Chats from Summary Policy Meetings

Summary Meeting – May 26, 12 p.m.

11:59:44 From Shelby Guizar - Admin Analyst to Everyone: Welcome! For a smooth and efficient meeting please keep camera and microphone OFF unless you are called upon. We want to let participants know that the chat will be publicly posted on the project website, please keep that in mind when forming your questions and/or comments. You may see duplicates of this message as others continue to join. Thanks for joining!

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12:14:09 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Can you better explain what a “density bonus” is?
12:14:56 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Got it. Thanks!

12:27:31 From Steve Anderson to Everyone: Austin, is there a tie on environmental protection and upgrading our storm water treatment systems and ability to remove urban pollutants?
12:31:19 From Patricia Farrell, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager to Everyone: Steve, I would say yes there is a tie as we want to reduce urban pollutants discharging to our waterways. This is regulated through our NPDES permit through DEQ. There are always emerging contaminants of concern that we need to track as well.

12:33:05 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Branch libraries are community centers.
12:34:47 From Gail Messina to Everyone: they have put in better storm drains and sidewalks in west salem. but there is no up dated storm drains or sidewalks on McNary ave. Why are they not doing any improvements other than filling some cracks in the sidewalks with cement.
12:35:39 From Steve Anderson to Everyone: Thank you. There are urban streams that may need protection beyond the NPDES permit system and wondering if we can, as a policy, work to allow additional protection via possible pretreatment before water reaches the typical storm water manage basin. This is a coordination with Public Works to allow this flexibility. Will stay tuned as we proceed here.

12:36:33 From Kirk Leonard to Everyone: Bring open.org back!
12:38:29 From Mike Erdmann to Everyone: Open.org was Salem’s internet service
12:38:55 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: It was provided by the Salem Public Library 20 years ago!
12:39:19 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Can I speak?
12:41:46 From Kirk Leonard to Everyone: Where's the link, Jim?
12:44:12 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2021/05/20/see-you-20-or-less-living-where-access-is-within-short-walk-or-bike-ride/?fbclid=IwAR076tiPxvKHBSZ_E6xcYsHodF_RFRDan08_V_cOIGx_-2Hg-mfMx-NSwA0
12:44:24 From Kirk Leonard to Everyone: Thanks
12:44:27 From Gail Messina to Everyone: last week was my first time in these meetings. What is Hub is it? Could you please describe it. thank you
12:46:13 From John Love’s iPad to Everyone: Will the City of Salem work with the federal government and local utilities to determine the best locations for electric vehicle/scooters/bikes, etc. charging stations within the urban growth boundary?
12:51:59 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Have you had engagement with the BIPOC community yet? Can you describe that?
12:52:35 From John Love’s iPad to Everyone: Is the City in discussions with last mile providers (ride share, bike/ scooter share companies) to make it easier for people to get from their homes to bus stops or other future public transit?
12:55:24 From Shelby Guizar - Admin Analyst to Everyone: Subscribe to receive our emails and stay engaged! https://cityofsalem.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9c537ef0aeb7914e4fe4f6d5c&id=21d07b5555
12:55:25 From Bill Dixon to Everyone: Thank you for the information and enthusiasm.
12:55:36 From Jim Scheppke to Everyone: Thanks for all these meetings. They have been great!
12:55:52 From Kirk Leonard to Everyone: Thank you all.

Summary Meeting – May 26, 5:30 p.m.

17:30:06 From Eunice Kim to Everyone: Welcome! For a smooth and efficient meeting, please keep camera and microphone OFF unless you are called upon.
18:07:38 From E.M. Easterly to Everyone: Great summary and highlighting of proposals being considered for the updated comprehensive plan. When will staff offer a more formal presentation distinguishing between prescriptive policies and encouraging/supportive policies?
18:09:22 From Bryant Baird to Everyone: Will there be opportunities to provide input at the end of the summer?
18:10:51 From Cory to Everyone: Has impact to wildlife been considered in development? There are existing active corridors, example in the Gibson Creek/Brush College area that need to be looked at before development is pursued.
18:11:04 From william davis to Everyone: I know a lot of folks seemed very interested in the transportation and housing aspects of the plan so I hope that future outreach will get to dive deeper into those topics.
One thing that seemed really important in the previous meetings was owner occupancy and how the city might encourage that development since it’s tied tightly with affordability.
18:12:39 From E.M. Easterly to Everyone: The proposed HB2001 Salem draft code changes seems to be a positive alternative to the wide spread use of the R4 zone. Might a reduction in the R4 might be considered?
18:14:01 From Bryant Baird to Everyone: Thank you for the great presentation! Will the Power Point slides be posted on a webpage?
18:14:15 From Laurie Dougherty to Everyone: I appreciate the attention to climate action and integrating land use and transportation policies to encourage walking, biking and transit. Safety is critical. Transit corridors are on streets that carry heavy fast-moving traffic. We have to prioritize safety for biking and walking - including biking and walking to bus stops.
18:15:11 From E.M. Easterly to Everyone: Would the idea of Neighborhood HUBs be more appropriate as a zoning option rather than as a prescriptive legislative formal on the map adoption?
18:15:23 From Cory to Everyone: I know bike/ped development are often tied to residential development (new apartment complex pays for sidewalk for example), is there a plan to plug existing holes? For example, in front of Brush College Elementary. There is a development ongoing west of school, yet for at least 10 years there has been no sidewalk or bike lane from the the development to the school.

18:18:08 From Cory to Everyone: In order to address “food deserts” which often accompany lower income neighborhoods, has there been any discussion in promoting residential agricultural properties, perhaps incentivizing the use thereof for food production for their surrounding neighborhoods?

18:19:54 From William Davis to Everyone: I suppose the question pertaining to the owner occupancy question is wondering if we’ve had any proposals research or ideas for how Salem might do that?

18:23:02 From Laurie Dougherty to Everyone: What transportation studies show is that increasing road or bridge capacity does not reduce congestion because traffic increases to fill the capacity. What needs to happen is to make it less necessary to drive.

18:25:04 From iPad to Everyone: How are your policies dealing with access - shopping, medical, recreation, etc - for the aging senior population?

18:28:14 From William Davis to Everyone: Basically to get more ownership in the new middle housing and possibly even rm2 zoning to assist with long term affordability. Has there been any research into that as an option to promote and encourage?

18:28:37 From William Davis to Everyone: With respect to owner occupancy

18:30:41 From Laurie Dougherty to Everyone: Thank you all!

18:30:58 From Cory to Everyone: What role do ADUs play in future population?

18:31:55 From Cory to Everyone: Or Tiny Houses, with population growth.

18:33:56 From Cory to Everyone: Thanks!

18:34:01 From William Davis to Everyone: Thanks Eunice