

## Overview

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the City of Camas hosted *Our Camas 2045 Community Summit #1*, an open house event for its *Our Camas 2045 Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Subarea Plan* process. The purpose of this event was to report back on the outreach and engagement activities that took place over Spring 2024, reveal the draft and ask for feedback on the *Our Camas 2045 Vision Statement and Goals*, and to identify the community's big ideas for achieving the vision and goals.

More than 40 community members participated in the event at the Lacamas Lake Lodge, where kids activities and refreshments were provided. A wide range of participants included residents, business owners, families with children, and elected officials.

The event was organized with stations set up around the event space, those stations corresponded to each of the four themes identified in the draft Vision Statement. The four themes include: *Our Community; Our Environment; Our Neighborhoods; and Our Downtown*. Additionally, there were other stations that offered a project overview, results of the community outreach, and the draft vision statement.

Participants were invited to review the draft vision statement and offer their feedback and share their "big ideas" for how the community can achieve the vision and the associated goals. Each station included a project team facilitator. Ideas were captured through notetaking on sticky notes on the posters, or participants could submit them in writing through a comment form. These ideas will help guide the development of goals and policies for the Comprehensive Plan.

Since the City is additionally undertaking a Downtown Subarea Plan, additional material on opportunities, constraints and background information were provided for the *Our Downtown* station.



**OUR CAMAS 2045 Draft Vision Statement**  
For public comment through October 14, 2023. Feedback will be used to inform the final vision statement.

**Our Community**  
 Camas is an inclusive community where residents experience a sense of belonging and ownership. Community-wide events foster our culture, create bonds among neighbors and a welcoming atmosphere for new residents. Continuity in amenities and recreation facilities throughout Camas enhances active lifestyles and social interaction. Camas is renowned for its excellent schools and invests in youth and families through rich library and sports programming. The City promotes a strong culture of public safety, transparent communication, and good government, allowing residents to thrive in their neighborhoods and engage in decision-making that shapes their community.

**Our Environment**  
 Camas embraces its connection to nature and enjoys a wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities, which are foundational to Camas' quality of life. The community values a clean environment for Camas' beauty, safety, and tranquility and is committed to preserving and enhancing its natural resources and tree canopy. Through proactive planning, the City mitigates the effects of changing climate conditions and natural hazards, ensuring a resilient community for generations to come.

**Our Neighborhoods**  
 Camas embraces its small-town feel while responsibly managing growth, ensuring a program and livable future for all. Camas provides a variety of housing options that meet the needs of all residents, while ensuring the needs of those who remain are met. Camas is home to a thriving economy and diverse businesses, offering residents ample engagement opportunities and access to high-wage jobs. Neighborhood commercial hubs connect residents to daily services and amenities through a network of sidewalks and bike lanes, improving access and connectivity.

**Our Downtown**  
 Charming, vibrant, and walkable, Downtown Camas is the city's living room. Downtown's history is complemented by new business and creative housing options. Economic vitality and a vibrant economic landscape are critical to its success. Downtown Camas anchors the community while fostering a culture of pride, support, and connection.

1. How do you feel the vision statement is (please check your answer)  
 Right on  
 Headed in the right direction  
 Could be improved  
 Missing something  
 If you feel it is missing something or could be improved, let us know that!

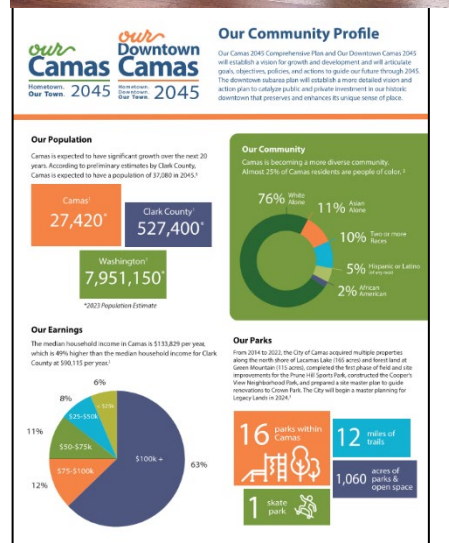
2. How do we achieve our vision? Please share your top three big ideas for each topic area!

**STATION 1 - Our Community**  
 Big Idea #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #3: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATION 2 - Our Environment**  
 Big Idea #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #3: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATION 3 - Our Neighborhoods**  
 Big Idea #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #3: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATION 4 - Our Downtown**  
 Big Idea #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Big Idea #3: \_\_\_\_\_



The comment form and community profile handed out at the event.

## Feedback Analysis

Discussions were robust and collaborative, resulting in many community ideas and overall feedback. Key topics of conversation included bike infrastructure, native species mitigation, tree protection, creation of neighborhood hubs, and local business support. In addition to paper comment forms, an online survey was available to complement the discussion at the event for those who could not participate in-person. A compilation of the raw notes from the

comment forms are included in Appendix A, the raw notes from the poster boards in Appendix B, and the online survey responses are captured in Appendix C.

For the Vision Statement, in response to the question *"If you feel it [Vision] is missing something or could be improved, let us know how!"* respondents felt the Vision is missing clear strategies to protect and sustain existing small businesses, including provisions for adequate parking. In addition to concrete plans to address the lack of affordable housing to retain young families and maintain school enrollment. Respondents note the vision should reflect a genuine approach to inclusivity that considers the needs of lifelong residents, addressing the impacts of high taxes and urban sprawl.

Enhanced transportation options, such as minibuses, bike rentals, and ride-sharing programs, should be proposed to reduce reliance on personal vehicles. Additionally, there is a want for a stronger emphasis on maintaining and expanding green spaces, trails, and urban farms to preserve the city's natural beauty and community health. Effective use of downtown spaces, including addressing the significant presence of church-owned properties and integrating the mill's property into the downtown planning process, is also spoken to. Finally, the vision statement should more accurately represent inclusivity based on the community's actual characteristics and needs, rather than an imposed ideal.

In response to *"How do we achieve our vision? Share your top three big ideas for each topic area!"* The following ideas were provided by Summit participants for each Vision Theme.

### **Our Community**

Amenities for Children and Teenagers:

- Provide smaller playgrounds and indoor play facilities for younger children.
- Establish more sporting fields and advocate for an indoor swimming pool accessible to high schoolers.

Community Unity and Diversity:

- Focus on reuniting the community and fostering diversity through inclusive initiatives.

Infrastructure and Community Enhancement:

- Improve downtown infrastructure for better walkability and accessibility.
- Enhance community facilities including parks, libraries, and possibly a community indoor/outdoor pool.
- Address parking policies to support local businesses

Fiscal Responsibility and Engagement:

- Lower utility costs and taxes to attract families and retain businesses.
- Prioritize citizen engagement and accountability in city planning and policy implementation.

Cultural and Recreational Investment:

- Preserve and expand upon Camas' cultural heritage through arts and community events.
- Invest in recreational facilities like arcade and mini-golf to enhance community activities.
- Broker a deal with local entities to utilize land for a new community center.

## **Our Environment**

### Environmental Conservation and Development:

- Preserve land for wildlife and limit excessive development.
- Promote denser development in already developed areas to conserve green spaces.

### Infrastructure and Transportation:

- Enhance biking infrastructure including bike rentals and connected bike paths.
- Address water and utility issues such as the current well problem and underground utility placement.

### Landscaping and Tree Preservation:

- Preserve mature landscaping and save parks and green spaces.
- Protect large trees and ensure proper spacing when planting new trees.
- Consider adding Redwoods to enhance the tree canopy.

### Green Spaces and Recreation:

- Develop multipurpose green spaces, especially for sports like soccer, little league, and girls' softball.
- Improve access points and public transit to Lacamas Lake.
- Create a continuous trail around Lacamas Lake and develop boardwalks to protect natural areas.

### Community Cleanliness and Maintenance:

- Enhance garbage and recycling systems citywide.
- Encourage GP (Georgia Pacific) to clean up their site for improved community aesthetics and environmental health.

### Community Programs and Policies:

- Implement a heritage tree program and support property owners in retrofitting for energy efficiency.
- Hold community listening sessions on evacuation routes and develop policies based on community input.

### Parking and Infrastructure:

- Address parking needs, including a larger parking lot near Lacamas Heritage Trail.
- Consider paving the gravel pit near the old mill site for improved infrastructure.

## **Our Neighborhoods**

### Environmental Conservation and Development:

- Advocate for less development to preserve natural beauty and prioritize green spaces.
- Ensure developments include green space, trails, and trees.
- Regulate tree planting to avoid blocking traffic sightlines.

### Infrastructure and Transportation:

- Connect neighborhoods and parks to downtown Camas with walkable sidewalks and trails.
- Prioritize bike lanes that are physically separated from car lanes for safety.
- Support dedicated bike trails that connect neighborhoods to schools and safe walking paths.

### Community Safety and Quality of Life:

- Emphasize community safety, crime prevention, and support for law enforcement as the population grows.
- Address concerns about homelessness in parks and neighborhoods.

#### Public Transportation and Mobility Services:

- Introduce new bus routes and public transit options connecting Camas to Portland and Vancouver.
- Encourage minivan shuttle services, bike rental services, and personal ride-sharing to improve mobility options.

#### Urban Planning and Growth Management:

- Advocate for slower growth to allow infrastructure adjustments and maintain the small-town vibe.
- Restrict new building permits until clean water assurance for all residents and tighten residential developer permit restrictions.
- Support more neighborhood nodes and small pockets of business areas for increased walkability.
- Promote more affordable housing options such as condos and townhomes.
- Develop tools to promote affordable housing such as density bonuses for dedicated affordable housing.

#### Recreational Facilities and Community Amenities:

- Support amenities like playgrounds with exercise stations, sports courts (e.g., pickleball), and biking infrastructure to promote active lifestyles.
- Install doggie waste bag stations for pet owners.

### **Our Downtown**

#### Urban Development and Planning:

- Support mixed-use developments over single-use buildings.
- Improve infrastructure and aesthetic appeal of downtown and overall downtown maintenance.
- Maintain small-town charm and resist further growth.
- Implement pay-to-park system to address parking shortages, potentially leading to a parking garage.
- Increase parking fines to better manage parking issues.
- Redevelop the paper mill property for mixed-use development.
- Enhance walkability downtown and prioritize pedestrians over cars.
- Expand and beautify historical downtown areas

#### Community and Downtown Vitality:

- Improve pedestrian safety with additional crosswalks, addressing safety concerns at block crossings.
- Maintain vital services downtown such as Post Office, Library, and affordable restaurants.
- Prioritize commercial spaces over housing in downtown areas.
- Ensure accessibility downtown, potentially implementing a shuttle service for seniors.
- Maintain the attractiveness and accessibility of downtown without significant transportation changes.
- Increase the number of retail stores and restaurants to maintain consistent business

traffic.

Cultural and Religious Concerns:

- Propose relocating churches from downtown to enhance commercial space availability and community inclusivity.
- Advocate for maintaining downtown as a commercial rather than religious hub.

Business Diversity and Ownership:

- Encourage diversity in the types of businesses and services.
- Prioritize local and small businesses over chains.

Parking and Traffic Management:

- Address the issue of available parking.
- Develop a plan to address traffic patterns at 6th Ave and Adams St.

To ensure proper implementation of the Vision and Goals, the community was asked to share ideas on how we can achieve the goals. The following key ideas were given.

### **Our Community**

Goal: Camas' artistic and cultural heritage will be protected, enhanced, and commemorated.

- Start a community theatre with volunteer assistance.
- Renovate/restore the community center.

Goal: Community events, involvement activities, and youth-focused activities will instill a sense of belonging among residents of all ages while making Camas an ideal place to raise a family.

- Create a multicultural fair/event that includes everyone.
- Partner with schools to host a multicultural fair.

Goal: The City will promote a strong sense of community through transparent communication, outreach efforts, partnerships, and accessibility.

- Partner with the school district for regular meetings to share resources and ideas.

Goal: Public places will be valued and protected spaces, with safe and well-maintained facilities that foster a sense of community and promote physical and mental health.

- Protect city and county parks, remove invasive plants, and ensure modifications are inclusive.
- Protect and support the library.
- Establish a park/gathering space downtown.

Goal: Camas residents enjoy access to quality education and support their schools through partnerships and investments.

- Implement a Green Team at every school and promote sustainability and green practices.
- Ensure safe walking corridors and necessary facilities like internet.

### **Our Environment**

Goal: A network of parks, trails, and open space will connect neighborhoods, wildlife corridors, and natural resources and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

- Increase parking at the Heritage trailhead to accommodate growth from new housing.
- Address the capacity of park facilities with the increase in new homes.

- Create a boardwalk on the Lily fields trail to prevent damage by pedestrians.
- Pave or gravel the mill ditch to connect downtown with other paths and lakes.

Goal: Camas' infrastructure and transportation system will be able to withstand and recover quickly from extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.

- Bury all overhead electrical lines.
- Upgrade sewer systems before repaving roads.
- Reform storm water modeling under climate scenarios to assess infrastructure capacity and service levels.

Goal: The City will embrace clean energy technologies to promote healthy air quality for all Camas residents.

- Retrofit older buildings to meet current codes.
- Clean up the GP mill for unrestricted use and test water for contamination.
- Connect to the river/waterfront and hold pollution sources accountable.
- Install more electric car charging stations.

Goal: Camas' native landscape and tree canopy will be protected and enhanced to maintain Camas' natural beauty and promote climate resiliency.

- Maintain and implement a tree canopy plan downtown.
- Partner with and support a backyard habitat program.
- Preserve trees on public and private property, especially large trees.
- Support native plants and nature spaces in the city, including school green spaces and citywide bioswales.
- Expand the list of permissible plants in bioswales.
- Remove invasive holly and blackberry.

## **Our Neighborhoods**

Goal: The City will provide public facilities that are resilient to climate change and meet the needs of the growing population.

- Implement a recycling center alongside garbage bins to promote recycling.
- Improve heat mitigation at the Camas farmers market with better pavers, covered structures, or coverage systems.
- Mandate new apartments to have air conditioning.

Goal: The City will plan for and accommodate population and employment projections in a way that maintains Camas' quality of life and small-town character.

- Encourage multifamily units to support walking to work, bolstered by an improved bus system.

Goal: The City will cultivate a business environment that promotes local businesses and establishes Camas as a desirable place for investment.

- Partner with CREDC to market the area and region to workers and tourists.
- Support diverse sizes of business units to accommodate various businesses.

Goal: The transportation system will accommodate anticipated growth and support the city's overall vision.

- Expand bike lanes, particularly around North Road and Lake Lacamas.
- Ensure developers include bike lanes and sidewalk easements as the city expands outward.

- Implement street elements and traffic calming on Downtown 3rd St. for pedestrian safety.

Goal: Camas neighborhoods will be vibrant, stable, and livable with a variety of housing choices that meet all stages in the life cycle, personal preferences, and a range of affordability.

- Integrate all income levels and promote infill with middle housing.
- Encourage different housing types and household mixes.

Goal: Camas will provide a setting of quality of life that attracts and retains businesses and offers a diverse range of employment opportunities.

- Improve clarity on buildable lands through mapping with the County.

Goal: The multimodal transportation system will be safe and efficient for all users, facilitate access to goods and services, connect neighborhoods, and encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

- Enhance safety on bike routes throughout the city.
- Establish designated bike lane corridors connecting to parks.
- Use community designs like Bend as a model, emphasizing sidewalks, bike lanes, and roundabouts.
- Improve sidewalk connectivity, such as in the Prune Hill area, to enable walking access to downtown.

### **Our Downtown**

Goal: Encourage redevelopment to expand opportunities Downtown for retail, office, and residential.

- Increase downtown housing options.
- Encourage a diversity of business types, avoiding chain restaurants.
- Partner with the Port of Camas-Washougal for collaborative projects.
- Advocate for a properly cleaned-up GP Mill area to enhance downtown and waterfront appeal.

Goal: Expand on civic life and services Downtown through strategic use of city-owned property and vibrant community events.

- Support local businesses over generic chains.
- Enhance food options and food courts, improve the city's website.

Goal: Create a safe and connected transportation network that makes Downtown walkable, bikeable, and accessible to the rest of the city.

- Build a parking structure on the GP lot.
- Implement traffic calming measures on 3rd Ave, including trees and bulb outs.
- Develop bike paths around new developments and congested areas.
- Add crosswalks on Garfield and signal indicators to connect bike and pedestrian traffic safely.
- Consider closing auto traffic on 4th Street between Adams and Franklin to enhance pedestrian access.
- Improve public transportation access to downtown.
- Enhance pedestrian and bike access via major routes like 6th Street to prioritize pedestrian friendliness on 3rd Ave.

Goal: Retain Downtown's historic character and expand its charm.

- Honor hometown heroes and collaborate with local historical societies.



- Include the GP Mill in long-term planning to preserve and expand downtown charm.

Goal: Plan for a range of housing options that welcome more people to live Downtown.

- Support a straightforward permit process for ADUs near downtown, potentially with incentives or tax breaks.
- Develop live/work villages, lofts, and community spaces with gardens.

Goal: Provide the right mix of development, services, and open spaces that support ways for people to live, work, and play Downtown.

- Consider seasonal outdoor dining options and flexible spaces for small businesses.

## **APPENDIX A. Comment Form submissions**

*In response to "How do we achieve our vision? Share your top three big ideas for each topic area!"*

### **Station 3: Our Community**

- Having amenities for younger children such as smaller playgrounds, indoor play facilities, etc.
- Need for more sporting fields/indoor swimming pool for highschoolers to use
- We need to reunite our community to be supportive of everyone and encourage more diversity
- Broker a deal with GP to use the five acres where old buildings were demolished a few years ago to build a community center.
- Build a community center, arcade and mini golf.

### **Station 4: Our Environment**

- Connect the bike infrastructure and bike rentals
- Is there a solution to the current well issue before adding more dwellings?
- We seem to be lacking mature landscaping in new construction neighborhoods, can some trees be preserved?
- Please continue including green spaces for multipurpose, especially sports rec areas for both soccer, little league, etc. (don't forget the girls softball – they have gotten the shaft when it comes to shared space) for great examples see Port of Klamath, Hazel Dells sports center and Hockinson Meadows Community Park.
- More access points to Lacamas Lake, and public transit to lake. Continuous trail around the lake.
- Encourage GP to gradually clean up the site to show they care about Camas.
- Save more parks/green spaces, keep more trees, and better garbage and recycling all over.
- How were these goals developed and how will they be used? Will there be policies that are developed as a result?
- What is a heritage tree program?
- Sometimes trees are planted too close together which makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic.
- The Port of Camas-Washougal has a program that helps property owners retrofit their buildings and improve the insulation.
- There is a coastal town in California, Los Osos, that has a walkway above marshland. There is a trail near Lacamas Lake near some lily pads and some type of boardwalk could help to stop people from walking over the lily pads.
- Parking is usually full near the trailhead for the Lacamas Heritage Trail off of NW Alexandra Lane. A larger parking lot is needed.
- Are there plans to address the well? There has been some talk about removing the well.
- The City should think about adding Redwoods to the tree canopy. They grow faster

than oak or cedar trees.

- Holding listening sessions on evacuation routes is a good idea (Steve Hogan).
- Large trees should be protected at all costs. It is difficult to replace them.
- Utilities should be placed underground.
- Has the old mill come up at all in any of the vision statements?
- The City should pave the gravel pit near the mill.

#### **Station 5: Our Neighborhoods**

- More neighborhood nodes – coffee shops etc. in the suburbs.
- Need more affordable housing options – condos/townhomes
- Regulate the distance between trees when planting them. Try driving out of Deer Creek neighborhood at Ogden Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to see what I mean. Once trees mature in width they block traffic sightlines on both the left and right. I have to pull into 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to see around the, albeit gorgeous, trees.
- Small pockets of business areas so people can walk from home.
- Make efforts to move power underground in some of the older neighborhoods
- Doggie waste bag stations

#### **Station 6: Our Downtown**

- More retail/restaurants would be nice to keep consistent traffic going through businesses.
- Available parking is already an issue, and I don't think a meter maid is the real solution with downtown events.
- We need a plan for potentially addressing traffic patterns at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Adams St.
- More diversity on type of businesses/services and more diversity in ownership. Less church/religious stamp on downtown. No chains, keep it local/small business.

## **APPENDIX B. Poster Board Notes**

*In response to "Use a sticky note to write an idea for how we can achieve these goals." + indicates agreement by another attendee.*

### **Station 3: Our Community**

Goal: Camas' artistic and cultural heritage will be protected, enhanced, and commemorated.

- Start a community theatre – I'll help 503-270-7264
- Renovate/restore the community center

Goal: Community events, involvement activities, and youth focused activities will instill a sense of belonging among residents of all ages while making Camas an ideal place to raise a family.

- Create multicultural fair/event where everyone is included
- Partner with schools to have a multicultural fair

Goal: The City will promote a strong sense of community through transparent communication, outreach efforts, partnerships, and accessibility.

- Less chains of food and shopping, promote small business growth
- Partner with the school district and have regular meetings to share resources and ideas

Goal: Public places will be valued and protected spaces, with safe and well-maintained facilities that foster a sense of community and promote physical and mental health.

- Work with Camas Ivy League to maintain and control invasives
- Protect the city and county parks, remove invasive plants like Holly and blackberry and make sure modifications are for everyone
- Protect and support the library
- Use the grass area on 6<sup>th</sup> between Birch and Adams as a dog park. It will bring more people to downtown, and partner with Dog PAW, they run many parks including Dakota in Vancouver.
- We need a park/gathering space downtown. +1

Goal: Camas residents enjoy access to quality education and support their schools through partnerships and investments.

- Green Team at every school/sustainability and green practices at our schools
- Need safe transport walking corridors, also need facilities like internet
- Support economic development and green tech
- We need economic development as part of our overall vision! Bring in new businesses and support what's here!
- Add goal of strong economic development and partner with the DCA

### **Station 4: Our Environment**

Goal: A network of parks, trails, and open space will connect neighborhoods, wildlife corridors, and natural resources and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

- Heritage trailhead with parking is usually full and there are many more houses being

built consider more parking for access to trail.

- Consider all the growth from new homes adds to overwhelming the park facility at round at facilities to the top side of round near lilies.
- Create boardwalk on the Lily fields trail to discourage damage by pedestrians.
- Please pave or gravel the mill ditch so it connects downtown with other amazing paths and lakes.

Goal: Camas' infrastructure and transportation system will be able to withstand and recover quickly from extreme weather events and other hazards exacerbated by climate change.

- Bury all overhead electrical
- A pedestrian walkway on forest home Rd.
- Find upgrades to sewer and sewer systems before repaving
- Reform storm water modeling under climate scenarios to understand capacity of infrastructure and level of service requests

Goal: The City will embrace clean energy technologies to promote healthy air quality for all Camas residents.

- Retrofit older buildings to meet current code
- Clean up the GP mill to unrestricted use, recognize water clean up as potable, test at gallery wells for potential contamination of city drinking water
- Connect to our river/waterfront, stop and hold pollution sources responsible for water quality in lakes rivers and aquifers.
- More electric Car charging stations. +1

Goal: Camas' native landscape and tree canopy will be protected enhanced to maintain Camas' natural beauty and promote climate resiliency.

- Thank you for having a tree plan and maintaining our tree canopy downtown!
- Partner and support backyard habitat program
- Tree preservation on public and private property
- Save every big tree, you cannot get them back!
- Support native plants and nature spaces in the city, school green spaces and citywide bioswales. Expand list of permissible plants in bioswale.
- Redwoods.
- Remove invasive holly and blackberry
- Education to include out historical connection to founder of Earth day in city's motto and branding 'home of earth day'

### **Station 5: Our Neighborhoods**

Goal: The City will provide public facilities that are resilient to climate change and meet the needs of the growing population.

- Recycling center instead of just garbage bins have opportunity for recycling bins.
- Please consider heat mitigation at the camas farmers market as it's getting so hot, better pavers? Covered structure or coverage system?
- Require new apartments to have air conditioning

Goal: The City will plan for and accommodate population and employment projections in a way that maintains Camas' quality of life and small town character.

- Multifamily units to allow people to walk to work but that requires a good bus system to get people around. +1

Goal: The City will cultivate a business environment that promotes local businesses and establishes Camas as a desirable place for investment

- Partners with CREDC to market the area and region to workers and tourists.
- Diverse sizes of business units, so many different businesses can exist. +1

Goal: the transportation system will accommodate anticipated growth and support the city's overall vision

- We need a lot more bike lanes particularly North Road around lake Lacamas
- As the city expands outwards make sure the roads have the more bike lanes and sidewalk easements built by the developers buying the land
- Downtown 3rd St. must have Street elements, traffic calming to ensure pedestrian safety in crossing the street

Goal: Camas neighborhoods will be vibrant, stable, and livable with a variety of housing choices that meet all stages in the life cycle, personal preferences and a range of affordability.

- Seek to integrate all levels of income and find ways to mix into suitable areas of the community think infill with middle housing
- Too bad the Everett corridor is being sacrificed needlessly
- A YIMBY (yes, in my back yard) campaign needs to be established different housing types with different household types should not be ostracized young people and empty nesters need a place to live.

Goal: Camas will provide a setting of and quality of life that attract and retain businesses and will be home to a diverse range of employment opportunities

- Get much better. Clarify mapping with County as to buildable lands.

Goal: the multimodal transportation system will be safe and efficient for all users, facilitate access to goods and services, connect neighborhoods, and encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

- Safer bike routes
- Designated bike lanes corridors up to and through parks. +1
- Use community like bend as an example of sidewalks bike lanes and roundabouts. +1
- Connect sidewalks (Prune Hill area example, notable to walk to downtown)

### **Station 6: Our Downtown**

Goal: Encourage redevelopment to expand opportunities Downtown for retail, office and residential.

- More downtown housing +1
- Encourage places to eat, see Vancouver Waterfront without chain restaurants.

- Partner with the Port of C-W
- Where is the vision for a properly cleaned up Mill? The City Plan is responsible for input to the state's cleanup. Without it our destiny is a sad downtown and waterfront.
- Diversity of business types. +1

Goal: Expand on civic life and services Downtown through strategic use of city owned property and vibrant community events.

- A community pool would be appreciated! +1
- A community recreation and senior center.
- Establish a community Theatre +1
- More food and food courts, better website.
- Support local business owners not generic chains.

Goal: Create a safe and connected transportation network that makes Downtown walkable, bikeable, and accessible to the rest of the city.

- Parking structure on the GP lot.
- Slow down traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave! Add trees and bulb outs and other traffic calming measures.
- Bike paths to circumnavigate new development and congestion.
- Add crosswalks on Garfield (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>) and at least one with a signal indicator to connect bike and pedestrian traffic safely to downtown (also through to trailheads behind church on 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Close down auto traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> street between Adams and Franklin +1
- Improve public transportation to downtown.
- More major traffic into 6<sup>th</sup> so 3<sup>rd</sup> is more pedestrian friendly.

Goal: Retain Downtown's historic character and expand its charm.

- Honor hometown heroes.
- Partner with 3-rivers museum and Clark County Historical Society
- Zone standards for mix use in downtown Camas.
- If you want to expand the City's charm, include the GP Mill in your 20 year planning process, its greyed out on your map.

Goal: Plan for a range of housing options that welcome more people to live Downtown.

- Support a straightforward and affordable permit process for ADU's especially within a mile of downtown possibly provide incentives, subsidies, breaks on property taxes etc. +1
- Live/workspaces villages and lofts with quality community spaces and gardens

Goal: Provide the right mix of development, services, and open spaces that support ways for people to live, work, and play Downtown.

- Please consider outdoor dining for sit down restaurant service, limit time from Memorial Day to Labor Day with balance of spaces taken up parking needs.
- Flex spaces for small businesses.

## APPENDIX C. Online Survey Submissions

*An online survey was live from after the event through June 17<sup>th</sup> as an additional mechanism for feedback. The online survey received 24 responses.*

1. I feel the vision statement is:

- Right on. (x8)
- Headed in the right direction, but could be improved. (x7)
- Is missing something. (x9)

2. If you feel it is missing something or could be improved, let us know how!

- Protect the small businesses already here! Don't take away CRUCIAL parking for places like acorn and oak. You're effectively dooming them. The empty property for sale near them should be used for community parking!
- Natural Beauty, safe and diverse (economically, ethically, what people do for a living and politically)
- Love the emphasis on walkability which helps foster social connection and interaction, generating connectedness in the community! Wish we had an aquatics center, but I know that was shut down unfortunately. More mixed-use buildings is nice too
- Camas locals do not want growth. We don't want more housing and businesses. We want the small town feel that we used to have.
- There is no affordable housing. The school district is losing students because young families cannot afford to move here. Utilities and taxes are pricing good families out.
- Improved transportation options in the whole Camas area - mini busses or shuttles, bike rentals, ride share programs etc. -- increase connectivity while mitigating/reducing personal vehicle use as the area density increases
- Camas is NOT inclusive. The out of state newcomers have strangled the ability for life long residents who were born and raised here to live here. There is not affordable housing and the taxes and reckless spending are out of control. The arrogance stinks.
- Increased focus on how we will maintain livability for those who have lived here for generations and cannot afford the taxes, cost of housing, and devastating impacts of urban sprawl that is at the forefront of the city's apparent plans.
- Neighborhoods need to include green spaces & trails not only for human residents but for wild plant & animal life. Environment & community need to include space for urban/suburban farms for growing food. Downtown--"expansion" should be carefully regulated.
- "Camas is a DIVERSE and inclusive community..."
- Parking is a big issue in downtown. So if you add more businesses, you have to add more parking
- Neighborhood traffic near schools (with no bus service) should have traffic improvements to naturally slow vehicles for the sake of safety.



- The environmental section should specifically mention maintaining Lacamas Park as a priority. Can you imagine Camas with a poorly maintained Lacamas Park? The city's value would markedly decrease. (I understand multiple entities are responsible for park)
- "inclusive" is given top priority in the vision statement, but it's not a primary characteristic of Camas, nor was it found in the brainstorm survey. Who added this?
- I would like to see less church owned properties right in the center of downtown. Although I respect the religious beliefs, the massive presence takes away from more amenable area for downtown activities.
- The "living room"(downtown) has a block of buildings that don't seem to be part of it. I'm not exactly sure how the church has come to own so much of the small, intimate, downtown area. It's a shame, that space could be put to better use.
- The possessive of Camas is Camas's not Camas'
- Expanding what the City calls "downtown" - the mill's property should be viewed as part of the "downtown" footprint as it represents both constraints and large opportunities IF we include it TODAY as a part of the planning process

## OUR COMMUNITY

### 3. How do we achieve this? Share your top three big ideas!

- Adjust zoning to allow for small business to open up shop all around camas. Not just downtown or in strip malls. But true neighborhood spots in all the developments that are driving distance from other businesses
- Continue park and library improvements, rejuvenate downtown Camas' infrastructure to improve walkability, adding a community indoor/outdoor pool would be nice, doesn't have to be super fancy or expensive
- We need to get rid of the two hour limit on parking in downtown so we can support local businesses. Rather than only having time for dinner OR a movie, allow free unlimited parking so you can do both without getting a ticket.
- Listen to what the citizens want. Make things happen, don't just talk about them. Take better care of our vision clearance areas especially downtown, many hazards just waiting to happen, also breaking the cities on Municipal Codes.
- Follow through on these statements is all important!
- Lower utilities and taxes to attract families. Lower the business taxes as to not lose anymore existing businesses. Do not follow the national political ideology!!
- Leave the mill alone. It is what put the city on the map. The high school admin should be ashamed of calling the mascot Makers instead of Papermakers. We should put financial caps to ensure our original citizens are protected.
- Focus on pay for teachers opposed to admin, actively reduce sprawl, stop road expansions and developments on the north shore, maintain and care for historic places, focus on infill opposed to destroying natural areas and farmland
- your goals appear to be youth & family centered. You need to be aware of aging residents, their interests and needs.

- We need an accessible and larger community center in a central location (even if it is shared with Washougal). Downtown Camas activities couldn't be better. Engagement efforts are great--council needs to listen to citizens' wants & spend conservatively.
- Prioritize community gathering spaces. Make bike lanes accessible to major hubs with bike parking. Citizens will never prioritize healthy alternative forms of transportation if endless parking is provided across the city.
- The biggest attractions are the parks, lakes, and trails of Camas. Secondly are the excellent schools. Thirdly is the small town feel. So if you add more growth. You won't have a small town feel anymore.
- Keep investing in art, attract more live music venues/events.
- Continue using buildings to display art. Create more public gathering spaces that are pedestrian/cyclist focused that include the natural environment and public art/cultural history.
- Community Events, clean streets, strong business network, support developers, tough on crime, keep out vagrants
- Less focus on the insidious WOKE attitude. Just accept everyone without the bend over backwards celebration, which results in a focus on differences rather than our commonalities.
- Maintaining a business friendly environment that encourages investment in new businesses such as restaurants. Utilizing public-private partnerships to bring small shops/restaurants at or near parks.

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

### 4. How do we achieve this? Share your top three big ideas!

- Save at least some land for wildlife! Don't develop too much and make this just another hideous bunch of cookie cutter houses and strip malls. Also, reckless driving is increasing, especially on crown road and third.
- City should buy and maintain more preserved nature land within the area. Protect all current natural areas. Slow development in green spaces and promote more density in already developed areas.
- Improve/widen more of the sidewalks downtown camas and add more bike lanes especially to N.E. 3rd Ave up Crown Rd, don't need 4 car lanes there, continue park and infrastructure improvements, connect all trails via bike and walking paths
- Limit parking to residential passes and eliminate out of out of towners, open trails to bikes, allow park to have my bike jumps back. Stop with such environmental measures. All while stop cutting trees down m!
- Stop kicking the can down the road on maintenance of our streets. If the company fails to do the job right don't accept 1/2 ass work. Hold them accountable, also our buildings. Example Lodge building screwed up window spacing. Should have been fixed
- Follow through on these statements is all important!
- Easy. If you need to take trees down to build, then don't build there!

- Incentivize home owners to plant more trees; evaluate options for trails in residential areas and connect them to downtown; create walk/bike paths to connect Camas top to bottom, side to side - for work commute even (no cars!)
- More funding for parks. Both to improve & maintain
- Don't allow people who cut trees down to build their homes years ago to deny that same option to be afforded to others. So narcissistic. Hold Lacamas Shores accountable for their watershed issue. Leave the Everett corridor intact.
- YES! Our Camas outdoor parks/trails are un-met! YES! YES! maintain & Keep parks, trails, corridors so valuable to us all. Pls Avoid creating business/industrial developments to boost tax \$\$'s (which Beaverton/Hillsboro Ore did, sadly)
- Preserve open space. Preserve wildlife, wild areas, trees, agriculture, farms, not building on every available space. Trails/bike routes in connecting areas like Forest Home Road. Volunteer events to care for parks & spaces, with some kind of incentive.
- Lacamas Regional Park needs to be more responsive to trail maintenance requests and work offered by volunteers. Without volunteers the park would be overgrown and most trails would be unusable.
- Biofilter in the lakes so they are usable year-round, no more toxic algal blooms. ban harmful fertilizers
- During storms we need more snow and ice removal vehicles. Only main roads were plowed and so many people can not leave their homes if they live on streets that are not cleared
- Maintain current parks/lakes/outdoor spaces before investing in new spaces, install swales in neighborhoods to help with flooding issues, use native plantings.
- Prioritize improving collaboration between the entities that own Lacamas park AND local volunteers so that the park receives timely maintenance and enhancements. Current process excludes volunteers critical & maintenance is too delayed.
- You have a good plan here keep it up.
- By utilizing clean hydro power.
- Get the mill cleaned up; assess its risks to our drinking water; Incentivize HOAs to maintain facilities & participate more fully in our stormwater management; seek to PROTECT drinking water supplies thru sound risk planning & better wellhead protection

## OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

### 5. How do we achieve this? Share your top three big ideas!

- Don't overdevelop and lose all the natural beauty. Less is more
- Not sure.
- Connect all of neighborhoods and parks to downtown camas with walkable sidewalks and trails all the way to Lacamas would be great. Especially Crown Rd to NE 3rd to downtown and even to Washougal Waterfront
- I hate all of this. I want a mayor that will fight against that states growth plan. No one cares about climate change, no one wants mass transit, and especially no one wants wider roads and more roundabouts. This town is getting destroyed.

- Common sense don't plant trees right beside street lights. Don't have planting areas in our sidewalks, would help with all the raised and horrible ones in neighborhoods.
- Follow through on these statements is all important!
- No public transportation in neighborhoods.
- encourage mini van shuttle services, rent a bike services, encourage personal ride sharing (co-commuting) by creating programs and digital tools for people to connect safely
- Cap taxes for people who were born here. Allow tiny homes and ADU's. Get on top of the growing homeless issue in our parks and neighborhoods.
- our goal mentions NOTHING about community Safety!! There needs to be an emphasis on crime Prevention and commitment to law enforcement, esp. if your goal is growing population.
- All developments should include green space, trails, and trees. Growth should be VERY slow, as slow as possible, to allow for adjustments to infrastructure. Less urban=more valuable and enjoyed by everyone in the long run.
- Bike lanes, playgrounds with exercise stations (think pull up and dip bars), sports courts (pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America right now)
- Add new bus routes, public transit to connect to Portland and Vancouver!!, busses to connect neighborhoods to downtown
- I think roundabouts are okay but you don't need them everywhere. The busiest roads are Lake Road and Everett Rd.
- No new building permits until clean water is assured for all residents! Tighter restrictions on residential developer permits.
- Prioritize safe bike lanes that connect the city. By safe, I mean bike lanes that mom's & dad's feel safe using with their kids i.e. a PHYSICAL divider between car lane and bike lane for safety. This will increase # of ppl who use bikes for transportation.
- Preserve the small town vibe. Single family homes. No multi family
- Dedicated bike trails that connect neighborhoods to schools. Ensure each community has a safe walking paths that connect to parks/schools.
- TOTALLY missing the word affordable and clearly not accommodating the blue collar employees that make a City go. One only look at North Shore (Toll Brothers) and Camas Meadows (Romano) to envision what is spoken above as privileged only welcome here.

## OUR DOWNTOWN

### 6. How do we achieve this? Share your top three big ideas!

- Another crosswalk on Garfield would be amazing
- Provide ease of development to those with a proven history of ethical growth of development.
- Needs more mixed use development, no more one story single use buildings please, yes more walkable and bikeable please, more restaurants and shopping needed, the gate to Louis Block park can be improved it looks really old, just updating downtown needed
- We don't want to achieve this. Stop the growth, keep the small town.

- Implement pay to park in hopes of being able to get a parking garage. Parking is at a minimum now and this issue needs to be addressed ASAP. People pay to park everywhere else and they don't complain.
- Follow through on these statements is all important!
- We have enough downtown living. This keeps it clean and organized.
- Move the church from downtown to another area and use the space for businesses that actually pay tax; use that money to fund downtown upkeep;
- Increase the parking fines to better control the issue. Move the farmers market to Crown Park. Again, leave the mill alone.
- Presently, downtown Camas is NOT walkable. Each crossing of a block is a pedestrian safety matter, drivers in cars. I feel unwelcome in downtown Camas.
- Keep vital services downtown. Post Office, Library, affordable restaurants, should be prioritized over housing, wineries. New construction should be attractive, classic styles (Euro, art deco, Victorian), no big rectangles (like new apartments going in).
- Keep downtown walkable. Cars should never be a priority. If you create a beautiful downtown hub, people will come. People who walk/bike/use alternative methods of transport are more likely to spend \$ at local businesses.
- Stop approving churches on the main strip. bring back a pizza by the slice place.
- I don't know if having apartment above businesses is a good idea. Downtown is already crowded as it is. You don't have to build on every remaining area. I often thought that downtown would be great if you made 4th street a pedestrian walkway.
- Ensure downtown remains commercial, NOT religious! A Christian church on our main street makes those of us who are not religious feel uncomfortable. A good rule - if The Satanic Temple is not welcome to do it, neither should be the Christian church.
- The historical downtown Camas St is fantastic, however it could be improved by expanding it to neighboring streets. For ex, 3rd Ave is an eyesore and not friendly to pedestrians. 5th Ave also could be developed to have a similar look & feel to 4th Ave
- Don't worry about transportation. getting to downtown is already accessible. Maybe a shuttle for seniors
- Have the church move to buildings outside the downtown area, so that the space/buildings can be used to benefit and be enjoyed by the WHOLE community.
- Redevelop the paper mill property and ensure it is safe for mixed use development.
- If you want to expand charm, start pushing to get that downtown eyesore remediated....there's nothing charming about the unseen decades of pollution there.

7. Is there anything else you would like to share about the Our Camas 2045 process?

- It looks great and like headed in the right direction for sure with focus on physical movement, getting people out of cars and more convenience for walking and social interactions and connectedness!
- No more selling land to large developers who want to cram in big houses on small lots, and stop with apartment complexes!!!! Our roads and schools do not want more growth. People moved to Camas to get away from people!!!!!!

- Please add more community meetings and add the results of our (public) input to the website and follow up emails when we share our address
- Love that you're doing this and I'm super inspired to live in this community. I'd love to learn how to get involved and join you on this journey of making the vision the reality!
- The City is hemorrhaging other people's money. This has got to stop. We cannot keep spending on the backs of others.
- Camas is now a place our friends, family, credit union, etc. advise us to stay away from and build our lives elsewhere. It's a shame what greed and development have done to our home.
- Applause for city planners, involving Camas residents in 20 yr. projections! Looking fwd. to hearing milestone efforts to sustain the lovely charm & character of Camas.
- great job thanks
- When you have meetings instead of breaking off into groups you could have various informed speakers talk about plans then take questions from audience as they sit on seats so everyone can hear
- Lacamas park needs to be specifically named and goals for its enhancement specifically outlined. Goals for bike infrastructure must include bike lanes with physical barriers that protect cyclists from cars otherwise most families will not utilize them
- I have to be honest, the Vision statement is terrible. "inclusive" is not relevant to Camas, and will be harmful to strategic planning. The rest of the vision statement is vague. The environment statement is acceptable but also redundant.
- Love that you are asking for input, and hope it is discussed and considered.
- The open house hosted in the lodge was a poor way to communicate information. Slides being shown without explanation and timed so quickly that you couldn't read all the info was disappointing. The noise in the room meant nearly shouting to be heard.