



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

FROM: Nicole Mardell, Senior Planner – Long Range
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DATE: October 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Deschutes 2040 Meeting #2 – Key Planning Issues, Challenges, and Goals

I. MEETING #2: KEY PLANNING ISSUES, CHALLENGES, AND GOALS

The Comprehensive Plan is Deschutes County's policy document for guiding growth and development within the county over a 20-year planning period. The plan's purpose is to provide a policy framework for zoning and land use regulations, demonstrate consistency with statewide goals, rules, and laws, and serve as a cohesive vision for future planning activities.

As part of the update process, staff is gathering input on key planning issues, challenges, opportunities, and goals for the future of the County. This input, in combination with technical studies, will be used in crafting goal and policy language for the updated plan.

At the October 13 meeting, the project consultant and staff will facilitate an exercise to identify key planning issues, challenges, opportunities, and goals from each Planning Commissioner's perspective. A preliminary list of items is included as an attachment to this memo. It is based on initial work on the Comprehensive Plan update to date. Staff has provided a few questions below to assist Planning Commissioners in preparing for the exercise. Regarding the preliminary list we have identified:

- Are we on the right track? Are any of these issues off-base or do they need to be framed differently?
- What have we missed? What other issues or challenges do you think are important to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan?
- Are there any sources of information we should be reviewing to address specific issues we may have missed?

II. UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Several upcoming engagement opportunities are forthcoming later in October. These events will be advertised through press releases, social media, the project website, and through the project email list.

Community – Wide Open Houses

The project team is holding four in-person open houses across the county. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the project and break into small groups to discuss key issues, challenges and opportunities facing rural Deschutes County, and a vision for the future. Each meeting follows the same format; there is no need to attend all four meetings.

- **Bend Open House – Deschutes County Service Center (1300 NW Wall Street, Bend)**
Barnes and Sawyer Room
Wednesday, October 19 5:30-7:30 pm
- **Sisters Open House – Sisters High School (1700 W McKinney Butte Rd, Sisters)**
Lecture Room
Thursday, October 20 4:00-6:00 pm
- **Sunriver Open House – Sunriver Homeowners Aquatic & Recreation Center (SHARC)**
57250 Overlook Road, Sunriver, Benham Hall
Monday, October 24 4:00-6:30 pm
- **Redmond Open House – Redmond City Hall (411 SW 9th St, Redmond)**
Rooms 207/208
Tuesday, October 25 6:00-8:00 pm

Online Open House Survey

In addition to the in-person events listed above, a self-guided online open house and survey will be available for those who prefer to attend remotely. The online open house and survey will be posted to the project website (www.deschutes.org/2040) beginning October 19, 2022 and will remain open through November 4, 2022.

Meeting-in-a-Box Events

In addition to the larger open house events, staff are also hosting informal, smaller scale meetings with stakeholder groups. Staff identified and is contacting approximately 90 groups including agencies, nonprofits, and social organizations. Interested groups or members of the public can also request a meeting with staff by sending an email to our project email address: deschutes2040@deschutes.org.

III. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting on the Deschutes 2040 Project will be on November 10 and will be focused on two items. Staff and the consultant will share results of the phase two community engagement activities regarding visioning and key issues. The meeting will also be the first of three meetings in which commissioners will review current Comprehensive Plan goals and policies and suggest potential revisions and gaps in policy language. Future meetings are listed in the table below.

Table 1 – Tentative Dates for Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings

| Activity Description | Start Date |
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| | 2022 |
| PC Meeting #3 - Results of Phase 2 Visioning Activities and Policy Review | 10-Nov |
| PC Meeting #4 - Policy Review Part 2 | 8-Dec |
| | 2023 |
| PC Meeting #5 Policy Review Part 3 | 26-Jan |
| In Person Open House Round #2 - Review of Draft Goals and Policies | Feb/March |
| Online Survey #2 - Review of Draft Goals and Policies | Feb/March |
| PC Meeting #6 Results of Engagement Activities/Policy Refinement | 13-Apr |
| PC Meeting #7 - Draft Action Plan Document Review | 11-May |
| PC Meeting #8 - Draft Comprehensive Plan Document Review | 13-Jul |

Attachment

Preliminary List of Key Issues and Themes