

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 6, 2011
TO: Burien Planning Commission
FROM: Scott Greenberg, AICP, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Defining/Focusing the Vision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the Planning Commission with a discussion draft of how the Comprehensive Plan can be reformatted to incorporate the new Burien vision.

BACKGROUND

At several previous meetings the Commission has discussed possible reformatting of the Comprehensive Plan to define and focus the new Burien vision. The vision is scheduled for adoption on July 11.

Attachment 1 shows how the draft vision can be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and conversely, how the Comprehensive Plan can be reformatted to better align with the draft vision. Attachment 2 is an example of how the Comprehensive Plan could be organized to incorporate each core value as the beginning of a table of contents for the reformatted plan.

The “Environment” chapter was becoming overloaded with topics, so I’m suggesting a new chapter related to planning and design. This new chapter would focus on land use and design, leaving the environment chapter to cover more appropriate topics.

If the Commission likes the proposed outline, we will cut and paste existing policies into the new chapters, simply to see how it works and what other changes are needed. Then we can start working on substantive changes for your review.

ACTION

Staff recommends that Planning Commission provide input on the proposed format. No formal action is necessary.

Attachments:

- 1) Defining/Focusing the Vision
- 2) Draft Table of Contents

Defining/Focusing the Vision

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A vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, promote vitality, and treasure the environment

Core Values	Refining Concepts	Comp. Plan Element	Examples of Possible Topics
COMMUNITY			
Genuine	Burien residents are welcoming, know their neighbors, and work together.	Land Use Element Housing Element Community Character Element	Participation in government, demographics, housing needs, affordability, human services
Engaged	Burien residents enjoy robust civic and cultural participation.		
Stable	Burien strives for stability by meeting the basic needs of all of its residents.		
LAND USE AND DESIGN			
		Land Use Element Community Character Element Housing Element Essential Publ. Facilities Element	Development patterns, land uses, density and intensity, urban design, visual character, shorelines, centers, neighborhoods
DIVERSITY			
Inclusive	Burien embraces diversity and welcomes all residents.	Community Character Element Land Use Element Economic Development Element Neighborhood Plan Element PROS Element	
Multicultural	Burien celebrates the many cultures and backgrounds of its residents.		
Multi-centered	Burien cultivates a thriving array of business and community centers.		

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ENVIRONMENT			
Natural	Burien conserves its natural environment and public waterfronts.	Land Use Element Stormwater Element PROS Element Transportation Element Utilities Element Capital Facilities Element Sustainability Element	Environmental sustainability and stewardship, earth and habitat, flood hazards, water resources (wetlands, streams), air quality, climate change, parks, open space, streetscapes, traffic, parking, transit, water supply, sewer, stormwater, water quality, climate change, energy
Green	Burien treasures parks and open spaces, and welcomes opportunities for more.		
Livable	Burien makes sustainable land, energy, water, and transportation choices.		
PROSPERITY			
Local	Burien values local services and supports local businesses.	Land Use Element Community Character Element Economic Development Element	Business growth and retention, employment, arts & culture, historic preservation,
Expansive	Burien encourages businesses in order to expand its economic base.		
Creative	Burien's rich palette of arts, culture, and heritage enhances its eclectic vitality.		
EDUCATION & YOUTH			
Teaching	Burien believes that quality schools are essential to its long-term success.	Land Use Element PROS Element Economic Development Element Capital Facilities Element	Youth and adult programs, schools, libraries
Learning	Burien actively promotes early childhood education and life-long learning.		
Nurturing	Burien supports its youth with programs to augment its schools.		
HEALTH & SAFETY			
Healthy	Burien promotes community vitality with health and wellness services for all ages.	Land Use Element Community Character Element Transportation Element PROS Element Economic Development Element	CPPW/HEAL Grant policies, recreation, noise, police, fire
Active	Burien encourages active living to support physical and mental health.		
Peaceful	Burien ensures public safety through both crime prevention and law enforcement.		

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GOVERNANCE			
Responsive	Burien's city government operates in an open & accountable manner.	Land Use Element Capital Facilities Element Economic Development Element	Public process, collaboration with other agencies, relationship to GMA, Vision 2040 and Countywide Planning Policies
Effective	Burien's city government strives for organizational excellence.		
Collaborative	Burien fosters partnerships with others in pursuit of common objectives.		

THE BURIEN PLAN

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Chapter 1 Vision For Burien: Our Future. Our Choices.

Chapter 2 Our Community: Genuine, Engaged, Stable

Chapter 3 Our Well-Planned and Designed Community

Chapter 4 Our Environmental Community: Natural, Green, Livable

Chapter 5 Our Prosperous Community: Local, Expansive, Creative

Chapter 6 Our Healthy and Safe Community: Healthy, Active, Peaceful

**Chapter 7 Our Educated Community: Teaching, Learning, Nurturing
(missing Youth in title—how should we add it?)**

Chapter 8 Our Diverse Community: Inclusive, Multicultural, Multi-Centered

Chapter 9 Our Governance: Responsive, Effective, Collaborative

Chapter 10 Capital Improvement Plan

Chapter 11 Existing Conditions

Chapter 12 Issues and Impacts

Appendices