



BONNEY LAKE CENTERS PLAN

Downtown Visioning Summary

Final July 21, 2016

1.0 OVERVIEW

The Downtown Center Workshop took place at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on June 15th, 2016. The workshop included a presentation and participatory activities, including interactive polling questions and a mapper exercise. There were 19 attendees at the meeting.

Notice to the public was provided in several ways, including:

- A postcard mailing to all residents of the Downtown Center and those living within 300 feet of the center boundary.
- Online information was posted on the City's website. There was also a Facebook/Blog Post regarding the dates of all of the workshops and one specific to the Downtown Center workshop.
- Notice of the workshop will also be emailed to the City's notification list, which includes the list of people that attended the open house.
- The poster with all four workshop dates was displayed at all of the civic locations.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the workshop was to:

- Provide residents with information about the planning effort
- Gain input from the community on existing challenges and opportunities
- Hear input from the community on a future vision for Downtown Center

2.0 PRESENTATION

2.1 Presentation Content

The presentation provided an introduction to the Centers planning project, a discussion of how it relates to other planning efforts in Bonney Lake, and an overview of why Bonney Lake should plan for its centers. It also covered a brief summary of Downtown's history, as well as existing demographics, transportation, and land use conditions. Lastly, there was a summary of the project progress and next steps, in addition to information about how to stay involved and continue to comment on the plan.

There was also a short presentation from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department on the health implications of the built environment.

2. What types of jobs would you like to see in Downtown Bonney Lake?






3. What kinds of businesses and other amenities (i.e. plaza, water fountain, park, community garden, etc.) would you like to see in Downtown Bonney Lake?



4. Rate your opinion of this image. How much would you like to see something similar in Downtown Bonney Lake? (Online and paper survey totals)

Image	A – I Love it!	B- I Like it	C - Maybe	D- I wouldn't mind it	E - Not at all
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#9 	0	2	4	1	4
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4.0 ASSET MAPPING EXERCISE

A group mapping exercise was used to help participants think about the current challenges and assets in their neighborhood and consider opportunities for Downtown Center's future. The following discussion questions were provided to participants as prompts:

- In what ways is the current vision for Downtown appropriate? In what ways should the vision change?
- What amenities and features are needed to support a community gathering space in Downtown? Which amenities and features are needed to support activity here for at least 16 hours a day? Which amenities and features are needed to create a place that people linger?
- What type of urban design features are preferred here to realize the Downtown vision and activate this space?
- Only 4% of Bonney Lake residents work in Bonney Lake. What opportunities are there for Downtown to provide a source of employment for Bonney Lake residents?

4.1 Asset Map Results

The asset mapping activity provided a method to distill common themes and determine existing assets and challenges in the neighborhood, as well as future opportunities. The table below provides a summary of the themes.

Asset Mapping Summary Topics and Themes

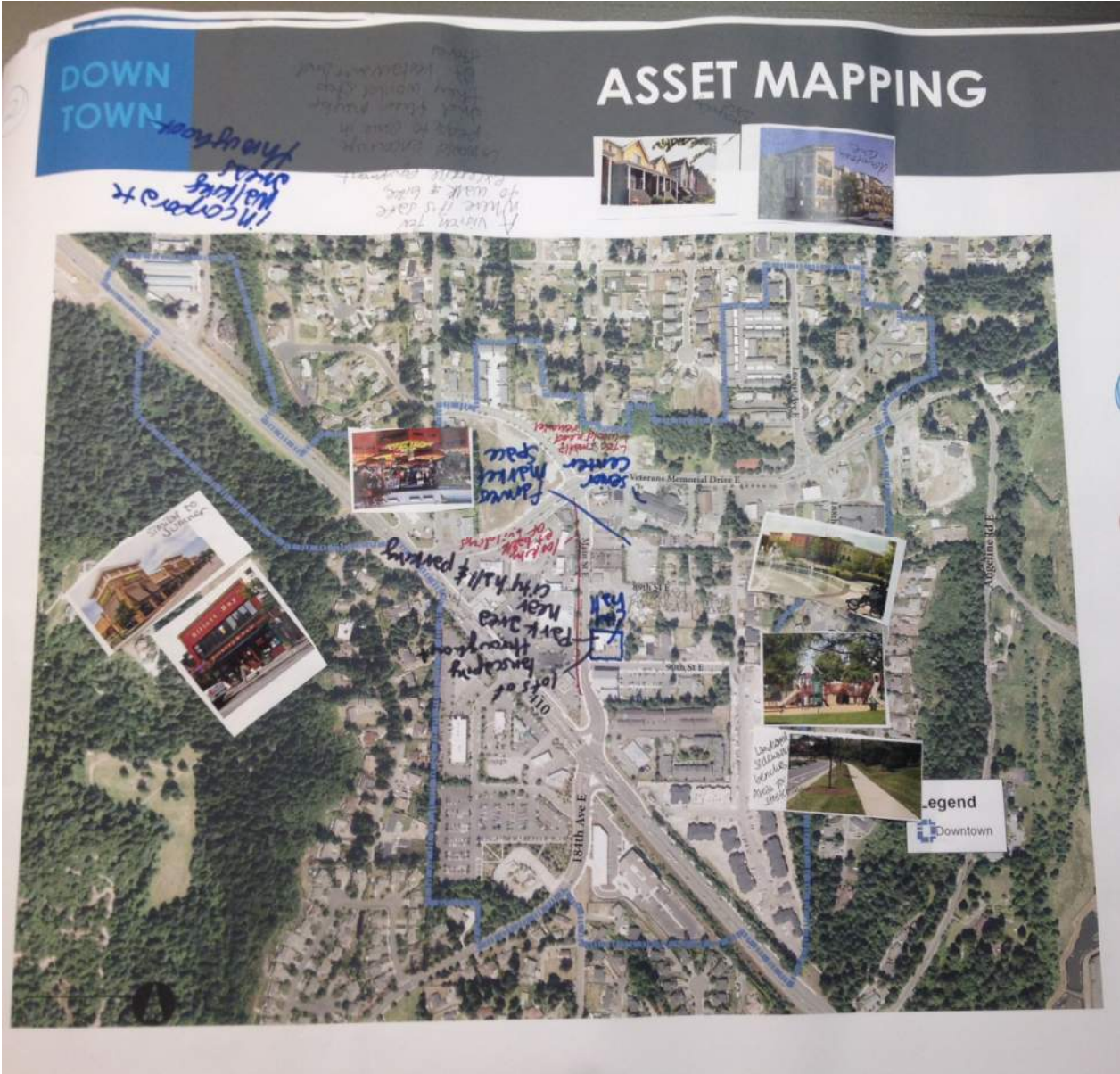
Comment Themes	Sample Comments
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden – keep, but also open to moving the location • Civic services and uses (library, post office, city hall) • Transit connections
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much parking currently in some areas, but not enough parking for apartments • The shopping plaza along SR 410
Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build sidewalks and pedestrian access from surrounding residential areas and throughout downtown • Make downtown safe to walk and bike • Build a shuttle to Kent
Central plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A central space or plaza is needed with ideas to include a water feature, benches, etc. • Farmers market space would be nice to see • Community gathering space
Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract more restaurants and coffee shops • Attract more local businesses • Attract offices for professional and medical services
Design and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for multi-use and mixed use (retail and residential) • Small scale development – consistent small town look (e.g. Sumner) • More landscaping and streetscaping throughout • Implement a “theme” for downtown • Orient the Main Street to preserve views of Mt. Rainier
Parks and Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build trail connection to Fennel Creek trail southeast of downtown area • Outdoor play structures • Sports fields

The following section provides photos of the asset mapping exercise and a summary of the comments made by participants. There were three groups and each group had approximately 3-5 participants.

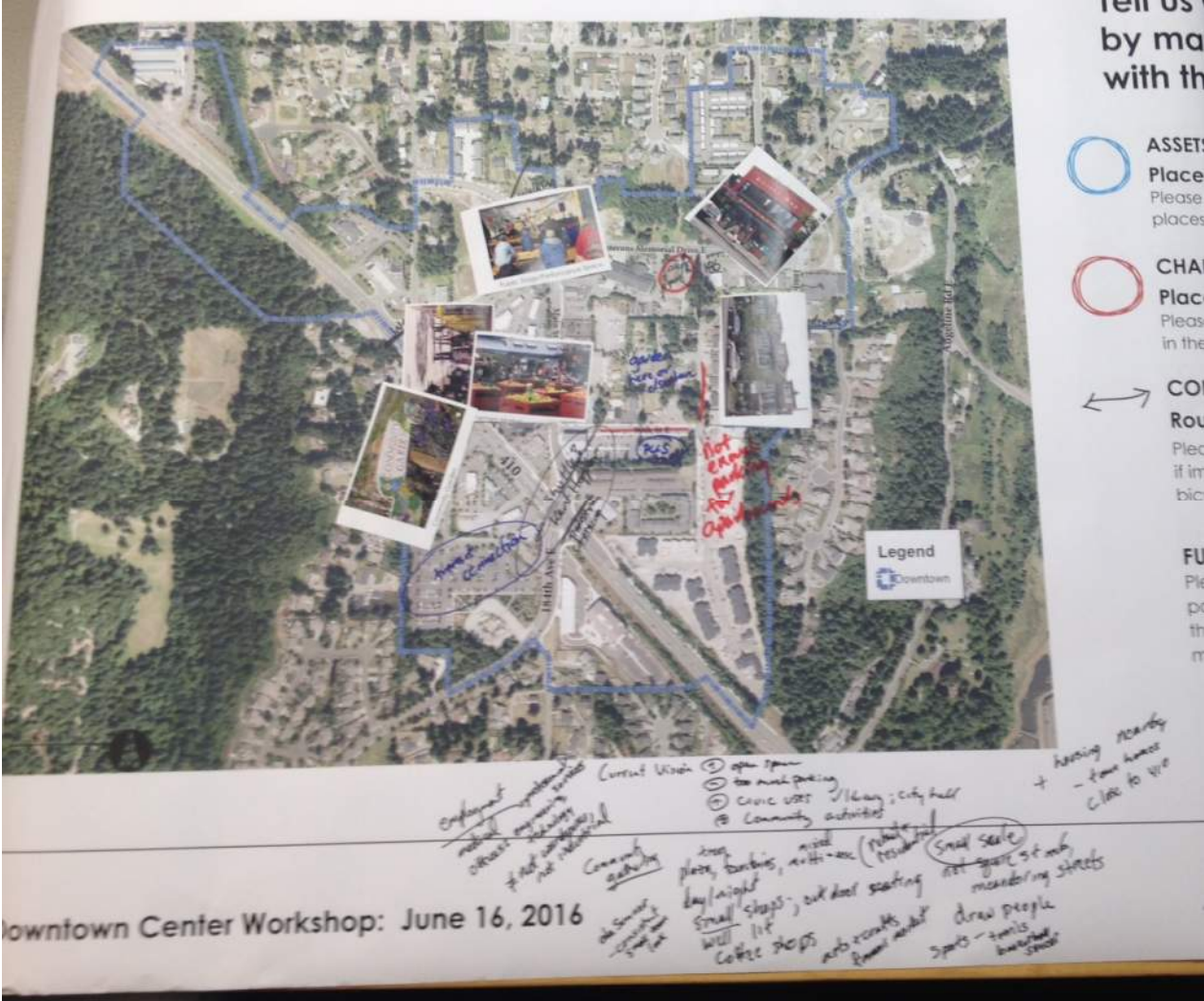
Group 1 Asset Map



Group 2 Asset Map



Group 3 Asset Map



Group 4 Asset Map

