



Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Joint
City Council
and Planning
Commission
Presentation

November 20, 2024



Tonight's Meeting

- Visioning “Mentimeter” Exercise
- Updated Draft Housing Needs Analysis LCG
- Strategizing for the Housing and Land Use Elements
- Comprehensive Plan Public Survey
- Upcoming Work: Phases II and III
- Comp Plan Design Options



Visioning/Mentimeter Exercise

Interactive Mentimeter Questions



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Mount Vernon's Current VISION Statement

Focused on the future, embracing the past

A sense of place. Community. Home. Inspired by its rich history, focused on stewardship of our natural and built environment with a commitment to sustainable growth; Mount Vernon is a City that is moving forward. The vision:

CITYSCAPE

A revitalized and vibrant downtown core where people can live, work, and play. Mount Vernon offers a prosperous and integrated commercial district serving diverse interests alongside an equally cohesive residential background. The City fosters a desire for a wide assortment of locally inspired businesses, unique restaurants, access to the Skagit River, and engaging social activities for all of Mount Vernon.

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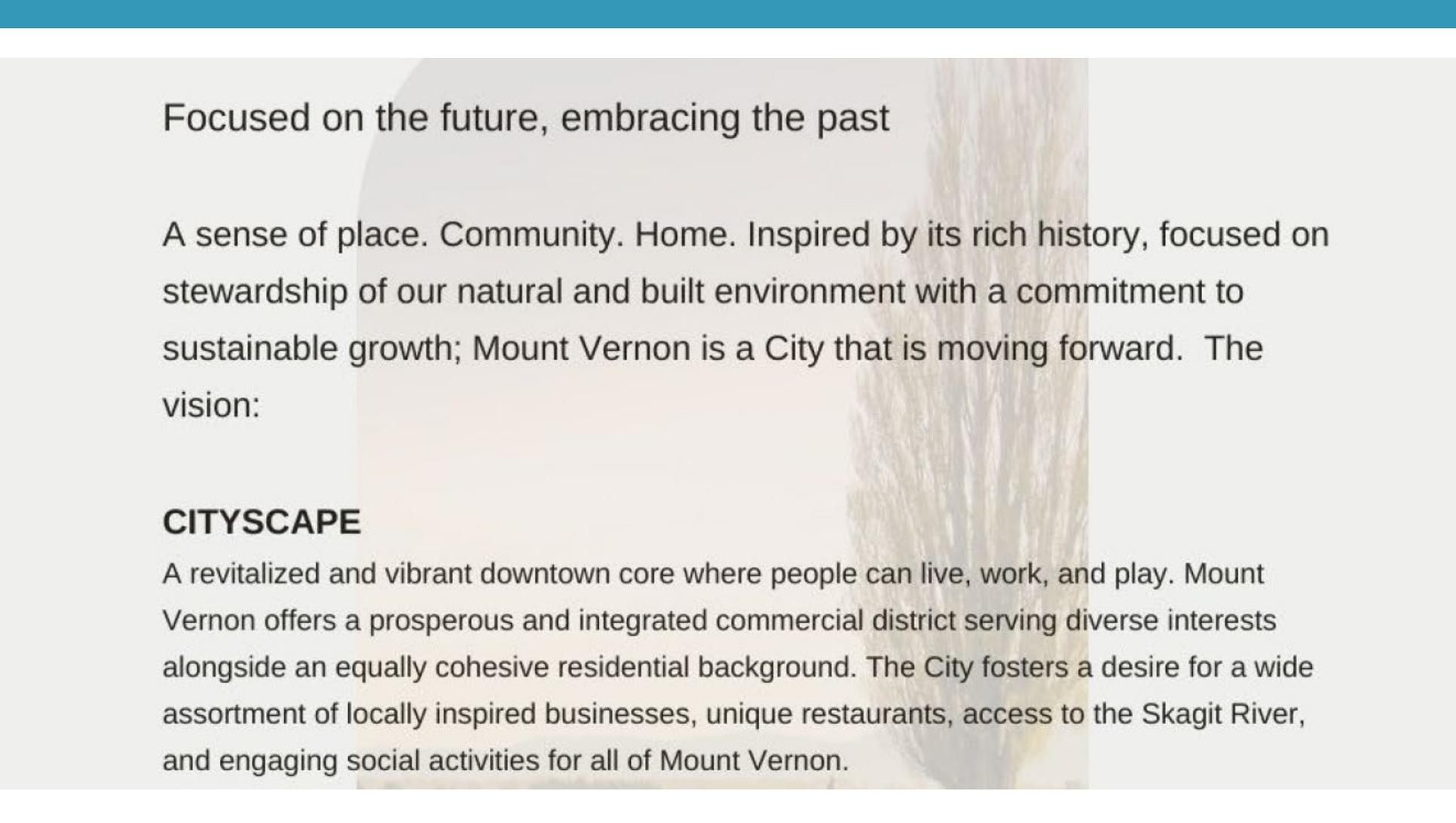
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ECONOMICS

Recognizing our agricultural heritage while seeking economic diversity through the attraction and retention of new industries and striving to become a 'connected' city where high technology intersects with local values.

ART & CULTURE

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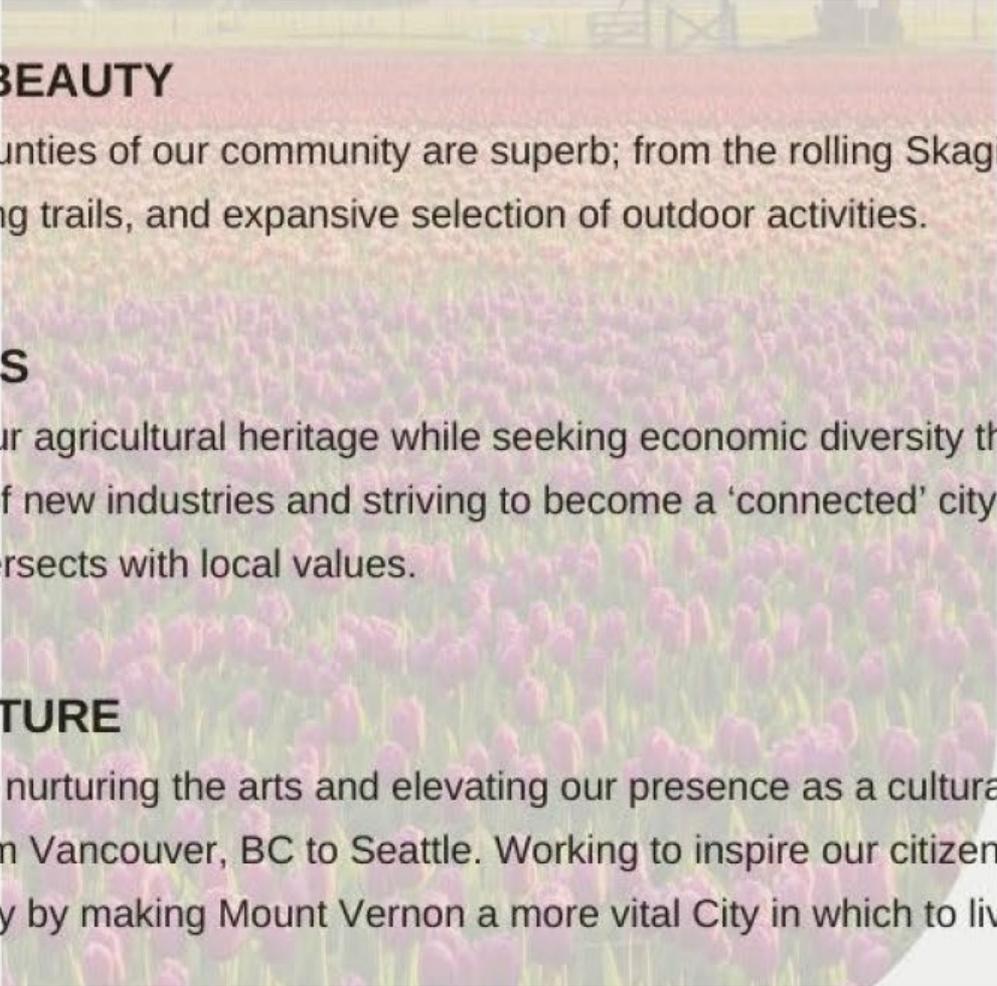


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Updated Housing Needs Assessment (Leland Consulting Group)

Comprehensive Plan Public Survey (Draft)

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- Looking for General Input and Suggestions.
- What Would You Like to Know?
- Other Questions We Should Ask?
- We Can Do Multiple Surveys that Are Topic Specific.

Phase II and Phase III Scope Items

Phase I: Initiate Planning Process, Review Background, and Complete Analysis (2024)

Ongoing Phase II and Phase III Work

Scope Amendments for:

- Climate/Resiliency work
- Equity Assessment
- Additional Engagement Support



- ★ Key Public / Community Engagement Milestones:
1. Launching Process/Visioning
 2. Updates to Element Goals and Policies
 3. Analysis Results: Community Gaps and Needs; Climate Resiliency
 4. Draft Comprehensive Plan
 5. Adoption Process



Phase II: Prepare Draft Plan and Amendments (Spring to Fall 2025)

Phase III: Finalize Plan and Amendments (by End of 2025)

PHASE 2—PREPARE DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENTS (INCLUDING MAPS AND APPENDICES) AND MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATES; SEPA CHECKLIST

2.1 Complete First Draft of Full Plan for City Staff Review

2.2 Prepare Draft SEPA Checklist for City Staff Review/Support SEPA Process

2.3 Facilitate and Document City Staff Review

2.4 Complete Second Draft of Full Plan for Public and Agency Review

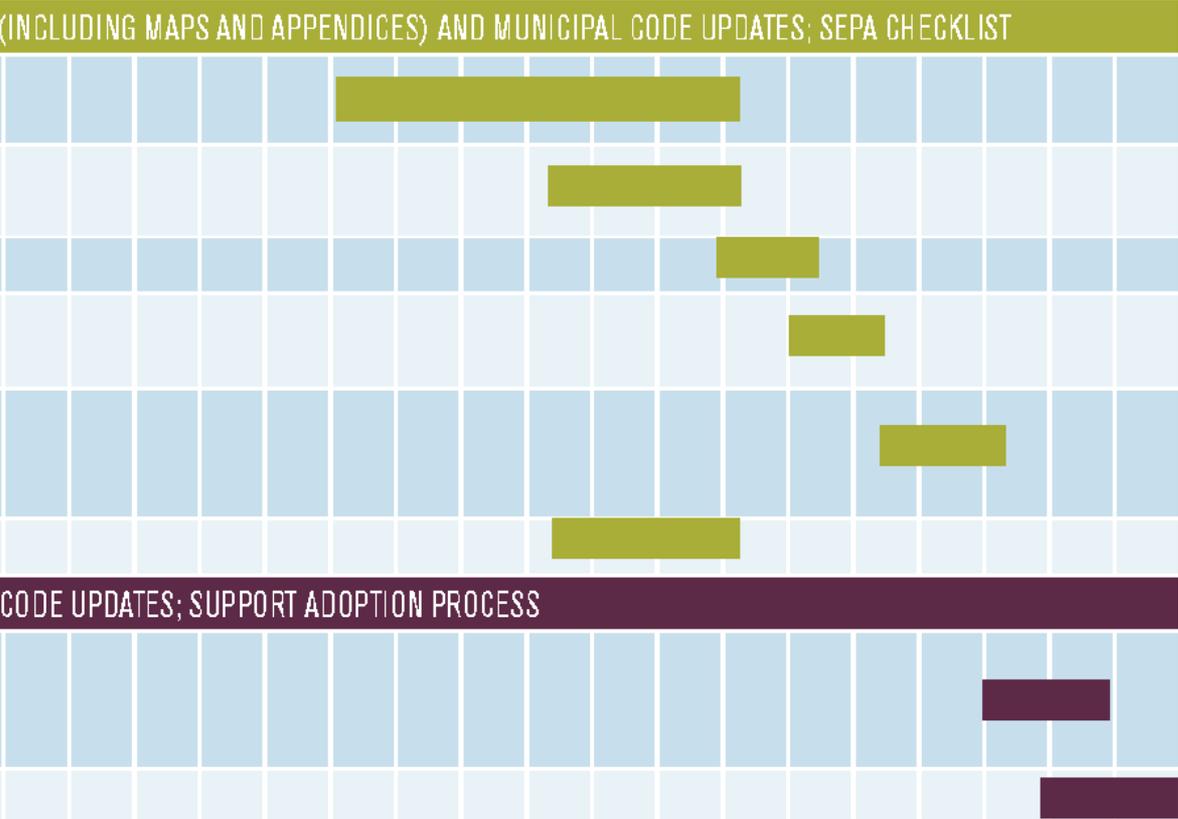
2.5 Facilitate and Document Public and Agency Review (Including 60 Day Dept of Commerce Review)

2.6 Prepare Municipal Code Updates

PHASE 3—FINALIZE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE UPDATES; SUPPORT ADOPTION PROCESS

3.1 Finalize Comprehensive Plan, Maps, Appendices and Code Updates Based on Review Comment/City Direction

3.2 Support Adoption Process



Comprehensive Plan Design Options

Thank You!

