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OUR FUTURE 2045

Comprehensive Plan Update Planning Commission Workshop

May 14, 2024

Agenda

Presenters

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Chapter Specific Vision Statements

- Overview & how they will be used

Connected + Accessible Neighborhoods

- Proposed definition and thresholds

Engagement

- Overview of past engagement and upcoming engagement
- Key takeaways from Community Survey

Next Steps

- Formation of three possibilities

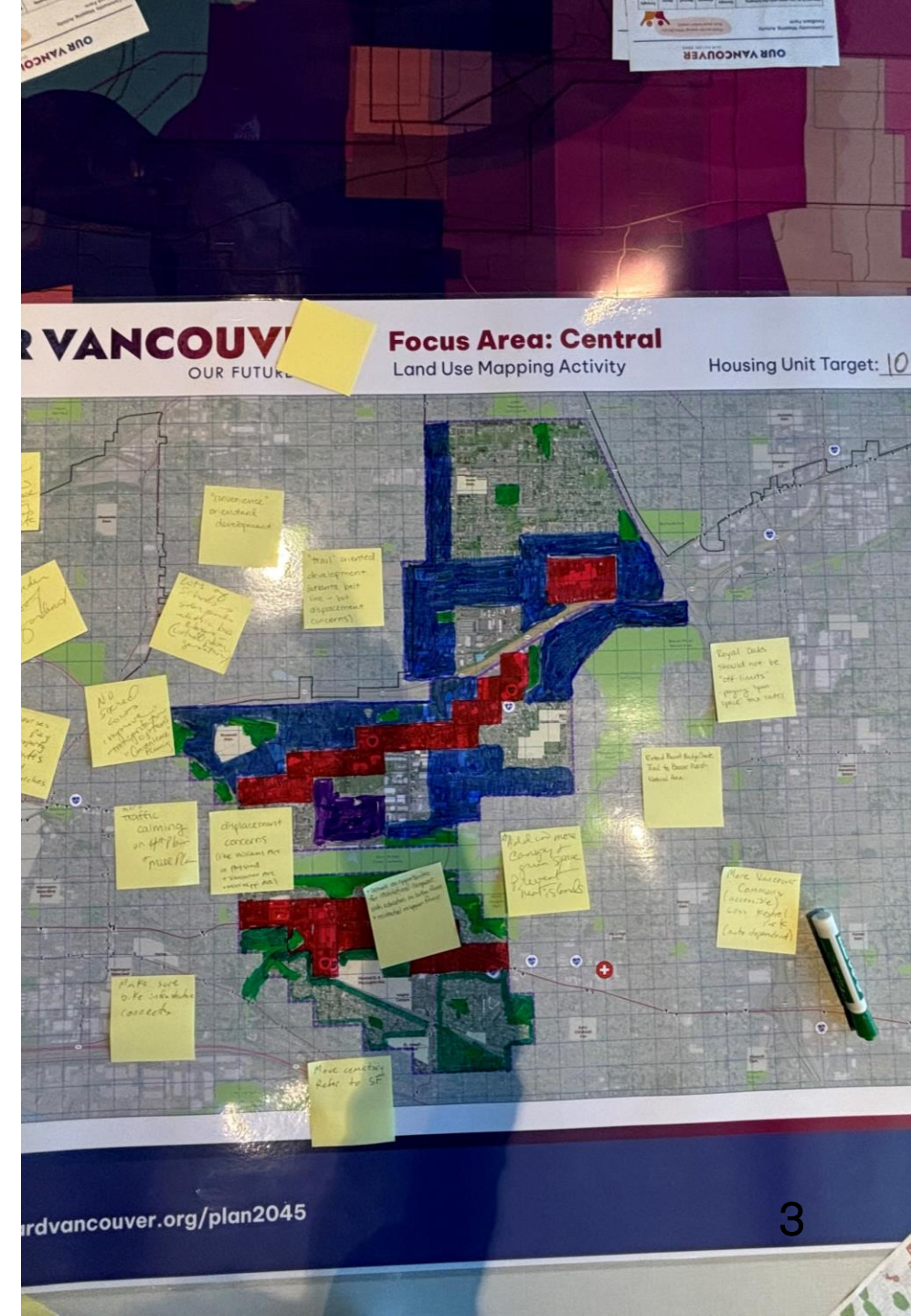
Purpose

Create grounding and shared understanding in what each of the Land Use Alternatives will consist of, and what assumptions inform their development.



Past Engagement

- Housing Forum Open House Event (December 2023)
- 19 community envision events (Summer 2023)
- 150 pins on interactive Be Heard Map (available August 2023 – February 2024)
- 1,017 responses to Community Survey (December 2023 – March 2024)



Where We Are At:



**Collect
Data**



**Develop
Assumptions**



**Workshops:
How We Grow**



We are
here.



**Evaluate
and Refine**



**Select
Preferred
Alternate**

Mapping Activity

- Four total public workshops
 - Two general public
 - One youth focused,
 - One neighborhood alliance focused
- Workshops conducted with:
 - Community Partners
 - Community-Based Organizations (CBO CWG) and Southwest Washington Equity Coalition (SWEC)
 - Transportation, Housing, and Climate Community Working Groups
- Online mapping activity⁴ closed 5/8

Connected + Accessible Neighborhoods

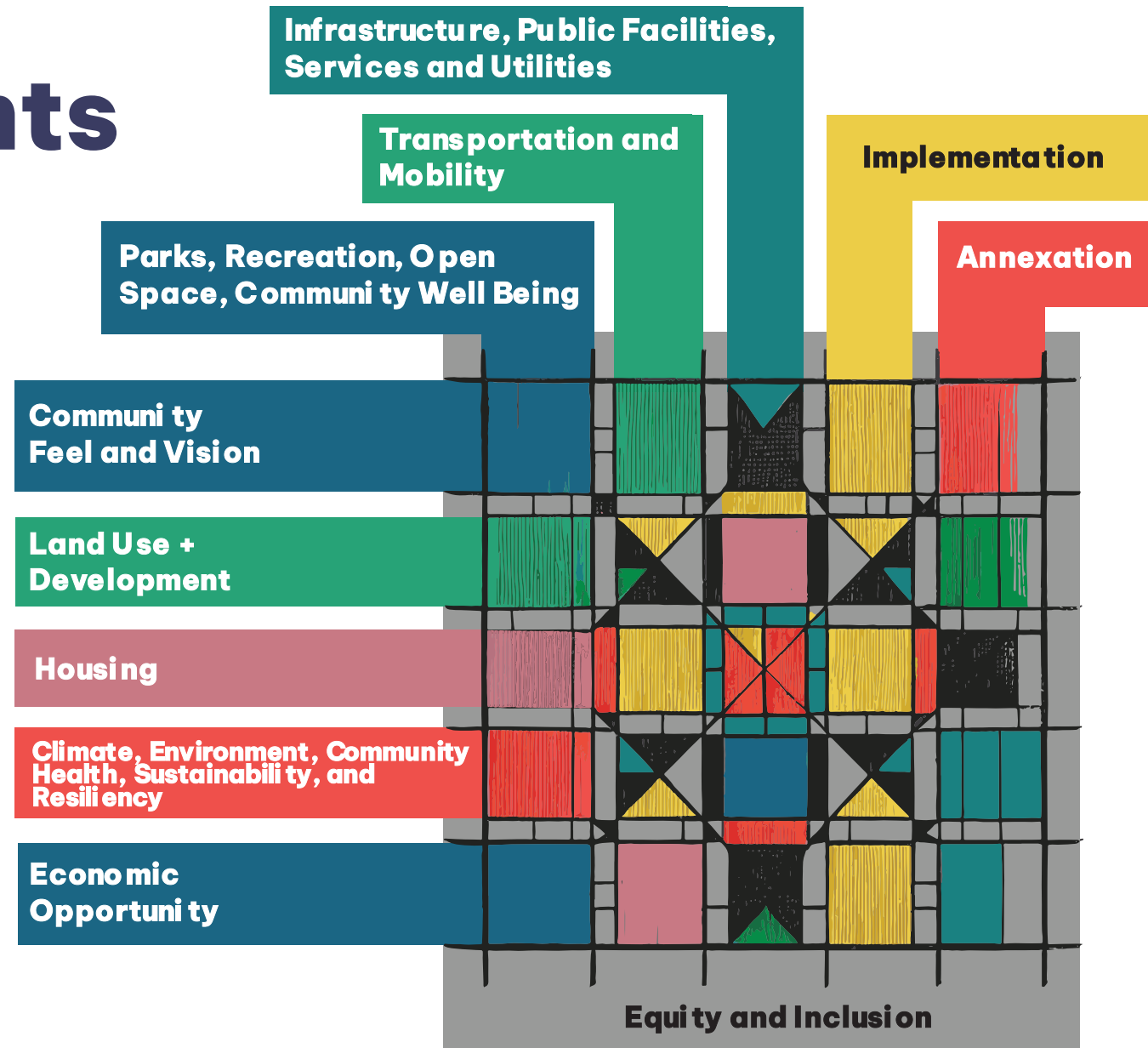
- **Accessibility** – Universally designed for all residents, regardless of physical or neural capability, both *economically* and *physically* accessible.
 - *Economically accessible* – access to employment and attainable housing.
 - *Physically accessible* – neighborhoods designed with equity priority communities are more accessible to everyone.
- **Connectivity** – Ability to walk, bike or roll to meaningful spaces, services, and amenities within 15 minutes or less.
 - Neighborhood “nodes” that meaningfully relate and connect to one another.
 - Provide a range of options to meet people’s daily needs; Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from single occupancy vehicle use.



Vision Statements

Process

- Initial draft developed in partnership with by Community Partners
- Subsequent drafts reviewed by staff
 - Alignment with existing policy direction (strategic plan, CAF, TSP, etc.)
- Vision statement developed for each of the 12 plan chapters
- Full statements and key themes included in packet materials.



Vision Statements

Chapter: Land Use + Development

We will create connected and accessible neighborhoods that provide a mix housing, jobs, and essential services in accessible and inviting spaces. We will add new types and sizes of housing that are affordable to a wide range of community members and foster a **sense of inclusion** for people of all backgrounds. We recognize that change will occur in neighborhoods and corridors across the city, and that we must accommodate this change while **preventing displacement**, maintaining livability and finding new ways to use existing buildings and infrastructure. Our vision emphasizes the importance of creating community spaces where people can **build and sustain relationships**. We aspire to build a resilient, thriving, connected, and inclusive urban landscape that creates **harmony between the built and natural environment** and fosters **choice and opportunity** throughout the city.

Policy Foundation

Increasingly Specific

Chapter: Land Use + Development

Vision Statement Themes

1. Sense of inclusion for people of all backgrounds
2. Community spaces that support and sustain relationship building
3. Prevent displacement
4. Build and sustain community
5. Harmony between the built and natural environment
6. Choice and opportunity

Example Goal

3a. Reduce displacement by analyzing the potential for projects to bring unintended consequences, and then develop mitigation strategies.

Example Policy

3a(i). Require community benefits agreement for projects of a certain size.

3a(ii). Require an equity impact analysis that analyzes how developments, zone changes, or public investments may impact communities.

Up Next

- May – Compile mapping exercise results, community feedback into three possibilities
- June 10th : Council WS, review of engagement findings, draft vision statements, and connected and accessible communities definition
 - Future Council and Planning Commission workshops on land use possibilities scheduled for June/July.
 - Will include summary of community survey, mapping exercises, and how they informed development of three possibilities.

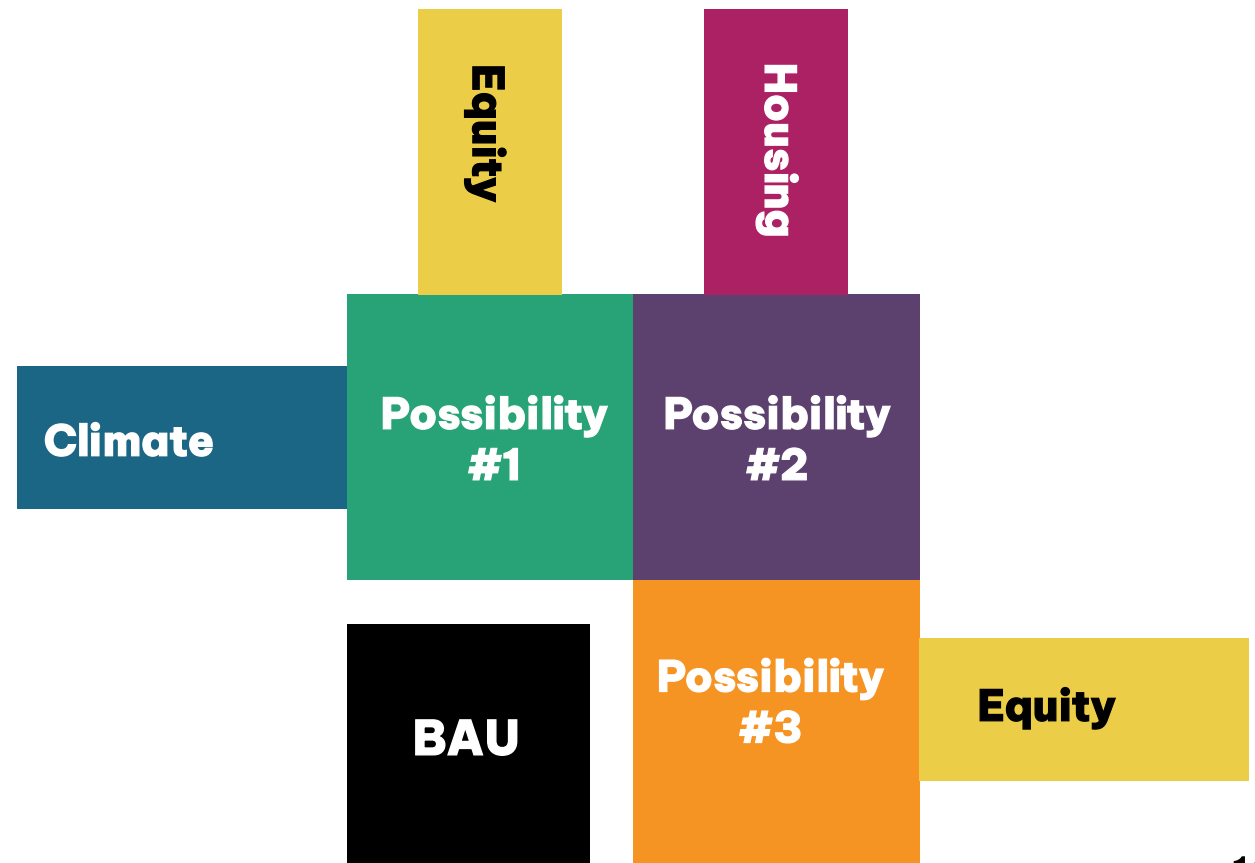
Council will endorse the **preferred possibility** and the **vision statements** towards the end of year via resolution.



Three Possibilities

- Each possibility will include common themes reflected from mapping exercise results from:
 - ➔ General Public
 - ➔ Community Based Organizations / Community Partners
 - ➔ Community Working Groups
 - Climate
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Business Leaders
- Possibilities will be evaluated against Business As Usual scenario (BAU)
 - ➔ Assumes no changes in zoning / land use beyond requirements by state law.

- Possibilities will be designed to emphasize tradeoffs, connection to vision statement themes



Upcoming Engagement – Summer 2024

Purpose: Communicate and receive feedback on three proposed Land Use Possibilities

- Continuing conversations with Community Working Groups & Community Partners
- Interactive story maps with survey questions
- Tabling and education at community events
- Two public meetings, one virtual and one in-person





Questions and Discussion