

Memorandum

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TO:	Chair Kuboi and Shoreline Planning Commission
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RE:	Next Steps in Visioning Process

As we send this out on Friday, February 13, we have not received any final draft versions of the Vision or Framework Goals to show to you or the public. As we receive final drafts from your small working groups, we will send them to you electronically. We will bring hard copies to distribute to you and the public at the February 19 meeting.

We hope that you will have time to review your colleague's work prior to your next meeting. At that meeting, you will divide into smaller groups again, probably two groups this time; with one group focusing on the vision statement/narrative and the other group focusing on the Framework Goals and their accompanying narrative. The goal of the next meeting is to have a draft ready for Council review at its February 23 meeting and to the public for their comment on March 2 at a Town Hall meeting at Meridian Park Elementary School.

An additional task

As you consider development of the Vision and the Framework Goals, staff asks that you spend some time thinking about and ultimately crafting a vision for redevelopment along the Aurora Corridor. Do you want to see "pearls on a necklace", a refined vision of the "Vision Map" on page 5 of the Comprehensive Plan? Should there be some portions of Aurora where more land-intensive development (taller mixed use buildings with multifamily or offices) should be encouraged, and other parts of Aurora where less land-intensive development (one or two story big box stores and other retail shops, auto dealerships, or light industrial uses) might be directed since these uses tend to have conflicts with residential uses? You might want to consider your long-term vision for sites along Aurora are small, with not much depth, and abut single-family neighborhoods.

The addition of this perspective to the Vision will be beneficial not only to short term goal of refining the Vision, but also to the longer term goal of re-defining the RB zone or its successor. Since Aurora is a main artery through Shoreline and each end acts as a gateway to the City, the time spent in crafting a more specific Vision for development along the Aurora Corridor will pay dividends in the future.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please call one of us before your next meeting. And don't forget about your extra meeting this month on February 26.