

City of La Pine
Strategic Planning Session
Meeting #1 March 10th, 2008

NOTES SUMMARY

Attendees: Councilor Bob Dee, Councilor Linda Maggard, Councilor Kitty Shields, City Manager Christine Nelson and City Recorder Luana Damerval

Agenda Review

Welcome and introductions
Brainstorm on community issues
BREAK
Synthesize Ideas
Discuss Goals
Review and Wrap Up
Plan Next Meeting

Meeting Expectations

Identify many options
Ideas on what citizens want
Ideas from City Council on input
New City – guidelines
What's best for the community

Ground Rules

No “no’s” – all ideas welcome and respected
Let others finish a thought before talking

Chris Marko of RCAC reviewed facilitation process which includes brainstorming, which is broad, moving toward narrowing which involves setting priorities (focus for next meeting), checking back to capture all ideas and review, and creating pathways to action.

Brainstorm on Community Issues

Question #1 - How do you envision La Pine in 10 years? What's best? What to change?

- ⊖ Small town feel
- ⊖ Mixed use development
- ⊖ Business areas off limits to vehicles
- ⊖ Family wage employment
- ⊖ Zoning changes (residential, commercial)

- ⊖ Trees, open spaces
- ⊖ Destination (living, vacation)
- ⊖ Theme (alpine?)
- ⊖ Recreational opportunities (fishing)
- ⊖ Paved roads and sidewalks
- ⊖ Designs from visioning (Community Action Team)
- ⊖ Small businesses (nice, offset larger resorts/business)
- ⊖ Focus on local businesses
- ⊖ Highway 97 divider
- ⊖ Malls with decent looking store fronts
- ⊖ Traffic “stopper” (destination piece)
- ⊖ Location in Oregon is one of best things
- ⊖ Change Highway 97 and access feeder roads
- ⊖ Vibrant business community
- ⊖ Cohesive economic development program (schools, jobs, tourism, business incubator connected with schools, business retention)
- ⊖ Community facilities
- ⊖ Hunting, fishing, recreation town (lakes)
- ⊖ Folks who live here is one of the best things
- ⊖ Change negative image
- ⊖ In 10 years, La Pine is like it was 20 – 30 years ago
- ⊖ Change “one industry” economy
- ⊖ Bigger lots (retain)
- ⊖ Affordable housing (a plus and need more)
- ⊖ Senior center and senior programs are a plus
- ⊖ Change focus to youth also
- ⊖ Additional stores/shopping variety

Question #2 - What issues, concerns, desires of City residents and property owners?

- Residents need options for shopping *
- Local jobs *
- Industry – wages *
- Balance with quality of life
- Youth programs (after school, summer)
- Address nitrate/septic problems/sewer *
- Road improvements
- Traffic safety (pedestrians)/maintenance *
- Value for tax burden (planning)
- Lean budget (showcase spending)
- Quick turn around on permits and applications
- Re-align Sixth Street
- Friendly public servants (keep/retain)
- Traffic controls/intersections *
- Roads, roads *
- Safety for kids *

- Speed zones *
- No parking on Hwy 97 *
- Truck route /by pass
- Jobs, jobs *
- Improve shopping*
- Septic issues, sewer, annexation, Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) *
- After school programs *
- Indoor recreation activities (pool, movies, etc.)
- Animal controls – enforcement outside State Statute *
- Property values

Question #3 - What are key issues in the short term?

- ♣ Roads *
- ♣ Jobs *
- ♣ Attract businesses *
- ♣ Business variety *
- ♣ Planning (Comprehensive Plan, downtown) *
- ♣ Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) *
- ♣ Annexation *
- ♣ City assuming services (water, sewer, police, etc.)
- ♣ Adequately funding Government services
 - Legal Mandates
 - Requirements to function
 - Services demanded by citizens
- ♣ Address system for services, emergencies, businesses
- ♣ Road crossings (pedestrians) *
- ♣ Traffic safety, road maintenance *
- ♣ Define who we are (Vision Statement)
- ♣ Establish internal rules of operation *
 - City Charter
 - Job Descriptions
 - Employee Manual
- ♣ Comprehensive Plan *
- ♣ Remind folks La Pine is “start up” City
- ♣ Include public input for guidance
- ♣ Establish City Code and enforce (address signs, animals, educate public)
- ♣ Business licenses within City
- ♣ Snow removal ordinance – sidewalks
- ♣ Snow Removal Plan *
- ♣ Roads, transportation *

Question #4 - What services are needed in 1 – 5 years?

- Building permits
- Zoning *
- Code enforcement
- Traffic laws
- Road maintenance *
- Snow removal *
- Permitting and land use
- Code enforcement (*)
- Police services, contract (speed enforcement)
- Water, sewer *
- Highway and street improvements (drainage, sidewalks, lights)
- Municipal court, judge, youth programs
- Planning
- Comprehensive Plan – process *
- Service area for water/wastewater (timing)

Question #5 - What would you like to see happen this year?

- Intergovernmental agreements established *
- Christmas decorations on streets for Holidays (like Fourth of July)
- Get a good start on Comprehensive Plan *
- Ensure all roads are prepared for winter (crowned and ditched)
- Roads *
 - } Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Deschutes County
 - } Cagle Road paved
 - } Summer maintenance (winter preparation)
 - } Maintenance and improvement plan adopted, budgeted, and implemented
 - } Snow Plan by summer
- Comprehensive Plan *
 - } Planning Commission ordinance
 - } Planning Commission appointed
 - } Citizen Advisory Committee appointed
 - } Technical Advisory Committee appointed
 - } Consultant selected and working
- Strategic Plan completed *
- Franchise Agreements
- Audit
- Street Beautification Plan
- Evacuation Plan/Emergency Management Plan (1 – 5 years)
- Jobs *
- Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Vision Statement:

Concept: Balance between small town feel and development

“Maintain the friendly, small town nature of the City through considered choices and planned growth and development”.

Summary of Common Themes

1. Image – Theme based on recreation, location, small town feel, balanced development
2. “In House” – Guidance for new City, charter, codes, ordinances, enforcement, intergovernmental agreements, rules of operation, manuals, committees, legal system.
3. Planning – Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, Land Use, Urban Growth Boundary
4. Transportation – Roads, safety, maintenance, Hwy 97, access, pedestrians, Snow Plan
5. Economic Development – diversification, jobs, smaller local business, education
6. Water/wastewater – nitrate septic problems, planning, services, sewer/annexation (?)
7. Community activities – build on successes for seniors, services, target youth activities

Next Meeting

We will meet March 31st at 6:00 p.m. to review information, refine common themes, discuss goals, and target priorities to follow up in an action plan for the City of La Pine.