

Engagement Summary



Event: Waterfront Open House

Date: 3/9/2024 **Time:** 1:30 to 3:30

Location: West Linn Library Community Room

Host Organization: COWL

Number of Attendees: >100

Discussion or Activity Notes

The strongest theme that emerged was the importance of access to the River and Willamette Falls. In the Historic City Hall District, attendees largely supported cafes and restaurants and midrise apartments. Moving south to the Cultural Heritage District, most support was for trails with viewing platforms and access to the River and Willamette Falls. In the Pond District, attendees identified wetland trails and viewing platforms as a desired outcome.

People expressed support for a mixed-use trail/promenade through the entire length of the 3 districts.

There was strong support for wetland preservation in the Pond Redevelopment District.

Many people discuss how they would like access to the falls. Specifically, the ability to see the falls. Another major theme is that the falls could help the West Linn Economy. Lastly, a hotel or restaurant with a view of the falls would be a good option.

A few times, mixed-use residential development and city parking lots were mentioned.

People were generally positive and eager to provide input. Access to the River and Fall continue to be the strongest theme throughout the planning areas.

Results of a dot exercise on the project board resulted in the following expression of preferences.

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HISTORIC CITY HALL DISTRICT		CULTURAL HERITAGE DISTRICT		POND REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	
Parks & Recreation Space		Parks & Recreation Space		Parks & Recreation Space	
Central Public Square	7	Flexible Outdoor Venue	7	Sport Fields & Courts	2
Terraced Outdoor Amphitheater	4	Trails with viewing platforms and access to the River & Falls	10	Wetland Trails with Viewing Platform	15
Open Lawn	6	Nature Preserve with Limited Access	6	Boat Launch & Fishing Docks	3
Improved Boat Launch / Fishing Dock	7	Learning Landscape & Outdoor Classrooms	7	Marina	
Cultural & Commercial Space		Cultural & Commercial Space		Cultural & Commercial Space	
Café & Restaurants	11	Tribal Specific Purpose	2	Community Center	1
Tourist Center	2	Market & Maker Spaces	7	Visitor & Nature Center	3
Concert /Performance Center	4	Flexible Venue & Event Space		Sports & Recreation Facility	4
Destination Hotel or Lodging	3	Destination Hotel or Lodging		Destination Hotel or Lodging	2
Housing		Housing		Housing	
Midrise Apartments	6	Midrise Apartments	2	Low rise apartments	2
Low rise apartments	1	Low rise apartments	1	Town Houses	
Townhomes		Townhomes		Single Family	
Public Parking		Public Parking		Public Parking	
Structure Parking	2	Structure Parking	1	Structure Parking	1
Surface parking		Surface parking		Surface Parking	

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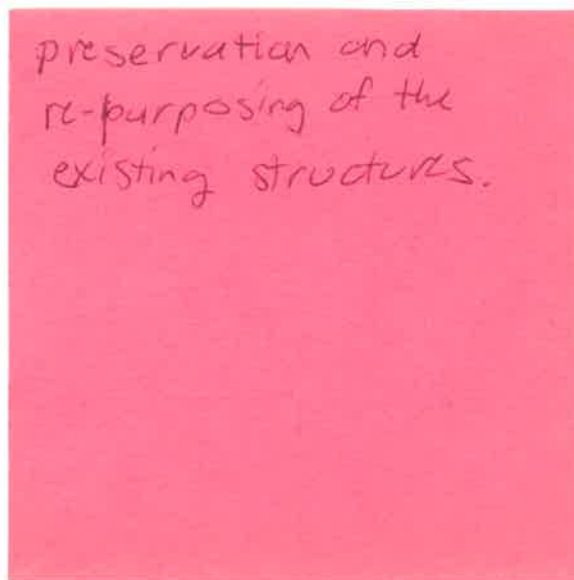
Overall Project

2017-2019 Committee
said no housing due to
housing becoming multi-million
dollar. Waterfront or
Waterfront view get up
dollar.

Would like to see it kept as
natural as possible. Park?

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Historic City Hall District



preservation and
re-purposing of the
existing structures.

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Cultural Heritage District

A place to pull up your kayak, get out & go get lunch. So, docks for kayakers.

I want this process STOPPED until / unless the property owners are present.

Education & display of historical structures & machinery on the site

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE Natural Resource Areas in The "Vision" Reach, while maintaining Access to the River AND places to walk AND enjoy this section of The River. Development For commercial AND more residential needs Review.

Restaurant on cliff on WFD
(old bus depot)

PUBLIC MARKET?

MUSIC venue / amphitheater

Farmers MARKET?

Retain and restore wetlands in Reach given significant Natural Resource values as wildlife AND Fish Habitat, and for managed public enjoyment. to include walking, Biking, boating, birding, Fishing

trails / ped. path
bikes

no housing

Multi-use - Commercial / cultural
1st floor
w/ housing units above

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Pond Redevelopment District

Traffic!
Access routes
into the pond area!

- Traffic is
an issue
- Wetland
for beavers,
eagles, birds
important

NO parking
structures

no apartments
townhomes
single family
homes

agree w/ others -
Avoid
structures,
allow natural
areas for
resilience to
climate change +
wetland restoration +
wildlife habitat

I'M CONCERNED
ABOUT ACCESS POINTS
AND TRAFFIC GETTING
IN AND OUT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD.

- no apartments
& condos
- no structured
parking

Turn pond area
over to Fed govt
for converting
back to
wetlands