



Town Hall Community Meeting - October 10th 2019

Taking Stock of Snoqualmie Today & Tomorrow



What's one thing you value about your community?

High quality of life	Open green spaces	The beauty of the environment – scenery!	Open spaces
Quiet	Small town	I <3 the walkability of our town & feeling of safety	Beauty of nature/ safety
Natural beauty of our neighborhood	Parks & open spaces	Access to multiple outdoor activities	Natural beauty - safety
Friendly people	Natural environment, parks & trails	Small town vibe	Snoqualmie Falls
Environmental stewardship	Downtown is very walkable	Scenery	“small town” feel – friendly people!
Connection with nature	Small storefronts in downtown		Natural setting – Snoqualmie Falls/history

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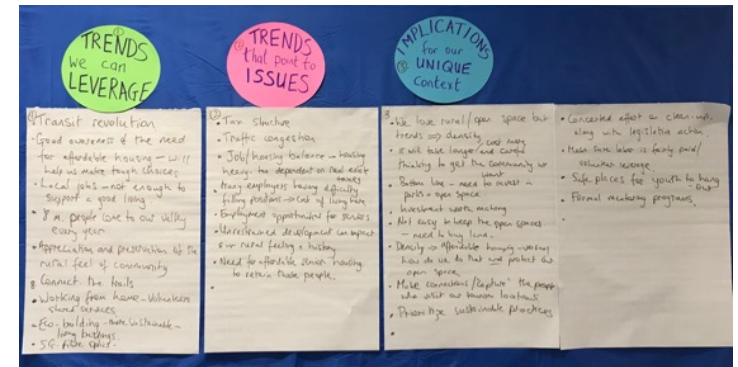
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ON THE HORIZON	EMERGING	ESTABLISHED	DISAPPEARING
<p><i>Which new ideas are way out on the horizon at the edge of acceptance? What are some radical ideas we need to take a closer look at?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging technology that puts less stress on natural resources Full development of Mill site Future tourism strategy Migration away from single occupancy vehicles -> transportation accessibility Unsupervised artificial intelligence Trash-to-energy conversion Pool on the ridge High density: mixed use, apartments & stores Build the Riverwalk Self-driving transportation Contemporary affordable housing 	<p><i>Which trends & practices are picking up momentum & gaining popularity? What are some ideas whose time has come?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail connections (i.e. SVT-> Fall City -> Preston trail) Local clinic merging w/ Overlake – better healthcare More public transportation Affordable & senior housing Schools getting better & better Widening Highway 18 Telecommuting to work & school Healthcare for everyone Transit revolution Living buildings Economic diversity Gender diversity 	<p><i>What are “tried & true” practices that are not currently questioned? Which trends are mainstream and standard operating procedure?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single use plastics Public transportation accessibility Economic silos Safety metrics STEM education Job growth does not support local residents Housing density Tax structure Falls tourism Social media Growth/density inevitable At large Council seats Walkability 	<p><i>Which trends or practices have fallen out of favor or are no longer viable? Which trend have become outdated or irrelevant in today’s lifestyles?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civility Print media Social interaction as a family Rural areas Celebrate & retain area’s history Thriving downtown businesses Flood worries Face to face interactions Single income household Affordable housing All volunteer Fire Dept Keeping farm animals at home – horse, cow, pigs Local farms, dairy etc Company town
<p>Bold = more than one card on a topic</p>			

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Trends we can leverage for the benefit of our community	Trends that point to issues we need to address	Implications for our unique or particular context
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transit revolution ➤ Good awareness of the need for affordable housing – will help us make tough choices ➤ Local jobs – not enough to support a good living ➤ 8 million people come to our valley every year ➤ Appreciation & preservation of the rural feel of community ➤ Connect the trails ➤ Working from home – source for volunteers/shared services ➤ Eco-building – more sustainable – living buildings ➤ 5G fiber optics internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tax structure ➤ Traffic congestion ➤ Job/housing balance – we're housing heavy. Too dependent on property taxes ➤ Many employers are having difficulty filling positions because of cost of living here ➤ Employment opportunities for seniors ➤ Unrestrained development can impact our rural feeling & history ➤ Need for affordable senior housing to retain people who retire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We love rural/open space but the trend is towards density ➤ It will take longer, cost more, and require careful thinking to get the community we want ➤ Bottom line, we need to invest in parks & open space ➤ Investment worth making ➤ Not easy to keep the open spaces – we need to buy land ➤ Density: affordable housing often means vertical building – how do we do that and protect our open space ➤ Make connections & capture the people who visit our tourism locations ➤ Prioritize sustainable practices ➤ Make a concerted effort on clean-up along with legislative action ➤ Make sure labor is fairly paid for this and/or leverage our volunteers ➤ Youth need safe places to hang out & formal mentoring programs