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Date	Source	Comment	Category
6-Apr	Open House	Abiding with flood control requirements downtown (old and new development) - impacts all of us downtown and our insurance rates	Land Use
7-Apr	Online Survey	Land use needs to be very intentional. I want to preserve as many natural resources as possible. I do think Snoqualmie needs affordable housing for the middle class. Maybe an apartment complex with affordable rent. I would also love to have a few more restaurant choices. There are plots of land in the Williams Addition that I am interested in buying but was told that they aren't for sale. It would be great if people had more options of buying land in Snoqualmie.	Land Use
7-Apr	Online Survey	I hope that over the next 20 years of land development that strip malls like the ones that run along Gilman Blvd don't happen along Snoqualmie parkway. As people push to get further out of the city and masstransit follows to accommodate and reduce the congestion on roads it would be nice if consumerism/commercial space could be built upward and not sprawl.	Land Use
9-Apr	Online Survey	I'm not for multi family zoning in single family neighborhoods. Brings in the wrong kind of people. I'm sure the city of snoqualmie is planning for zoning changes to accommodate higher government edicts to get more money. Land use is most always about taking others property for the betterment of the city. Nice socialism tendencies.	Land Use
9-Apr	Online Survey	We would like to know what this plan is. Please publish it. We would like to see our area stay rural and beautiful, adding more trees to medians with more plant materials especially up in our town area in upper Snoqualmie. Then more trees added to our developments including ours in Ironwood. No more new developments of houses or expansions of businesses or hotels. Keeping it rural!!! BEAUTIFUL! NATURAL. PLEASE!! Thank you. That is why we bought in this gorgeous area. Plus it keeps our traffic numbers down, plus crime, etc... more safety... Please hold true to the vision they had when originally creating Snoqualmie Ridge and keeping lower Snoqualmie and North Bend lovely and not all developed... thank you.	Land Use
9-Apr	Online Survey	Please just keep us rural.. no more developments. As I heard is the plan. We would love to have more restaurants.. I think keeping the rents low in the towns for businesses to flourish is the key plus taxes low and utilities.. not taxing us to death. So important!!!! To us all!!!!	Land Use
10-Apr	Online Survey	I am grateful that the city is not being over-developed. I just moved from Anacortes, where the woodlands have been decimated over the past few years without regard for expanding infrastructure. There also doesn't seem to be the same issues with un-housed encampments that have grown out of control.	Land Use
10-Apr	Online Survey	Th amount of building makes me wonder who is getting rich that we have to cover over so much nature. They obviously have the ear of the peel n control.	Land Use
11-Apr	Online Survey	I like keeping the growth down and maintaining the forests and mountain look of the community.	Land Use
11-Apr	Online Survey	Stop developing	Land Use
12-Apr	Online Survey	<p>Push back on the huge growth targets. Keep this a small town - livable, not crushed all together and dodging thousands of cars &amp; trucks. The growth management act calls for high density in the major urban areas, and keeping small towns as small - not growing small towns into big cities.</p> <p>Scale back zoning to less density. Scale back the UGA.</p> <p>Most important: Keep in mind limitations of water rights - don't plan for lots of growth that has no water available to support it.</p>	Land Use

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12-Apr	Online Survey	Please do not consider additional residential permit approvals to build more housing mini or large communities.	Land Use
12-Apr	Online Survey	Keep the city small!	Land Use
14-Apr	Online Survey	<p>I'm seeing conflicting data about population growth in our region but it seems safe to say that growth is going to continue. Access to normal family housing continues to be extremely limited. Everywhere in the region. We need more housing. It would be good to get away from relying on developers for local revenue. We need a good hotel that supports various kinds of tourism. We need to protect and support our natural ecosystems, including Meadowbrook and the local Elk populations.</p> <p>This is Snoqualmie Valley: A beautiful, desirable place that families flock to live that should continue to grow *while* protecting our rivers, lakes, woodlands, trails and other outdoor recreation spaces, and the most beloved pieces of our prized local history. Both things are essential.</p>	Land Use
18-Apr	Online Survey	Enact a building moratorium. The constant new phases of the Ridge going in and continued clear cutting of the forest around here to keep building more town houses is making Snoqualmie a less nice place to live. It's turning in to Issaquah.	Land Use
18-Apr	Online Survey	<p>Increase density.</p> <p>Encourage supportive services in a Sno-Valley Human Services Committee/Commission</p>	Land Use
18-Apr	Online Survey	I would like to see the land on the other side of the river from the ridge remain undeveloped including the old mill site.	Land Use
18-Apr	Online Survey	My family appreciates deliberate, patient growth that pays attention to density as well, but we're not opposed to growth in Snoqualmie. We support development that continues to help make the town livable and attractive. A huge part of development though is getting the traffic management right. This is the number one detractor for me and my family, and I know growth in both Snoqualmie and North Bend will exacerbate the current traffic issues at the 18/90 interchange, 202, and the parkway if not managed well.	Land Use
19-Apr	Online Survey	Stop using up the land in Snoqualmie and keep it like it is, it has already become too over crowded and busy.	Land Use
19-Apr	Online Survey	<p>Population growth is a major concern in the upper valley. The number of residents has exploded in the last 20 years. It's become noisy, it's hard to make a left turn onto 202 in Snoqualmie, there are hardly any stars in the night sky, traffic is heavy, trailheads are jammed, water use is a big issue, crime is rising.</p> <p>Enough people - limit upper valley census.</p> <p>Why do we assume we have to plan for and accommodate every human who wants to move out here ?</p>	Land Use
19-Apr	Online Survey	<p>It's getting too population crowded in the upper valley. Snoqualmie, at least, has concentrated it's population onto the ridge, keeping it in a relatively smaller space and close to freeway access. North Bend is sprawling all over, road infrastructure is limited and traffic is heavy.</p> <p>Water rights and river health are threatened.</p> <p>Crime is rising.</p> <p>What's wrong with maintaining our authenticity as genuine, relatively rural smaller towns.</p>	Land Use
20-Apr	Online Survey	Stop new land development and build on existing developments.	Land Use

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20-Apr	Online Survey	The city is a good size right now and does not have the land for more housing without changing the nature of the community, which had many of us choose Snoqualmie. Land use should be focused on building out recreational activities and unique mountain town attractions that will bring more tourists to our town. There are opportunities for trails - walking, hiking, biking - and better river access and recreation.	Land Use
20-Apr	Online Survey	I love seeing the small local businesses here, and I hope we continue to encourage that. As we grow I'd love to see the mixed-use approach where it's possible to have little local shops mixed in with the housing so that we encourage walkable neighborhoods. I'd also love to see some extension of sidewalks on roads that don't have them so that cars aren't always needed to get to relatively nearby places. As the city grows it would be great to require that new commercial or apartment buildings look like they fit into a mountain town rather than going with some of the cheap modern styles. This is very minor, but I also wish we were a bit more strict about off-leash dogs in this city, it can be a real problem sometimes with aggressive or poorly trained dogs and it feels like that's been getting worse rather than better.	Land Use
22-Apr	Online Survey	Our thoughts are, we moved to Snoqualmie because it was rural in the feel of the area, with tons of trees, nature you could easily go walk into, forested areas, and a generous amount of housing for people to purchase homes in. We understand that the housing developments are all done and we hope to keep it that way way into the future. Also, keeping our roads open, traffic free, and relaxing.	Land Use
26-Apr	Online Survey	I have little to no hope this will reach people who look at Snoqualmie and see a nice small(ish) town with lots of beautiful wilderness instead of people who see dollar signs and land ready for development but I live in Snoqualmie for the former reasons not the latter. All I can hope is that the potential tourism we get from being a cute small town and a destination for hikers, nature lovers, etc can still be a selling point because it's pretty clear money wins out every time with the current government. But that's where my priorities are, wilderness having value for simply existing and not being a revenue stream. Seeing elk herds roaming around and having space to exist that hasn't been taken from them. Being able to walk to the post office or grocery store. Not worrying about traffic jams and clogged streets. The ability to live in a small town that still feels like a community. We've got the draws of the casino and impending amphitheater already please leave it at that.	Land Use
9-May	Online Survey	Stop building so many residences on the Ridge. It's seriously overcrowded.	Land Use
9-May	Online Survey	We need to keep preserving as much of the native forests and parks as possible. STOP building so much !! The property around Dirt Fish SHOULD NOT be used as anything resembling a neighborhood where people live. IT'S POLLUTED, period.	Land Use
9-May	Online Survey	STOP BUILDING !!! I did not move out here to be overrun with people. You are ruining the small town atmosphere that most of us moved out here for. You are turning the Valley into another Issaquah . . . NO THANKS . . .	Land Use
17-May	Online Survey	What's up with that building in front of the weird hotel? Just strange.	Land Use

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25-May	Online Survey	Please consider the natural beauty of this area. Avoid clearing huge tracts of land for high-density housing. Be considerate of wildlife and the effect of our community on their environment. If you develop the old mill site, do it for a natural area which can be used for hiking, biking and outdoor activities and not another retail, office or other commercial debacle. The hotel that was built was allowed to exist as a kickback to the former mayor and his family. It blocked the views of Mt. Si and does not fit the environment. Use that as a cautionary tale of what NOT to do. Don't turn into Redmond or Kirkland, ...no matter how much you want tax revenue.	Land Use
8-Jun	Online Survey	The less development the better.	Land Use
10-Jul	Online Survey	The Snoqualmie Ridge Mixed Use plan of September 15, 1995 shall be followed. All wetlands and designated sensitive areas must remain as they are today and shall be untouched. The area surrounding Snoqualmie falls especially shall remain as is and untouched. Building heights in downtown Snoqualmie should be kept at its current maximum to keep the current view when driving on Highway 202 through the city. The design of keeping the "Unique" Small Town feel must be kept. Fast food restaurants such as McDonalds and similar should not be built, whereas, in doing so would be contrary to the small town feel. EIS studies and any necessary environmental clean-up in the Mill Pond area should be conducted for housing consideration. Small businesses should be encouraged by the city. The historic trains along Highway 202 should be kept. Tourism with the Snoqualmie Falls and the Unique Small Town design of Snoqualmie city must be viewed as a main city revenue source.	Land Use
12-Jul	Online Survey	I'm a bit anti development, so I'd like to see less residential and only thoughtful commercial development in the future.	Land Use
13-Jul	Online Survey	Seems fine.	Land Use
22-Jul	Online Survey	I am concerned with continuing development and loss of green space. I also wish there were homes with bigger lots. I cannot find smaller homes on larger plots for gardening and the few that exist seem to be disappearing. It takes away from the character of the community and contributes to environmental and wildlife harm. We have such a precious gift of this valley and am concerned with increasing density that we squander it's resources, drive away small farms which are vital to food supply, and eradicate the very things that drew so many of us here.	Land Use
12-Oct	Online Survey	Recently we had family come visit from CO and they asked why there was a train junkyard all along the entrance to the city. If we want to be known for trains (which honestly no one I know cares about) at least get some that are decent looking - With so many visitors to the Falls it makes the city seem broken and run-down and not everyone realizes that we also have an "uptown" on the Ridge.  3/4 of the city live on the Ridge and pay the bulk of the taxes so please pay attention to what we want vs the historical section of the town.	Land Use
7-Apr	Online Survey	We are possibly at a fortunate inflection point where are local challenges are not yet exceeding our ability to course correct them. We should be critical about looking at leading indicators of challenges on the horizon and focus there versus chasing shiny objects, like community pools or major shopping centers, when the data says we have other systemic or foundational areas to improve or mature.	Vision
10-May	Online Survey	We are about right sized. Please no more land or housing. Mayor's constant desire for a bigger ego/city should never be the motivation for growth. The city should focus on healthy roads and community services. If the budget does not allow for these things put it up for vote, not more housing.	Vision

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10-May	Online Survey	Love what has been created. Don't mess it up by enlarging. Not sure what is missing. I have three kids who are thriving. My neighbors kids are doing well. You have some who's parents are lacking in parental skills and their kids could use drug and alcohol treatment, but a bigger city and more housing would not solve that. This city should not be an economic powerhouse. It is a bedroom community, doing well. Keep it that way. The ridiculous road fix down the parkway should be cleaned up. Those tar lines are pathetic. Where is the tax money going? Get rid of the contracted civil engineer Perteet. The guy is a pain to work with and not a good representative of the city. Hire a civil guy when needed but this guy has gotten rich off of Snoqualmie and for whatever reason he scares the city officials and the cowtow to him. It's embarrassing and not a help to getting things done.	Vision
15-May	Online Survey	Keep u quaint. Keep us small. Keep us what we are known for. Quality lifestyle. Connected caring community members. Stewards of our community preserving it's heritage and future. We have grown tremendously at an astonishing level. Go back 40 years and look at what has transpired from king county master plans to what we see today. Looking ahead to 2044... It boils down to... "what is enough?"	Vision
7-Apr	Online Survey	I would LOVE if the William's addition can be put on city sewer!	
24-May	Online Survey	Would like to see some infill density added to downtown and across the River in the Mill district.	
10-Jul	Online Survey	There should be no further development in the Snoqualmie Falls area and communication with the Indian Tribes regarding this area must be maintained.	Land Use
18-Oct	Open House	Extreme concern about the traffic impact on downtown with Mill Development. Also extremely concerned about environmental impacts. Growth is inevitable, but this is irresponsible.	Land Use
18-Oct	Open House	Protect large tracts of land designed for elk movement through town.	Land Use
18-Oct	Open House	Buy old Mill land for wildlife viewing	Land Use
18-Oct	Open House	We like the rural feel and life style that is already here. Please NO more building and taking down of trees and natural spaces!! Send to Issaquah.	Land Use
18-Oct	Open House	As a resident in "old" Snoqualmie - I value the small-town out-doorsey feel and do not want any new retail shops and businesses. I am happy with what is here and to go to Issaquah for other shops.	Vision