



LA PINE 2045 VISION

Joint City Council and
Planning Commission
Workshop #1.

November 15, 2023

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Outline of the State Planning Goals
3. Overview of the Community Survey
 - Initial findings from the survey.
 - Themes and trends: consensus and contention
4. Context and Background
 - Background info on project
 - Past city goals and consensus
 - Relevant comprehensive plan policies
5. Interactive Discussion
 - Breakout into smaller groups for focused discussions
6. Closing Remarks

INTRODUCTIONS



OREGON STATEWIDE PLANNING GOALS

GOAL 1 – Citizen Involvement

GOAL 2 – Land Use Planning

GOAL 5 – Natural Resources, Scenic
and Historic Areas, & Open
Spaces

GOAL 6 – Air, Water, & Land
Resources Quality

GOAL 7 – Areas Subject to Natural
Disasters & Hazards

GOAL 8 – Recreational Needs

GOAL 9 – Economic Development

GOAL 10 – Housing

GOAL 11 – Public Facilities &
Services

GOAL 12 – Transportation

GOAL 13 – Energy Conservation

GOAL 14 – Urbanization





SURVEY RESULTS

As of today, we have received 150+ responses to the survey.

Staff attended the following events:

- Music in the Pines
- Harvest Fair
- Trunk or Treat

Chamber Breakfast Nov 17th

High School presentations and engagement on Dec 4th

Rotary Breakfast Dec 13th

WHAT DO YOU VALUE ABOUT LA PINE?

1. Small Town Feel and Community:

- Residents appreciate the sense of community, knowing their neighbors, and the overall small-town atmosphere.
- The community is described as close-knit, friendly, and characterized by a sense of togetherness.
- There is a concern about maintaining the small-town feel despite growth and an influx of new people.

2. Outdoor and Recreational Opportunities:

- The proximity to outdoor activities, clean air, and natural beauty is a significant positive aspect.
- Access to parks, rivers, lakes, trails, and outdoor recreation is highlighted as a valuable feature.
- The connection to nature and the appeal of a rural lifestyle are important to residents.

3. Growth and Development:

- There are varying opinions on growth, with some residents appreciating the town's growth potential and others expressing concerns about the impact on traffic, infrastructure, and the loss of a small-town atmosphere.
 - A forward-thinking and planful approach to growth is appreciated by some, while others emphasize the need for careful consideration to maintain the community's character.
 - Access to amenities, businesses, and job opportunities is mentioned in connection with the town's growth.
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WHAT ARE LA PINE'S DISADVANTAGES?

1. Infrastructure and Accessibility:

- Lack of a decent grocery store and poorly designed fast-food drive-throughs.
- Difficulty navigating through town due to traffic, limited access to main roads, and concerns about growth impacting infrastructure, water supply, and transportation.

2. Economic Concerns:

- Lack of jobs, business opportunities, and a stigma about being "less" than Bend.
- Concerns about growth, urban growth limitations, lack of additional tax base, and limited commercial space.

3. Community Services and Quality of Life:

- Concerns about homelessness, lack of affordable groceries, fitness centers, and housing options.
 - Limited extracurricular options, especially for non-sports activities like those suitable for autistic children.
 - Issues with entertainment options for both kids and adults, as well as traffic, cost of living, and lack of amenities.
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WHAT WOULD IMPROVE LA PINE?

1. Community Development and Infrastructure:

- Desire for a more family-oriented city center with retail shopping, local food outlets, and recreational facilities.
- Emphasis on better infrastructure, including paved roads, transportation improvements, and modernization of the business corridor.
- Calls for careful planning for growth to prevent urban sprawl, with attention to landscaping, traffic management, and safety.

2. Economic Growth and Job Opportunities:

- Focus on attracting businesses, corporations, and services that meet the needs and desires of La Pine citizens.
- Advocacy for more family wage jobs to prevent residents from commuting to other areas for work.
- Concerns about the resistance to "big" business and the need for a targeted marketing campaign to entice desired corporations.

3. Quality of Life and Community Services:

- Requests for more community programs, affordable housing, and career training opportunities.
 - Suggestions for amenities such as public pools, fitness centers, parks, and entertainment options.
 - Concerns about healthcare services, mental health support, and education resources for both children and adults.
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Themes and Trends

Consensus

The desire for controlled and thoughtful growth. Many respondents express a preference for slow, measured development to maintain the small-town feel and avoid rapid urbanization. This aligns with a broader concern for preserving the community's character while addressing specific needs like infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, and enhanced amenities.

Themes and Trends

Contention

The pace and nature of growth. While many express a desire for controlled and thoughtful development, others might hold differing views on the extent of growth. Some residents may be more open to expansion and the introduction of new amenities, while others may be concerned about potential negative impacts on the small-town character, such as increased traffic, environmental changes, or the encroachment of big-chain stores. The rate and style of growth seem to be a central point of contention within the community, reflecting varying perspectives on the future direction of La Pine.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Background Info

- Last Comprehensive Plan is from 2010.
- La Pine is the 7th fastest growing city in the state.
- Legal and regulatory changes in state law.
- Change in demographic.
- Components of the Comprehensive Plan no longer reflect the needs of the community.
- Infrastructure needs.

2010 Comprehensive Plan Goals

- Continual coordination with partner agencies and service districts for the effective and efficient delivery of services that are consistent with the community direction for future growth as outlined in the goals and polices of this Plan;
- Efficient utilization of land resources within the City to provide a variety of housing types, employment opportunities, transportation options and recreational activities for citizens;
- Increasing opportunities for the transition of the provision of public facilities and services to the City when economically feasible;
- Meeting the near term requirements for basic citizen needs;
- Improving opportunities for business development and creation of new jobs;
- Preservation of the local lifestyle and character of the community including the designation of the Complete Neighborhoods and Complete Community concepts;

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INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

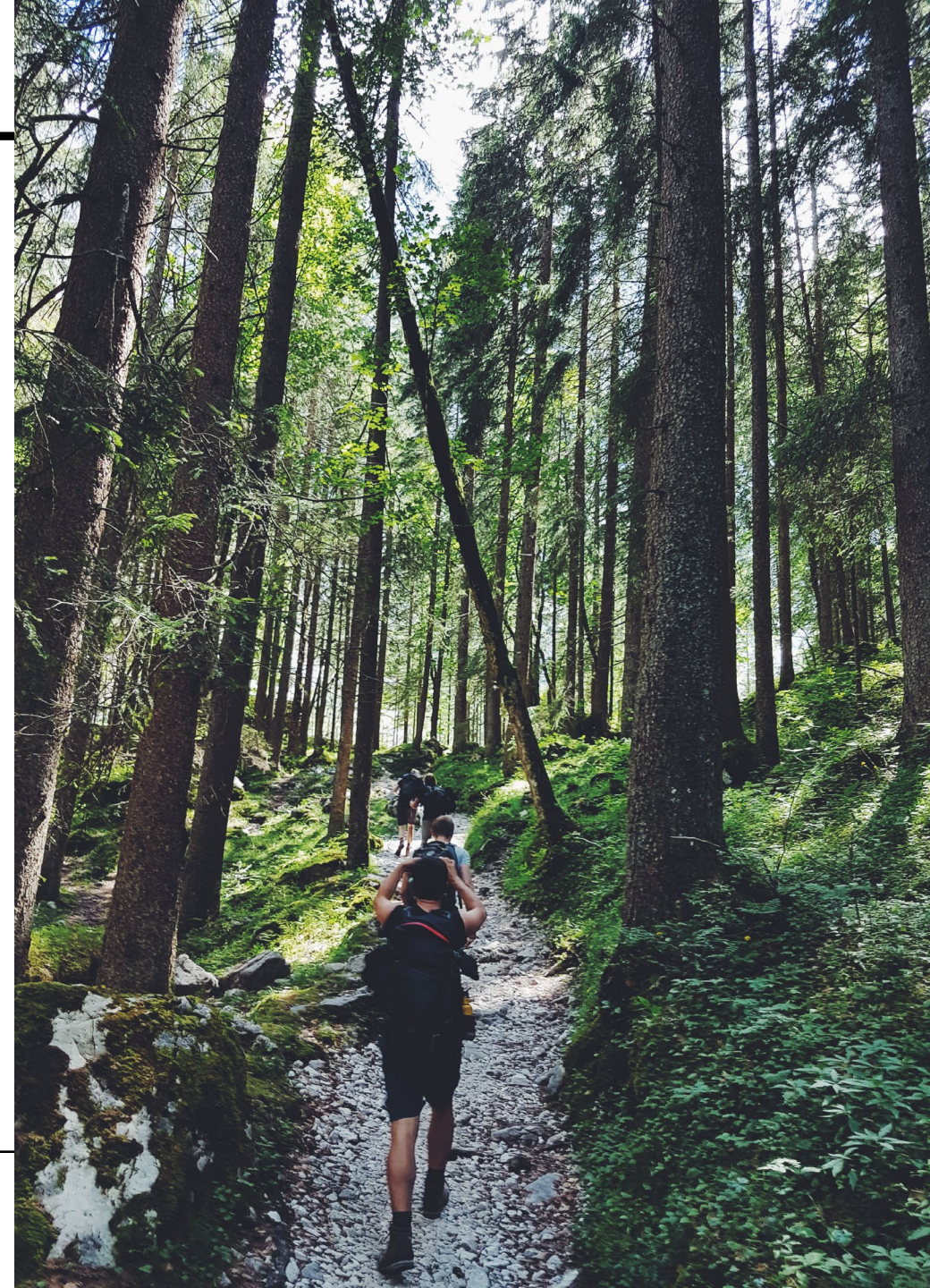


CLOSING

Key Takeaways?

Next Steps

- **November 29th - Joint City Council & Planning Commission workshop.**
- **December 6th - Final Planning Commission hearing and recommendation to City Council.**





THANK YOU!