

Renton Comprehensive Plan Update 2013-2015 Comments				
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General	James Simpson	12-27-12	Growth should be encouraged in Renton. Its proximity makes it a prime spot for employment. Efforts should focus on rebuilding, not sprawling into new areas. Housing growth should be midrise development. Future annexations should be planned.	Comments noted. Issues of managing growth, redevelopment, preventing sprawl, annexation policies, employment opportunities, and more will be addressed as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.
Vision	Various	March 2013	These comments are included in a report <i>Vision Survey Results and Workshop Comments</i> . Comments were received through an online survey, paper copies of the survey, written comment cards from the workshop, and comments written on large boards at the workshop.	These comments have been reviewed by staff and the Planning Commission and will be included in the draft Vision element.
Land Use	Roger Ayers	6-21-13	Will the City sponsor a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for my property?	Site specific rezones will not be considered during this update, but you can apply for one by the October 15 th deadline.
Land Use	Various	Public Workshop 6-25-13	<p>Superblock ½ Mile areas!!!</p> <p>Every man wants his castle Large lots = privacy and long term citizens in Renton Small lots = short term citizens/transient housing and lack of privacy Alley = increased police force, lack of privacy/private driveway, safety concerns Support pipe stem lots – to lots w/o street frontage Safety! Privacy!</p> <p>Design – Residential = Side yard windows = observed</p> <p>West Hill annexation will help Renton meet need for more space (many very large lots). Renton schools are there! Many active residents there who will participate in Renton civics.</p> <p>West Hill annexation seems logical in light of many comp plan elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher density: compactness - Renton School Districts - Parks & topography (drainage & sewage) - Commercial orientation & growth - Proximity to major employment centers - It's either Renton or Seattle, eventually <p>Maintain spillways from EAV to Green River.</p> <p>Renton needs low to median income housing and careful use of infill – both to provide the largest segments of our population with living space and to preserve open land for parks. Again, mixed use housing/retail can provide both of these, while providing more revenue than mega stores or apartments alone.</p>	<p>Renton's current Land Use element provides for a diversity of housing types to meet many different lifestyles. Large lots are supported in the Residential Low Density land use designation. These policies are anticipated to be carried over in the update.</p> <p>There is a current policy discussion regarding alleys, separate from the Comprehensive Plan update process. The Comprehensive Plan update will reflect the outcome of any policy decisions made.</p> <p>Privacy is a concern currently addressed in the City's Community Design policies and the residential design guidelines. These policies will be carried over in the update.</p> <p>Current City annexation policies support annexation when it is financially viable and residents wish to become a part of the City. These policies will be carried over in the update.</p> <p>Flood control policies are likely to remain the same in the updated Comprehensive Plan, but work specifically addressing policies and regulations for critical areas will be addressed on a parallel track to the Comprehensive Update. Be on the lookout for opportunities to be involved in the critical areas discussion in the future.</p> <p>Infill is already an key strategy in the Land Use element and will be carried over in the update.</p>
Utilities	Various	Public Workshop 6-25-13	<p>Switching power to Seattle City Light?</p> <p>Trunk lines power – how much?</p> <p>How much does it cost to have a neighborhood switch to underground power lines?</p>	<p>The provision of electrical service is not a decision made by the City of Renton. Please contact your electrical service provider for more information.</p> <p>Undergrounding power lines is a costly process that involves the costs of trenching and repaving in the public right of way, as well as private household costs of trenching and replacement of pavement/landscaping to each individual home.</p>

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			<p>Water pressure? 100 PSI!</p> <p>High speed internet – fiber, etc., would attract tech companies. Gigabyte 2 is going to run to Kubota Park.</p> <p>Maplewood Addition is on septic, but is shown as being on City sewer in the map. Will residents be forced to go onto City sewer?</p> <p>Can the City operate its own broad band internet service?</p>	<p>Water pressure concerns should be addressed directly with your water utility provider, which may be the City of Renton or a Water District, depending on your location.</p> <p>Comment noted. Updated conditions will be included in the Utilities Element.</p> <p>If there is an error on the map, it can be corrected. Residents currently on septic systems are not required to go on the City’s sewer system except under two circumstances: 1)the Health Department requires a sewer connection due to septic system failure; 2) area residents join together to form a local improvement district (this district would be voted on by residents).</p> <p>At this time there are no plans for the City to begin offering this service. There are multiple service providers already in this area.</p>
Economic Development	Various	Public Workshop 6-25-13	High speed internet – fiber, etc., would attract tech companies. Gigabyte 2 is going to run to Kubota Park.	Support for high tech and creative industries is an existing Economic Development policy that will be carried over in the update.
Housing and Human Services	Various	Public Workshop 6-25-13	<p>Renton needs more senior housing for low income folks (boomers are here now). Waiting lists for the few you have are very long (and some buildings are old).</p> <p>Renton needs low to median income housing and careful use of infill – both to provide the largest segments of our population with living space and to preserve open land for parks. Again, mixed use housing/retail can provide both of these, while providing more revenue than mega stores or apartments alone.</p>	These comments will be addressed in the update of the Housing and Human Services Element. Be on the lookout for opportunities to be involved in this discussion in the future.
Transportation	Various	Public Workshop 6-25-13	<p>Through streets!!!</p> <p>Tunnel from Bellevue to 156th</p> <p>Partnerships to maintain ES Rail corridor – public (KC)/private residents</p> <p>Light rail to Bellevue and Seattle/Seatac</p> <p>What is the schedule for paving residential streets?</p> <p>Cost of four new overpasses or underpasses?</p> <p>Three bridges across Cedar River!</p>	<p>Creating a well-connected network of streets is an important policy in the existing Transportation and Land Use elements. This should be carried over in the update.</p> <p>Regional transportation improvement policies are included in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Transportation 2040 plan. Renton’s Comprehensive Plan must be consistent with those policies.</p> <p>Please contact the Transportation Maintenance division of the City to check on the schedule for paving residential streets.</p> <p>The cost of any particular road improvement varies with several factors including site conditions, design costs, materials used, etc. For projects that the City is considering within the next 6 years, please consult Renton’s Transportation Improvement Plan.</p> <p>There are currently multiple crossings of the Cedar River in Renton, including: Boeing bridge, Logan Ave., Williams Ave, Wells Ave, Bronson Way, Renton Library, Houser Way, Highway 405, Maplewood Roadside Park, Riverview Park, and Maple Valley Highway. It is unlikely that the number will be increased or decreased in the foreseeable future.</p>

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