screen Name Redacted NOT RICH FUCKERS!
2/15/2024 09:39 AM

Screen Name Redacted Council for the Homeless, community groups that serve the low
2/15/2024 09:44 AM income and struggling families, local merchants

Screen Name Redacted All ages including senior citizens.
2/15/2024 09:44 AM

Screen Name Redacted Volunteer orgs such as Rotary, Lions, Soroptimists; schools including
2/15/2024 09:58 AM students; businesses large and small

Screen Name Redacted Representative demographic group
2/15/2024 10:02 AM

Screen Name Redacted Everyone
2/15/2024 10:06 AM

Screen Name Redacted There are so many white people in Camas. Make sure to include

2/15/2024 10:18 AM

voices and experiences of other groups. We absolutely need more options for multi family housing, so include the voices and experiences of the folks who are lower income.

Screen Name Redacted

invite all and see who comes.

2/15/2024 10:18 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Minority communities, members of unincorporated Camas.

2/15/2024 10:29 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Care about the Families that live in Camas, and sustaining our higher standard of living than most cities. People move to Camas, and yes most are about average income. And that's ok. We do not need to build a lot of apartments.

2/15/2024 10:36 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Senior citizens who are on fixed incomes, low income families/economically disadvantaged

2/15/2024 10:41 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Local residents and business owners from all walks of life and of all denominations.

2/15/2024 10:43 AM

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Homeowners who live in the homes they own in Camas.

2/15/2024 10:48 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Engage with the people that work down here. If you can get businesses to employ people down town and get them to stick around it only strengthens the night scene and keeps people around. Try and make it inviting to have smaller food vendors and restaurants want to make camas home

2/15/2024 10:50 AM

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Neighborhoods, the businesses, mill workers, schools, students and teachers

2/15/2024 10:52 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Everyone. This includes "newcomers" and others whose opinions you do not respect . cCity government is just a club and is not sincerely interested in what people want. How much are you paying consultants for this bogus exercise?

2/15/2024 10:58 AM

Screen Name Redacted

All Camas residents

2/15/2024 10:56 AM

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2/15/2024 11:17 AM

Camas Ivy League, Camas Tree Protectors, Schools, Audubon Clubs, Land Trust, Friends of the Columbia River, Yakima and other native tribes

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 11:30 AM

The Downtown Association goes without saying, but it would be good to throw the net to include other businesses and private residents who consider this their neighborhood.

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2/15/2024 11:45 AM

News letters

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2/15/2024 11:49 AM

People who actually live in Camas. Especially the downtown area. Also, please stop with the "inclusive" BS.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:41 PM

All communities in the camas area as well as businesses

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:44 PM

I'd really love to see some BIPOC-owned business downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:53 PM

New families moving into the community.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 12:56 PM

By engaging in online surveys and sending out emails -- you are including the newer generations of parents (with children who just started elementary school) that plan to be here for the next 18+ years. I think that's a great first step!

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2/15/2024 01:07 PM

Schools, churches, Homeowners groups

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2/15/2024 02:08 PM

Please include all If old Camas along with all the new camas.

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2/15/2024 02:16 PM

Sometimes I think it doesn't really matter. The loudest voices and people in power just get their way, no matter what we say. Example: We gat enough signatures to force a vote on last year's new tax. Yet, the powers that be weren't going to let that happen. What is wrong with leadership? Aren't they there to represent us?

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2/15/2024 04:23 PM

The DCA, Chamber, businesses and the Port.

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2/15/2024 04:40 PM

I would prioritize long time residents. They got us to where we are at today. I am not in this group either. But the newcomers should not have an outsized voice.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:20 PM

School groups including PTAs, PTOs, youth sports organizations

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 05:39 PM

All that wish to be engaged will be

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 06:46 PM

People who've been here before it became over populated and unaffordable to live.

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2/15/2024 07:46 PM

People from all walks of life (teachers, retail owners, industrial managers, senior citizens, students, non-profits, professionals) and all age groups.

Screen Name Redacted

2/15/2024 11:23 PM

Clubs , businesses and organizations are easy to find and include, but I'd like to see school age kids have input, and survey people who live in controlled rent/ low rent housing. Their input on accessibility and usability is invaluable but often overlooked.

Screen Name Redacted

2/16/2024 05:07 AM

Enough people in different stages of life and ages .

Screen Name Redacted

2/16/2024 08:08 AM

First stop with the buzz words, get the people who actually want to engage and get the job done. Don't just add people so you are politically correct. I would actually like to see a committee get something done unlike the things our City has done in the past. Please stop having a meeting to decide what to have a meeting about. Hopefully something can actually get done.

Screen Name Redacted

2/16/2024 08:40 AM

Volunteer and community outdoor groups that are involved in open space trail development and nature conservation

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The older generations as well as what kids want to see.

2/16/2024 09:47 AM

Screen Name Redacted tax payers
2/16/2024 11:53 AM

Screen Name Redacted Not everyone wants to be front and center when it comes to speaking up. Having as many channels available for input is key. Hearing the same old naysayers screaming about the way things ought to be holds back our community. Camas has changed a lot since its inception. There's no point trying to hold back and communication is the most important factor in determining the next steps that will move us all forward.
2/16/2024 12:34 PM

Screen Name Redacted Include those of lower income, minorities and high school students interested in seeing positive changes in the high school.
2/16/2024 05:18 PM

Screen Name Redacted All age groups including our youth. What do they want to see in the community that they are missing today? What will keep them here in the future?
2/18/2024 09:07 AM

Screen Name Redacted Parks and recreation, and how to maintain our local parks when there is increasing use by visitors from Portland.
2/18/2024 09:38 AM

Screen Name Redacted All camas residents
2/18/2024 04:15 PM

Screen Name Redacted I know there are committees dedicated to helping create the vision plan, so those of course, along with the DCA and the school district. I would also suggest a focus group comprised mainly of our non-white population to talk about equity and inclusion issues.
2/19/2024 08:42 AM

Screen Name Redacted Lower income residents, small business owners, minorities. Please listen and hear them.
2/19/2024 02:23 PM

Screen Name Redacted Residents, business owners, police/fire/ems agencies, students within the school district.
2/20/2024 09:33 PM

Screen Name Redacted BIPOC people
2/21/2024 10:35 AM

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2/22/2024 01:22 PM

Families

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 08:28 PM

I believe every camas resident should be aware, so maybe every household gets a letter with updates and if they'd like to stay informed they can go to meetings, or sign up emails. I also believe you should talk to middle schoolers/ high schoolers about what they like and don't like about this town, and what could change.

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 08:36 AM

The people that are actually paying for it - the homeowners. And actually listen to them this time.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 09:54 AM

Open town meetings.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 10:39 AM

parents, students, teachers, 20-30 year olds, business owners, retired residents, all races/genders But also look to leaders of other towns that have already navigated what you are looking to create here in Camas.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 11:58 AM

I'm not sure it matters. We don't get listened to anyway.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 02:25 PM

Schools, community groups and conservation organizations.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:31 PM

The people who live here already, not the future hundreds you want to jam in for money!

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 04:57 PM

Parents and kids since many of the people that live here are families.

Screen Name Redacted

2/27/2024 07:09 PM

Water & lake preservation groups

Screen Name Redacted

2/28/2024 08:59 AM

Youth groups, sports, etc. For our family the biggest driver to get us out of the house is activities with the kids (currently 2 and 4)

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2/28/2024 06:52 PM

New residents.

Screen Name Redacted

2/28/2024 09:06 PM

How about homeowners, long time home owners.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 08:38 PM

The busiest group of people...Young parents.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 09:00 PM

Families with young kids. Cyclists. Seniors.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 09:46 PM

You definitely should listen to what people are telling you at the council meetings and through the questionnaire's. Involve less construction company's. You are letting this town be over built. We want it to stay small.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2024 07:37 PM

[Our group did not have time to answer this question.] I'm using this space to provide email addresses for Question 7, as it wouldn't allow me to enter more than one: vmcomie@mac.com, mbhogan31@gmail.com, koty55@msn.com, lindadevine29@gmail.com, dawn@dawnworkman.com, sandra1128@hotmail.com, dirwin@comcast.net, sb3carter@gmail.com, patricia.barnard@yahoo.com, karimarie32@yahoo.com, deanna@deponceau.com, ann.sturgeon@gmail.com, jennywu71@hotmail.com

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3/04/2024 02:05 AM

Long time residents

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3/06/2024 06:24 PM

Include those of us that live on the eastern side of Camas.

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3/06/2024 06:36 PM

Forestry management or beautification.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2024 08:09 PM

Lake Pointe Homeowners group

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3/06/2024 08:05 PM

school groups

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 01:11 AM

I can't speak to which groups are best to engage, but it would be great to know the actual community living here is being heard.

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3/07/2024 09:38 AM

Long-term residents, students, parents

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:04 AM

We need more BIPOC-owned businesses downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:11 AM

It would be really special to have another choice for breakfast in downtown Camas. I end up driving to Vancouver to get good food on the weekends. Natalia is way overpriced, greasy, and too many hashbrowns. We need choices.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 10:29 AM

school district, Clark county parks, clark county food bank, WSU extension.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2024 11:41 AM

Maybe fliers with a QR code around town?

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3/07/2024 12:51 PM

Families, business owners

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3/07/2024 01:27 PM

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3/07/2024 01:44 PM

We need more from the lower income community.

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3/07/2024 04:01 PM

DCA, representation of Mill workers, representation from trade / service industry / 'blue color' workers. There is a need to balance the community discussions which is currently skewed to low oversight public service staff and high income overcommitted professionals.

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3/07/2024 07:09 PM

Natural conservation

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3/07/2024 09:16 PM

Please include the younger people! Camas needs to modernize a bit!

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3/08/2024 09:15 AM

people of color; people of non-majority religions (Jews, Muslims, etc)

Screen Name Redacted
3/08/2024 12:49 PM

All community members, not just business owners or large corporations

Screen Name Redacted
3/10/2024 08:13 PM

A representative sample of our entire population, considering age, gender, ethnicity, work status, family size, etc.

Screen Name Redacted
3/11/2024 08:30 PM

As many people as possible!

Screen Name Redacted
3/15/2024 08:13 PM

Young people. People who visit Camas - what attracted them to visit? What repels them? People who understand what sustainable means. People who grew up here and would like to stay but cannot afford to live here. People who enjoy and care about nature.

Screen Name Redacted
3/16/2024 06:30 PM

People in Fern Prairie who will be impacted by airport development. How about trying to engage everyone.

Screen Name Redacted
3/16/2024 06:51 PM

You can hear many who are disgruntled with growth. I'm a transplant so I get it but also naturally a place like Camas will grow. I'd hope it is mindful of the environment, the history and the things that make this a great place to live. Smart, transparent decisions about growth and if it doesn't make sense, don't do it or build it

Screen Name Redacted
3/16/2024 08:19 PM

Teenagers

Screen Name Redacted
3/16/2024 08:36 PM

Water safety, algae bloom experts, environmental experts. And listen to them, take action.

Screen Name Redacted
3/16/2024 11:41 PM

Camas School District is an integral part of our community; I would be sure to engage with them so we can keep our schools top-tier.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 01:24 AM

I want to be involved.

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3/17/2024 07:22 AM

Downtown business owners, long time citizens, school district reps

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3/17/2024 08:14 AM

Please continue to engage with businesses that are affected by any changes such a streets widening, etc.

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3/17/2024 08:39 AM

Schools, businesses, citizens, and even kids!

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 09:01 AM

Prune hill communities

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 10:29 AM

Everyone who is a resident of Camas should be involved. Notifying by mail and asking people to weigh in their opinions would likely be best to reach all, since many don't have social media or connect online.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 10:29 AM

Sierra Club, Friends of the Columbia Gorge

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3/17/2024 10:40 AM

I think more high school-aged programs and events. Make the town fun for them so they'll consider staying in or returning to Camas.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 01:45 PM

Residents, people that live close by and small businesses.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 05:10 PM

Parents, people with disabilities

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3/17/2024 05:27 PM

Diverse populations and ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities, pet owners, families and businesses.

Screen Name Redacted
3/17/2024 08:22 PM

Locals, long time members of the community (including those living elsewhere, but still active in the community), local politicians

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 02:54 AM

What's happening in the area

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3/18/2024 09:51 AM

Parents of students and elderly

Screen Name Redacted
3/18/2024 11:49 AM

WHAT PEOPLE?? All persons who live in Camas and/or attend Camas schools! DUH!

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2024 11:54 AM

Note: I've been to the public meetings but NEVER felt heard. "The City" has its perspective of: develop, develop, develop! and ignores the deepfelt desires of the people who live here and pay taxes, who came for the small-town feel and the TREES, that's why I can't say I want to attend meetings. So to be more "inclusive" Don't just listen to developers who want to mine Camas for all the money they can squeeze out of it! Listen to those who live here, pay taxes, love it, are building a long-term life here, and have shown they care for it (I volunteer).

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3/18/2024 01:45 PM

Young adults (middle and high schoolers)- this is a great way for them to learn about civic engagement, perhaps by forming a Camas Library group or groups.

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3/20/2024 03:19 PM

Evergreen MTB Alliance

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3/20/2024 07:26 PM

Residents who have been here a long time. People who are retired or have a fixed income.

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3/22/2024 07:12 AM

Be transparent.

Screen Name Redacted

3/25/2024 10:09 PM

I think you need to be as available as possible, and make sure people can access information on their own time. As a parent there are so many meetings or events to attend, that I need to be able to find the information online. Please make sure you connect with the people who may not be online or who may not be able to attend a public meeting.

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3/26/2024 09:46 AM

PTAs and PTOs CSD Local businesses, not just downtown merchants HOAs

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3/26/2024 11:07 AM

Jewish community

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3/26/2024 04:18 PM

Indigenous communities

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3/27/2024 11:46 AM

These responses are from the Planning Commission meeting held on February 21, 2024, facilitated by Yvette Sennewald.

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3/27/2024 03:45 PM

§ Chamber of Commerce § Engage other neighborhoods outside your own. *Map out areas that are not being engaged § Youth – Boy/Girl Scouts, Teen involvement (HS) § Seniors voice needs representation (AARP) § New residents (need connection, have different/outside views) § Legacy residents (those having hard time with growth) § Renters

Screen Name Redacted

4/01/2024 11:31 AM

· Minority groups; Translation of materials, Interpreters at events, Cultural events, School cultural groups > access to parents · “Push” instead of “pull” marketing · PTAs · HOAs · Churches · Seniors (Meals on Wheels) · Leverage city committees, commissions · Community leaders

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 08:44 AM

How about the people that grew up here.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 09:08 AM

Many concerned folks with Camas roots are at the Forgotten Camas Washougal group at Facebook, where many concerns about Camas are expressed.

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4/03/2024 10:07 AM

Everyone who wishes to should have the opportunity to provide feedback. Thank you for asking for input.

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4/03/2024 10:24 AM

Long time residents!

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 12:34 PM

Ask the long time residents, and lean more on their opinions as they're the ones losing the most.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 04:45 PM

Anyone who is interested.

Screen Name Redacted

4/03/2024 06:10 PM

Outsiders who have a local historical stake and awareness. The Camas "diaspora" or "ex-pats" if you will. Find out WHY they left. And don't just hear the people who say what you want to hear.

Screen Name Redacted

Please engage the many people who are generationally a part of the

4/03/2024 11:32 PM

city. The people who know the history and the direction that the city should be going in!!!!

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Facebook

4/04/2024 02:26 AM

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All...

4/04/2024 07:30 AM

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Disabled community

4/04/2024 08:11 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Schools and businesses

4/04/2024 08:23 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Lower income residents, seniors, folks who have lived in the community for 10 years or more,

4/04/2024 08:34 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Everyone not just to richy rich or CA transplants, it seems we don't care what us actual locals feel or want, it's all for those hoity toity people that think we need to completely change our area to satisfy their richy rich needs...this is NOT the area for that

4/04/2024 08:58 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Every homeowner in the city

4/04/2024 09:54 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Stay in touch with the people of this community. Show up at downtown events, area events and talk to people. It's the people here that make this place special ! Give the people of Camas a voice in all of these changes !! "Forgotten Camas Washougal" is a fantastic group of people who really care about this area.

4/04/2024 11:51 AM

Screen Name Redacted

I think it's important to not give lip service to the community. It seems like you've got a small group that bends your ear and you do what they want. OR I am also aware that you spend a lot of money on consultants. Maybe it's to take the pressure off of you, but in reality, the blame still falls on you even if the consultant tells you to do something. You're never going to appease EVERYONE, so do what is the next right thing, the next best thing, for the people of Camas.

4/04/2024 01:01 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Stop with your DEI nonsense. All people should be included. You

4/04/2024 01:15 PM

don't need to focus on a specific group or community that is absurd.

Screen Name Redacted

Everyone

4/04/2024 01:39 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Jeff Hunt

4/04/2024 01:44 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Retirees. People living on fixed income cannot keep up with the increase of taxes and fees. Council should not be able to buy buildings, aka Bank of America building or close pools without a vote from the people who live here in the community!

4/04/2024 06:13 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Long-term residents. Those that value our history as a blue collar community tied to our local lake and rivers, and not by expensive speed boats and exclusive communities! Anyone that values our history. Taking out the Christian Church is nothing short of criminal! You people should be ashamed of yourselves!!!!

4/04/2024 06:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Stop talking about inclusion unless it means a seat at the table. You guys are a brick wall--nothing gets through. I love the town, and despise it's government.

4/04/2024 07:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Non religious groups (we have a LOT of Christian churches and this can make other religions or nonreligious folks feel not included and/or silenced). LGBTQIA+. Young residents.

4/04/2024 07:36 PM

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Every citizen in the city Developers should have no say in anything Look at refining zoning Include downtown camas association Get the mill owners involved

4/05/2024 11:41 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Small business owners should definitely have priority in conversations.

4/06/2024 07:48 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Everyone

4/06/2024 02:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted

All the community, not just developers and people with deep pockets.

4/06/2024 10:49 PM

Screen Name Redacted

4/08/2024 09:20 AM

Not sure, I'm generally happy with the moves I've seen, other than the all-important density issue of new construction. This city shouldn't need the increased revenues from high density living. It's grown so much recently that there's plenty of new revenue coming in. BTW, tip of the hat to the designers of the roundabout near Round Lake, I think it's incredibly well done. A gorgeous, and artfully done PNW roundabout. Please stay with that level of thought and pride for our community that we love so much.

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4/08/2024 12:48 PM

• Chamber of Commerce • Engage other neighborhoods • Youth – Boy/Girl Scouts, Teen involvement (HS) • Senior voice needs representation (AARP) • New residents (need connection, have different/outside views) • Legacy residents (those having hard time with growth) • Renters

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4/12/2024 10:29 AM

More community surveys and making sure older residents who don't use social media are still being included in the community decisions

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 01:45 PM

All members of the community should have easy opportunity to have a voice and be involved in formulating the plan for the future of their home.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 03:40 PM

No comment other than to keep doing what you're doing. For example, we received a postcard notification of the planning process.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 05:38 PM

Everyone.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 08:46 PM

local business owners, everyone who lives near enough to consider Camas home.

Screen Name Redacted

4/12/2024 09:08 PM

30-40 year olds

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 04:49 AM

I think this survey is a great start to get opinions from community. From there, you can have city officials to do an out reach for anyone who shows an interest in getting more involved in decision making for Camas. I think Steve Hogan leadership is superb and we are fortunate to have him as mayor.

Screen Name Redacted

4/13/2024 06:19 AM

Offer survey to the local high schools so our students/future community members have a say. Have the students complete the survey during school time

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4/13/2024 07:03 AM

I think residents of downtown should have a large voice.

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Business owners, representatives of various walks of life - professional, trade, young, seniors, etc., experts in development and architecture and history to help balance growth with preservation of community and history.

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Listen to long time locals and not let the voice of ex-Californians drown out the loyal.

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low income familys, people of minority groups

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All known groups in the area should be engaged with.

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Talk to people where they are at and don't rely on the handful of engaged residents who are actually paying attention. Attend public events and make it easy for folks to provide input.

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People who grew up here, people who are not motivated by increasing tax dollars, profits, and development. People who are interested in conservation and preserving the qualities of camas we stay here for.

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Neighborhood associations such as the Goot Park Neighborhood, Oak Park neighbors, etc, Down town businesses, Downtown Churches.

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Small business owners! Their voices matter to Camas' identity much more than overpaid, out of town developers.

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Include the tourism industry. Economic sustainability groups, historic preservation experts, and of course environmental experts.

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diverse number of residents, local businesses and other organizations currently making Camas home

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Everybody should be able to have a voice

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Included Camas residents, with an emphasis on citizens who have been in the area over ten years. They were here and I'd be interested in hearing their voices, what they would like to see happen to the place they have called home longer than recent transplants. I have lived here for less than a year so I am not in that group, but preserving the home town feel is vital.

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Ward meetings and presentations. The "Open House" approach to divide and conquer is not appreciated.

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Include senior citizens, longtime Camas residents and children under 10 for outdoor parks (they have some of the best ideas).

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Only residents of Camas - preferably, people who have resided here for at least 5 years.

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The city should be honest about all the costs and increases to property taxes instead of having a bunch of "feel good" meetings with plans to widen this corridor, fix the lake, etc.

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Well, I think it will be helpful to engage people who don't typically participate in this. I see a people who are unplugged. I can understand a bit why. I can understand a bit why. So often it feels like the city has already chosen what they want to do; my voice doesn't matter.

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Everyone possible

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I live just outside city limits. I would love to see good engagement with people living outside the city limits, since those limits could expand, with those people having a say both in Camas and whether they want to be incorporated into the city proper.

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Parents and seniors

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We need to make sure our diverse population is included and feels welcome to participate and voice their ideas and needs.

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Hiking trails. Safety. Infrastructure

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Want it to be inclusive, but I'm not sure how that is best accomplished.

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We'd suggest engaging with residents from around town; being proactive to reach out to minority residents so that they feel their voices are heard as well.

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Create as much opportunity as possible for residents to be involved and advocate for decisions that will impact the developments.

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Retailers, school staff, WDOT because of 3rd Ave, residents, AirB&B owners, bike shop owners, hiking groups.

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People with knowledge in the areas needed.

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People move to Camas for the schools. Education/educators should always be at the heart of any planning.

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Everyone

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The people that actually live in camas

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Non-religious, lgbtqia+, young citizens

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A combination of lifelong and newer residents should be engaged to capture various viewpoints.

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Developers, Cyclists, and students.

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youth. Please engage our highschoolers. Each time I have worked with them I am impressed by their ideas and dreams. They want to help.

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Young adults, Seniors and Parents of Young children.

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People like me who have lived and paid taxes here for years.

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Business owners, pedestrians, bicyclists

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All age and economic groups. Have these issues discussed with recommendations submitted by the Camas School District students.

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high school kids

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I'm not sure how connected the city is to large, local Camas employers (like TSMC, Analog Devices, Fisher, etc), but its difficult to partake in city listening sessions with our work schedules and I don't often hear about them unless I go looking for them. Perhaps asking employers to advertise when these sessions are happening, to incentivize or encourage Camas residents to take time off to partake in them, or to ask local employers if they would be willing to host future listening sessions where city officials can come onsite and meet with their staff would be helpful. This would really open up the pool of folks who are able to give feedback. If you can come directly to residents in the places that they already spend 40-50 hours of their

lives where they probably aren't having to navigate childcare or intentionally leaving work to attend, you'll get a much better cross-section of who is living and working in your community and what they need.

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Better outreach to residents. I had no idea this survey was happening until I read an article in the Post-Record on May 3rd.

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School groups (through PTA

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Since I'm a mid age 70 resident, keeping this group engaged/informed would be a priority for me. I can already see Camas growing & changing. Being included in communications is valued.

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Communities that include apartments and houses not in Prune hill. There are many underprivileged communities that no one pays attention to.

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All of the people who live in Camas.

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It's already pretty inclusive

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New residents

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Kids/teens/senior citizens

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Please DO NOT use the current format and company publicly presenting the proposed roundabouts on Everett St!!!! Attending those meetings was a total waste of time: it could've been presented in less than 10 minutes, with another 10 minutes for Q&A. I left after 75 minutes of useless twaddle, with maps that were vague and incomprehensible. Make sure that whatever outreach you use is succinct, clear, with handouts if needed, and stop "marketing" changes like what has happened as mentioned above. It is an embarrassing waste of money for the city, and tests citizens' time and patience. Of course the area needs roundabouts. But hammering on

it over and over again is just sucking dollars from the city for unnecessary wasted time. We deserve better than that. Don't get fooled again by a slick marketer.

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All of them. Old and young

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Renters and young families struggling to afford housing

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Everyone, especially those that have lived in Camas for generations. Focus not only specific communities, but accessibility. I didn't learn about this survey until I saw it on Facebook, which I only use an about once a month, luckily two days before the survey ends. Put signage up historic downtown and in other highly trafficked economic areas. Mail flyers out with QR codes.

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Include all the economic sectors that live in Camas.

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environmental groups, school communities, neighborhood associations

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All, include young people

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mtb-ing trail running fishing

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Low income families especially around housing availability and affordability

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Young, diverse families, especially those who have recently relocated to the area. We need young families to be able to live in Camas and send their kids to Camas schools.

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Facebook or USPS mail

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Make sure to engage those people/groups who live here because of

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the green areas, wildlife and trails. We do not want those areas to be developed or cut off from each other

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School District, Larger Land owners and new businesses

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Long time Camas residents. People who have seen this community grow and evolve. They have a lot to say and contribute.

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Schools, Port, parents, retirees, teens, churches, event attendees,

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Infrastructure

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Camas is not that large. Just focus on the citizens of Camas.

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Elderly and those without digital access. Young families. Those with less economic means to afford housing .

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Local non-profits, service and community groups. HOAs. Don't depend on putting it out on social media.

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The greatest effort should be to engage people who don't participate. Many don't participate because of work and home schedules, lack of time, lack of knowledge of the process. The needs of businesses must be considered. Finally, future generations cannot participate, but their needs must be incorporated. We should leave Camas better than we found it.

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Homeowners

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Optional question (262 response(s), 105 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

OurCamas2045 Mapping Tool Responses

Opportunity	COMMENT	DATE	ADDRESS
Opportunity	Trail system connecting Heritage trail to this side of the lake along the BPA power lines and connecting to the Lacamas Lake Elementary would be great to connect all the new development in Green Mountain area to the school and existing trail systems, providing walkable and bikeable transportation options within Camas	16-Feb-24	1616 Northeast 232nd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This area at the Parklands neighborhood is identified in the Camas master plan as lacking a neighborhood park. There are no walking distance park for all the homes in this neighborhood. The commercial pads have remained empty for 7 years now, and most of the neighbors would prefer a pocket park rather than an unsightly commercial building. This is a residential neighborhood and any additional commercial buildings would not be coherent.	1-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Park	1-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	I would like to see a park at this location	1-Mar-24	3623 Northwest McMaster Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	There are no community parks in walking distance from our neighborhood. This would be a lovely space for the community to gather and enjoy. No more commercial buildings please.	1-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	In our community, there is so many new developments and corporate buildings, but we need a space where we can all enjoy a neighborhood park	1-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Excellent location for a park! Very much needed for our area!	1-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Camas Meadows is at a crossroads - we can either add another concrete structure or create a vibrant green space for our community. The choice is clear. Our residents, both current and future, deserve a park, not another parking lot. A park in Camas Meadows means fresh air, natural beauty, and a gathering place for families. It's an investment in our health, environment, and community spirit. Let's turn this area into a green haven, not another gray footprint. Thank you for considering a brighter, greener future for our city.	2-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	In need of a community park, no walkable park in the vicinity for this large community.	2-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	We NEED a playground/park here! There is no walkable park serving allll of these homes, and more homes are currently being built. It would also help beautify the area as a contrast to the many commercial buildings popping up all around us. Camas growth has to have business and families in mind, as the balance of those two are the only way to longevity of a successful, thriving, evolving city. Thank you!	2-Mar-24	3623 Northwest McMaster Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This area needs a community park. Currently, there are no playgrounds within walking distance for the many families living in this residential area. We do not need any more empty commercial "boxes". The City should be championing open spaces and parks.	2-Mar-24	3530 Northwest McMaster Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	We need a neighborhood park, no more corporate buildings or storage unit buildings not cohesive with the families that live in our neighborhood	2-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Please no commercial buildings here as this is by our homes and community	2-Mar-24	3937 Northwest Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	As a growing community with numerous neighborhoods filled with young children, the addition of a neighborhood park would greatly enhance the childhoods experiences of our future leaders while providing a safe space for kids to congregate.	2-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This would be a great site for a covered park and water splash playground. There are enough commercial buildings around this area but no trails or walkable places for kids to be kids. There needs to be access to safe places for kids in residential areas.	3-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	We do need a park for our kids to play nearby our house	3-Mar-24	4027 Northwest 62nd Circle, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Ideal location for a community park in the fast developing master planned community of Camas Meadows	4-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Dynamic parking fees should be implemented based on use. The more parking spots in use, the higher the fees. Provide alternatives for access to the lake such as bike racks etc. Boats and trailers should definitely pay higher fees as there are impacts to the lake water quality from the spilling of oil and gas into the water.	6-Mar-24	227 Northeast Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Develop open areas in the downtown core, add infill projects, and reduce parking lots. Move the church from the main street so that businesses which promote commerce can generate funds for the city. The church needs to find a place with less impact to the city.	6-Mar-24	605 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This section of NW Lacamas Ln suffers from very poor maintenance over the years and has become an eyesore. Many of the sunset maples planted along the roadside have died from lack of care and irrigation. The forested areas need management to encourage the success of selected trees and reduce the fire hazard. The sidewalk should be periodically cleaned so pedestrians can safely use it without fear of slipping or being entangled by blackberries.	6-Mar-24	3436 Northwest Lacamas Lane, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	There are no local parks and continued development of commercial buildings that only bring traffic and light pollution are not desired additions to our area.	6-Mar-24	3601 Northwest Camas Meadows Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	In collaboration with the school district, develop an aquatic center including 25yard x 50meter competition pool and separate recreation pool on the former UL campus. The facility can provide swimming and aquatic programs for all ages, including but not limited to swim lessons, aquatic fitness, recreational year round swim team, high school swim team, lap and recreational swimming, water polo. The facility can also be used to develop a learn to swim program with the school district so that all children in Camas receive vital learn to swim instruction as part of the PE curriculum. We are surrounded by various bodies of water and learning to swim is an essential life skill that all children should have access to. Refer to current development of Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatics Center.	6-Mar-24	2815 Northwest Leadbetter Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Update the very old and outdated playground equipment	8-Mar-24	623 Northeast 15th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Update the very old and outdated playground equipment	8-Mar-24	Camas Municipal Pool, 120 Northeast 17th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Relocate church and use the space for tax generating businesses like restaurants and shops	8-Mar-24	605 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Perfect area to incorporate for higher density homes	12-Mar-24	27200 Northeast 9th Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	A lot of speeding, racing, and extremely loud vehicles in this circle on a daily basis, most notably on the weekends.	15-Feb-24	1619 Northwest 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	A lot of speeding (60 mph +) along 232nd Ave	16-Feb-24	1616 Northeast 232nd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	U-turns should not be allowed at this busy intersection. During rush hours, this intersection is a very dangerous spot that many decide to u-turn--it creates many problems for people coming and going.	4-Mar-24	Northwest Payne Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	NW Payne Street has become a way for traffic to bypass Friberg-Strunk Street to get to Lake Road and head eastbound. Traffic is frequently moving at double the posted speedlimit on this road and traffic calming devices are needed--speed bumps, preferably.	4-Mar-24	6041 Northwest Payne Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	NW Payne Street has become a way for traffic to bypass Friberg-Strunk Street to get to Lake Road and head eastbound. Traffic is frequently moving at double the posted speedlimit on this road and traffic calming devices are needed--speed bumps, preferably.	4-Mar-24	6201 Northwest Payne Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This stop sign here is often run through by cars and could have better visibility to increase safety and reduce collisions.	6-Mar-24	2335 Northwest Astor Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This area currently has a yellow flashing light at this intersection that absolutely needs a stop light or turn it into a four way stop because there have been far too many almost collisions at this intersection. I see people often run the stop sign here.	6-Mar-24	513 Northeast 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This entire area is an eyesore and an environmental nightmare. The city should prioritize the shutdown and cleanup of this area. Careful planning for development should occur.	6-Mar-24	119401 SE 1 Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Rogue trail building needs to be addressed. Mountain bikers have modified terrain even after the city has removed and closed area. Notice should be made the bikes will be banned if the closures are not respected.	6-Mar-24	1701 NE 3rd Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This intersection is very dark and dangerous at night. The two dimly lit acorn lights should be replaced with downward facing brighter lights. A flashing pedestrian crossing should be installed because this is a trial access point.	6-Mar-24	Northwest Lacamas Lane, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This section of road needs a bike lane	7-Mar-24	2305 Northeast Goodwin Road, Vancouver, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Dahlia Rd is a common road used for connecting Prune Hill to 38th Ave. It is common for people to do double the speed limit flying down the hill. Speed bumps need to be placed here for the safety of children in the Holly Hills Neighborhood. There are lane narrowing devices in place on this road and people still drive incredibly fast and unsafe up and down this street. The lane narrowing does not help and something else needs to be incorporated please.	9-Mar-24	3429 Northwest Dahlia Drive, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Cafe Riccolo, events in downtown, library, downtown businesses and restaurants, being out on the sidewalk (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	306 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Camas High School (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	26900 Southeast 15th Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States

Other	Heritage park and Lacamas, Lacamas has been a special summer spot. (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	222 Northeast Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Camas Lions Club and all the good they do (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	Domino's Pizza, 3512 NE 3rd Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Round Lake is so peaceful but also has a sense of adventure (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	3131 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Walking trails and enjoying the river (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	2565 SE 6th Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Costco! Very happy we have so many shopping options (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	4863 Northwest Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	The people, the community (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	217 Northwest 21st Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	We love converts in the park during the summer and walking our dog around the perimeter. The little library is always a must-stop too (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	1433 Northeast Birch Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Lacamas Creek Bridge is a quick walk from downtown to the bridge is a go-to refresher to get out in the fresh air during the work day (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	Lower Falls, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Paddle board and kayak and other water sports (from April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	Northwest Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	The area round the port has become like home. It is so close to other areas I love - my apartment, downtown area (especially the library) the Lacamas trails and the drive to the gorge. Prior to this the Livingston Mountain area was home for me. Grew up there so it holds a special place for me.	8-Apr-24	The Puffin Cafe, 14 S A St, Washougal, Washington 98671, United States
Other	Downtown has local shops and fun events and the library. It is a friendly, small town where people know each other. (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	528 Northeast 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	No comment (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	2441 Northwest Logan Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	As a private pilot I'd love to see an expansion of the airport and building of more hangars (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	1109 Northeast 265th Court, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Downtown camas, First Fridays and meeting neighbors (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	413 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Camas Yoga and Co! Very welcoming instructors and a great a variety of classes (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	703 Northeast 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Lacamas Lake is my happy place, I love doing stand up paddle in the summer and walking the trails in the winter (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	Northwest Lake Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	Downtown camas events and gatherings (From April 1st First Friday)	8-Apr-24	Fuel Medical Group, 314 ne birch st, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	First Friday (From April 1st First Friday Event)	8-Apr-24	316 Northeast Dallas Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States

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CATEGORY	COMMENT	DATE	ADDRESS
Opportunity	Opportunity for Traffic calming (slowing) & bike lanes. Crossing this street can be scary because cars go way too fast.	18-Feb-24	329 Northeast 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Maintain/Support Downtown US Post Office: We are so lucky to have this beautiful historic USPS building in operation in downtown Camas. The copper roof and hand-painted WPA mural inside are priceless additions to the ambiance of Downtown Camas, not to mention the convenience of having the post office close to the Library and downtown businesses. Please support and maintain this treasure! Thank you.	18-Mar-24	440 Northeast 5th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Please Add Crosswalk Here: So many people including children cross this multi-lane street at this intersection, including students from Helen Baller, Liberty and Hayes on field trips, etc. Also people cross here when they park in the neighborhood to attend events downtown. Cars usually do not stop for people waiting to cross the street (I think they don't expect people to cross because there is no formal crosswalk). There should be a striped crosswalk here for safety! Thank you.	18-Mar-24	436 Northeast Garfield Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Excellent Model for Future Development: The newly-approved building being built here, to replace the 2 church buildings, is an excellent model for future development in the Downtown Camas area. It is essential to have denser multi-use development, with retail on the ground-floor, housing/apartments/condos on upper floors, and secured parking underground. In future, some new buildings may include office space in upper levels (with mountain/river views) for high-end business (like 125 Bank Street, Missoula, Montana). Please ensure that all future development follows a model like this. No single-story buildings should be built. Thank you.	18-Mar-24	630 Northeast 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	YMCA/Pool Opportunity: This would be an excellent location for a future YMCA with pool. Note: For future bond measures, please DO NOT add other costs like sports fields onto a pool bond measure - it inflates costs and scares taxpayers. Keep a future bond vote lean. The past pool bond vote was a gigantic missed opportunity, alas (low interest rates). Thank you.	18-Mar-24	1101 Northwest Ash Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This corridor has a lot of opportunity for additional mixed-used development with restaurants and apartments. The permitted office building would not serve the community so much as more retail space similar to Acorn & Oak or the Lakeside Market.	3-Apr-24	3631 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Opportunity for an EV Charging station - Tesla Supercharger etc.	3-Apr-24	636 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This is wasted space next to the bank.	3-Apr-24	332 Northeast Cedar Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This parking lot is wasted space and breaks up the end of Cedar in a very bad way. An anchor development here and across the way near the bank could extend Cedar	3-Apr-24	Mill City Brew Werks, 339 NE Cedar St, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	This street needs traffic slowing measures like a median, more vegetation, and a bike lane.	3-Apr-24	325 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Put back our pool!	4-Apr-24	120 Northeast 17th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Opportunity	Consider blocking off a few blocks of NE 3rd Ave for foot traffic only. Allow restaurants and pubs to push out into this pedestrian space and encourage more social and community interaction.	4-Apr-24	533 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Too fast! Cars go really really fast here. 4 lanes Stroad with a 25 mile an hour speeds limit. If we want people to go slow here we need to narrow the road. We could easily go down to two lanes with protected bike lanes and trees. Bike lanes that are safe enough for families will connect more people with downtown.	18-Feb-24	1642 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	A proposed gas station and car wash at this location could create runoff to Lacamas Creek and Lacamas Lake. Local residents are keenly aware of many vehicular collisions at this intersection that are not reported in traffic reports for developers. This would add more traffic problems. Union High School is on this road.	2-Mar-24	20101 Northeast 13th Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This site deserves considerable attention given its waterfront access and years of operation that have potentially impacted the soil, water and groundwater across the entire property. It should be remediated to unrestricted use and groundwater categorized (and if needed remediated) as potable water	11-Mar-24	119401 SE 1 Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Along with the mill to the north, this property should be fully remediated to unrestricted use when/where economically feasible and groundwater classified (remediated) to potable	11-Mar-24	Lewis and Clark Highway, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Missed Opportunity: When this building was approved it should have been required to be a multi-story building with apartments/housing or high-end office space (with mountain views) on upper floors. Downtown Camas needs denser mixed-use development. No more one-story buildings should be built. Thank you.	18-Mar-24	450 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Dangerous Crosswalk: I cross this sidewalk most days with my child when walking to/from school. In the mornings especially, cars coming from the north (driving south) DO NOT stop. If there is a car/bus turning east onto NE 22nd, it is impossible to see people crossing in the crosswalk from the western (southbound) lane. My child and I have almost been hit several times while crossing. Drivers are always apologetic - two drivers even stopped IN the crosswalk when we were midway across the street (about 5-10 feet away from the car), rolled down their window and apologized and said they didn't see us! I wonder how many times this happens to others crossing here. This crosswalk needs a flashing light like the one further down. Thank you.	18-Mar-24	2139 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Corrupt City Council using prime retail space for their offices. The city needs to move their offices!	4-Apr-24	306 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States

Concern	People have started creating a 2nd lane of traffic at the stop sign heading out of town at the corner of the mill. While the car in the primary lane is waiting for traffic coming up Adams from the left - the downtown/mill office area - who have right-of-way to turn - or go straight- the new "2nd lane" people are sneaking around and going through the intersection while right of way traffic is also in the intersection. This started in 2020 and happens almost daily now. This intersection needs better control and signage. The 2nd lane should be right turn only or no 2nd lane space. (It's currently marked as a parking space, in front of the empty lot and below the "free public parking" lot.	4-Apr-24	430 Northeast Adams Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	This area has always had high pedestrian use and does not have good evening or night time lighting on the corner. It could use another crossing light as well.	4-Apr-24	1512 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Walking traffic is a major driver of small businesses. Allowing a single entity to buy an entire block + more that serves no walkability on 6 days a week hurts businesses. Encourage more restaurants.	4-Apr-24	304 Northeast 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Dangerous intersection. Drivers fail to understand yield light. Convert to roundabout to allow the dominant flow of traffic.	4-Apr-24	201 Northeast 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Encourage development of retail/restaurants/commerce businesses rather than a single entity using entire block for non-commerce reasons. This is a poor use of a premium location and disrupts the feel of downtown Camas.	4-Apr-24	304 Northeast 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Three schools in the neighborhood require walking/biking/nonbus options for families nearby and NE 19th is a major road for school-age children going to and from school, as well as several pedestrians and cyclists. Both speeding and flooding on this road are common and known issues (reported to the city multiple times). The city needs to offer viable, long-term solutions for both problems.	4-Apr-24	230 Northeast 19th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Please consider adding a sidewalk that connects the lake recreation area to NE 22nd. This would provide safe walking/biking access from downtown all the way to the lakes.	4-Apr-24	2732 Northeast Everett Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	I agree that the Mill Clean Up level and adequacy is key for our City's present and future - This site deserves considerable attention given its waterfront access and years of operation that have potentially impacted the soil, water and groundwater across the entire property. It should be remediated to unrestricted use and groundwater categorized (and if needed remediated) as potable water	5-Apr-24	119401 SE 1 Ave, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	The area at the top of these steps could use some erosion control - the steps are very frequently used and you can tell right at the top there are some areas that are eroding away - don't want the steps to be damaged, or someone to fall.	5-Apr-24	756 Northeast Birch Street, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	The sidewalks are too narrow and close to the road for a 35 mph speed limit. A wider sidewalk with a buffer between the road and the sidewalk should be installed, the speed limit should be reduced to 25 mph, or the sidewalks should be relocated to run through Forest Home Park. There are often drivers traveling 5-10 mph over the speed limit who do not slow down or move over when passing children walking only a few feet away. This is a tragedy waiting to happen.	5-Apr-24	957 Northwest 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	The sidewalks are too narrow and close to the road for a 35 mph speed limit. Additionally, this road has no business being four lanes. It starts as two lanes in Camas, then turns to four lanes, and then back to two in Washougal. Nearly every day, kids risk their lives walking to the skate park along this road. Reduce the number of lanes to two, lower the speed limit, widen the sidewalk, and add a bike lane.	5-Apr-24	1642 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Curb extensions should be added to narrow the road, slow traffic, and shorten the crosswalk distances. In the short term, this could be done cheaply by adding planters, bike racks, and art installations. A good example is Main Street in Vancouver.	5-Apr-24	231 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	All of Crown should have sidewalks on both sides. It's dangerous for people to walk and this should go from NE 3rd Ave all the way up to at least SE Nourse Rd. for anyone walking to the highschool.	7-Apr-24	Southeast Crown Road, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Please limit the amount of space the church can take up in downtown. Fully support everyone's right to practice their faith, but this is the part of 4th that's just dead and hurts the other retail business.	7-Apr-24	Northwest 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	Please do not modernize the downtown and keep large organizations like banks, fast food, other retail chains out. One of the greatest appeals of the town is the small businesses in down town and would love to see it stay that way.	7-Apr-24	Northwest 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Concern	For new developments there should be a heavy levy on the homes to help subsidize the ever growing costs of expansion. The locals that live here should not be penalized because of growth. This is coming from someone who moved here from somewhere else. I'm happy to pay more to avoid others being hurt by the rising costs. On the flip side, give incentives for builders building homes under the median by X percentage. Give them an incentive to build lower cost homes and not million dollar McMansions.	7-Apr-24	2994 North 49th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States
Other	It would be awesome if GP allowed giant murals on the mill - could be a joint funding project. Beautifying the mill as you approach Camas would add immensely to the city while highlighting it's role in our history.	3-Apr-24	Northwest 6th Avenue, Camas, Washington 98607, United States