



BONNEY LAKE CENTERS PLAN

Lake Tapps Visioning Summary

Final June 6, 2016

1.0 OVERVIEW

The Lake Tapps Center Workshop took place at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on May 11th, 2016. The workshop included a presentation and a participatory exercise. There were 37 attendees at the meeting.

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

- A postcard mailing to all residents of the Lake Tapps Center and those living within 300 feet of the center boundary.
- A newspaper advertisement in the Bonney Lake/Sumner Courier-Herald newspaper also advertised the event one week prior to the event.
- 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 Lake Tapps Center workshop.
- The Chamber of Commerce sent an email with all of the dates of the workshops.
- 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 is 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 Lake Tapps 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 Lake Tapps' 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 were also short presentations from Bruce Dees & Associates on the Alan Yorke Park Master Plan and from the Tacoma – Pierce County Health Department on the health implications of the built environment.

2.2 Presentation Q & A

The following questions and comments were received after the presentation:

- Is the old public works building going to be turned into a civic campus? We need places for organizations to have a home base.
- Will there be more handicap access and ramps? For example, ADA access to the water and docks?
- What will happen to the amphitheater? We like having it for the summer events.
- Where will the trails be built? There is concern about the kinds of activities that will go on in the woods and on the trails that are right next to people's homes and property.
- Why will there be a second community garden? Can't that area just be more park area?
- Will there be more police presence with the new facilities?
- The senior center is not big enough. There are new seniors coming in all the time, and we need room to expand. It is fine for there to be new facilities coming to the park area, but we also need more facilities for the senior center.
- There are not enough sidewalks or transit. We can't get anywhere. Some people walk hours to the grocery store and back on no sidewalks.
- There is not enough parking for the senior center.
- We have the best senior center around.
- Will West Tapps Highway be widened? What does that mean for my front yard?
- Will people be sitting on the synthetic turf for concerts and events? There are concerns about the health implications.
- How do we pay for all of this? What's the process for the community deciding how we will pay?
- How old will this community be when everything is built?

3.0 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 Lake Tapps Center's future. The following discussion questions were provided to participants as prompts:

- What types of activities happen in this center? Are these activities seasonal or year-round? What kind of shifts should be made in the balance between year-round and seasonal activities, if any?
- Where is the focal point of this center? Where should the focal point be? What kind of changes should happen to enhance the focal point of this center?
- City Council is considering this area for additional community and recreational uses. Who in the community is most able and who is least able to access these amenities? What would improve access?
- What kind of physical connections are needed to get people to this center and to move people around this center? Where should the physical connections be located? Should they be connections for pedestrians, bicycles, or cars?

3.1 Asset Map Results


The following sections provides photos of the asset mapping exercise and a summary of the comments made by participants. There were five groups and each group had 4-5 participants.


Group 1 Asset Map

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ASSET MAPPING

Tell us your thoughts by marking the map with these colors:

 **ASSETS:**
Places to protect/enhance
Please note what you like about these places.

 **CHALLENGES:**
Places to improve/change
Please note what you would like to see in these places.

 **CONNECTIONS:**
Routes to add or improve
Please mark key connections and note if improvements should address walking, bicycling, or vehicular movement.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
Please cut out any photos of buildings, parks, or street types you like and place them on the map where you would most like to see them.

Group 2 Asset Map

LAKE TAPPS ASSET MAPPING

Lighting

PARKING

Need Fencing

Transit Access

Don't like all the fields being actual. Make only need fields actual.

Ensuring safety for families w/ services

How to map food bank? not in the field. No access to transit

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- STORE DEVELOPMENT**
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Group 3 Asset Map

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- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**
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Visit Dog Park @ Locust
Lunch @ Senior Center
Hut David Wells - Senior Center

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Lake Tapps Center Workshop: May 11, 2016

Group 4 Asset Map

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ASSET MAPPING

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- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**
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Group 5 Asset Map

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3.2 Mapping Summary

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. Exhibit 1 provides a summary of the themes.

Exhibit 1. Asset Mapping Topics and Themes

Common Themes	Sample Comments
Sidewalks & Pedestrian Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add sidewalks on residential streets and improve walking access from the south side of the center (residential area near 78th St E) • Intersection where Bonney Lake Boulevard meets West Tapps Highway is dangerous, busy • Add flashing crosswalks for pedestrians in major roads • Walking route down 75th Street to 194th Avenue to Bonney Lake Boulevard and West Tapps Highway • Sidewalks are only on one side of the road in many areas • Some of the bus stops have unsafe pedestrian sidewalks – safety concerns for children
Bike Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build separated bike lanes • Bike storage and bike racks at park • Bike route and mileage wayfinding signage by park and the lake
Waterfront Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need ADA accessible docks • Waterfront park is an asset • Boat parking is a concern
Senior Center/ Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the senior center and public works building with covered ramp • Build new space between the senior center and public works building to make more community space • Add drop box for utilities • Keep Historical Society in Lake Tapps • Debate about locating a food bank – some want a food bank at this location, but there is a lack of transit to this destination • Not enough parking at senior center • Need more space for expansion at senior center – already too crowded and more coming every day
Park/Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and trails are an asset

Common Themes	Sample Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LED lighting for trails – not too bright • Need appropriate lighting on streets, in the park, and on trails • Trails should be big enough for golf carts • Provide seating areas throughout the park • A Zen garden would be nice
Traffic and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic considerations in residential areas of the center • Intersection where Bonney Lake Boulevard meets West Tapps Highway is dangerous, busy • Concerns over increased traffic with new park plans • No access to transit
Ball fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset to the center • Concerns about turf/artificial surfacing • More fields would be good for Bonney Lake • Concerns over building new fields when the high school already has brand new fields, light pollution and noise they create
Wildlife & Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve the Creek/wetland in park • Preserve wildlife in the wooded area, e.g. protect the bald eagle nest in the parking lot near the public works building
Community events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming and events: keep the farmer’s market in the park; maintain and expand Summer Wednesdays • Preserve stage in Alan Yorke Park – community enjoys the concerts, Bonney Lake Days, etc. • Would like a public plaza or gathering space– local businesses may help
Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see a store of some kind, such as a grocery store, deli, coffee shop, or bakery • Could have commercial on the undeveloped area • Improve snack shack
Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have senior housing and one-story housing for seniors • Residential streets should have sidewalks • Keep area surrounding park as residential
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring safety for families through services • No access to a food bank in the Lake Tapps center

