

An aerial photograph of a park featuring a large lake, a stone bridge, and surrounding greenery. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan Update

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING

AUGUST 19, 2024

Tonight's Meeting

Community Survey Report

Open House Report

DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Status

Q&A

Community Survey Report

Survey Results – Key Takeaways



932 respondents!

This is a great response rate!
Thank you to all who participated and got the word out!



Strong alignment with current vision statement.

More work needed on infrastructure for active modes, regional collaboration, and inclusivity.
Priorities are safety, protecting green spaces, and more recreational opportunities.



Community values:

Safe and walkable neighborhoods
Beautiful parks, trails, and open spaces
Quality schools
Compact, inviting, and walkable Town Center
Convenient businesses and services

Survey Results – Key Takeaways

Consistent themes include:

- Safety (esp. focused on nonmotorized transportation)
- Environmental conservation
- Parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails

Notable desire to expand the character and range of businesses in Town Center and other commercial nodes



Image Source: *The Seattle Times*

Survey Results - Housing

Strong preference for preserving character-defining features of single-unit detached residential

Desire to create a range of affordability levels to serve a variety of family types and life stages

Allowing mixed-use development

Notable acceptance of smaller-scale middle housing types (cottage courts, ADUs, duplexes)

Concerns include environmental impacts, reduction of tree canopy coverage, nonmotorized safety concerns, incompatibility with existing neighborhood character



Duplex Side-by-Side



Duplex Stacked



Triplex Stacked



Cottage Housing

Image Source: Washington Department of Commerce

Survey Results – Transportation and Infrastructure

Clear desire for sidewalks and other nonmotorized infrastructure

Preferred facilities improvements are:

- Improve aging infrastructure
- Plan more cohesively for utilities
- Maintain and enhance parks

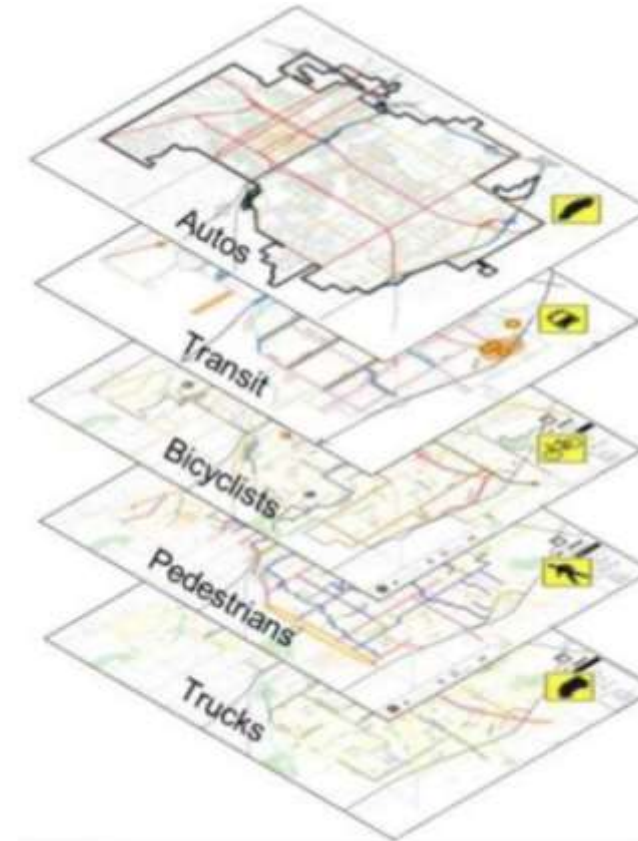


Image Source: Puget Sound Regional Council



Survey Results – Environmental Stewardship

Priorities include:

- Protecting and enhancing natural areas and wildlife habitats
- Maintaining and growing the urban tree canopy
- Expanding pedestrian infrastructure
- Effectively treat stormwater

Open House Report



Open House Report

Open House held July 16 at Third Place Commons

Estimated ~45-50 attendees

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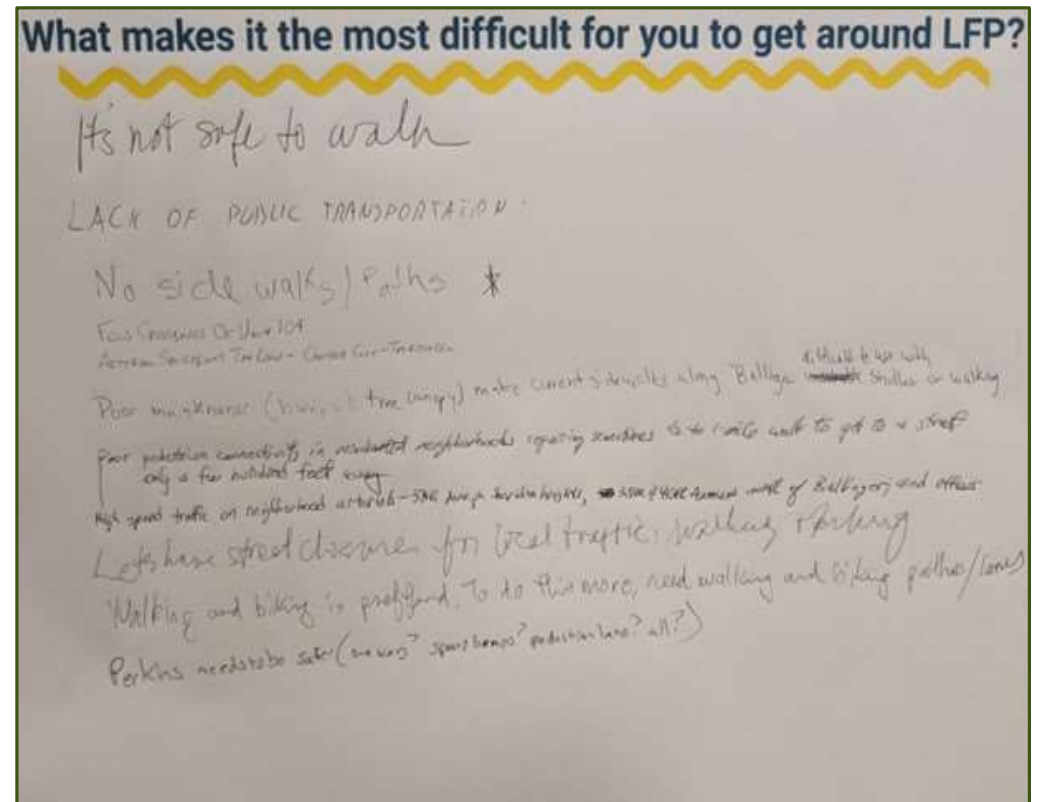
TRANSPORTATION

Desire for investment in pedestrian safety improvements

Existing bike facilities are great – but need more

Broader transit network

Speed control/traffic calming



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HOUSING

Interest in expanding housing options

- Duplex
- Triplex
- Fourplex
- Cottages

Strong desire for consistency with current neighborhood form/scale

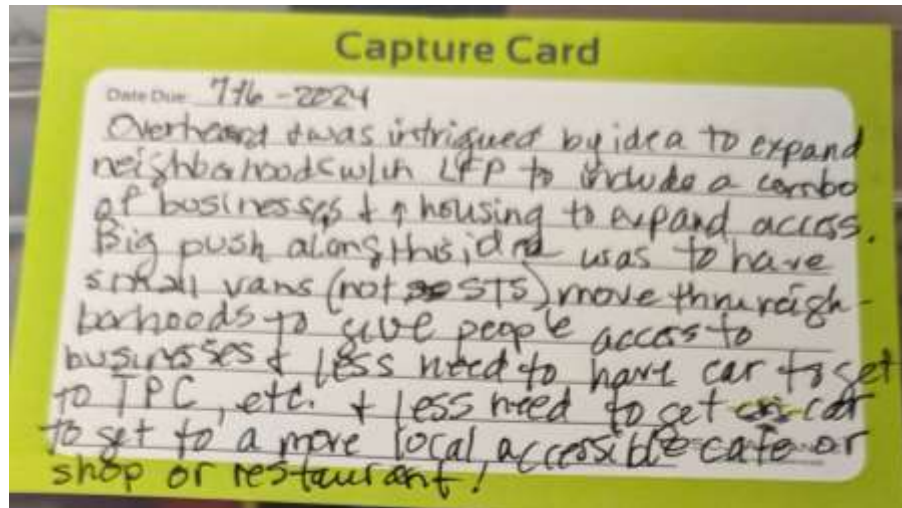
Concerns about tree canopy, density, traffic



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Interest in neighborhood-serving commercial
Ballinger Way corridor could meet this desire



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Strong preference to maintain/expand tree canopy

Protect health of streams and steep slopes, especially in higher density development scenarios

Further education may be warranted during implementation:

- Reassurance that new development is subject to adopted zoning and critical areas requirements
- Middle housing types and ADUs create opportunities for more lifestyles, not just a range of incomes
- Options/opportunities for active transportation improvements with new development or City investment
- Climate planning/priorities

DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Status

Current Status

Public hearing held August 13

- Two people testified

Upcoming Changes:

- Final comments received from Tree Board, Park Board, Police Department incorporated
- Final review comments from Planning Commissioners (still expecting some comments)

Other minor updates needed throughout:

- Clean up placeholders (i.e., middle housing policies in LU element)
- Some capital facilities, utilities, and transportation data still missing; coordinating with Public Works
- Adding current graphics, photos – after text is accepted by Planning Commission

Schedule

Task	Anticipated Due Date
Incorporate Comments	
Planning Commission Comments	Late August
Public Comments	Late August
Implementation Strategy	By September 10
Final Recommendation	By September 10
Transition to City Council	
Briefing	August 19
First Review	August/September

Plan Update Framework and Guidance

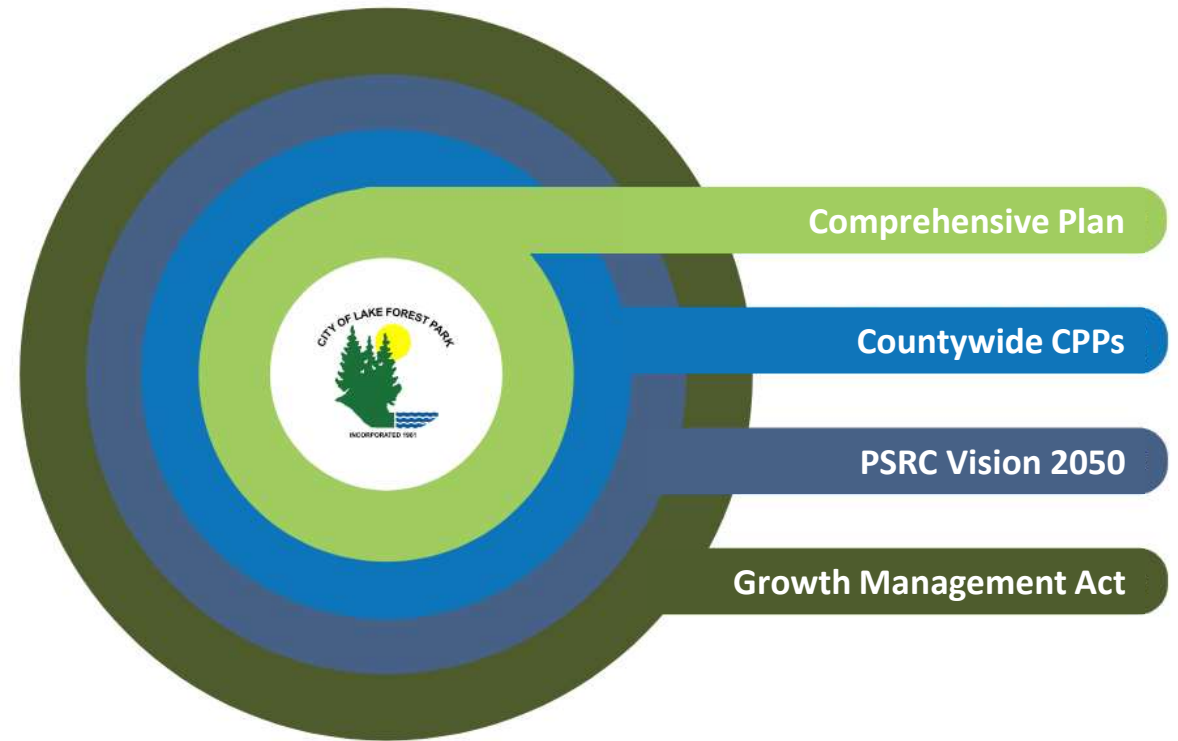
Element Update Objectives

Regulatory Compliance

- GMA & Amendments
- King County CPPs
- PSRC Vision 2050

Community Vision and Priorities

- Balance environmental preservation, economic vitality, and neighborhoods
- Support diverse cultures and perspectives
- Vibrant Town Center is the heart of the community
- Safe and connected neighborhoods

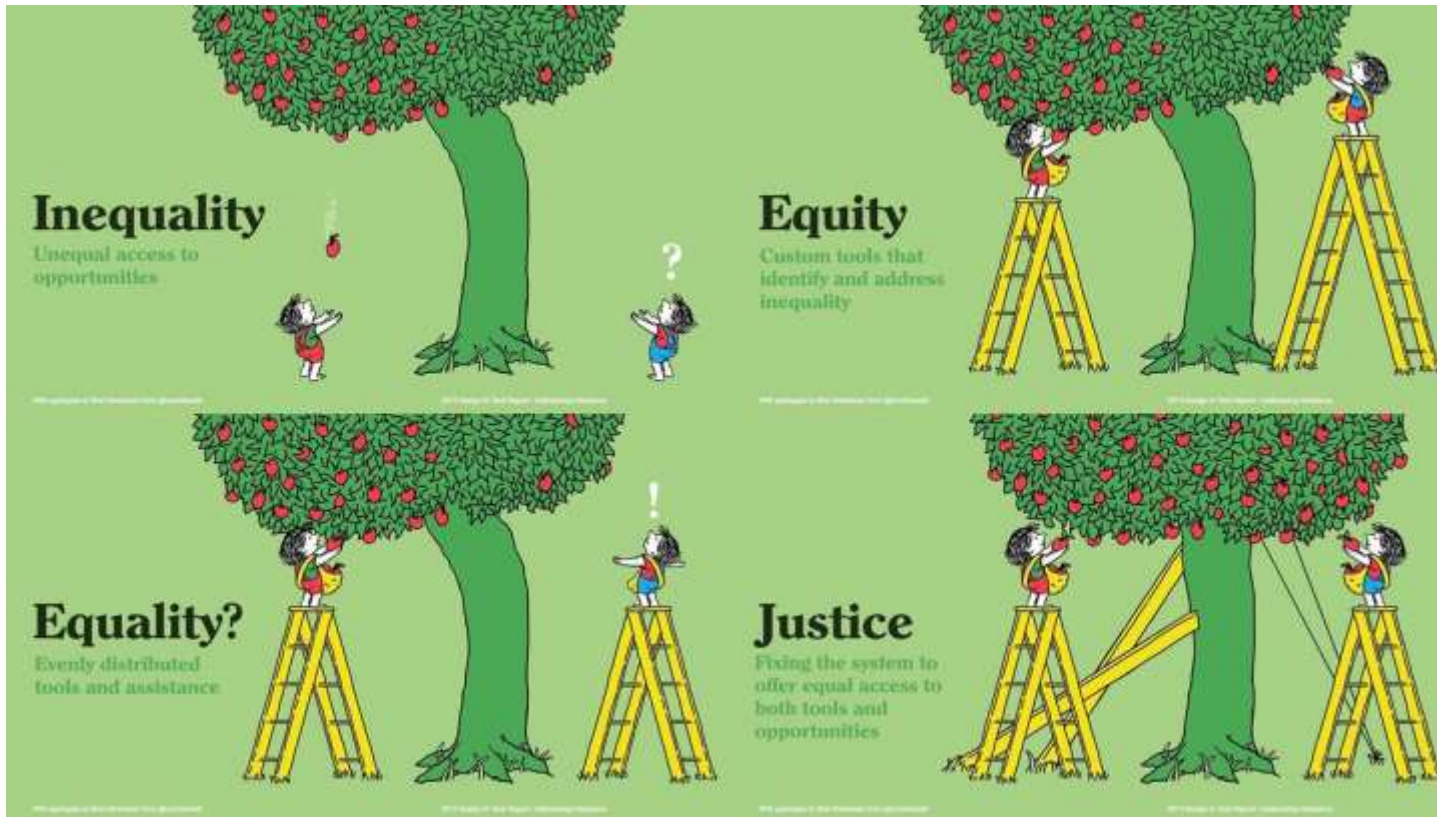


Policy Framework

Framework Structure	Key Words	Recommendation
<p>Goals should be a <u>high-level</u>, comprehensive, and intentionally vague overview of the future vision.</p>	<p>Facilitate, promote, encourage, preserve</p>	<p>Look for opportunities to <u>simplify</u> goals and confirm that policies are <u>consistent</u> with each goal.</p>
<p>Policies should be <u>moderately specific</u> steps to make the goals possible.</p>	<p>Maintain, enhance, encourage, promote, increase, designate, consider, coordinate, support, explore</p>	<p><u>Policies lead to actions.</u> Policies should be phrased with “and” statements that may indicate actions within a policy.</p>
<p>Actions are <u>very specific</u>; when completed, there will be a tangible or measurable result or product.</p>	<p>Develop, adopt, implement, map, evaluate, review, align, work, establish</p>	<p>Identify <u>actions that may already exist</u> within policies and suggest any new ones.</p>


Equity Primer

Equity-forward language is emphasized in GMA, PSRC Vision 2050, and King County CPPs.



Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities.

Equity considers the specific needs or circumstances of a person or group and provides the resources needed to be successful.

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Discussion/Questions

Equity Review and Evaluation

Goal and Policy Evaluation Questions:

1. What do we intend to protect or prevent?
2. Who benefits, and how? Who is burdened, and how?
3. Does this contribute to identified racially disparate impacts, displacement, or exclusion?
4. Can the benefits be more widely distributed? Can the burdens be minimized or more widely shared?
5. Did impacted community members help identify new goals and policies?
6. Were policy and goal additions, alternatives, or improvements to undo racially disparate impacts addressed?
7. Were anti-displacement policies included to support those who are most at risk of physical, economic, or cultural displacement?
8. Does the policy language provide clear direction for implementation?
9. Are the policies clear in their intent, and do they provide clarity for measurement and tracking purposes?