

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion of the Proposed Shoreline Sustainability Strategy  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development Services  
**PRESENTED BY:** Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP, Director  
Juniper Nammi, Associate Planner

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Following up on the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 public hearing the Council is scheduled for today's meeting to discuss the Proposed Shoreline Sustainability Strategy, comments, and draft additions/changes in response to comments received.

Staff is compiling the public comments and ideas received to date and drafting possible text additions or changes in response to those comments. As these changes are still being worked on, a revised version of the Strategy will be prepared following this meeting. The potential changes drafted to date will be provided the Friday prior to this meeting in a table format to facilitate reviewing the changes in the context of the comments and with page number references. Adoption of the strategy is currently scheduled to be considered on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Implementation of this Strategy, if adopted, will have budget implications yet to be determined. Potential financial impacts would be decided through the regular project planning and budgeting processes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council comments, questions, and discussion of the proposed Strategy are requested at this time. Staff would like direction from Council on the drafted changes which we plan to send to you by May 2.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

## **INTRODUCTION**

Since July 2007, two interdepartmental City staff teams have worked together with AHBL and O'Brien and Company consultants to work on in developing an overarching Environmental Sustainability Strategy. The Strategy is a key part in Goal 6 of the 2007-2008 Council Work Plan - "Create an Environmentally Sustainable Community."

## **DISCUSSION**

The City staff and consultants have integrated the research, draft elements and Council and public comments together into a cohesive Sustainability Strategy. March 20<sup>th</sup>, the "PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy" was published online and provided to the Council, Planning Commission, Parks Board as well as the general public for review. The complete document is available on CD at City Hall or online at <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/departments/planning/sustainable/index.cfm>.

The Strategy Mission Statement states,

*The City of Shoreline will exemplify and encourage sustainable practices in our operations and in our community by:*

- *Being stewards of our community's natural resources and environmental assets;*
- *Promoting development of a green infrastructure for the Shoreline community;*
- *Measurably reducing waste, energy and resource consumption, carbon emissions and the use of toxics in City operations; and*
- *Providing tools and leadership to empower our community to work towards sustainable goals in their businesses and households.*

50 recommendations were developed, of which 27 relate to current projects or programs. Since Goal 6 was adopted and development of this Strategy has progressed, the City has initiated a number of projects and activities which advance many of its guiding principles and recommendations. To facilitate use and understanding of the document, the Strategy recommendations are organized into five Focus Areas:

- City Operations, Practices and Outreach
- Energy Conservation and Carbon Reduction
- Sustainable Development and Green Infrastructure
- Waste Reduction and Resource Conservation
- Ecosystem Management and Stewardship

An executive summary of the Strategy is included with this staff report (ATTACHMENT A). The complete document was provided to Council and is available on CD at City Hall or online at <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/departments/planning/sustainable/index.cfm>.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required at this time. Council comments, questions, and discussion of the proposed Strategy are requested at this time.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Table of public comments on March 20, 2008 PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy received and reviewed as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.



## **ATTACHMENT A:**

Public comments received and reviewed as of May 2,  
2008 on PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy

**Place holder for**

## **Summary Table of Public Comments and Draft Changes**

Received and Reviewed as of May 2, 2008 on PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy.

# Summary Table of Public Comments

Received as of April 29, 2008 on PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy

Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
1	3/23/2008	Janet Way email	various	Comments on photos and suggestions for changes.	<i>p.14 – only photo with Council member replaced with different Bike to Work day photo. No other photos with council members included.</i> <i>p.18 – replaced empty skate park with photo of park in use by kids. Revised caption to read People are an essential part of a sustainable community</i> <i>Staff still reviewing photo options and potential changes.</i>
2	3/31/2008	Rocky Piro email	5-9?	Recommends more explicit integration more of “systems” approach into strategy introduction and overview.	<b>p.7 – 3 Environmental Quality, Economic Vitality, Human Health and Social Benefit are Interrelated Systems</b>
			52-58?	Consider introducing “landscape-scale ecological processes” into the discussion of ecosystem functions and solutions	<b>p. 52 – Current trends place the health and future of our remaining natural areas and systems at risk: reduction in tree canopy, degradation of surface water quality, declining forest health, fragmentation of upland habitat and degradation of stream and wetland habitats. Although the scope of these problems - and the range of solutions needed to address them – transcend the purpose and limits of this strategy, new and existing regional, landscape-scale planning across jurisdictional boundaries will be supported with these Focus Area recommendations. However, as part of the strategy development process, the project team has identified key strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities in this Focus Area.</b>
			various	Adaptive management should also be discussed and referenced as appropriate in the overall Strategy.	<b>p.7 – 5 Commitment to Continuous Improvement</b> The City will apply adaptive management to its sustainability efforts and clearly communicate findings to decision makers and stakeholders.
			5	Request that definition of “sustainability” be enhanced and build on what is presented in the draft to also discuss “regeneration and restoration of the environment where it has been damaged by past practices.”	<b>p.5 – Sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The hope is that future generations will live at least as well as, and preferable better than, people today. True environmental sustainability requires regeneration and restoration of the environment where it has been damaged by past practices.</b>

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## Summary Table of Public Comments - continued

Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
3	3/27/2008	Joint mtg of PB/PC	Various	Comments made by Parks Board and Planning Commission members during course of meeting as recorded in meeting minutes and Juniper Nammi's notes.	
		"		Be sure to focus on getting involvement and buy in of residents.	<i>Public outreach and other related programs are part of the strategy already. Noted here for reminder during implementation.</i>
		"		Based on personal experience, asked where recycled items go when they are all collected together curbside or at transfer station. Are they really recycled?	<i>May need this aspect addressed in recycling outreach and education efforts during implementation, but no changes needed to strategy.</i>
		"		City should celebrate buildings that are "green" (Built green or LEED). Is the YMCA's new building a green building?	<i>Staff checked and this project was not a "green" or LEED certified project. Opportunities to celebrate good projects will be identified as part of Green Building education and outreach efforts during implementation.</i>
		"	5-9?	Possible to add more in strategy on how it fits into regional context, in particular Cascade Agenda.	<i>p.5 – Council resolution in support of Cascade Agenda mentioned as one of things that the Strategy supports. Appendix C – some of recommendations identified as supporting the Cascade Agenda. Additional research and writing would be required to address this comment beyond existing Cascade Agenda references.</i>
		"		In context of waste reduction and reuse. Does the strategy get into recommendations on what should be "saved" or reused?	<i>No specific text changes recommended related to this. Reuse is one tool/option available to address resource consumption and carbon reduction and will get considered through implementation, but as of yet has not been specifically examined.</i>
		"		Is past and current impact of railroad on shoreline addressed by strategy?	<i>No, Shoreline Master Program update will be looking at that. And Strategy principles should be considered in the update process, including "addressing the impacts of past practices."</i>

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Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
		"	Various	Word "sidewalk" over used and narrow term. Recommend replacing with "pedestrian walkway" in general context to include more than just conventional concrete sidewalk where it makes sense.	<p><b>p.8</b> – see changes to "7 Address Impacts of Past Practices" in response to Steve Plush's comments at April 14 Public Hearing.</p> <p><b>p.13</b> – Green Infrastructure System: creek enhancement and day-lighting, improved street landscaping, an integrated pedestrian walkway and trail network, and improving east-west bike and transit connections.</p> <p><b>p.31</b> – this use of sidewalks in discussion of green streets is referring to traditional concrete sidewalk so left as is.</p> <p><b>p. 32</b> – In the city of Shoreline, green infrastructure can be thought of as a network of parks, vistas, shorelines, creeks, urban forests, civic spaces, pedestrian walkways and trails that connect neighborhoods, landscapes, plants and animals to one another.</p> <p><b>p. 32</b> – sidewalks mentioned under "Snapshot of Current Conditions" are referring to more traditional sidewalks so no change made here.</p> <p><b>p.33</b> – "What is Shoreline Doing Already?" mentions the existing program for installing pedestrian walkways, but the program is called a "sidewalk" program so only partial change here. The existing sidewalk improvement program has added significant sections of new or improved pedestrian walkways, particularly near schools and major arterials; and</p> <p><b>p.42</b> – recommendation under objective 9 refers to existing "sidewalk" program so no change here.</p> <p><b>p.60</b> refers to existing "sidewalk" program so no change.</p> <p><b>p.89, 99, and 122</b> – recommendation 27 is related to existing "sidewalk" program. No change.</p> <p><b>p.138</b> – this is a memo to the City from the consultants. No changes to be made here.</p> <p>former p.165, new p166 +612) sidewalk is used as one example of a pedestrian facility so no change here.</p> <p><b>p.166</b> –1913) Discussion: ...An alternative measure could also try to get at accessibility through the presence of pedestrian/bicycle facilities on major streets ...</p>
		"	5	See sustainability definition comment under comments Ref #2 previous page	

## Summary Table of Public Comments - continued

Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
		Public Comment – Boni Biery		Neighbor's experience of taking recycle materials to Snohomish transfer station during local TS closure and concerned that not really recycled. Illustrated power of peer pressure in neighbor's recycling effort.	<i>No specific text changes recommended related to this. May need this aspect addressed in recycling outreach and education efforts during implementation, but no changes needed to strategy.</i>
		Public Comment – Wendy DiPeso		Announced plan for website that will focus on green business and one stop shopping resource for businesses to reduce costs while increasing profits and reducing eco-footprint. How can City partner in this effort?	<i>Recommendation 7 in strategy recommendation to create green business strategy and recommends partnering already. Should consider early implementation of this recommendation.</i>
		Public Comment - Janet Way	Various	Word "fish" not in the document, wants fish and salmon included	<p><i>p. 8 – see changes to "8 Proactively Manage and Protect Ecosystems" in response to Steve Plush comments at April 14<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.</i></p> <p><i>p.46 – Salmon mentioned in discussion of water quality and quantity issues.</i></p> <p><i>p.54 – City's participation in WRIA 8 Salmon Regional Recovery Plan mentioned as something the City is already doing for Ecosystem Management Focus Area</i></p> <p><i>p.102 – Participation in WRIA 8 efforts is included in evaluation of existing programs appendix B. Fish more generally are mentioned both under The existing critical areas ordinance and the habitat restoration projects.</i></p> <p><i>If additional discussion of fish or salmon is desired, specific recommendation/comment should be provided to staff.</i></p>
		Public Comment – Les Nelson		Asked how sustainability will hold up in developer's plans and if City has identified code to be revised that will be more aligned with sustainability.	<i>Focus Area "Sustainable Development and Green Infrastructure" addresses many tools and options available for adjusting development to accommodate sustainability. Also Appendix D about possible changes to development code for green building. Specifics to be implemented will need to be decided on through implementation.</i>
		PB/PC Motion		<b>Moved that Parks Board and Planning enthusiastically support the Sustainability Strategy draft document as presented." Carried unanimously.</b>	<i>No change requested</i>



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Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
4	4/16/2008	Jean Hilde – ltr to council		City should revisit “6 tree” rule in development code, provide more strict prohibitions on cutting of trees on private lots, especially in light of Goal 6 and sustainability strategy.	<i>Revision of tree regulations in Development Code suggested by resident, which would take time. Ms. Hilde included some references for surrounding localities as positive examples. Strategy includes goals and objectives regarding tree canopy and natural resources and revision of the tree ordinance is specifically listed under objective 21 for future consideration.</i>
5	4/15/2008	Council Public Hearing	Various	Comments made by Public and Council members during course of hearing as recorded in preliminary draft meeting minutes and Juniper Nammi’s notes.	
		Public Comment – Steve Plush	8-9	Would like more direct mention up front of some of the tools that will be used to accomplish the action areas that are guiding principles 6-10 of the strategy. Action Area 7 – LID, forest canopy. Action Area 8 – protecting streams, salmon habitat and wetlands along with Water quality improvement. Action Area 10 – tree canopy essential for carbon sequestration.	<p><b>p.8 – 7 Address Impacts of Past Practices</b> We must address the impacts of past actions as we plan for the future. The City will identify and address environmental degradation resulting from urban development. Impacts caused by outdated infrastructure will be a priority. Stormwater solutions, including urban forest health and low impact development standards, and the lack of pedestrian walkways will be emphasized.</p> <p><b>p. 8 – 8 Proactively Manage and Protect Ecosystems</b> Good stewardship demands that we protect and actively manage our dynamic local environment. The City will establish clear priorities and targets for natural area enhancement such as salmon habitat and wetlands restoration. We will manage public lands for multiple benefits and empower stakeholders to improve residential, institutional and commercial properties.</p> <p><b>p. 8 – 10 Energy Solutions are Key to Reducing our Carbon Footprint</b> <i>Forest health mentioned for Action Area 7 and there is not enough room on this page to add more text. This area is focused more on the reduction of emissions and Action Area 8 will have the added benefit of some carbon sequestration, but is not the primary focus of ecosystem restoration. No change.</i></p>

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Ref #	Date	Source	Pages	Description	Staff Notes & Text Changes or Additions
		Public Comment – Les Nelson		Would like to see sustainability incorporated into upcoming development projects and changes to zoning regulations such as transition zones, perhaps through design review.	<i>Suggestion relevant to implementation of strategy through planning work. Many recommendations included already in strategy that can guide zoning and long-range planning by the City. No change to strategy document.</i>
		“		Increasing tree canopy rather than decrease is important to him. Glad to see that strategy includes objectives related to protecting tree canopy.	<i>Recommendations already in strategy regarding tree canopy. Note for implementation. No specific changes to strategy.</i>
		Public Comment – Dennis Lee		Acknowledged challenge of thinking about big picture of Sustainability and Comprehensive Plan, but emphasized that City and staff should be sure to consider sustainability when looking at smaller pieces like transition zones to that they are still consistent with that community vision in the comp plan.	<i>Many recommendations in strategy related to long range Comp Plan updates and neighborhood planning as well as planning for density to guide those processes when we come to them. No specific changes to strategy.</i>
		Public Comment – Larry Owens		City Hall as example of project that needs to have long term sustainability incorporated not just for environment but also for City. Recommended that building have solar energy as integral part for operational cost savings through life of building.	<i>This recommendation would support a number of principles and objectives in the strategy but is beyond the scope of this document. No specific change to strategy.</i>
		Public Comment – David Vollan		Implementation of Strategy will be key to creating real change. Especially with regards to carbon reduction. Suggests cottage housing or similar density bonus and requirement/incentives for green built construction to make it the norm.	<i>Comments support recommendations already in strategy. No specific changes to document.</i>
6	4/29/2008	City Staff	various	Additional Substantive changes based on final Staff review of Strategy	
			Front cover	Want to at “environmental” to the title so that sustainability strategy is not confused with other types of sustainability – economic, social, etc. Document is already referred to as environmental sustainability strategy throughout the doc.	<b>p.1 - Shoreline Environmental Sustainability Strategy</b>
			Appendix F	Reorganized to reflect Focus Area order	<b>Former p.161-170, new p.161-173</b>

Note: This table is not a comprehensive list of comments made. Many positive and general comments included with emails and in public meetings but were not included here if no specific changes or critique of the proposed Strategy could be identified in the comment.

# Public Comments received as of April 29, 2008 on PROPOSED Shoreline Sustainability Strategy

## #1

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From: Janet Way [janetway@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2008 3:22 PM  
To: Robert Olander  
Cc: Juniper Nammi; Debbie Tarry; Dick Deal; Mark Relph; Jerry Shuster;  
Joe Tovar; Carolyn Wurdeman; Cindy Ryu  
Subject: Goal #6 Strategy Edits - First take

Hello Bob,

Congratulations to Juniper and all of the team on a wonderful report and by and large a visionary strategy.

Here are some edits on the photos in the Sustainability Strategy per our discussion on Friday. (attached)

Have just started delving into the text. Thus far it is a very impressive effort, but I believe that the photos are not quite right yet. I believe to do the report justice, we need much better photos with a variety from more places IN Shoreline, since most people will naturally look at the photos first (as I do). I realize they are meant to illustrate points, and so I think they need to be better utilized for that purpose.

Hope some of my suggestions can be seriously considered.

<<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/pds/esc/PROPOSEDShorelineSustainabilityStrategy.pdf>>

Congratulations to the entire team for a great project and process. Look forward to seeing it completed and put into effect. Also, look forward to further inclusion of the public and interest groups in the final processes.

As you can imagine, I will have more suggestions and edits as we delve into the details of the text more deeply.

Would appreciate hearing back from someone about my points.

Thanks for your time and again for a magnificent effort on our Goal #6.

Sincerely,

Janet

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***Text from Word Doc Attachment***

**3/23/08**

### **Goal #6 – Sustainability Strategy Edits – Councilmember Way**

Please seriously consider these individual concerns with regard to the current photo imagery in the report. I will have more detailed comments later about the text.

Photos –

- number of images taken outside of Shoreline – found 15 images taken outside Shoreline and 25 “in” Shoreline
  - can we find images to substitute from within Shoreline and/or those which are examples of what we wish to see in Shoreline, make a clear distinction?
  - Can we find examples from a wider area throughout Shoreline – more on east side?
- Need more examples of the natural landscape IN Shoreline
  - examples of wildlife – (only one shown, seal pup in Point Wells)

- Urban Forestry, Parks, Trees, Workparties
- Councilmembers photos – One of Keith at Bike to Work Day (pg 14)
  - should be all council included or none
- Skate park at Paramount – Why is it here on this page? Pesticide, fertilizer use.. Where are the skateboarders?
- No kids in any photos as far as I can see!
- Freight train on page about Green Building? 68
- Map – Mislabelled Creek –
  - Littles Creek mislabeled as Thornton Creek (mis-spelled “Thorton Creek”)
  - Hamlin Creek missing
  - Other creeks not labeled
- BRT lane on Aurora shown, but no bus!
- Suggestions:
  - more images of Bike Riders,
  - more pedestrians on sidewalks (walkable neighborhoods),
  - KIDS AND FAMILIES,
  - work parties at Ivy-outs, (including kids),
  - gardens in Shoreline replacing lawns,
  - Renewable Energy Fair?,
  - photo of CleanScapes truck with worker,
  - Better shot of transfer station building,
  - Solar House at SCC, streetscape with café IN Shoreline?,
  - Bus with people Boarding at BRT lanes?,
  - Better photo of Kruckeberg Garden (maybe photo of Art) ,
  - Photo of recycling event?,
  - photo showing flooding to explain why natural drainage is necessary?,
  - photo of fish?,
  - more natural areas including trees such as– Hamlin, Southwoods, Paramount, Bruggers • Bog, Echo Lake, Ronald Bog, Twin Ponds, Meridian Park Wetland, Darnell, Hillwood,
  - Northcrest Parks
  - Public Art,
  - Raingardens at Evergreen School

## #2

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**From:** Rocky Piro [mailto:RPiro@psrc.org]

**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 3:59 PM

**To:** Joe Tovar; Jessica Simulcik Smith

**Cc:** Steve Cohn

**Subject:** Comments from Planning Commissioners on the Sustainability Strategy

Joe –

As a follow-up to last Thursday's joint Parks Board / Planning Commission meeting at which we discussed the draft Sustainability Strategy for the City, I offered the following comments.

- (1) The draft strategy is quite impressive – even more so when the quick turnaround time for producing it is taken into account
- (2) The listing of strategies / recommendations is thorough and represents a full spectrum of issues and actions.
- (3) This is an excellent piece and could well serve as a model for other cities in our region and elsewhere in the U.S.
- (4) Some observations relating more to the context for the strategy:
  - a. Consider integrating more of a “systems” approach into the strategy’s introduction and overview – i.e., raise the issue of relationships
    - i. Note: The notion of “systems” seems implicit in the draft, and should be expressed more explicitly
    - ii. Note: By providing a “systems” context, the strategy will tie together more as a comprehensive whole, rather than as incremental or piecemeal parts
    - iii. Note: A “systems” approach can also provide more of a framework for the proactive issues relating to education and outreach that were discussed last Thursday.
  - b. Consider introducing “landscape-scale ecological processes” into the discussion of ecosystem functions and solutions. (Refer back to the presentation to the Planning Commission by Department of Ecology representative - Erik Stockdale.)
  - c. Adaptive management should also be discussed and referenced as appropriate in the overall Strategy.

In addition, I want to concur with Mike Broili’s request that the definition of “sustainability” be enhanced and build on what is presented in the draft to also discuss “regeneration and restoration of the environment where it has been damaged by past practices.”

Rocky

### #3

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Comments in Minutes of Joint Parks Board/Planning Commission meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

“Several Planning Commission members offered their comments of support and inquired how this will have buy-in from residents. Staff responded that the City will need to cultivate a culture of stewardship as well as continue and increase outreach, all of which can happen but which will take time. Mr. Tovar cites leading by example regarding Strategy objective numbers 16 & 17 of potable water consumption reduction, where the City applies technology to how these objectives are achieved by electronic controls used to regulate water use in its irrigation systems. This and other technologies are available to consumers now.

Other specific comments from the Park Board and Planning Commission:

- There are limits to which the City can implement this plan as a government entity. The focus should be on ways to get buy-in from residents as well as to force the issue as necessary. Staff responded that diversification is necessary for successful implementation.
- Based on a personal experience, one Board member asked where recycled items end up? Staff agreed to look into the specific path recycled items take from the City to their final destination.
- Additional feedback was requested for more system specific details, ecological system approach to design and planning, plus adaptive management practices. Staff estimated that some document adjustments will occur, but that an entirely new document is some time down the road.
- Is it possible for this document to encompass more than just Shoreline? Staff concur and advised that this document can advise how to coordinate a plan with other cities and even agencies, such as

the Cascade Agenda. Shoreline is considered a leader in this effort, having already been consulted by several government agencies of how they can follow suit.

- How will this plan interact with Parks and Planning efforts, master plans and other things like the railroad that touches Shoreline? Mr. Tovar explained that a plan, plus a \$60,000 grant from the Department of Ecology will help further study of the issue. He encouraged a high level of participation from the Park Board and the Planning Commission at upcoming events.
- Discussion of the term “sidewalk” was suggested as used too often throughout the document. The common definition of “sidewalk” was discussed in conjunction with the Planning definition of “sidewalk” to clarify the intent of this term.
- Concern over interpretation of sustainable, to mean that the City is only “treading water”, operating in status quo rather than advancing in the right direction. Other members also discussed and agreed that a restoration plan should be added and/or implemented.

Further comments surrounded semantics, which Ms. Nammi acknowledged and helped to clarify questions throughout the evening.”

The public also commented on the Strategy, as follows.

“Boni Biery of Shoreline – shared with the group that one of her neighbors experienced group dumping of recycled material at the recycle station. Also, she wanted to know how people can make a difference and noted the power of peer pressure.

Wendy DiPeso of Shoreline – announced planning for a website that will focus on green business and a one-stop-shopping resource with information on how both business and home owners can reduce their costs and increase their profits, while making a smaller footprint on the environment. She suggested there should be other ideas of how to partner with the City in saving ecology and supporting a viable economic base.

City Councilmember Janet Way of Shoreline – suggested the plan include the word “fish”.

Les Nelson of Shoreline – asked how sustainability will hold up in developer’s plans, and if the City has identified code to be revised that will be more aligned with sustainability.”

## **#4**

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Letter to Council submitted online Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by Jean Hilde. Letter not available for this document but was conveyed to Council is available in public records.

## **#5**

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Comments received at the April 14<sup>th</sup> City Council Public Hearing

\*Note that these minutes were in preliminary draft form when this document was created.

“a) Steve Plush, Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, served on Planning Commission several years and LFP Council in 2007, applauded City for incorporating many of the themes. Sustainable stormwater management mentioned in Strategy Action Area 7 but hoping for more details upfront in the strategy; specifically mentioned benefit of green development and forest canopy management for SW. Strategy

should be more focused and direct regarding storm water. Impact of tree-cutting. Strategy action area 8 should mention protecting streams, salmon habitat and wetlands along with water quality improvement. Action area 10 carbon reeducation should also mention trees and carbon sequestration. Notices that many of his suggestions are in later parts but would like to see direct mention earlier in strategy. Congratulations, hope LFP can adopt similar.

b) Les Nelson, Shoreline, Sustainability can't happen soon enough. Would like to see sustainability implemented in upcoming development projects. Can it be incorporated into transition between single family and development, perhaps through design review? Also happy that city wants to increase tree canopy, has observed loss in the past.

c) Dennis Lee, Shoreline, sustainable development processes. Sustainability is a stretch to think about, but important to think about because density shouldn't be increased without a plan. Density increase not sustainable if not planned out. Comp Plan is very clear on what our Comp Plan map was, environmental impact of traffic, etc, now trying to change the agreement on a lot-by-lot basis without a plan. All zoning changes are all connected by foundation of Comp Plan. Looking at sustainability is very long-range perspective. Staff is trying to do process for sustainable long range development and stretch to think about how that would really work. Wants to be sure that bigger picture is considered when smaller pieces like transition zones are considered. Have to think outside the box.

d) Larry Owens, Shoreline, compliment Council and staff for wisdom and foresight in addressing sustainability and involving the public in every step of the process. Have made great progress, evidence of environmental and economic challenges that are increasing and deepening in scope. City Hall example. 1<sup>st</sup> costs are upfront costs of building, however annual operational costs of City Hall are recurring, so as energy costs continue to rise City Hall needs solar implemented from the beginning. Please ensure that solar is an integral part of City Hall. July 18-19 is the 5th Annual Shoreline Solar Fair.

e) David Vollan, Shoreline, great goals and plan, end result will be determined by how you implement it. Encourages council, with regard to energy and carbon impacts, not be just education and a token effort, but real changes. How land develops, how buildings are built and how codes are enforced must be done rigorously or we won't see any real change. Suggests that City try cottage housing again, try design review to accomplish it. Follow Kirkland design review example and Portland example to provide incentives to developers."

## #5

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No additional notes on substantive changes based on final Staff review beyond what is included in summary table.