



CITY OF LA PINE

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 6, 2023

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Brent Bybee, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Planning Commission: Vision Goals Discussion

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<input type="checkbox"/>	No Action – Report Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other/Direction: Please see below

Commissioners

Through the latter part of 2023, the Planning Department engaged the public through different events and outlets to have community members answer three questions:

“What do you value about La Pine today?”

“What disadvantages is La Pine experiencing?”

“What would improve La Pine?”

To date, the Planning Department has received 480 survey responses. Through those survey responses, staff were able to analyze what the points of consensus and contention were for each question, along with any common themes and trends. Based on the responses, and after the initial Joint Work Session on November 15, 2023, staff was able to draft eight goals, which were further discussed at the November 28, 2023, Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission, City Council, and members of the public. At that work session, everyone was provided the opportunity to vote on their top choices for goals and provide any additional objectives to achieve them. Staff were able to narrow down the number of vision goals for the city to five. The proposed La Pine 2045 Vision Goals which will help to inform the Planning Commission and City Council as the city completes a full Comprehensive Plan Update over the next two years are as follows.

- **Infrastructure and Traffic Management:** Invest in infrastructure improvements to address concerns about increased traffic, ensuring that the town's roads and services can accommodate growth without sacrificing the quality of life for residents. Focus on developing efficient transportation solutions, including potential road expansions, traffic controls, and pedestrian-friendly pathways.

- **Preservation of Small-Town Feel:** Balance growth with the preservation of La Pine's small-town charm, history, and natural beauty. Develop and implement strategies to preserve the small-town charm of La Pine while accommodating necessary growth. This may involve architectural guidelines, maintaining green spaces, and supporting local businesses that contribute to the town's unique character.
- **Economic Development:** Attract a diverse range of businesses, with a focus on affordable grocery stores and restaurants, both local enterprises, and larger chains, to meet the community's needs. Develop incentives to attract industrial and commercial uses.
- **Balanced Growth Strategies:** Develop and implement growth strategies that prioritize economic development while preserving La Pine's small-town feel and community values, striking a balance between progress and maintaining the unique character of the town. Strive for managed and balanced growth that considers the needs of the community, ensuring that new developments enhance the town without overwhelming existing infrastructure.
- **Enhanced Community Services:** Enhance community services, including affordable childcare options, improved healthcare facilities, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. Prioritize the development of communal spaces, parks, and facilities that foster a sense of community.

Action

Staff is still coordinating with the chosen consultant for the Comprehensive Plan Update to determine if additional visioning work will need to occur, or if the work that has been completed by staff can be utilized by their team. Based on this, staff recommends postponing a final decision on the proposed goals but welcomes an open discussion between the Commissioners. The discussion should be directed towards any edits for the goals, or additional direction to staff regarding supplementary input from the community. Please consider that any edits suggested should not change the substantive nature of the goals as these indications reflect the responses and input of our community.