

CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL WORK PLAN SESSION AGENDA

February 6, 2021 - 8:30 am

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Please use the following phone number or video link:

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(253) 215 8782

Meeting ID: 841 5147 5726

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| I. | Welcome and Agenda | 8:30 – 8:35 |
| II. | City of Hood River proposed 2021 work plan | 8:35 – 9:00 |
| III. | City Council discussion | 9:00 – 11:30 |
| | a. 10-minute break to be called by the Mayor | |
| IV. | Next steps & adjourn | 11:30 |

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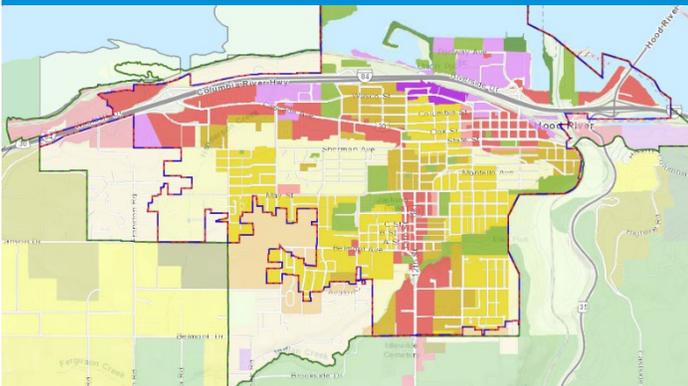
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AT A GLANCE

STORMWATER | STREETS | MUNICIPAL COURT | BUILDING | PARKS

SIZE AND ZONING



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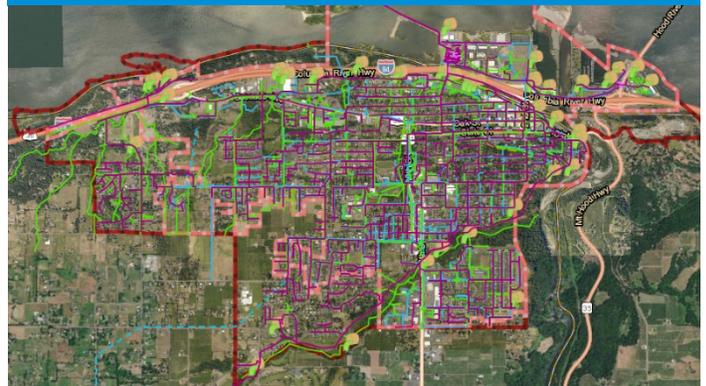
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UTILITY ACCOUNTS

4,295

INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS



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Just a few of the 74 vehicles City vehicles

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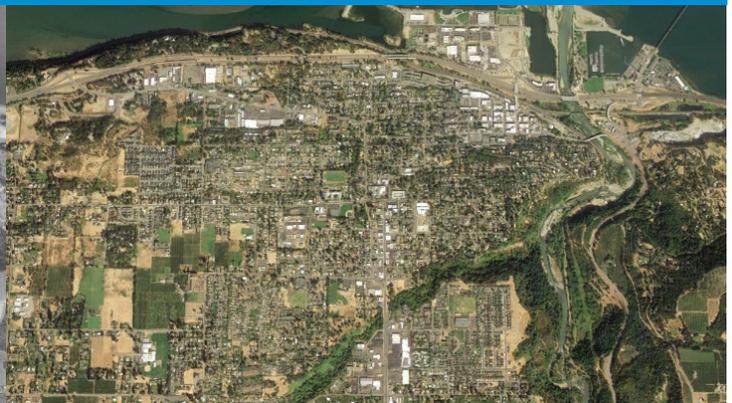
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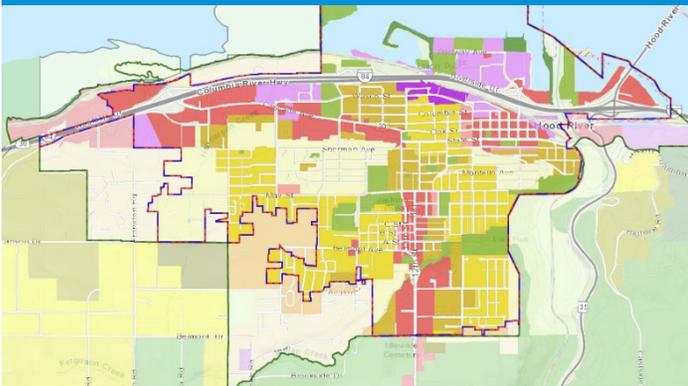
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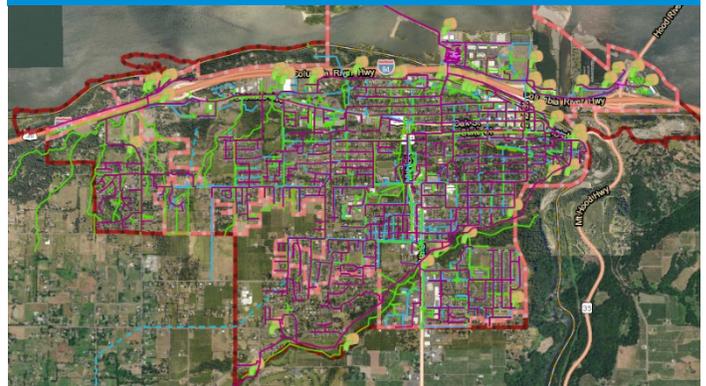
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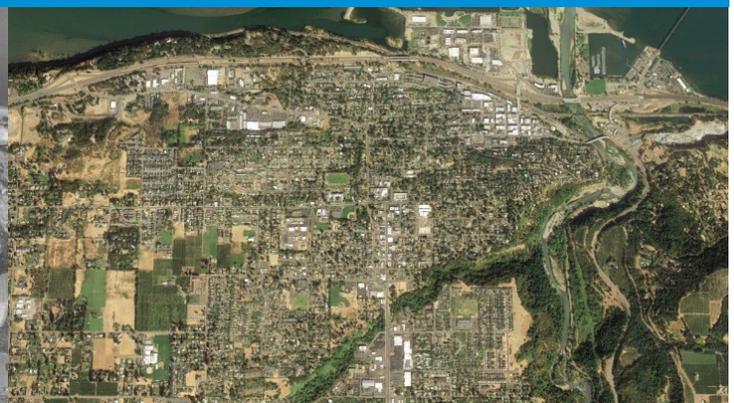
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HOUSING TOOLS AND STRATEGIES ACTION ITEMS

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, AVAILABILITY AND DIVERSITY OF TYPE

LAND USE

PROCESS EFFICIENCIES

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

COMPLETED process efficiencies and projects

- **Updated** Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations (2019)
- **Approved** Residential Reuse of Historic Buildings
- **Updated** Residential Parking Standards Downtown (2020)
- **Adopted and Expedited** Land Division Code and Process (2020)
- **Implemented** ePermitting & Electronic Plan Review to streamline building review and permitting (2020)
- **Created** customer portals for online access to regulations, forms, and applications (2020)
- **Established** in house Building and Engineering Divisions to improve customer access (2019) & (2020)
- **Purchased** 7 Acre Rand Road property for affordable housing (2020)
- **Implemented** Construction Excise Tax (CET) dedicated to affordable housing (2017)
- **Implemented** a Short Term Rental license, regulation, and compliance program (2016)

ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

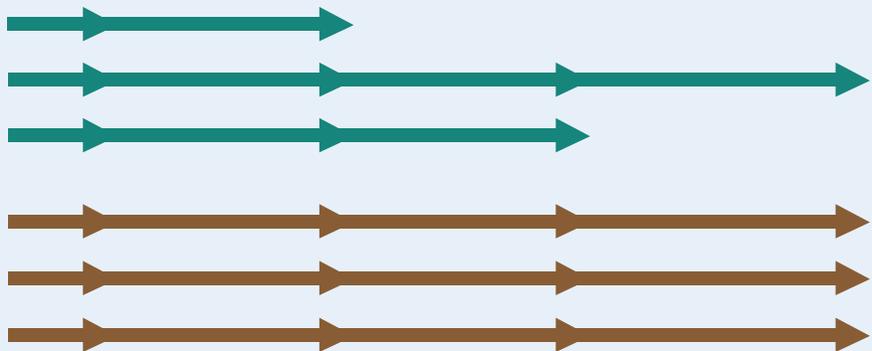
- Middle Housing Zoning Regulations
- Zoning Code Audit
- Affordable Housing Production Strategy
- Planning and Land Use Process Audit
- Permitting Enhancement Project
- Development of Affordable Housing at 780 Rand Road

WINTER 2021

SPRING 2021

SUMMER 2021

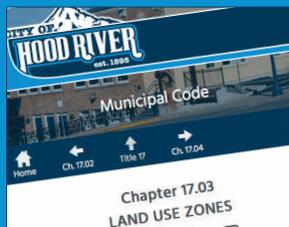
FALL 2021



KEY HOUSING PROJECTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN 2021



Process Improvements



Zoning Code Audit



Affordable Housing Production Strategy



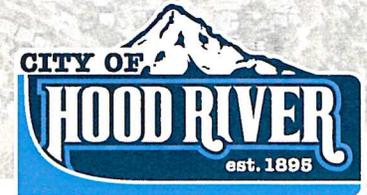
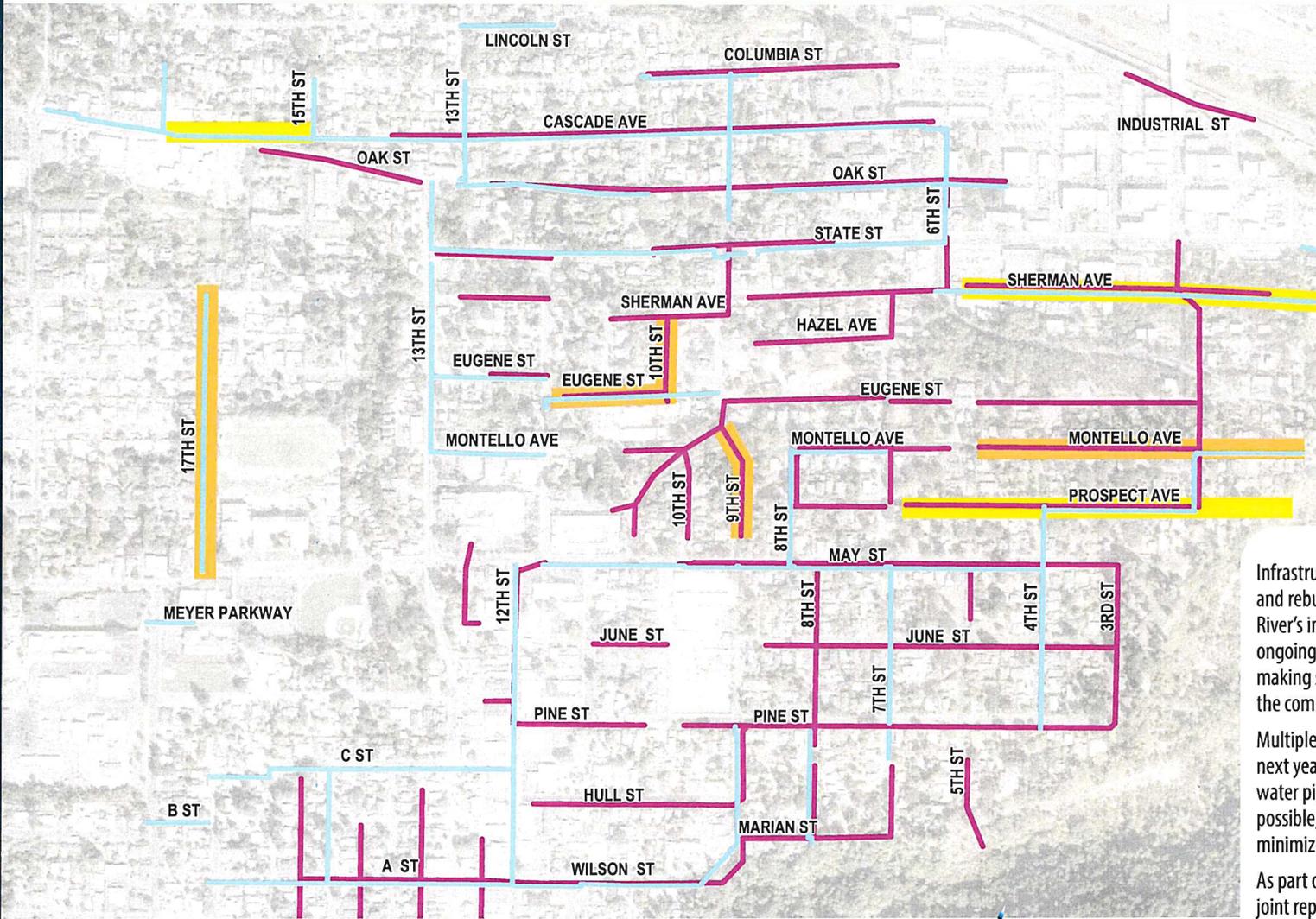
Rand Road Development

For more details on Housing Tools and Strategies progress, visit cityofhoodriver.gov

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WATER/SEWER PIPE RECONSTRUCTION

LEGEND

- FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PROJECTS
- FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PROJECTS
- CLAY PIPE
- LEAD JOINTS

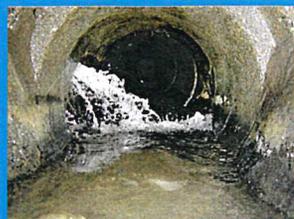


Infrastructure is critical to the lifeblood of any city and rebuilding the aging components of Hood River's invisible inner workings is constant and ongoing. Over the next 10+ years the city will be making significant infrastructure investments in the community.

Multiple water-sewer projects are planned in the next years to replace or rehabilitate lead-jointed water pipes and aging clay sewer pipes. Where possible, this work will use trenchless methods to minimize traffic disruption.

As part of the City's Infiltration / Inflow and lead joint replacement capital improvement plan, design for the first of these projects began in the fall with construction planned for spring/summer 2021. All City of Hood River clay pipes and lead-jointed waterlines are slated for replacement or rehabilitation by 2030.

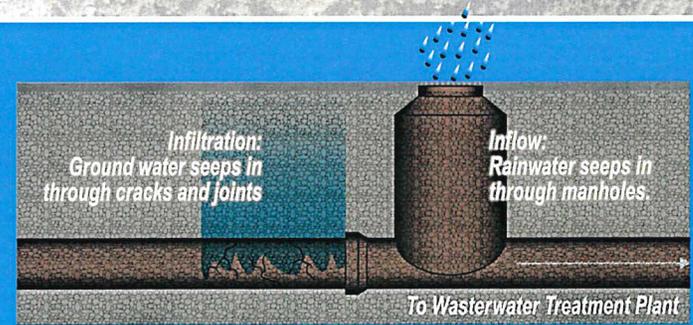
Despite their name, city-owned lead-jointed water lines *pose no risk to public drinking water*; however, they are past their useful life and mandated to be replaced.



Infiltration from cracks in sewer line



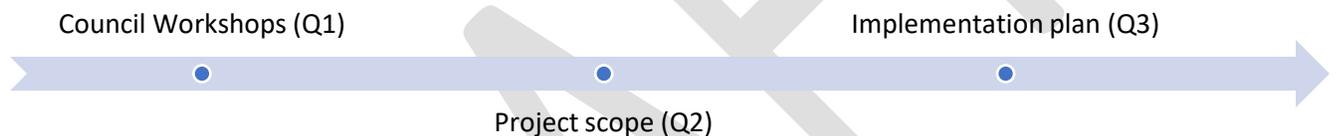
Inflow of rainwater into sewer manhole



City of Hood River 2021 Proposed Council Work Plan

Inclusive and diverse housing inventory

1. **Affordable Housing Production.** The purpose of this project is to identify policy tools and strategies to encourage production of housing for individuals making less than 120% of median family income, including tools to encourage multi-family construction. The project will include a workshop to identify available policy tools, a workshop to understand existing community partnerships including the housing authority and the land trust, and a project scoping workshop with the City Council to prioritize policy projects and create an implementation plan.



2. **Rand Road Development, Phase II.** The cost of housing in Hood River is a burden to families and individuals and makes it difficult to recruit and retain workers. The City of Hood River purchased 7 acres of property in 2020 to develop affordable housing. The purpose of this project is to partner with a developer to build housing for community members making less than 120% of the median family income (approx. \$84,000 for a family of four) with priority for those who make less than 80% of median family income (approx. \$56,000/year for a family of four).



3. **Zoning Code Improvement Project.** The City of Hood River Zoning Code is out of date and increasingly complex for applicants to navigate and for staff to administer. This project will crosswalk the most complex areas to determine if the code can be salvaged.

If not, staff will scope a replacement project for implementation. The project will also identify opportunities to streamline the land use process.



*An equitable and inclusive community**

- 4. Equity Assessment and Plan.** The purpose of this project is to create a racial and social equity plan for the City of Hood River. The project will include engagement with the community to determine a shared vision and shared language for racial and social equity within the scope of City services. Measures and tools to advance racial and social equity will be developed based on this understanding. The City will partner with a consultant trained in this strategic work.



- 5. Community Health and Behavioral Health Partnerships.** The purpose of this project is to build relationships with social services and medical services to identify and cooperatively address gaps in care and service. Staff will participate in working groups related to the Behavioral Health Improvement Plan, the Community Health Improvement Plan and the Homelessness Stakeholders Group and will report back to Council on the outcomes of these working groups and any opportunities for partnership.

Timeline to be developed by community partners

** This outcome is listed as a placeholder and may be refined as part of the Equity Assessment.

Informed and engaged community

6. **Community Engagement Continuous Improvement and Investment.** The purpose of this project is to continue to improve public engagement in the policy-making process. Additional investment may include expanded social media, outreach to underrepresented populations, engagement with community partners and identification of other effective methods of communication and engagement. Also included is implementation of a full legislative module with integrated meeting agendas and video.

Install Council Chambers technology (Q2)



Implement integrated meeting agenda and video (Q3)

Efficient, safe, multi-modal transportation system

7. **Historic Columbia River Highway.** This project anticipates the completion of the Historic Columbia River Highway Trail through Hood River. The project includes revisiting the street cross-section and includes gateway concepts, connections through the City and parking considerations for users of the trail.

Timeline to be developed in partnership with ODOT.

8. **Fixed Local Bus Route.** The purpose of this project is to develop a fixed local bus route in partnership with Columbia Area Transit (CAT). The project will create a process to locate site stops, including facilitating adjoining property owner input and navigating issues associate with the removal of parking spaces. The project includes developing and organizing criteria for stop installation including benches, shelters and poles.

Council workshop (Q2)



Develop siting criteria (Q3)

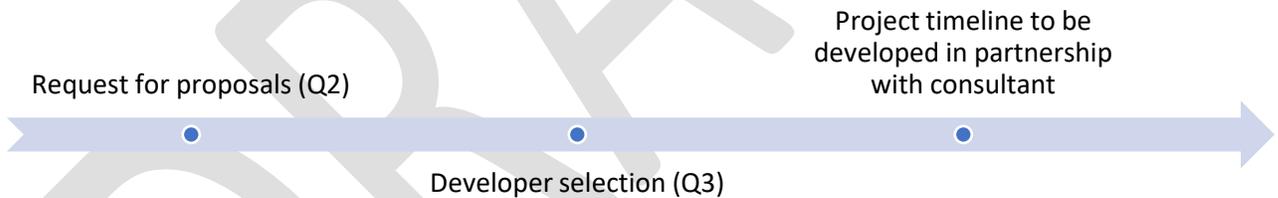
Install stops 2021 -22

9. **Safe Routes to School.** Using the map adopted by the Hood River City Council in 2020, the purpose of this project is to identify and refine specific projects that are eligible for ODOT Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants and prepare the City to apply for funding to implement the Safe Routes to School projects.

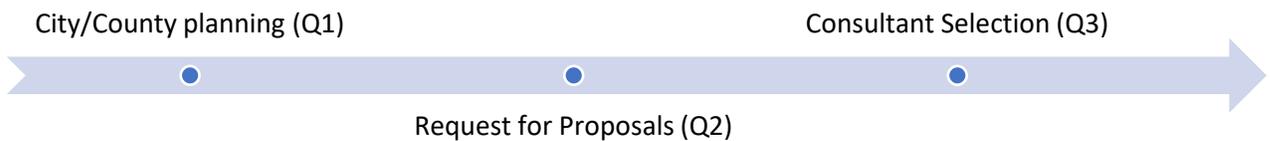
Council workshop - eligible project list (Q3)



10. **System Development Charge Study.** System Development Charges are one-time fees paid by developers that help pay for infrastructure (streets, sewer, water, stormwater systems) required to meet growth demands on City systems. The purpose of the project is to review the City’s system development charges and bring policy options to Council for consideration. The project will also identify policy options for low-income assistance and affordable housing incentives.



11. **Public Safety and Community Services Facility.** The purpose of this project is to partner with Hood River County to develop a joint facility to house public safety and community services including the County Courthouse, Sheriff’s Office, Police Department, Safe Space Children’s Advocacy Center and other identified community services and partners. If located downtown, the project would also include an increase in parking capacity.



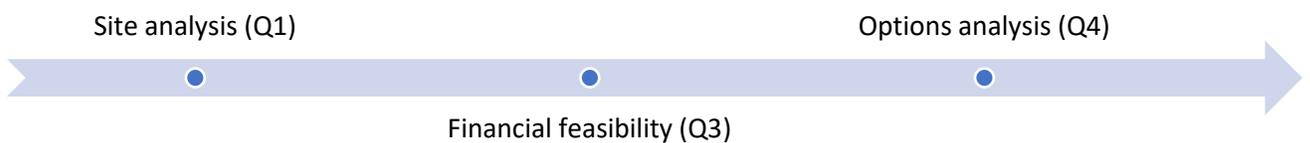
12. Water and Sewer Line Reconstruction Project. Clay sewer pipes are common in cities developed at the same time as Hood River and, with age, are more susceptible to root intrusion and blockages and contribute to additional ground and stormwater entering the sewage treatment system. The purpose of this multi-year project is repair or replace clay sewer pipes and lead-jointed water lines as required by the department of water quality. An infiltration and inflow study will be completed in FY 2021 to identify the most problematic areas. Policy and financing options will be brought to City Council for consideration.



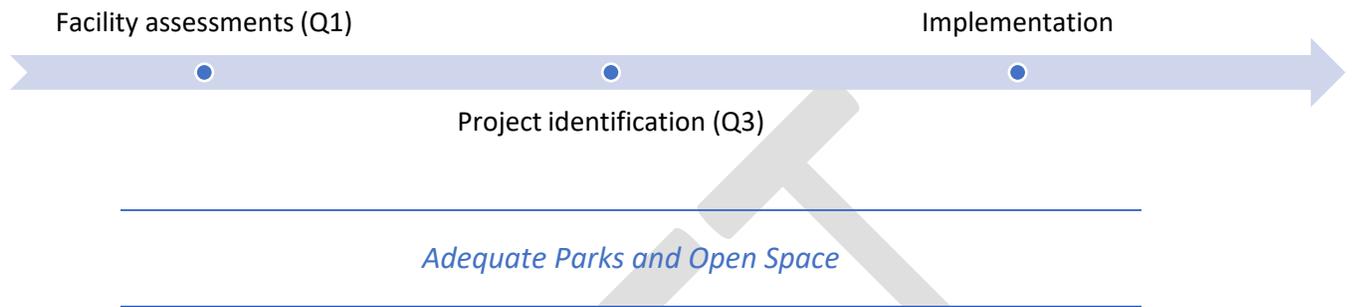
13. Wastewater treatment plant CoGEN. The purpose of this project is to examine the technical and financial viability of renewable energy generation at the wastewater treatment plant and to bring policy options to Council for consideration.



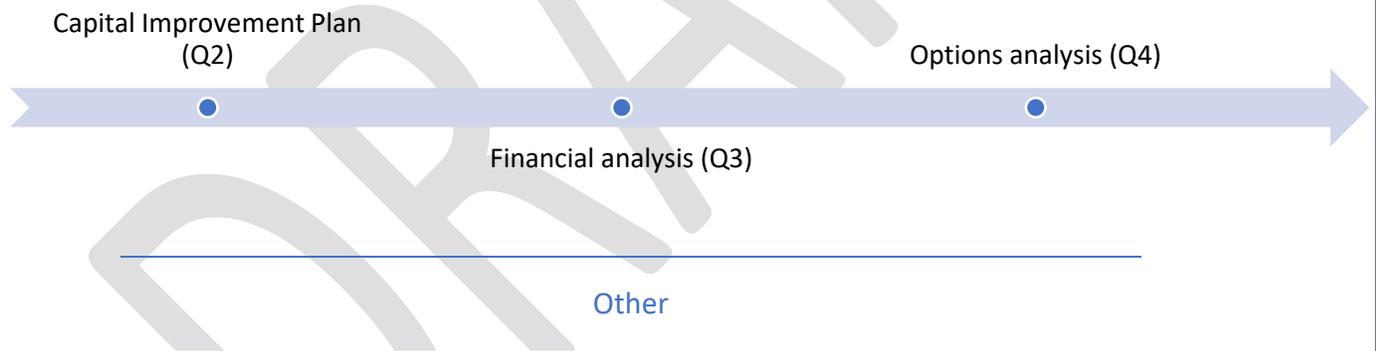
14. Hybrid Vehicles and Charging. The purpose of this project is to explore options for hybrid electric vehicles and charging station infrastructure to reduce fuel use and emissions created by the City-owned fleet.



15. **City facility energy assessments.** The purpose of this project is to evaluate the energy efficiency of City facilities and to identify projects and options to increase energy efficiency and resiliency.



16. **Capital Improvement Plan for Parks with implementation measures.** The purpose of this project is to create an implementation plan for the City projects on the Multi-Jurisdictional Parks & Recreation Master Plan. (Project Owner – Mark Janeck)



Continued COVID support and organizational management (parklets, use of outdoor space, community support, etc.)

Heights/ Urban Renewal

Significant Operational Projects

Collective bargaining

Non-represented pay-equity evaluation and salary study

Trees in City ROW

Code revisions (historic preservation and waterfront)

Continued joint meetings with County

Update to residential Building Code

Energy Code overview and preparation

Tree preservation incentives

Permitting Enhancement Project

Industrial pre-treatment program development

DRAFT

Significant Capital Projects

Waterfront stormwater project, Phase II

Elevated sewer preliminary design

Cascade/Rand intersection

Second and Oak intersection

Wastewater treatment plant biosolids storage bay

Wastewater treatment plant UV system

Wastewater treatment plant digester mixer

Wastewater treatment plant Wonderware upgrade and SCADA workstation

Wastewater treatment plant SCADA remote access

Hydro-power in water line (pending grant funding)

Water main lead joint pipe replacement (Montello, 17th, and Eugene)

Sanitary sewer clay pipe replacement (Montello, 9th, 10th, and Eugene)

Roadway paving (Montello, 9th, 10th, 17th, and Eugene)

Elevated sidewalk design

Organizational projects

Training program for new supervisors

Continued COVID management

Continuous improvement in operations

City of Hood River 2020 Council Work Plan Project – End of year status report

Inclusive and diverse housing inventory.

Housing code improvement. Completion Q1 2021.

Permitting enhancement. Multi-year project. Continues to 2021.

Rand Road Neighborhood Development. Multi-year project. Continues to 2021.

Analysis of Land for Affordable Housing. Complete.

Informed and engaged community.

Communications and Community Engagement Assessment. Removed from budget due to COVID. Shift to Racial Equity Assessment.

Communications and Community Engagement Improvements. Complete. Continues to 2021.

Efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation.

Parking study operations and management implementation. Multi-year project. Moves to ongoing operations and future Council Work Plan.

Transportation system plan update. Completion Q1 2021.

Historic Columbia Highway Urban Connection. Continues to 2021.

Safe Routes to School Map and Route Improvements. Complete. Continues to 2021.

An environmentally sustainable community.

Low Impact Development. Multi-year project. Public education phase continues in 2021.

Energy and Greenhouse Emissions Assessment. Complete.

Wastewater Treatment Plant CoGen. Delayed due to COVID. Continues to 2021.

Trees on Private Property. Complete.

Well maintained community.

Utility rate study. Completion Q1 2021.

SDC rate study. Continues to 2021.

Police facility. Multi-year project. Continues to 2021.

Infiltration and inflow. Multi-year project. Continues to 2021.

Parks and Open Space to serve the community

Master Plan. Complete.

Capital Improvement Plan for Parks and Trails. Continues to 2021.

Significant Operational Projects

Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract Extension. Complete.

Transient lodging tax language update. Complete.

IT investments. Complete and continues to 2021.

Phase II and III website improvements. Complete.

Use of City property for events. Complete.

Financial policies. Complete

Labor negotiations. Complete

Code clean-up (waterfront and historic building). Not started.

Disaster resilience planning (Pacific Power shut-off). Complete.

Annual budget. Complete.

Financial reporting. Complete

Building code adoption. Complete.

Capital projects

Waterfront stormline phase 1. Complete.

Rand/Cascade intersection. In process.

2nd and Oak final design. In process.

May St elevated sidewalk design. In process.

WWTP digester. In process.

WWTP UV system. In process.

WWTP short-lived asset replacement. In process.

Elevated sewer line design. In process.

Wastewater treatment plant solar install. Complete.

Hydro-power in water line evaluation. Complete.

City of Hood River 2021 Council Work Plan – Planning Commission

Committee members: Chair Mark Frost, Susan Powers, Bill Irving, Tina Lassen, Megan Ramey, Erika Price, Amy Schlappi

- 1. Establish calendar and dates for legislative hearings every 2nd PC meeting in 2021 for purposes of doing strategic planning.**
- 2. Budget sufficient resources to support legislative hearing schedules and legislative zoning updates at 12 per year.**
- 3. Legislative Changes to the Zoning Code (Housing Needs Basis)**
 - Complete Missing Middle Housing Code
 - Evaluate building heights measurement methodology flat / sloped / upslope / downslope
 - Revise residential parking requirements
 - Revise residential lot size minimums -Amending R1 to 5000 square foot minimum, R2 – 2500 square foot minimum,
- 4. Incorporate a Safe Routes to School Plan into the Transportation System Plan**
- 5. Begin Advanced Acquisition of Property for Henderson Creek Trail Development**
- 6. Revise Zoning Regulations for Prefabricated Manufactures Modular and Tiny Homes**
- 7. Revise Temporary/Seasonal/Transient Uses and Foot Cart Regulations**

City of Hood River 2021 Council Work Plan – Landmarks Review Board

Committee members: Chair Cathy Orfall, Arthur Babitz, Bill Pattison, Cindy Walbridge, Jeff Dellis, Scott Sorensen

1. Update Hood River Municipal Code Chapter 17.14, Historic Preservation, to comply with state law and improve the review process for alterations to historic buildings and new construction in the district (process improvement). Chapter 17.14 was added to the municipal code in 1994 and has not been updated.

Status: Included on City's 2020 Work Plan (under operational projects on p. 15). Not started.

Recommendation: Roll into 2021.

2. In conjunction with the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee work on the Heights Urban Renewal District, develop streetscape and building design and development standards for the Heights Business District, with cues from historic building surveys conducted by Sally Donovan, to enhance the District identity.

Status: Ongoing; Not included on City's 2020 Work Plan. Ongoing Heights Urban Renewal District Urban Design & Engineering Project focuses on streetscape design and intersection improvements; it does not include building design and development standards. City hired new consultant in 2020; project scope was revised; project kick-off in 2021, date TBD.

Recommendation: Appoint a Landmarks Board member to attend URAC meetings to identify opportunities for LMRB input and report back to the board.

3. Update parking standards in Downtown Historic District to exempt historic buildings from parking requirements to achieve redevelopment potential of historic structures (especially residential use of upper stories) without the burden of providing on-site parking spaces or fees in-lieu of parking.

Status: Included on City's 2020 Work Plan (2019 Parking Study implementation on p.11). Nearly complete – Second reading of Ordinance 2056 is scheduled for the October 26, 2020 City Council meeting.

Recommendation: No further action needed.

City of Hood River 2021 Council Work Plan – Energy Committee

Committee members: Marla Harvey, Katy McBride, Tim Counihan, Butch Miller, David Meriwether, Les Perkins, Annick Chaliar, Alexia Kelly, Cathy Higgins, Eric Strid, Julia Garcia-Ramirez, Matt King, Peter Kernan

- 1. Continue to support on-going energy planning and coordination through appointing a member to the Energy Council and contributing financially.**
- 2. Finish greenhouse gas emissions and resilience assessments of City owned buildings and fleets.** Specifically prioritize working with the Energy Council to find funding for a prefeasibility or feasibility at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that assesses co-generation, renewable natural gas and resilience opportunities like microgrids.
- 3. Integrate net zero energy ready and resilience goals into City supported development efforts and explore strategies to achieve goals in housing project at Rand Road.** The most cost effective opportunity to achieve cost savings, health and resilience outcomes in buildings is at the time of construction and the City's role in supporting housing at Rand road offers a unique opportunity to pair equity, resilience and climate goals, ensuring energy benefits are felt by lower-income residents. The Energy Council can connect the City to financial, technical, and logistical resources to support strategy development that aligns with project goals and requirements.
- 4. Fire and EMS solar plus storage.** In coordination with the Energy Council, the Energy Trust of Oregon funded a feasibility study that will provide technical and financial specifications for a technology agnostic solar + storage system that could make the Fire EMS building net zero emissions, create more than \$13,000 per year in savings, and keep the building operational for an up to a two week outage. The Energy Council is actively exploring funding for the solar + storage system and will work with the City if a viable funding option becomes available.
- 5. Engage in discussions to understand energy project funding and procurement options.** The Energy Council seeks modest City engagement and input as it inventories energy project procurement options such as net metering, power purchase agreements, and community tariffs, and funding strategies such as levies, grants, revolving funds and public private partnerships.

City of Hood River 2021 Council Work Plan – Tree Committee

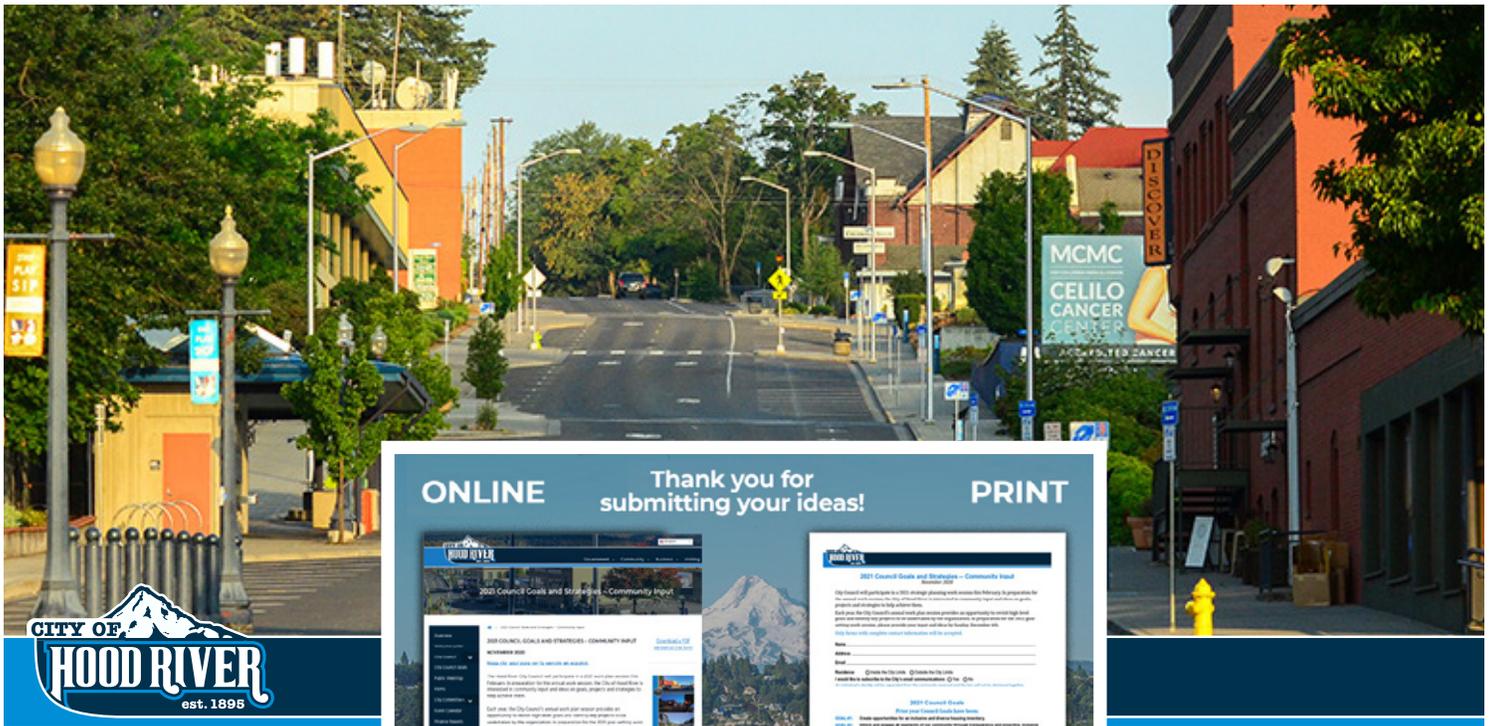
Committee members: Chair Dan Ball, Kathy Jubitz, Tyler Roth, Jacquie Brown Barone, Tina Lassen, Tim Counihan, Haley Ellett, Rick Peargin

1. Update Hood River Municipal Code (HRMC) 13.12 - Vegetation In and Adjacent to City Rights of Way.

The tree committee proposes updating HRMC 13.12. The proposed updates would add definitions, improve tree protection, clarify responsibility for trees in planter strips and clearly explain the permitting process for planting, pruning and tree removal in the City Rights of Way.

2. Create an ordinance to protect trees on private property.

Currently, the Hood River Municipal Code (HRMC) does not contain an ordinance to protect trees on private property. The tree committee would like to research, draft and submit ordinance proposals to protect private trees. For example, a few municipalities in Oregon have implemented a permitting process to regulate tree removal on private property.



COUNCIL 2021 WORK PLAN INPUT

The City of Hood River sought public input to City Council on goal and project ideas for its upcoming 2021 Work Plan meeting.

A simple questionnaire available both online and in print asked for input on Council's six current goals as well as ideas and suggestions for adding or changes goals. Forms were available in both English and Spanish. The online forms were published on the City's website on Tuesday, November 10th and available through midnight Sunday, December 6th. Print forms were available to pick up during the same timeframe at the exterior entrances of City Hall and The Next Door.

To encourage participation by the community, the survey was promoted in a number of ways. An article and link about the survey was promoted on the City's website homepage Latest News Slider, as well as on the Council Goals page. The link (cityofhoodriver.gov/council-goals-input) was also promoted by local media, in two posts on Facebook, in an e-mail message to City subscribers, and to email lists by The Next Door.

A total of 125 submissions were received, with 122 in English and three in Spanish. Following is the raw information from all respondents. To protect confidentiality, each person's identity is kept separate from comments and identity shall not be disclosed to the public.

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**What goals would you recommend adding or changing?
Do you have suggestions for goals or projects to address problems that do not fit
into current Council goals?**

- 1 No Response
- 2 Add a goal around anti-racism assessment and plan development. We need to hear the experiences of minority community members specifically and develop an agenda, which will likely impact City work plans around housing, transportation, infrastructure, schools, and communication. Minority community members have a very different experience from the white majority and we need to hear their voice and act.

Furthermore, Hood River has a very low crime rate and increasing our investment in the police department as it is feels like we are missing the mark. The City should invest/save a LOT of money by implementing a CAHOOTS model to help reimagine public safety: <https://whitebirdclinic.org/what-is-cahoots/> By using trained crisis teams, we would better address community issues and get away from unnecessary escalation. Given crime rates and the type of crimes we see here, there is NO reason Hood River shouldn't consider this model and would have many community partners to lean on to help develop it.

COVID has taught us that we have very fragile, fragmented public health infrastructure. COVID will not be the last pandemic, our community will eventually have another devastating fire season, we could be without power when winds get high next summer, Cascadia will hit, we have two volcanoes nearby, another train will derail. We need more local planning and resources around emergency response, particularly for our most vulnerable in our community (elderly, low-income, etc.)"
- 3 With the city's recent addition of The Mayors Pledge, I believe the city should add to their goal of "Inform and engage all segments of our community through transparency and proactive, inclusive and comprehensive outreach." an explicit anti-racist and anti-bias element.
- 4 FUTURE GROWTH: Consider a Comp Plan policy and implementing ordinances addressing transportation-efficient growth.

Research has identified critical factors that influence how far people travel on a typical day, the routes they take, and whether they walk, bike, drive, or take public transit.

Transit Supportive Development

Public transit tends to be particularly successful in communities that have defined walkable districts, offering multiple attractions and reasons for pedestrians to frequent the area. A sense of community is projected by having a combination of density, mix of uses and housing, pedestrian orientation, and design elements that create a unique identity. The design principles which define the essential characteristics of Transit Supportive Development include:
 - Greater density than community average
 - A mix of uses and housing types, including some suitable for people with disabilities and lower incomes,
 - Quality pedestrian environment.
 - Defined public realm, and
 - Distance to destination and public transit.
This gives people who cannot or should not drive (including this individual), access to the services they need in the community."

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- 5 Divert city funds away from building/expanding our police force and their facilities and move those funds toward the citizens that need them the most. Programs to support these citizens could include expanded mental health care and crisis response personnel.
- 6 Address community requests for alternate forms of public safety that do NOT involve law enforcement or policing. Do NOT spend any tax payer money on a new police building (or parking garage). Prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community -- put money towards affordable housing and efficient public transportation.
- 7 There is no goal that affirmatively requires the city to maintain the ""livability"" of our community in the sense that it connects us all to nature as a part of a healthy everyday life. Sacrificing this kind of natural connection for residential density can be destructive to the human spirit, yet that is what the city is increasingly moving toward. The goals sound good on their face, but with every new scraped lot, cut tree, or million-dollar pavement-fronted townhouse box we see, we know the end result threatens to be very different.

If we don't require something else, it will not happen. My comments below address the need to consider green infrastructure as essential infrastructure."
- 8 I appreciate many of these goals but would also recommend more "anti-racism" policies and action implemented into our 2021 goals.
- 9 I do not support the public funding of a new police station in Hood River. I do not believe this falls within the city's goals nor the best interest of its citizens. We need to focus our efforts and our budget on increasing and improving mental health services.
- 10 Ideas for goals:
 - Base priorities on the Racial and Social Equity Resolution
 - Make Hood River an anti-racist community
 - Meet residents' basic human needs
 - Address social determinants of health
 - Create and grow alternatives to policing
 Ideas for projects (they can be big or small):
 - Build permanent supportive housing
 - Provide middle and HS students with bus passes
 - Install bus stops for CAT routes
 - Build and staff a mental and behavioral health clinic
 - DO NOT INVEST MILLIONS IN A NEW POLICE BUILDING"
- 11 I appreciate the current goals and would like to see more work done for them
- 12 No Response
- 13 We support the goals from 2020 and look forward to the progress that will get made in 2021. Thrive Hood River is making our comments on behalf of our 600+ annual supporters, half of whom live in the City of Hood River and its urban growth boundary.
- 14 - Base priorities on the Racial and Social Equity Resolution
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- 15 At this points starting the ground work for a linear park system is critical to the longterm future of Hood River. We should be acquiring land as soon as possible before the possibility is developed out of site.
- 16 Just want to make sure the Farmer’s Market continues to be an important part of the community at the current location. It would be great if it is there year-round.
- 17 No Response
- 18 A stronger stance of anti-racism
Also address health and basic care of residents as well as support small businesses during this pandemic”
- 19 Housing for marginalized families
- 20 No Response
- 21 I would like to see a special emphasis on diverse and affordable housing and integrating the other goals listed above. The pandemic has highlighted this issue in a very dramatic way.
- 22 New Goal: Racial and Social Equity (Dismantling systemic racism and oppression, social justice)
Projects: Racial and Social Justice education trainings community wide, equity plans and lens, lead with race.
New Goal: Social Determinants of Health
Projects: pursuing projects that meet social determiants of health for everyone, not just a few but all determiants.”
- 23 No Response
- 24 I would encourage you to prioritize work to support and strengthen the local food system, including continuing to support the farmer’s market and SNAP match programs. I hope the city would also prioritize a permanent wind-sheltered location for a year-round farmer’s market. An active vital market strengthens other local businesses as well. Parks and open space are important as well for a healthy community.
- 25 None in particular. The goals are well thought out.
- 26 No Response
- 27 I 100% agree with all of these goals. I know they are big goals but they are aligned with the high-level issues that I think we should be planning for.
- 28 Community Safety is a major function of the City. Seek ways to expand the concept of and feeling of safety for the whole community. This might mean looking at how to better support our most vulnerable community members. It could mean supporting our police and first responders with better community partnerships so that people in different types of crisis get different responses. It could mean creating or supporting the creation of more spaces for art, music, play, fun-- these things promote community cohesion, which adds to safety for all.

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into current Council goals?**

- 29 Dear Councilors,
I'm submitting goals on behalf of Thrive, and more specifically Thrive's new Housing Coalition. We are so excited to stand behind you in making real changes to the zoning codes to support access to diverse housing inventory. We know this has been a priority for years, and we are here to help make this changes come to life this year.

We recognize that community support was not well-rounded during the Lot 700 discussions, and we are going to make sure that the voice of the pro-equitable housing community is heard. We're here to help educate the community on what equitable housing looks like, showcase some of the well-loved local neighborhoods that fill that housing niche, and engage the community in advocating for more.

We're here to help. We have your backs on making this real change happen.

I'm coordinating those efforts and look forward to working with you on this. If you have any questions, Heather Staten and I are here to talk!

Thanks so much for all you do,

-Katie"
- 30 Hi Council,
I would just like to advocate for saying resilience rather than sustainability. We know that conditions are becoming more and more unpredictable, so how do we, as a community, weather the storm? It takes resilience!"
- 31 Build community trust and care for inclusive community health and well-being.
- Instead of a new law enforcement building, allocate money for urgent community needs such as mental health, shelter services, treatment services, etc.

- have welcoming signs in public places that are in English, Spanish, and Native languages naming the tribes who were originally on this land"
- 32 I guess I would consider instead of ""address community needs for parks and open space"" changing it to ""work closely in collaboration with HRVPR and HR Port to address community needs for parks and open space.""

It doesn't make sense to me for each org to do it's own thing with relation to parks but I think we need to support Parks and Rec to grow and support parks for all of Hood River. If we coordinate resources and power among us, we will do a better job focusing on the area's in which we specialize."
- 33 No Response
- 34 Aser campos de fútbol para jóvenes y adultos.que no tengan que pagar por usarlos.
[Make soccer fields for youth and adults that do not require payment to be used.](#)
- 35 all the electric motorized bicycles and skateboards I think the city should require a license fee for use on city streets within the city boundaries, as they have grown in immense numbers in the last few years and are becoming quite a safety issue(running stop signs passing on your right speeding etc). they share the road with us so they should share the expense. Also streets alive type programs should be voted on not just put in effect. Just some ideas to pass around.

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- 36 Off Leash Dog zones in parks. People without kids pay taxes of which majority goes to school, give us one nice night off leash zone in the new park off Fairview.
Slow down, pace, prevent sprawl of Hood River - Just because more people want to be here doesn't mean we have to ruin what we have to squeeze them all in."
- 37 Affordable housing! Affordable housing! Affordable housing!
A distant second:
Investing in concert hall (CGOA Mark Steighner project) to bring more musicians and acts/ performances to the gorge. Continue concerts in the park and other community-building activities."
- 38 No Response
- 39 Achieve net zero emissions by 2035
achieve 100% clean energy access
establish a municipally owned utility
develop a community climate resilience plan
deploy solar plus storage microgrids on critical facilities
improve the housing development permitting and engineering process
Update the building codes to allow for smart growth and new urban design principals
establish a natural infrastructure water management and wastewater treatment policy"
- 40 No Response
- 41 No Response
- 42 First, I agree with your goals as stated above. Hopefully the council has learned from its experience with the Jaymar property more recently named by some citizens as Morrison Park. It did not need to be "given away" for a dollar. The city should have and could have structured a 'sale' at some reasonable market value whereby the money would eventually have been paid back. You have land now. Consider selling it to a developer with a long term payback to the City from future rents. Say, no payments till five years after completion of a project.
- 43 No Response
- 44 Goal: Plan for energy resilience including islanding of critical community resources. Prepare for energy interruption from disaster or Pacificorp initiated PSPS blackouts.
- 45 Provide affordable housing for locals.
Provide more parking for downtown businesses.
Provide information in Spanish and try to encourage Hispanic community to engage in city council meetings."
- 46 No Response
- 47 No Response
- 48 I am most concerned with the first goal listed: "Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory".
- 49 I would like to see the City add more bike lanes to make the e-bike influx more safe and increase usage of bikes and e-bikes. Otherwise, I mostly am in agreement with the above objectives.

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- 50 Listing ideas about goals for consideration is not citizen input. What are the tangible plans and how do we rank priorities? I own real property and am a tenant in the City (and live in the UGA) so my input should be just as important as if I resided within city limits.
- 51 Consider adoption of an extended Indoor Clean Air Act to protect the health and well being of the citizens and visitors.

Consider adoption of a Tobacco Retail Licensure ordinance to protect the health and well being of our young people.”
- 52 I like all the goals but find the “inform and engage” one vague and confusing. What/who do you mean by “all segments?” Inform and engage about what?
- 53 I’m told that houses are being snapped up by buyers offering cash of hundreds of thousands of dollars. These must be ultra wealthy individuals or business entities wanting to make money on real estate, not live here as a primary residence. There must be a way of preventing speculation in the housing market by increasing the cost to buyers who are buying property that will not be a primary residence.
- 54 I would like to see Hood River support a 4 season community-based athletic center for all residents to utilize outside of the typical tourist season. This facility would ideally include indoor tennis courts gym facility and possibly indoor field capability for the residents of Hood River and others to use year-round. The Hood River sports club would be an ideal candidate for the community to purchase and maintain and upgrade. We have long taken care of seasonal visitors and need to provide facilities for our kids and year-round residents to have a healthy and productive place to recreate.
- 55 I believe that “maintain” existing infrastructure should be changed to “increase” existing infrastructure just to be able to handle the current population. We are grossly over stressing our current infrastructure and growth is not even possible with the current situation. Honestly, I do not agree that the city and county should grow at all. We all moved here for the rural small town feel. I don’t understand why our mentality is always more, more, more! Isn’t what we have good enough? The “must grow” mindset is what is currently driving the demise of our environment. Enough is enough!
- 56 1. Maintain our historic buildings and neighborhoods and small town community neighborhoods by making sure new development fits into the existing neighborhoods.
2. Do not eliminate parking allowance restrictions. Many of our current neighborhoods do not offer enough parking so folks have turned their front yards into parking areas.
3. Fund future parks, trails and green spaces.”
- 57 Support a resilient food system and address growing food insecurity in our community.
- 58 I really think that Hood River could really benefit from a Boys and Girls Club. A location which would provide a meeting, learning and athletic facility for young people throughout the county.
- 59 Eliminating light pollution by adopting the International Dark-Sky Association, IDA/IES Model Lighting Ordinance. <https://www.darksky.org/our-work/lighting/public-policy/model-lighting-laws-policy/>”
- 60 These are exactly, in the order placed, what I see as key goals. The vision for addressing our most important needs. I appreciate the words “prepare for growth” as it emphasizes the inevitable without words of active persuasion for growth. The words are inclusive, and take in the needs of all citizens, as well as what I hope are an acknowledgement of living with all non human relations.

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- 61 Addressing climate change is probably implicit in Goal #4: create a more environmental sustainable community. I'd recommend explicitly calling out an intention to address climate change as a city: to reduce emissions (partially via Goal #3), and to adapt to drier summers and the increased risk of forest fire. I might be bolder in Goal #1, too. Instead of "Create opportunities," how about "Build" an inclusive and diverse housing inventory?
- 62 We need a racial justice and climate justice taskforce to investigate how the city contributes to systemic racism and what are potential solutions that empower frontline communities
- 63 549 Nina Lane
- 64 No Response
- 65 no new goals
- 66 No Response
- 67 I think it is imperative to look at protecting the Henderson Creek wetlands area - both for preservation of open/green space as well as providing potential space for multi-modal bike/pedestrian passage away from homes and vehicles. Developers are buying land on the west side of rocky road and these green spaces must be preserved - they are widely cherished by the community at large and it is important that the city have the foresight to resist funds brought by developers without FIRST implementing protection of green space and wetlands.
- 68 Emphasis on all projects addressing social determinants of health for Latinx and Native American communities within HR proper and the Gorge at large - affordable housing, transit options, financial resources/banking/loans/financial literacy, etc.
- 69 No Response
- 70 I would like to maintain the goal to create opportunity for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory but add language specifying to include affordable housing so that all members of our community can afford to live here.
- I would like to maintain the goal to promote multi-modal transportation and encourage bike/ped transportation but add language specifying removing barriers to transportation and access in our community.
- I would like to maintain the goal to create a more environmentally sustainable community.
- I would like to add a goal to create a community of strong social connections and mutual support.
- I would like to add a goal to provide for the mental health and wellness needs of the community.
- I would like to add a goal to provide for the basic human needs of Hood River residents."
- 71 No Response

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72 Infill is my top priority. Allowing people to live close to businesses, hospitals and schools will greatly increase the livability in HR. I was for the Morrison Park development as I thought that was a place people could live and work. I am excited about the potential development going on near Jackson Park. If we allow more people to live within the city, increasing bike lanes/walking routes will make our city more livable. Density also promotes public transportation. Walking/biking/transit will make our city more affordable and encourage more groups to live here.

I would also love to see the one ways in the Heights go to two way. I mostly bike or walk around town and the one ways are scary. Cars go so fast and with all the parked cars it is hard to see around to oncoming traffic. Slowing down the traffic will make the Heights feel more comfortable to walk and promote shopping in the local stores. To me right now, when I am in the Heights I feel like I'm walking along a highway. I personally prefer the slow traffic feel and safety of downtown when shopping. Does anyone like to shop along a highway?

Open space is a huge priority of mine and I think some of the loud vocal advocates have it all wrong in town. We have tons of open space in and around town. We can promote open space by encouraging infill. If we expand roads and housing outside of town we are taking away the real open spaces. Filling in our city as opposed to expanding will really help keeping our city green due to less driving.

I think reducing the parking requirements of new housing would also be beneficial. The current parking requirements force developments to build more parking lots. Parking lots are the worst and there is so much parking in town already. I would like to see parking requirements reduced. I would also like to see more pay parking in town to disincentive driving. We are in such a small town people can bike or walk to most businesses."

73 No Response

74 As a resident of Willow ponds and part of three generations living near Henderson creek in hood river I ask that Henderson Creek be protected. It is imperative to maintain the wildlife quality of this waterway and create a safe walking/ bicycling path for surrounding neighborhoods and those who would like to avoid driving to shopping areas. My family enjoys the exquisite beauty of Henderson Creek daily. Please support the maintenance of this area. Marla Goldberg, 1046 Nina Lane, Hood river

75 I was recently made aware that the drainage grates in the Hood River Aquatic Center can flip up when stepped on and that an elderly woman recently fell on the concrete as a result. I do think the Aquatic Center requires more immediate focus if it is going to stay open. I am aware that there is a serious need for renovations if not construction of a new aquatic center.

76 No Response

77 Future of Henderson Creek west of Rocky Road.

Henderson Creek forms where development threatens it on both east and west sides of it. It's a natural wetland with many native trees, plants and bushes. It actually is formed by two forks, east and west with the west fork running year round. It should be preserved as much as possible as a natural park like corridor for wildlife and future generations to enjoy. It needs to be protected all the way to the Columbia River."

78 I applaud your goals. In particular, the existing Henderson Creek Trail provides natural open space for wildlife and plants, as well as walking and biking opportunities. Please prioritize its preservation. Green spaces such as these contribute the well-being of individuals and the community.

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79 No Response

80 No Response

81 No Response

82 In strengthening our transit, we need actual covered bus stops throughout the CAT bus routes. We need to be thinking about how to better connect our lower-income residents in the valley with the businesses in town.

83 I like these goals ... I think the wording of the infrastructure goal is a little confusing tho. Maintain and expand infrastructure per future needs makes more sense to me. Nitpicky comment, sorry.

Also, public safety is missing from these goals, but don't we spend quite a bit on police and fire? I think the goals need to reflect the budget. I suppose the engagement and transportation goals imply public safety."

84 Thank you for serving on City Council!

First of all, the heart of every community is the family. Strong families produces a strong community. What are you doing to promote strong family structures? To create opportunities for family relationships to grow? We have a great little town with a variety of hobbies and recreational activities. Second, what happened to the ""Hood River ID"" for Hood River residents to have discounts and other advantages because we live here? It's a great idea and one way to help make us feel and act like a community even more so."

85 No Response

86 Housing affordability and resiliency focus

87 The city paid for another downtown parking study and yet has not enacted the recommendations. Further, the council has disbanded the parking committee with stakeholders input and then made decisions about the parking in lieu fee without consulting the committee. And now the police station is set for the biggest parking lot downtown with no clear plans on how to replace the parking long term or during construction. As seen by how much revenue is generated by downtown businesses, and how much was lost this year due to the pandemic, I urge you to support downtown businesses survive this pandemic and rebuild afterwards to maintain not only community character and jobs, but also an important source of revenue for the city. Without adequate parking for customers, which was shown as a big and growing problem by the study, businesses cannot retain customers as parking is the number one complaint businesses hear as to why customers do not patronize downtown. I also think that that one or two of the options for a police station involved creating new affordable housing and it would seem more appropriate to choose that location to go along with goals of the city.

So I think that specifically following recommendations of the multiple parking studies with input from stakeholders via a committee should be a goal. Not just part of an overall vision of improving multi modal transportation, but we paid for specific steps to take, we have them, let's finally find a way to fix the problem which will only be worsened by new development paying lowered in lieu fees.

I think that the Yard is a large underutilized space that is not on park land, already owned by the city, and it could be a goal to figure out how to better design that space to accommodate more usage by things such as a police station or even affordable housing."

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- 88 No Response
- 89 How about focusing on saving small business that have been hurt by Covid restrictions?
- 90 No Response
- 91 More opportunities for public community meetings to discuss these issues
- 92 The transportation system goal should include mention of public transit as well as bike/ped transportation.
- 93 I recommend that public transportation is included in the goals. I'm not sure what multi-modal transportation system includes and I know the community needs more connections to bus routes and bus stops to get to services in Hood River.
- 94 Transporte publico para usar camion cuando no podemos manejar. Transporte publico para poder visitar servicios en pueblo/ciudad de Hood River.
[Public transportation so we can use the bus when we cannot drive. Public transportation to visit services in the town / city of Hood River.](#)
- 95 The first goal is good but not just ""inclusive and diverse"" -- the goal should articulate and highlight (for accountability) LOW INCOME housing, not just affordable.
Also, the Council goals do not address representation and pro-active solicitation of input and guidance from our historically marginalized populations - - Latinx, elders and caregivers, native and tribal people, LGBTQ+, disabled, and others."
- 96 No Response
- 97 We need to support our local businesses in any way that we can. Allow more outdoor venues for them.
- 98 No Response
- 99 No Response
- 100 Changes to 5 and 6 suggested below. The scope of Goal 5 is big-- feels poised to get lost in translation. Goal 6 seems weak to me-- it written in such a way that it has a ton of wiggle room to go any direction. "Community needs" is such a vague concept unless you identify what the needs (need for more; need for less; need for preservation; need for different; need for conversion to housing, etc.). It seems vacuous to say "we're going to meet the needs" without any context or specification as to what, in fact, those needs are from the city's perspective.
- 101 Dog park 3120 Eliot"

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102 Goal: Make Golden Heart Park a priority for our City. Clean up Golden Heart Park and establish a different system for maintaining cleanliness. What you have does NOT work, and hasn't. This is a major for tourists. It showcases Fairbanks for hundreds of visitors a week. It's filthy. Establish more garbage cans. Install some ashtrays people can use. Take control of it out of the people who oversee it now and give it to someone else who will take pride in it and clean it up. Immaculate care will stop what is happening and give our City a better name. We should not be putting up with this kind of neglect and filth.

GOAL: Create a plan for waste recycling: Please immediately target waste recycling. We need more pull offs for people to drop off waste from their vehicles. Just in our area, a lot of furniture is discarded continually. We need places to recycle things we cannot use. This is shameful to be allowing this when there are people with so little who really could use these items. Please get a team on this and let's make this a priority! :))

Lastly I don't think we need to address needs for parks and open spaces. WE NEED to clean up and maintain what we have so they will be better utilized.

Thanks."

103 I would like to see more action on housing and multi modal transport. Many of council has been elected based on addressing the housing situation multiple times and this time row members both won with 20% of vote . It is time council acts aggressively on housing.

104 Creating stronger local mental health services for youth and adults that can provide crisis care without police as well as long term continuous care

105 No Response

106 No Response

107 I am strongly against the proposed new police station. The city has talked about affordable housing and low income housing, but nothing has happened. The city has talked about addressing the lack of parking, but nothing has happened. The city doesn't seem to even consider bike lanes. Just paints a bike in the middle of the street and calls it good. Your goals look good but. . .

108 No Response

109 To better ascertain the needs of city residents perhaps looking afresh at the city on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis. What needs to be done in each neighborhood area to make progress on the council's goals?

110 I think your goals are appropriate. There will be a macro-factor affecting Hood River that of course was known before COVID, but will now be accelerated. Many professionals working around the world will now be emboldened to move to beautiful places like Hood River now since it is so possible and acceptable to work remotely. The City needs to be prepared for a significant influx of new professionals wanting to live and raise families in Hood River. The key will be how to accommodate them with infrastructure, but also how to accomplish this while being equitable to "locals". We must strike a balance between being a Zoom call bedroom community, while giving the foundational demographic of folks in agriculture, hospitality, recreation, and service industries as equal opportunity for housing, recreation, and City services.

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- 111 GOAL: Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory
GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation.
GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space:"
- 112 R2 lots are now priced over \$250k. Multifamily housing is being build on (expensive) C2 land. An effective way to reduce price is by increasing supply.
An obvious way to increase supply is to create roads and infrastructure with an urban renewal district covering at least the 450 acres studied under the project known as the Westside Concept Plan."
- 113 Dog Park and trails, smart/comprehensive growth development plan in heights, community engagement plans which tie heights to downtown, additional resources for homeless.
- 114 No Response
- 115 More/better connector paths and sidewalks connecting neighborhoods in and outside the city limits.
- 116 I would add to the goal of promoting an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system by adding additional sidewalks and bike lanes to encourage bike/ped transportation. A lack of sidewalks and bike lanes is what I feel like is really missing in Hood River given the very active community it houses. I would also like to add to the goal of creating a more environmentally sustainable community by looking at the garbage/recycling program. Currently Hood River appears to be not environmentally friendly by making it very difficult to recycle and having a program in place that does not accept many recyclable items.
- 117 Make sure new developments have adequate parking. Make sure that bike lanes exist and are policed so that they do not become parking spaces for anyone especially developers.
- 118 Ninguna respuesta **No Response**
- 119 Lower speed limits through Commercial Zones to 20mph (including 13th and 12th St.s).
Eliminate 2-lane, 1-way traffic (because it is hazardous for pedestrians).
More community trails. Trails for the sake if trails. I love trails. Turns some streets into trails.
Build a pedestrian bridge over Indian Creek at between 4th and 8th St. This will facilitate walking between downtown and the neighborhoods near Horizon school. Also, it will crear a safe and direct walking route for May Street students.
Start closing parking spots and setting up ebike parking areas.
Build a parking hub area for downtown. I recommend the land on the east side of the Hood River. Right off freeway. I would be a good park and ride for hwy 35. Build a direct pedestrian bridge to link downtown to the facility. Provide shuttle buses too."
- 120 No Response



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- 121 Really like all these goals!
- 122 No Response
- 123 I would reverse the order of goals, Born and raised in Hood River, so sad to see the fill in on the Heights, building on alleyways and driveways, we need to have large lots for Kids to play. We have seen towns burn up in Oregon and Calif. by building to close together!
- 124 No Response
- 125 Get input from Valley as well as City residents on traffic and parking changes. This affects the whole Valley. The Heights is our business area for banking - dentist - pmt house - eye care - credit union, etc.

GOAL

Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory.

- 1 No Response
- 2 The city should implement a suite of policy changes (e.g., fees, taxes, code changes) to address the issue of affordable housing. Fees and taxes could help raise money for this fund. We need smaller lots, multi-family housing, zoning changes, more co-housing and cooperatives. Unfortunately, there is no silver bullet to fix the housing situation and the demand for middle to high income homes is strong as well. If left to the market, this goal will never be achieved, it requires many city and county interventions. We need inclusive and diverse housing inventory. Hood River is not alone in this challenge. Many cities are struggling with this same issue, and we can learn from others. The City should develop a comprehensive plan around this and effective communication and community buy-in will be extremely important in this process.
- 3 No Response
- 4 No Response
- 5 Much needed within our community, even at the expense of a so called “park”.
- 6 Include the needs of unhoused folks in this project (figure out what those are -- work with local service providers as necessary)
- 7 Increasing development is impacting the city’s ability to provide future parks and allow for neighborhood green space. This is particularly impactful on less economically advantaged residents, who depend more on public green infrastructure for community gathering spaces and their other health benefits. Please see comments below.
- 8 Affordable housing that is inclusive to communities of color and low income communities.
- 9 No Response
- 10 No Response
- 11 Continue to work on finding year around housing is affordable to our community members who are not wealthy or unable to afford the rising Hood River housing costs. Potentially made partnering with HUD housing to see if they can secure grants/funding etc and city council could work on more legislative changes needed?
- 12 This year the City’s number one priority should be making progress on the housing strategies from the 2015 Housing Needs Analysis and make code changes that encourage smaller and more affordable housing, like ADUs, cottage code (like they have in Cascade Locks), and multifamily options. We don’t need more \$800,000 condos.

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- 14 Create more affordable housing like with programs from USDA, building your oye home and make equity.
- 15 The city should be building the infrastructure for housing and not building the housing.
- 16 No Response
- 17 No Response

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- 18 Permanent homeless solution. Smaller up-scale public housing sprinkled through nice neighborhoods (which helps to address the stigma and builds in geographic equity)”
- 19 New housing for low income families
- 20 Utilize land off Rand Rd for diverse density housing.
- 21 Change permitting and zoning laws to increase housing density. Also create incentives for builders to build diverse housing. We have many seniors and young people who would quickly move into smaller homes or rentals rather than leaving the area.
- 22 Tax wealthy property owners (+ \$1 million dollar properties) to fund multi-family apartments/housing, allow tiny homes and ADUs on properites and make permitting easy (cap ability for short term rentals) especially for communities of color.

Provide incentives and priorities for historically marginalized communities and people of color.

Move police funding to housing efforts, instead of building a new police building build more housing.”
- 23 City should develop a bank of land that can be set aside for affordable housing projects.

City should develop or increase an affordable housing fund that has stable funding from both building projects and “”tourist”” dollars. (hotel, restaurant, liquor, and other tourist activities)

City should have large corporations fund affordable housing project because they have a large impact on availability of affordable housing”
- 24 No Response
- 25 1.The Rand road project is a good start.

2. I have concerns about 2 of the trailer parks in Hood River, both on Cascade (behind the old Zemans building and west of Wal-Mart. These house large numbers of people and I feel it makes sense to proactively be in communication with those owners so they’re not sold out to developers someday leading to a potential catastrophic housing crisis.

3. Our zoning laws need to be more flexible to accommodate the “”missing middle”” for affordability.

4. We MUST build a fund for affordable housing projects, now is not the time to burden our business owners, but some percentage of transient room tax going to an affordable fund rather than the Chamber is the first place to start. While the Chamber serves a purpose, continuing to fool ourselves that revenue generated from hotel room taxes is necessary to promote Hood River is ludicrous.”
- 26 I would like to see more focus to low income housing; Taxes or fees from short term rentals could help finance these projects; Provide financial incentive for home owners who rent rooms for long-term residents; Please don’t pit housing against any other issue (e.g. parks). We need to address each and all of our challenge, and not one at the expense of another.
- 27 The State Building Codes Division (BCD) adopted the 2018 International Residential Code, including Appendix Q, as part of the Oregon Reach Code to provide minimum standards for the construction of tiny houses (400 square feet or less, not including loft areas). These code provisions establish a new occupancy classification for tiny houses on wheels (R-5). I’ve been wondering what the city and county planning departments are doing, if anything, to adopt code that would allow tiny homes on wheels (as permanent residences).
- 28 No specific ideas, but please, please keep trying.

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- 30 No Response
- 31 - Collaborate with County for housing projects throughout the County including Hood River, Odell, Parkdale, and Cascade Locks.
- Help fund the Hood River Shelter Services to provide a more permanent shelter space(s)
 - rent control so that rent prices do not continue to skyrocket
 - consult with housing groups such as Oregon Human Development Cooperation and Nch’i Wana Housing to learn what needs, hopes, and barriers are affecting under-served communities.”

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- 32 I think this goal needs a definition of “inclusive and diverse”. The community seems to be confused about what that actually means.

Consider implementing ruling (such as done in Whistler) where all new housing inventory is required to build a secondary dwelling that must be rented out at an affordable rate. Only then, we will build inventory for the people who have the lower paying jobs in HR”
- 33 No Response
- 34 Apollando a esas familias de bajos ingresos. Para que puedan dar un techo digno a sus hijos.
Provide more support for low-income families. So that they can give their children a decent home.
- 35 No Response
- 36 Please promote small cottage/home communities like the last Mike Kitts development on Belmont! NOT like those ugly big expensive homes on the street just above it, or giant over priced condominiums.

There must be tax incentives or building code or inspection incentives you can provide to developers to build ACTUAL AFFORDABLE HOMES even though land is expensive.”
- 37 Disc golf park should have been a housing opportunity. Partner with habitat for humanity. Build a land bank. Bank land now to build affordable housing later (habitat model).
- 38 As a resident who was born and raised in this beautiful town, this seems like priority number one in order to keep this town our town.
- 39 streamline and reform the housing permitting and approval process
support developers in building infill and high density work force housing
- 40 No Response
- 41 No Response
- 42 As you know, the need is for small studio and 1 bedroom units as well as a few for larger families. You’ll need to look beyond the pool of developers here locally to larger entities that are set up to create HUD-friendly apartments. Thats a whole different specialty.
- 43 No Response
- 44 Idea: Reduce over-reliance on one-time fees paid by home builders to fund city systems.

Discussion: SDCs and Permit costs currently account for up to 15% of single family home construction costs. Builders do not pay this, it is essentially a tax on housing as builders increase housing costs on buyers & renters to compensate. EG- SDCs and fees for SFH in Hood River average \$25,000. In Newport Average is \$6000 for same size home.
- 45 Make it easier to change zoning in Hood River.

Provide bilingual information for the public.”
- 46 What does this mean? Affordable housing is a top need and therefor priority.
- 47 I am a 27 year old who grew up here, left for school and came back to start a life in my home town, I own a operate a small plumbing company and cannot afford to compete in the housing market still, and that is the case for 99% of my peers. You’re going to loose young family’s if you do not do something to keep property investors and the wealthy vacationers from buying up our town.

If we are not careful we WILL end up like Jackson Hole or Aspen Colorado and many others and you will need to build dormitories for your Safeway workers because the town will be full of million dollar houses that are vacant 11 months out of the year.”

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- 48 I understand that common strategies to improve housing availability and reduce the impact of gentrification is through affordable housing construction and designation. However, I think the housing strains effecting Hood River and surrounding communities is more particular to the influx of wealthy folks that view the area as a vacation destination, and buy housing here to achieve that vision. Because of that, I think a much more cost-effective approach would be to substantially tax home purchases for folks who have another home elsewhere, or for folks who will not reside in the area for at least 50% (180 days) of the year. The money raised through this tax (perhaps at 20-30% of the market value) could then be spent on constructing affordable housing in the area, without impacting the annual budget.
- 49 No Response
- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response
- 52 More small and simple single family homes (2 bedroom) in addition to townhomes/condos. Doesn't need to be fancy. Ecofriendly building would be ideal.
- 53 No Response
- 54 Provide tax and zoning incentives for full-time residents to support long-term rentals and reduce STR inventory.
- 55 expedite approval and waive any licensing fees for ADU's to be built on existing residential properties. To be rented long term only.
- 56 Blend new housing developments with several types of housing, to create a diverse blend of sizes, shapes, and budgets. Maintain a healthy and usable amount of green space and parking spaces on new developments. Save existing trees and block clear cutting before the building begins. Regulate enough Parking spaces, spaces created now can always be reused as gardens, play areas or bike parking, car share spaces,...in the future if they are not needed.
- 57 No Response
- 58 Allow representation from all county and city wide organizations for input.
- 59 Continue to allow for infill of new homes within city limits. Allow homeowners to develop studio and one bedroom apartments in unused portions of their homes, or to build stand alone units in yard space.
- 60 More shared housing. Multi Family Dwellings.
Taxation for 2nd home / air b&b, like hospitality industry... as these are taken out of inventory for residents.
- 61 Build more densely within the city limits and preserve open space and farmland outside the city. Take an inventory of available housing in the city and compare that against what an ideal mix of housing would be: large single family homes, small single family homes, townhouses, condos, apartments, low-income housing. Then issue building permits to those who will build the kind of housing the city needs more of--which is probably not going to be large single-family homes on large lots, even though that's where the money might be.
- 62 The city must fund long-term emergency housing such as shelters to provide for residents who experience houselessness. We also need more affordable, sustainable green housing because Hood River is already pushing people to buy in other cities or go without shelter. It should be integrated affordable housing however because we see the legacy of modern day housing segregation's toll on BIPOC and Low income communities
- 63 No Response
- 64 No Response

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- 65 Code change!
Developer incentives to encourage affordable/diverse housing.
Land purchases FOR <80% AMI HOUSING.
Messaging to residents that creating diverse/affordable housing, esp for <80% AMI, IS NOT CHARITY. It's an economic imperative for our town."
- 66 Encourage hispanic/latino community members to look into money saving opportunities, perhaps some classes in spanish led by a familiar or mexican face. A majority of the apartment tenants across HR are hispanic and while that's okay, a lot of them aren't given the proper tools or resources to navigate Hood Rivers crazy housing market.
- 67 No Response
- 68 Equity, equity, equity. Thank you for your work on this issue, affordable housing stabilizes families and gives them a chance to put down roots and contribute to this community.
- 69 No Response
- 70 Build a permanent, year-round, housing-first model providing SROs to those without housing.
Develop a plan for the Cascade and Rand property which includes input from households facing housing instability or are severely cost-burdened including as much housing as possible for those under 50 and 80% MFI.
Create a community housing land trust to provide permanently affordable home ownership opportunities."
- 71 Increase density and strengthen limitations to short term rentals.
- 72 No Response
- 73 No Response
- 74 No Response
- 75 No Response
- 76 No Response
- 77 What's wrong with developing new trail parks? They can be nicely created. We have existing one within the city that unfortunately are eye sores tucked away that no one sees. The majority of local citizens don't even know they exist. But they help on providing houses.
- 78 No Response
- 79 No Response
- 80 No Response
- 81 Please adjust multi-family zoning to discourage houses with garages in front instead of porches. Our current community was not designed to require certain numbers of cars parked on the property and resulted in porches and a community feel. Current zoning emphasizes number of cars parked and some of the resulting buildings are an eyesore, the front yard is composed of driveways and garage doors, and do not encourage community interaction.
- 82 Yes! We need Hood River to be a more equitable place to live, and that starts with allowing all income brackets the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful town. It is depressing and frustrating that providing affordable housing is such a battle, as well as finding a location for a warming shelter. Our community is better than that.

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- 83 Modify city code to incentivize workforce housing (densification bonus, etc), coupled with finding ways to keep these prices low. Land trusts have done that in other places. Keep trailer parks in place - yeah, I know some folk don't like them but they provide a real option for people.
- 84 I think this goal is met. There are plenty of apartments, rentals, and houses. Yes, we are quickly running out of room and school and grocery stores are already overcrowded. There should be no shame in saying that "Hood River no longer has vacancy".
- 85 I've been living in Hood River since 2016, and have started to look to buy a home in town. I can't help but notice many empty homes, vacation homes, Airbnb's, and short term rentals for people who live here only a portion of the year. I don't know the actual breakdown, but I'd like to see some kind of limit on the percentage of homes in this area who aren't full time residents. It's frustrating seeing all the realtors advertising expensive homes as weekend getaways for wealthy out of towners. Eventually this town will just be vacation rentals...
- 86 Allow cottage clusters of smaller homes like zoning in White Salmon and The Dalles. Offer developers and builders incentives for building smaller and beyond code. Reduce SDCs for smaller homes.
- 87 See above. Utilize the Yard as one location. Also is there a way that the city can encourage developers to build affordable units rather than monstrous mega houses?
- 88 No Response
- 89 No Response
- 90 I would like to see the "cottage housing" standards fast-tracked as part of the infill strategy - creating more affordable housing while maintaining the character of city neighborhoods.
- 91 sounds good, but don't lose open space or park space for this goal
- 92 No Response
- 93 I know a lot of people who can't find housing that they can afford. This is a big problem and we need help finding solutions.
- 94 Mas viviendas para rentar que no cuestan tanto.
[Provide access to more rental homes that don't cost as much as they currently do.](#)
- 95 Very smart and clear, pre-emptive messaging about the Rand Rd property for low-income housing to skirt any effective misinformation or opposition (NIMBY) campaigns.
Acquisition of new land dedicated to low income housing.
Zoning and ordinance changes to permit more creativity in increasing affordable housing stock."
- 96 Creating opportunities for housing: should revisit zoning and ensure there is a buffer between dense R3 and R1. Injecting density in the city core is not desired unless it is can solve parking and congestion issues along the way. There should be 2 off street parking spots per unit for every new construction project to help clear our streets. No exceptions should be offered by one time fees.
- 97 Support this and allowing property owners to open up spaces in their residence our yards would help
- 98 focus on not only rental housing, but ownership opportunities for deed restricted housing that would remain sub-market cost in perpetuity.
- 99 No Response

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- 100 De-silo work across parties with land jurisdiction. Reframe the solution table to this so that it is REGIONAL-- not city level-- work collaboratively with the port, county, ODOT and Odell/Bingen for solutions. Think beyond public subsidized housing projects, conversion of parks, and Mike Kitts development projects within city limits as the main solutions.
- 101 YES!
- 102 No Response
- 103 Land trusts, zoning changes, affordable housing bond (vs police station which is only recently and issue), downtown housing.
- 104 Use the proposed bond measure on affordable housing instead of a bigger police building. More police and stronger police presence will not make our community safer. Affordable housing and transitional housing will make our community safer and more livable for everyone.
- 105 No Response
- 106 No Response
- 107 Require developers to provide affordable and low income housing and/or pay a fee to go towards housing. In the massive development on what used to be Sieverkropp orchards, how many house are low income?
- 108 Reduce fees for building ADUs.
- 109 In new neighborhoods one of every five houses should be affordable housing dedicated to employees who are critical needed employees: hospital workers, school district, city and county employees, etc.
- 110 The City needs to identify other, peer municipalities across the country (world!) and see what best practices are. I am sure it's a combination of zoning law, partnerships developers focused on low/middle income projects, etc. I can't believe that we would need to invent this ourselves. Look elsewhere for solutions.
- 111 I'd love to see the City really consider out-of-the-box thinking here. Very small, ultra affordable (\$500/month) studio apartments for low-income/single people/service industry workers (think Japan). There are employed persons in Hood River living in cars/vans or on friend's couches because they cant afford housing. We have a problem with how much property costs are rising in relation to income here. Purchasing new land instead of going to the expense of converting existing parking or parks. Asking contractors who are bidding the job to get ultra creative with affordable and sustainable building materials. Also, perhaps, create a "van life" park where there are showers, laundry, bathrooms, and hook-ups where people can rent a space. Similar to a campground except more amenities, and, at least half of the spaces, would be intended for longer term living (6 month renewable leases). The other half of the spaces would rent monthly. I know of a single mom who purchased a used airstream to live in because of the lack of affordable housing available in the area but there is no place she could park it legally.
- 112 No Response
- 113 Homes with alternative build materials, tiny home communities.
- 114 Allowing new developers to include various housing price range as well as various house sizes.
- 115 Develop high-density mixed-use housing/commercial structures on the empty waterfront lots, older unused downtown buildings, and in the heights.

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- 116 No Response
- 117 Find a location for an RV park. Promote its development.
- 118 Necesitamos más viviendas de precio alcanzable para familias chicas y familias grandes. Para rentar y para comprar.
We need more affordable housing for small families and large families. To rent and to buy.
- 119 Buy any house that comes on the market and turn the property into multi family housing. Sell units at market rate. Set up a purchase assistance program for lower income, local working families.
- 120 No Response
- 121 Rezone areas for inclusive/diverse housing.
- 122 Re-zoning of obviously manipulated farming zoned areas.
- 123 No Response
- 124 I agree, however, I think the approach taken by the city council lacks balance. For example, the city has imposed some large requirements on developers that have actually pushed several out of the business, specifically Mike Kitts and Doug Beverage. Yet then turn around and basically give money to a developer building downtown. I still don't understand why this was done when a developer has proven that profitable development is possible while still providing required parking spaces.
- 125 We live in a Valley only so much land is here. Long term development plan is needed to only allow so much each year.

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- 1 Conduct a series of community listening and discussion sessions to assess and understand the dynamics in our city and county that are hindering or helping provide a fair, equitable, healthy life for all community members.
- 2 Having the meetings via Zoom is much better as far as making meetings accessible to the community, thank you. Unfortunately, communications budgets are often woefully underfunded and communications and opportunities for input are the only way to develop plans that have buy-in. Accomplishing all these other goals depends on communication and engagement. The City cannot overcommunicate. The City should have at least 1 FTE dedicated to communications and engagement if not more and all communications should be in both English and Spanish. The City should also regularly assess the efficacy of its communications as well.
- 3 One of the strategies stated is to “Focus on the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion to effectively engage the entire community” I believe that anti-racist training for staff and opportunities for the public to engage in those training as well would be a good way to focus on those principals.
- 4 No Response
- 5 No Response
- 6 Prioritize plain language and Spanish language materials and messaging.
- 7 Meeting agendas are generally publicized per the ordinance minimum, four days prior to the meeting, even for issues that may have been in planning or under discussion for some time. Additional notice would be helpful where possible to help citizens prepare more useful comments. Perhaps a provisional or draft agenda could go out on Mondays rather than Thursdays, with updates on Thursday afternoons if needed to supplement the materials.

More advance warning of upcoming hearings on issues of obvious public interest would also be helpful.”
- 8 No Response
- 9 No Response
- 10 No Response
- 11 More social media posting or including more links to factual information on City Counsel website.

It would also be nice for local elections to have information posted in a central place about all candidates (even if it is just links to candidates social media) so that we can look to find out information about who we would like to vote for.

- Also working to have a city council that is representative of the make up of the citizens living within city limits so that all people feel more comfortable engaging with city council and/or have a wider audience having information distributed. I’m thinking about this in terms of home owners vs renters, relative age groups of adults living within city limits, ethnicity, gender, and even employment sectors represented.”

- 12 The City needs to do a better job of meeting people where they are at, to effectively communicate with the community the City will need to increase staff or capacity.

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- 14 No Response
- 15 I would like to see voting records on various issues that are easily accessible online.
- 16 No Response
- 17 No Response
- 18 Look for ways to be actively anti-racist
- 19 Get word out on what your doing through newspapers articles, email list, community meetings after COVID, And ?"
- 20 Better communicate City planning through forums such as this.
- 21 Make all city meetings available by zoom for those that can't make the meetings in person. Use hybrid zoom and in-person meetings as well as recordings of all meetings posted on website or other social media directly after a meeting.
- 22 City funded outreach team (bilingual) - connect with community members, support resources needs, connect to services, build relationships, provide trainings for communities on how to be involved, bring back needs of different communities

Social Media- have more friendly and easy to use social media sites that are active

Move police funding to first responder system who are mental health, domestic violence, substance use, medical emergency and social workers instead who focus on relationship building with the community.

Use alternative forms of meetings, build cultural competance in other ways of governing and use those systems to connect with non-white communities.

Learn about white supremacy culture and the ways it shows up in Hood River City council-work to build alternatives to these culturally pieces that are more inclusive.
- 23 No Response
- 24 using multiple modes (radio, print, social media) and multiple languages (spanish/english) to include all community members

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- 25 My biggest recommendation is to always ask yourselves when making decisions if the people who will be the most affected are at the table.

Outreach to elderly, youth, and Latino communities is critical.

An example of this working well is Community Health Workers in the medical community who come from a target population and can speak eloquently for how a decision will play out as well as speak to potential unforeseen consequences.”

- 26 On top of using Zoom, also use social media to broadcast all public city meetings, such as city council meetings, parks and rec. meetings, etc. Facebook Live, for example, is a great way to reach a broader section of our community.

- 27 I think you’re doing a great job with the newsletter and the Zoom meetings have made it really easy to engage in meetings. I would love to see that continue even after Covid.

- 28 More of this, it’s been improving and can continue to improve.

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- 30 No Response

- 31 -have Spanish translation available at meetings

- have 1-2 youth representatives reporting to and working with city council

- have advisory groups from different areas of our community such as Latinx Advisory Group, Native/Tribal Community Advisory Group, etc.”

- 32 Continue to have all your materials translated into Spanish. Consider offering simultaneous translation into Spanish at your meetings (regardless of if someone comes... eventually, if you do this, they will come).

Also, I have been to your meetings. They are too unwelcoming. Consider a “happy half hour” at the beginning where you offer simple snacks and drink and people an opportunity to chat with each other off the record.

If you really want people from the public to attend, you need to make it a more warm environment and food is KEY.

Also, stream all the meetings so people can not only listen in to the meetings live but also participate (as in COVID). Don’t stop that. People making dinner for their families during the times of your meeting but if you keep streaming maybe that would encourage more participation?”

- 33 No Response

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- 34 Dando información asesible a las personas más vulnerables con información en español y anunciós en radio. Flallers.
Providing more accessible information in Spanish to the most vulnerable people and announcements on the radio. Flyers.
- 35 You moved here or have lived here to be in a nice quiet quaint little town right , then my suggestion is slow down on all these ideas and continue on to live in this town
- 36 Reminders of meetings, live broadcast of meetings, do more online surveys, regular full disclosure newsletters of latest council news.
- 37 Could do more to reach Latinx community. For example, not sure online medium for this survey is the best way to get feedback from a diverse group as not everyone has access to technology.
- 38 Working with local Latinx Network / diverse groups, The Next Door inc., etc. to help non English speakers stay informed and connected with what's happening in the community.
- 39 No Response
- 40 Build the new police station on the high-traffic Cascade Avenue, on the west side of Hood River, not downtown. Only tourists go downtown.
- 41 No Response
- 42 This is, of course, an admirable goal. My only caution here is to don't forget the older indigenous white population in your drive to include Hispanics. I can tell you many feel left out by this council. Avoid inflamatory rhetoric. Find ways to involve all the new younger families that have moved here in the past 5-10 years. They need to be responsible for their community.
- 43 No Response
- 44 No Response
- 45 Go out to community events and engage all of the community by providing interpreters.
- 46 What does this mean? It's so vague. I don't know what you are referring to. Inclusivity is essential so all voices are at the table. This means language and culturally appropriate outreach.
- 47 No Response
- 48 No Response
- 49 No Response
- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response
- 52 You could increase your social media game. In this day and age, many people get their news on social media. Facebook is decent, but you could also link it to an Instagram/Twitter for those with reliable internet.

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- 53 No Response
- 54 Encourage diversity in race gender and economic standing by providing more opportunities for people to participate and be compensated for their time.
- 55 Put any new plans up to a public vote. The people should have a say.
- 56 Put more surveys online and on Facebook. Make City Council and Planning meeting agendas more accessible to comment periods. Put future agendas out earlier to give more time for public comments. Listen to the comments, ex. Morrison Park.
- 57 No Response
- 58 No Response
- 59 You can prepare information for the public, but you can't make them read it. Residents who are concerned will seek out information. Those that don't care, won't.
- 60 Agreed. You will find a way.
- 61 More surveys like this! :-) And outreach to ensure people know the surveys exist. Go out and talk with people where they are: the grocery store, the library, the waterfront, parks, 4th of July events (post-pandemic)..?
- 62 I think an in-depth community led outreach survey that covers all of Hood River's residents is a potential strategy and needed in order to understand the issues that our neighbors are facing
- 63 No Response
- 64 No Response
- 65 Press the County to record meeting minutes, and make available online within a week, as the City does. City should have significant standing/clout in pressing the County for transparency etc., as the City is a very large part of the County.
- 66 No Response
- 67 No Response
- 68 Equity is key. The communities that would likely benefit most from the transparent and proactive communication are often the least to get it.
- 69 No Response
- 70 No Response
- 71 No Response
- 72 No Response
- 73 No Response
- 74 No Response
- 75 No Response

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- 76 No Response
- 77 No Response
- 78 No Response
- 79 No Response
- 80 No Response
- 81 Thank you for your work
- 82 They say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, but what about the voiceless wheels? There's a reason Gorge Magazine a few years back called our local Latinx community the invisible 30% and it's a shame. Hood River should be actively working to bridge the gap between the Latinx community and the white community. The Latinx community, especially the migrant seasonal farmworkers, are the backbone of our county's economy. We should find more ways to not just include them but WELCOME them into our town and community. It would be great to provide business grants for local Latinx and other BIPOC residents to open up businesses downtown. Imagine a fair-trade shop of Mexican or Native American art, crafts, etc. that also serves as a cultural and educational center to learn more about the backgrounds of our Latinx and Native American communities. Downtown needs more of a BIPOC presence.
- 83 Engagement works when you go to where people are. I'd love to see outreach at churches and service organizations where the city can both listen (most of the time) and talk (some of the time). I love the sheriff's office facebook presence - they are making the people who work for them very real. I think making sure that everyone realizes that city councilors and city staff are part of our community is important ... and the sheriff's office posts some goofy stuff which is VERY funny sometimes (the goat post was fantastic).
- 84 I'm not sure exactly what this means. Do you want more community members to attend your meetings?
- 85 I just signed up for the city's email distribution, so I'm looking forward to reading that. Sending out frequent updates on city dealings and accessible information (physical bulletin board of important dates, city dealings etc.) would help spread information and engagement.
- 86 Social media campaigns
- 87 I think that disbanding the parking committee due to Covid which involved diverse stakeholders, and not having virtual sessions to discuss the change in lieu fee is not proactive, not transparent, not inclusive or comprehensive .in fact I feel it is just the opposite to not consult and build consensus before making such a sweeping change that will impact businesses city wide
- 88 No Response
- 89 No Response
- 90 Open Zoom meetings for City Council and City Planning??
- 91 Great, you're doing well so far!
- 92 No Response
- 93 I'm not sure what this means.

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- 94 Ninguna respuesta [No Response](#)
- 95 Utilize Community Health workers for explicit, contracted roles in these efforts. Make sure materials are plain-language-adapted (many have now been trained to do that work through The Next Door, inc) and available in both Spanish and English. Revive, if it has been shelved or disbanded, the Latino Advisory Board. Design outreach and engagement by all age groups inc. the elderly. DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN OF OUTREACH with targets, responsible parties, and regular/standard reporting on progress toward targets.
- 96 Continue with the surveys and newsletters.
- 97 Support this
- 98 No Response
- 99 No Response
- 100 Hold elected people accountable for their lack of transparency-- get rid of avenues for working with a small number of people in the community to push through back door decisions that surprise the public. Seek to make room for diverse views and analysis on issues as part of decision making-- don't just stack the room with "party line"/ people that hold the same views on committees and workgroups. Get some professional, external help with facilitation of committee level input forums you are trying to hold-- especially on issues that are likely to be contentious. Increase frequency of dissemination of factual information about key city decisions and activities long before they happen (via written products, via audio explanatory products, via holding more Q and A sessions); find ways to involve citizenry beyond the "2 minutes at the microphone just before a vote" at a meeting model-- pilot these attempts, revisit their success via checking in/ monitoring implementation, and adjust as necessary. Educate the public repeatedly on what these forums are and when they happen.
- 101 No Response
- 102 No Response
- 103 I feel this being done well . If folks chose not to sign up for emails or come to meetings they can't complain
- 104 No Response
- 105 No Response
- 106 No Response
- 107 No Response
- 108 No Response
- 109 See neighborhood comments above.
- 110 City is doing a great job through social channels, and this needs to continue. Young people now exclusively communicate and organize social outreach through social media, so keep pushing this.

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- 111 No Response
- 112 No Response
- 113 More easy access surveys, door to door outreach, public space town hall events.
- 114 Reaching out to community with personal invitations to participate.
- 115 Provide a roadmap of development goals with a timeline. It's unclear when or if certain projects are intended to ever be completed. The westside development plan comes to mind.
- 116 No Response
- 117 Allow for input from people unable to make council meetings. This survey is a good start. As the city tries to increase density they should reach out to stakeholders, and property owners and not just expect they are on board with the new drive for density everywhere in existing neighborhoods. A newsletter detailing projects and zoning changes emailed or posted regularly. Citizen input should be respected.
- 118 Esta meta es difícil de entender en español. Creo que el consejo municipal puede mejorar la manera que pide y recibe información de nuestra comunidad Latina y agricultora.
[This goal is difficult to understand in Spanish. I believe that the city council can improve the way it requests and receives information from our Latino and agricultural community.](#)
- 119 No Response
- 120 No Response
- 121 No Response
- 122 Have local entertainment at the county fair that includes all styles. I will gladly run this operation thru The Underground Music Station. I have asked about this before, but no one wants to take on the county. I will.
- 123 No Response
- 124 Still don't see the transparency as I believe the city does not reach out to those potentially affected by the ordinances discussed. I believe decisions are being made without asking for input from those affected.
- 125 This has been a lacking for H.R. County resents without computers. There needs to be a better way to inform residents of ideas and changes being pushed through the committees without their input.

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- 1 As part of this goal assure that bike/pedestrian trail network is part of and safely accessible to all new development. Protect natural attributes of Henderson Creek and include this corridor in the bike and pedestrian trail.
- 2 For a town that values exercise and cycling, it is not safe to bike through Hood River...make it safer! Consider putting parking near traffic and bike lanes near the sidewalk.

In a post-COVID world, Hood River bars and restaurants could make more money if WE all collectively help solve transportation problems. There is no reliable way to get home, there is a dearth of cabs, no Uber, no Lyft...this area is a recipe for DUIs (and the police are well aware of it) and addressing this amounts to a public health issue.”
- 3 None of the current strategies include strengthening the CAT system. I think that more work should go into the CAT system to strengthen it and make it more accessible for locals and tourists alike.
- 4 Goal Change: Reduce reliance on the automobile, promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that supports public transportation, alleviates traffic congestion, reduces parking demand, and facilitates bike/pedestrian travel.

Strategy: Amend Public Works Engineering requirements and standards to balance the needs of drivers, public transit operators and users, freight movement, and people who walk and bicycle.
- 5 No Response
- 6 Work on making CAT bus accessible (people can easily figure out bus schedule and determine where they need to go - plain language in English and Spanish) and efficient.
- 7 Please see comments below on the importance of financial planning for development of our urban trail system.
- 8 No Response
- 9 No Response
- 10 No Response
- 11 Super appreciative of the bike lanes that were put in, the pink trolley, and continuing to think about making walking safe. I would vote to continue this work. Also to think about street lights (that maybe could be solar or run off of alternative energy???) in places that are darker at night so that people could walk at 4:30-5pm in the winter without having such dark spots in town.
- 12 Bike lanes! Bike lanes that connect.

Businesses should be able to call bike parking parking.

The city needs to prioritize connecting sidewalks, it should not be the homeowner’s cost and responsibility. This policy has created a dangerous patchwork that is impassible for community members with disabilities and challenging for families with small children, especially downtown.

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- 13 Update the current TSP using the street sections recommended in the Westside Plan streets framework. We are especially supportive of the new arterial designs that separate bike lanes from the roadway with planter strips and of new local residential street sections that require planting strips between sidewalk and curb rather than allowing sidewalks connected to the curb. This encourages tree lined neighborhood streets and puts additional protection between pedestrians and cars leading to a much more pleasant walking experience.

Complete the Safe Routes to Schools planning project for Hood River Middle School and May St. Elementary.

Acquire rights of way and construct the two new off-road trails (Henderson Creek and Ridgeline Trail) proposed in Westside Area Plan.

E-bikes are a game changer for our hilly town. The City should pilot an electric bike sharing program this year.

Create a permitting process for bus stops. CAT has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years and we are on the verge of having a real, viable transit network but that network is being stymied because there is no specific legal process to get bus stops permitted in public right of way.

Continue to work on an urban design for the Heights and invest Urban Renewal Agency funding to make 12th and 13th Streets more walkable, bikeable, and conducive to shopping.

Encourage “tactical urbanism” as a way to test projects before investing and to bring the community into the planning process. The City should be open to demonstration projects in public rights of way to increase safety, efficiency and a sense of community. These would include projects like curb bump outs, mini-circles, pedestrian islands, temporary bike lanes and pop-up parks. These projects are quick, cheap to install, and quick and cheap to take down if they don’t work. “

- 14 Install more bus stops for CAT routes with covers for weather.
- 15 There are no rules that say bike paths need to follow roads. Bike / walking paths should be as far away from roads as possible.. Cars, bikes, and pedestrians do not play well together and should be separated as much as possible. Parking has been a hassle in Hood River for decades. Residents are losing touch with their downtown. Downtown businesses are modifying their business models and are catering more and more to day visitors. The net result is that residents are rapidly shifting to online shopping and downtown businesses are increasingly having difficulty paying 12 months of bills with only 3-4 months of income. Building a linear park system would allow residents to easily and safely move around their community and avoid using their cars. This would lessen traffic, congestion and help with our current and growing parking problem.
- 16 No Response
- 17 No Response

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- 18 More round-a-bouts! They keep traffic flowing and can add greenery at the same time (on the larger ones - smaller ones can be driven over by large trucks if needed)

Free bus system for all with frequency that makes it easy to leave car at home - bike rack on the busses to encourage people to ride bikes into work (and perhaps ride the bus up the hill on the way home)

Make some streets car- free. Oak street during the summer would create a unique experience that would attract visitors and help with traffic. Some side streets could be one way with one half set aside for bikes.”
- 19 Good progress made in last 10 years!
- 20 Better interconnect the town with bike lanes, sidewalks, and improve intersections. Put a bridge from Morrison Park to the Hook to increase overall usability of the waterfront and better interconnect the west side of town.
- 21 Continue to support CAT in anyway possible. Establish bike paths that protect bicyclists. Allow an easy permitting process for bus stops. Promote urban design/redesign on the Heights.
- 22 Additional funding for CAT, create train/rail system across the gorge (WA & OR) and to PDX/ Vancouver and to Mt. Hood and to the airport- eliminate the need for cars for locals and tourists. Expand bus system to those areas between now and the rail system. Covered bus stops. Increase trails, bike routes and walking routes- any new develop needs to include public transportation plan and help pay for it.
- 23 No Response
- 24 improve safe bike lanes on major thoroughfares (or designate safe bike routes), esp on the Westside.
- 25
 1. The CAT bus system seems to be more robustly utilized which is great. It seems, though, that the community would benefit from some dedicated covered bus stops. Possibly this would be on CAT or the business nearby, so perhaps a grant opportunity exists?
 2. While Im aware it’s a state highway, Tucker road alongside Rosauers remains a dangerous crossing, especially with residents from the care facilities who may be disabled. At night it is nearly impossible to see people in that crosswalk and there should be better lighting.
 3. The intersection at Cascade and Mt Adams view is still a disaster.”
- 26 Bicycle and pedestrian paths don’t always need to be on roadway. Ideal bike/ped paths provide access to different parts of town through short distances, preferably under tree shade, and near parks and open spaces. There is an opportunity to connect the waterfront to the westside of town thru Morrison Park. That would shorten distance a pedestrian or biker needs to travel to go across town.
- 27 I know there are opportunities in The Heights Urban Renewal District, where I see the biggest need for safer travel. I know there are limitations because of ODOT. I was disappointed the parklets had to go because they slow traffic. I would like to see digital signs on 12th and 13th street - permanently if possible - telling people their speed. I would like to see the police enforce after market muffler citations. They are getting worse and worse, and those same people drive erratically.

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- 28 No Response
- 29 **Duplicate** • Update the current TSP using the street sections recommended in the Westside Plan streets framework. We are especially supportive of the new arterial designs that separate bike lanes from the roadway with planter strips and of new local residential street sections that require planting strips between sidewalk and curb rather than allowing sidewalks connected to the curb. This encourages tree lined neighborhood streets and puts additional protection between pedestrians and cars leading to a much more pleasant walking experience.
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- 30 Looking forward to biking across button bridge!
- 31 - covered bus stops so that people know where the bus is coming and are encouraged to use our public transit system
 - bike rentals available in the city
 - have city councilors, mayor, and other leaders promote the use of public transit systems”
- 32 Work harder to get stop lights at the most dangerous intersections in the city (rand and cascade), belmont and 13th/14th, etc...
- 33 No Response
- 34 Importante crear confianza de que cuando un latino sube al bus no va a sentir ese miedo de que el bus tal ves sea parado por una patrulla de emigración.
It is important to create trust within the community, so that when a Latino gets on a bus, they will not feel that fear that the bus may be stopped by an immigration patrol.
- 35 Not everyone is in love with the bike /skateboard deal why don’t you just shut down Oak Street thats what you’ re aiming for looks like to me

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- 36 Improve and increase bike racks or cages around town.
Turn Oak and Cascade into one ways.
Create parking garage where the train station is or somewhere down just out of town.
Add full size bike lanes all over town
Build parking garage up in the Heights, maybe increase and build up existing lot by the pool, then it's walkable to those shops, Jackson Park, & down town."
- 37 Have a CAT stop in Dee up on the flat where people live.
- 38 No Response
- 39 install more electric vehicle chargers in key strategic locations
electrify the school district bus fleet and CAT buses
electrify the city vehicle fleet"
- 40 Build a parking lot on the north side of the I-84 downtown, and encourage people to park there and walk downtown. Close Oak Street off to car traffic on weekends. Have bike rental stands at the parking lot.
- 41 Regarding the goals of promoting safe multimodal transportation systems and encouraging community needs for parks and open space... I support the idea raised in the west side concept plan for a bike path, and walking path along Henderson Creek
- 42 CAT lost ground with segments of the public with empty buses running all over town. Would have been better to wait the pandemic out. How in good conscious could CAT even recommend people take their busses?
- 43 Address jurisdictional and technical challenges to meeting these goals. aka if ODOT jurisdiction inhibits the City ability to promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation - then deal with the jurisdictional issue.
- 44 Designate one surface street North of Cascade and another South of Eugene running East-West as bike only with stop signs for crossing motor vehicles.
- 45 Bus systems with a wide range of hours
Bring an Uber/Lyft program to Hood River
Provide pay per mile/time scooters or ebikes"
- 46 We especially need shelters for community members to be in while they wait for their transportation.
- 47 No Response
- 48 Although I definitely agree with bike and pedestrian focused transportation, I think this goal should take a lower priority to the first goal listed, as this problem will partially be solved by following the strategy explained for the first goal listed.
- 49 Add bikes lanes, locking stations and signage to increase awareness and safety of e-bikes.
- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response

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- 52 Big cities sometimes do the thing when once a week/once a month, they shut down a big street to vehicles so people can occasionally recreate on it without cars driving by. Also, I wonder if there's a street we could turn into a ped/bike lane that doubles as a "park"-- think of the High Line in New York, or the Belt Line in Atlanta.
- 53 No Response
- 54 Change historically one-way streets to two-way streets and where possible close streets to bikes only and provide alternative routes for traffic to go up valley.
- 55 Yes, bike and walking paths are key. Do not sacrifice greenspace for housing!
- 56 Walking and biking trails and safe lanes. Most of our town does not even have connecting sidewalks to walk to errands and work on.
- 57 Support projects that deter downtown car traffic: ride shares, bike/ ebike share programs, extended/more routine public transportation etc.
- 58 No Response
- 59 More bike paths. Busses on a more a frequent schedule.
- 60 Working with the county to expand walking paths (ie Indian Creek/Rocky Rd) established bike routes with speed limit reflections. Security for bike storage downtown (and maybe a gondola @ the Stairs for the trip to the heights)
- 61 Create a bike/pedestrian path through the field adjacent to Union St in Heights, linking to a portion of the Indian Creek trail going up to the Sieverkropp neighborhood. This would be an AWESOME non-car dependent link between two large neighborhoods and all of the amenities around Rosauer's + the Heights area schools. Overall, though, rioritize bike/pedestrian infrastructure over auto infrastructure and incorporate dense in-city development that will encourage bike/pedestrian transportation and make it the easy, preferable choice for most outings!
- 62 We should fund some bus stops downtown that are visible and encourage folks to use transit. We need to stop bowing down to cars and stop focusing on parking. We should be subsidizing transit passes for low-income and minority communities. We don't need a parking structure and police station, we need a public transit center and to ensure equitable access to transit.
- 63 I believe it's imperative to have a good and safe transportation system .. in commuting back and forth from our residence in to town I see many pedestrians, a lot with strollers and cyclists , also with younger children traversing May street .. I think we need to address the safe space they need to travel this corridor, especially with the large amount of vehicle traffic and also the speed limits they follow .. I've felt unsafe on more then one occasion and I can imagine it would be even more so for those commuting on foot with small children or on bicycles .
- 64 Our community needs to promote, encourage and model physical exercise especially for our youth. This goal lends itself to this objective.
- 65 No Response

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- 66 Rent a bike? I know the current programs out there instituted in Portland and other major cities are pretty shoddy but maybe partnering with local bike shops or buying used/ donated bikes to create a rent a bike or even to give bikes to kids who cannot afford them in our community
- 67 Completion of Indian creek trail - with through trail from the heights to Indian creek area. Preservation of Henderson Creek area and further development of the westside trail."
- 68 No Response
- 69 Please protect Henderson Creek. This sensitive wetland area can be enjoyed by our entire city if it is protected and citizens are granted safe access via a walking and biking trail. Please do not let developers destroy this important ecosystem. Protecting this area aligns well with the city's goals of offering multi-modal transportation and encouraging bike and pedestrian traffic. We need more parks and trails to convince people to utilize means of transportation that do not pollute and contribute to climate change. Thanks!
- 70 Close or reduce traffic on streets to allow for parklets or outdoor seating in summer - on Oak St as well as streets such as Wilson between the one-ways in the heights and 4th st between Cascade and Oak downtown.
Provide HRMS and HRVHS students with CAT bus passes."
- 71 Pave the railway up the valley for cycling and other mobility
- 72 No Response
- 73 I am writing to offer my support of the City Planning Commission's proposal of protecting Henderson Creek as it provides the perfect opportunity to address the City Council's following three goals:
GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation
GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space
GOAL: Create a more environmentally sustainable community
Henderson Creek is a valuable natural resource that addresses these goals by creating a safe bike/walking path encouraging and connecting our community all the way from Cascade Avenue to the neighborhoods surrounding Westside elementary school and even Post Canyon. This is a natural green belt that is deserving of our protection. Preserving this creek system also provides for a critical natural wildlife corridor, protecting vital wetlands, and allowing our precious wildlife and ecosystems to continue to thrive as our population and development becomes more dense.
I am concerned that if the city does not act now, the continued sale of lands and development happening at an increasing rate in the Westside region, will wipe out this valuable natural system and opportunity to create a green legacy in our city for generations to come.
We are at a pivotal moment in our City's development with increased growth and I encourage you to put in place now thoughtful plans for preserving the Henderson Creek system providing for open spaces and wetlands, ensuring safe modes of transportation and encouraging healthy connections for our future.
- 74 No Response
- 75 No Response
- 76 More sidewalks, especially on busy roads such as Rand. Merge current side walks sections on May that are missing. Better bikes lanes on the heights between Rosaurers and the hospital.

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- 77 No Response
- 78 lease continue to address congestion downtown. I do not shop or even go downtown in the summer due to the number of cars and pedestrians. When my son was in college in Appleton, WI, it was so easy to get around downtown because there was a central parking structure that took care of car traffic on the streets. The CAT services are awesome! Wine Country Rd. intersection continues to be difficult.
- 79 Please protect Henderson Creek as a local resource and include Henderson Creek as part of the multi-modal system and open space. With all the commerical / residential development that will happen on the west side it is important to act fast. In the West Side Concept Project, Henderson Creek is slated to become a natural resource that addresses two of your 2021 goals by creating a bike / walking path from the commercial corridor on Cascade, up past the future school, into the neighborhoods near Willow Ponds and Rocky Road and beyond - even connecting to the trails to Post Canyon. Henderson Creek is a vital part of the west side trail system and as delineated in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP). Because Henderson Creek 'cuts a diagonal' up the hill, the reduced grade is ideal for families to walk and bike into the city. In order for this to happen we need to make sure developers don't bulldoze over it and then this connection won't be an option. The West side is going to get dense! Development will happen, but it will be up to smart planning and foresight to ensure that connections like the Henderson Creek trail exist and that some open space and wetlands continue to exist. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input
- 80 I really like the idea of the West Side Concept Project where Henderson Creek is slated to become a natural resource that includes a bike / walking path in the neighborhoods near Willow Ponds and Rocky Road. If this could be done in concert with my comments about creating a more environmentally sustainable community (below), that would check all my boxes.
- 81 No Response
- 82 This goal needs to specifically include public transit. We need more covered bus stops with benches and access for wheelchairs along the CAT bus routes. The CAT pink trolley was also a huge success last year and would be great to have every summer!
- 83 Look at ways that some cities have done traffic calming. If a road is wide (as in Serpentine), stripe wide bike lanes / walk ways on both sides. I think parking and congestion are going to be a given downtown and on the waterfront.
- 84 This is not an ideal goal for our community.
 Yes, traffic and parking congestion is a problem in some areas. The reason: poor oversight when building housing and taking away on-street parking for bikes.
 Although it might ""feel"" great to increase bike transportation, it's just not ideal for our community.
 1. Half the year it rains or snows in Oregon making biking less then ideal
 2. There are many steep hills one has to climb no matter where you go
 3. Biking to work is only feasible for the ""elite few"" who can afford electric bikes and live in a certain part of town.
 Many of the working and middle class drive to work because they are juggling more than one job, transporting kids to and fro, and/or have to pick up groceries or other items. A bike isn't sufficient. Plus, for the rural population using a bike for transportation is time-consuming and undesirable at best. Our biking community bikes for a hobby and exercise, which is great! Let's not go overboard and create problems we don't have by eliminating parking to put bike paths to serve a very small population of people."

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- 85 Unfortunately Hood River will never be a walking/biking town. There are too many hills, we're too spread out, and the streets are too narrow to accommodate cars and bikes. There will always be hardcore people who brave the trek from the waterfront to the heights, but it is a pain in the ass.
Some kind of multi level parking structure would help alleviate congestion.
I'd love to see downtown Oak street become a no car/walking zone, however with the stoplight and the direct route through town I don't know if that could ever be possible."
- 86 More car and bike share options and bus routes
- 87 Again, see number one. I am all for adding covered ebike racks, finding ways to improve cat, finding ways for employees to park outside of congested areas. But a lot of this has been covered in multiple parking studies and then not put into action
- 88 I have 2 concerns: At 13th and Belmont we desperately need a light, or alternate, or better cross street. and at 12th and Belmont a light or cutting down of the bushes. That building is too close to the street and never should have been allowed to be that close.
1. Here is a letter I wrote to KA Engineering and Landscaping: We live at 18th and Belmont area in Hood River and the grasses on the South side of your building makes it impossible to see traffic coming up 13th street when I'm trying to cross at the stop sign at 13th and Belmont. Between the increased number of cars and pickups that now park all along 13th, the increased traffic over the years, and your grasses, it is sometimes quite frightening to try and get across there. I do appreciate that the entrance has glass front, which makes it somewhat easier to detect movement coming at me. If I were myself driving a taller vehicle such as a pickup rather than my shorter car, I might be able to see better. Very often I go one or 2 more blocks down 12th St to another cross street, but vehicles are parked along 12th there too impeding my view of what's coming. Maybe some day the City will make another route to the West side, but until then, would it be possible for you to plant something lower to the ground?.
2. Turning left onto 12th street from Belmont its becoming near impossible. the bushes on 12th street on the East side of the building in the triangle where there is the CPA have grown and the traffic has increased to the point of not being able to see what's coming. I suppose I'll write them too. We really have to nose out there which itself causes problems with vehicles turning left onto Belmont.
- So, have the permitting department be aware of future ""tree planting"". Just saying. Maybe I'm just old, but it is getting worse."
- 89 No Response
- 90 Parking congestion will be alleviated when a parking structure is built.
- 91 Sounds good
- 92 Placement of bus stops and shelters, and implementing a comprehensive policy for future stops should be a top priority as it supports many of the City's current goals.
- 93 Does this include public buses? It should say public transportation because it's not clear. I can ride a bus but I don't feel comfortable riding a bike in Hood River. Can we also please make sure to include visible bus stops with shelters and benches so that riders are protected from weather.

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- 94 Deben promover transporte publico. Es muy dificil para mi manejar en la noche y cuando hay nieve o hielo. Deberia aber mas paradas para el camion que nos protejan de la lluvia y nieve. Necesitamos paradas con bancos.
 They must promote public transportation. It is very difficult for me to drive at night and when there is snow or ice. There should be more bus stops that are built to protect us from the rain and snow. We also need bus stops with benches.

- 95 Glad to see this on the list.
 Continue to build links with other regional transportation systems. More fixed routes. Vouchers for elderly. Make vans and service safely accessible to elderly and disabled. Shelters and benches to wait for vans !!
 Public transportation needs to be greatly expanded for evenings and weekends. One day there will be the opportunity to attend or participate in evening and weekend events, and we need to be ready...build budget, routes, pricing, etc.
 Very courteous drivers who really avail themselves of telephonic interpretation services.”

- 96 If there is an improved and expanded transportation system, this would reduce the need for adding housing density within the city limits. People could live where they can afford to and get to work or town via public transportation as an option. We need an overall plan for bike routes that are safe with shoulders paved. Bad example: Country club is used by many cyclists but the repave did not go beyond the white line. Its time for a parking structure down town to make the streets safer.

- 97 I’d like to see downtown car free and streets used for food beverage and retail

- 98 Continue improving bike lanes on major arterial routes. 12th street between Pacific and May, with a special focus between Pacific and Union, is an area that needs particular attention.
 Improve turning sight lines at minor intersections.

- 99 Use parking lot that is south of Full Sail for downtown parking and not for the police department.
 Could implement a walk only downtown, much like Whistler. It’s super family friendly, safe for pedestrians, and business friendly. That parking lot is perfectly located to do this.
 Downtown delivery and drop off suppliers would have some sort of a pass. (not sure how they do this in Whistler, but I’m sure they have some plan. better not to reinvent the wheel if it’s not necessary to do so.)
 From the event site (lots of parking), the trolley shuttle could pick up and drop off folks seasonally maybe to begin?”

- 100 Enforce parking in bike lanes. Get ODOT partnership/ at the table to help deal with downtown traffic flow. Ensure that all new development has offstreet parking- don’t get rid of that requirement on new development.

- 101 Bike and walking paths to all schools especially the high school

- 102 No Response

- 103 Encouragement of streets alive or critical mass projects. EBikes on bridge, solar lights on waterfront path

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- 104 Bike and pedestrian lanes on the Hood River/White Salmon bridge, more fixed route buses, public bus and private or public/private partnership shuttles to the Portland Airport
- 105 No Response
- 106 Hello,
I would like to see the railroad converted to a paved bike path that could accommodate cyclists, ebike commuters and pedestrians.
We need more parks and protected green space.
We need the heights traffic situation fixed. It's not safe driving or walking currently.
We need more widespread walkability with sidewalks and links to waterfront, Indian Creek, Twin Tunnels, historic highway, and hopefully new "old railroad" Trails."
- 107 Bike lanes. Imagine if every time a street was redone (2nd Street, State Street) bike lanes were added. Eventually you would have bike lanes at a reasonable cost.
- 108 1) buy and convert the hood river railroad track to a paved bike/pedestrian trail to parkdale.
2) convert the railroad parking lot to public parking
3) convert oak street from 1st to 5th into a non-vehicle pedestrian only section."
- 109 No Response
- 110 The connection to the Gorge bike path project, and the West side Columbia/ Hwy 30 project is essential. Hwy 30 is a gateway to Hood River, and it's frankly not our best showing. A longer term roadmap to improve the West side of town would be nice.
- 111 I DO NOT SUPPORT A NEW POLICE STATION AT THE COLUMBIA LOT. THIS IS POOR PLANNING. DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING IS TO VITAL TO OUR ECONOMY. THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER LOCATION. NOT DOWNTOWN. WHY CAN'T THE CITY BUY A PIECE OF LAND IN THE HEIGHTS? We need more ebike parking downtown (or make it permissible for ebikes to lock up to parking meters?). Many small towns and cities have sidewalk "circles" for bike parking. The parking we have now for bikes doesn't accommodate e-bikes, as well. I think converting the parking spaces that were eliminated on the corners to ebike parking spaces (4 per space?) would be great, too.
- 112 No Response
- 113 Paved trails or designated bike routes from heights to downtown. Scooter sharing. Subsidized ebike rentals for those who have never used one.
- 114 Encourage frequent scheduled electric busses 7 days a week. Make the town people friendly rather than car friendly. Look at areas where people walk to improve safety.
- 115 Dedicated bike/walking lanes throughout the city as well as connector paths bypassing busy streets connecting outlying neighborhoods. An example being the Post Canyon corridor sees a lot of bike and pedestrian traffic, but there is barely even a shoulder to allow safe travel.
- 116 Please add additional sidewalks/bike lanes as many Hood River streets are highly trafficked by bikes and pedestrians but hardly any room for them.



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- 117 I think it's a mistake to think you can alleviate parking congestion without maintaining or adding more parking downtown. Especially with tourists, who have all their gear and their camping vehicles. The Trolley is great for summer, but winter is a different story. Please don't continue to remove parking spaces downtown. What's happening with The Hood River News Lot now that the paper has left? There is a lot of parking there that may not be used by the offices still remaining in the building.
- 118 Necesitamos mas paradas de camión/autobus con protección de lluvia, hielo y nieve.
We need more bus stops with protection from rain, ice and snow.
- 119 More bike racks. More bike lanes. Slower more patient drivers created by installing traffic calming infrastructure.
- 120 This. so. much.
- 121 Add bike lanes. Turn Oak street into a pedestrian mall.
- 122 Public posting of biking and walking laws, and enforce them.
- 123 No Response
- 124 Great idea, however, we live in an area where people don't bike to work. We are a rural community not an urban community. We do need to add more biking lanes as we do have so many people coming to Hood River to bike recreationally.
- 125 This fall was a bike day down to May Street School which was great, on crossing 12th and 13th once and keeping kids and adults out of danger. Although from Pacific Ave to the Heights could be made better by using the Indian Creek trail to get to side streets. (Save the Heights for business and people. See petition.)

GOAL

Create a more environmentally sustainable community.

- 1 Provide incentives for new development and retrofitting of existing development to incorporate sustainable practices and materials in building and landscaping .
- 2 Many of these goals are not exclusive to one another. Our solutions to transportation and housing can make us more environmentally sustainable. In fact, transportation solutions have one of the greatest impacts.
- 3 No Response
- 4 No Response
- 5 No Response
- 6 No Response
- 7 Please see comments below on the importance of maintaining urban green infrastructure. This is especially important in our age of global warming because of increasing impacts of the urban heat effect on the well-being of residents, even in small cities like ours.
- 8 No Response
- 9 More recycling receptacles downtown.
- 10 No Response
- 11 Looking for ways to use sustainable energy (and better publicizing this), if city has money in investments to work on transitioning to sustainable interests.
- Try to work towards supporting businesses within city limits to use sustainable products and/or try to cut back on waste
- 12 More urban trees.
- 13 We commend the Council for its Climate Resolution and commitment to completing projects from the Clean Energy plan. The City is making impressive moves in its own operations, the next step is finding ways to encourage conservation and green energy production by residents and businesses. The City's building and zoning code can be powerful tools.
- 14 No Response
- 15 The city should be redeveloping the 13+ acres of the city / county yard. The yard is woefully underutilized and it is time to upgrade our public offices. We should consolidate and upgrade current offices and build a working neighborhood.
- 16 No Response
- 17 No Response
- 18 Re zoning for medium density in some areas where we can bring in some pockets of commercial - neighborhood store and restaurant into neighborhoods
- 19 Glad we don't use plastic bags. Thanks!
- 20 Continue to improve park space and reduce dependency of cars in town.

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- 21 Buy electric vehicles as the city vehicle fleet turns over. Offer incentives to building owners and builders to incorporate solar power into existing and new buildings. The Clean Energy Plan is a great step!
- 22 Public transportation prioritized (see above)
Affordable housing projects that are integrated with green spaces
Implement solar power incentives
Electric car charging stations
Trainings on Social Justice and Environmental Justice -insection of racism and climate change- build a sustainability plan rooted in social justice.
Invest in social determiants of health.”
- 23 create tax incentives that would encourage environmental sustainable activities
Reduce construction permit costs for environmentally sustainable projects”
- 24 improve recycling program across the county- current accepted materials are very limited
- 25
 1. The energy committee work is a great start. How about more solar panels? I’m aware this has been implemented in some areas, but the more the better.
 2. I recall in years past there was a city tree ordinance, I imagine there still is, but maintaining and encouraging replanting of trees seems to be a priority. I’ve often observed people buying a property and decimating the trees which seems short sighted and will eventually take a toll on the air quality and aesthetics of our town.
- 26 Please maintain and expand our parks and open spaces. Parks should come in all different types and shapes, including more natural ones like Morrison Park. Financial incentive for new buildings to adopt concepts of green-building
- 27 I am so encouraged by what the Hood River County Energy Council has been able to achieve, and all the momentum there. Thank you for staying engaged and supporting the efforts of the clean energy plan. I think this is our county’s most comprehensive plan for addressing climate change and it’s critical we continue to work toward meeting it’s goals. I really enjoyed the update provided by the Energy Council earlier this fall.
- 28 Are there options for local low or no interest funding of small scale solar and wind energy projects, perhaps partnering with credit unions?
What can we do as a city and region to address our part of the recycling crisis? Can we support local/regional innovation?”
- 29 We commend the Council for its Climate Resolution and commitment to completing projects from the Clean Energy plan. The City is making impressive moves in its own operations, the next step is finding ways to encourage conservation and green energy production by residents and businesses. The City’s building and zoning code can be powerful tools.”

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- 30 Here's where I think Hood River could really benefit from a year-round sheltered market. We have amazing producers that in 2020, sold over 600K worth of goods during the regular farmers market season, during a pandemic, and there was not one report of people feeling at risk at the market. In my opinion, that's incredible. Gorge Grown is a solid organization and can very well take on the task of organizing a year-round marketplace for vendors of all kinds to incubate their businesses and provide local, fresh food year-round. They just need your blessing. Let's do it!"
- 31 - city owned solar panels that could be leased to community partners
- solar panels used by the city to generate electricity for the city
- city composting system/facility
- 32 Solar power on at least the city owned buildings. Look into grants for urban renewal and enterprise communities to work on infrastructure that would improve our buildings and use less power.
Work with disposal company on bringing back full recycling programs."
- 33 No Response
- 34 Ninguna respuesta [No Response](#)
- 35 No Response
- 36 Bring Back public bathrooms and garbage cans!! Too much trash just being dropped.
LET US USE REUSABLE COFFEE CUPS AGAIN!!!
Attract a plastic recycling business."
- 37 Bring back recycling. Heard the "recycling" is just getting dumped with the garbage and not really getting recycled.
- 38 This should always be number one.
- 39 pass a community green tariff that enables residents to purchase 100% clean electricity through community support clean energy projects
deploy clean energy microgrids on critical facilities across the city"
- 40 Build a shelter (roof structure) for a permanent, year-round farmer's market.
- 41 No Response
- 42 Seems pretty la la boiler plate. This goal needs to be more specific.
- 43 No Response
- 44 Adopt a tree ordinance requiring permit for removal of more than X trees from a parcel in a given year.
- 45 Use solar power to light up the local parks
- 46 Yes please. I'm not informed enough to offer concrete suggestions.

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- 47 No Response
- 48 No Response
- 49 No Response
- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response
- 52 Household compost pick-up. Require new constructions to be LEED certified. Geothermal heat pumps in new constructions. Paper-free city agencies. Anti-idling law.
- 53 No Response
- 54 Provide tax and zoning incentives for residents to invest in sustainable practices such as energy collection and water catchment systems.
- 55 Yes, less or zero growth equals sustainable
- 56 Regulate developers from clear cutting trees on private property.
- 57 Support our local farmers and farmers market. Sustainability goes hand in hand with food security and support for our local farmers.
- 58 No Response
- 59 No Response
- 60 To remember who lived here first, and how they created relationship with all life. To find ways to embrace that equity of being
- 61 Address climate change! Study how water might be collected during the wet months and stored for use in the dry months (making up for reduction in winter snow pack). Encouraging non-auto transportation will go a long way toward achieving this goal, as well. Keep building pride in our local farmers and retailers and encourage buying local where possible.
- 62 We should continue to focus on public transit as a means to tackle climate change, congestion and pollution. All new construction projects should be coded to ensure the most environmentally sound measures are taken in the construction process and for the building's components itself.
- 63 No Response
- 64 No Response
- 65 No Response
- 66 No Response
- 67 No Response
- 68 Please consider pesticide use in orchards. Who is farming well without the use of pesticides and how do we incorporate those practices locally? What are the consequences of current pesticide use and who is most directly affected - farmworkers.

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- 69 See above (page 27)
- 70 No Response
- 71 Draw on more local power--from Farmers irrigation and other potential local micro hydro, as well as locally produced wind and solar.
- 72 No Response
- 73 **Duplicate** I am writing to offer my support of the City Planning Commission's proposal of protecting Henderson Creek as it provides the perfect opportunity to address the City Council's following three goals:
- GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation
- GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space
- GOAL: Create a more environmentally sustainable community
- Henderson Creek is a valuable natural resource that addresses these goals by creating a safe bike/walking path encouraging and connecting our community all the way from Cascade Avenue to the neighborhoods surrounding Westside elementary school and even Post Canyon. This is a natural green belt that is deserving of our protection. Preserving this creek system also provides for a critical natural wildlife corridor, protecting vital wetlands, and allowing our precious wildlife and ecosystems to continue to thrive as our population and development becomes more dense.
- I am concerned that if the city does not act now, the continued sale of lands and development happening at an increasing rate in the Westside region, will wipe out this valuable natural system and opportunity to create a green legacy in our city for generations to come.
- We are at a pivotal moment in our City's development with increased growth and I encourage you to put in place now thoughtful plans for preserving the Henderson Creek system providing for open spaces and wetlands, ensuring safe modes of transportation and encouraging healthy connections for our future.
- 74 No Response
- 75 Consider a ban on non-recyclable single-use plastics (bottles, cups, etc.). I know that sounds heavy-handed. I wish I had a better suggestion.
- 76 No Response
- 77 Very concerned about wild fires wiping out the City of Hood River. With the constant winds we get in the summer time and with global warming upon us, it's when not if this will happen. With the city pushing for smaller lots and higher density on the west side and approving smaller roadways and alleys, are we setting up future generations for a fire storm that they can escape from?
- 78 No Response

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- 79 No Response
- 80 Under the following two goals:
- GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation” and -
- GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space.”
I would appreciate it if you could please consider advancing the initiative to protect Henderson Creek, along with its associated wetlands.”
- 81 No Response
- 82 More sidewalks will promote more walking rather than driving. More electric car charging stations.
- 83 I love the e-cars for police! And I wish it was easier to figure out recycling.
- 84 Hood River Garbage Company is a monopoly and needs to be stopped. They raise prices every year and the service stays the same or decreases. We need to somehow figure out how we can dispose of our garbage and recycling without it costing so much. Competition and innovation often creates low prices.
- 85 Find a way to promote these ideals with local business’s. I feel as though most companies in HR are pretty green, or try to be.
- 86 Community solar and encouraging green building practices
- 87 Sustainability is important for our future. The tree committee has important suggestions about restricting cutting of old growth trees that should be adhered to and enforced. Keeping our water clean is critical. Also when permitting new development we should build upon existing empty or built lots rather than native habitat and open park or wildland space
- 88 No Response
- 89 No Response
- 90 I have seen so many beautiful mature trees cut down throughout the city. What can we do to protect our mature trees?? This is essential to the beauty of our town and I am not aware of any regulations about taking out mature trees.
- 91 How do we stop depending on logging revenue? It’s sad and stupid.
- 92 No Response
- 93 No Response
- 94 Ninguna respuesta [No Response](#)
- 95 Work hard on recycling. It’s been SO limited. Subsidize the ReBuild It Center and, if needed, HR Recycling.
Bans on styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic utensils -- expand these.
Green energy for all city-owned facilities/buildings/programs.”

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- 96 More solar projects as budgets and grants allow. More electric vehicle charging areas.
- 97 No Response
- 98 Add wildfire safety, preparation, mitigation planning.
- 99 See above. (page 30)
- 100 Be sure to involve local people that know a lot about power grids and sourcing and how they work at the table - to weigh in on feasibility of ideas - e.g. Mark Smith. Work with citizens on recycling program to up compliance- -my understanding (which may not be accurate) is that it just get dumped on down the line after it leaves our houses b/c of contamination-- i.e. it's fake-- we're not truly recycling.
- 101 Walking and bike path on the bridge
- 102 No Response
- 103 Always a great goal and please keep moving forward with it. Update recycling containers through out town and heights to meet current regulations.
- 104 Install solar panels on large buildings and parking lots and use the energy locally. Create a fund similar to the Portland Clean Energy Fund to install racial justice and climate justice by funding training in clean energy jobs, energy infrastructure improvements for low-income residents, funding non-white regenerative agriculture farmers and businesses
- 105 No Response
- 106 **Duplicate** Hello,
I would like to see the railroad converted to a paved bike path that could accommodate cyclists, ebike commuters and pedestrians.

We need more parks and protected green space.

We need the heights traffic situation fixed. It's not safe driving or walking currently.

We need more widespread walkability with sidewalks and links to waterfront, Indian Creek, Twin Tunnels, historic highway, and hopefully new "old railroad" Trails."
- 107 No Response
- 108 Increase bike lanes and bike safe routes to encourage commuting by bike for adults and children. Add bike racks.
- 109 No Response
- 110 Consider upgrades to the wastewater plant to bring it into the 21st Century. I would also invest in understanding local wildfire mitigation strategies. Summers in Oregon have gotten very scary with wildfire risk, so I think the City needs to invest in wildfire mitigation efforts in order to protect residents in the inevitable scenario that wildfires get closer and worse.
- 111 Eliminate ""Round-up"" and other herbicides and pesticides (that are known to cause cancer and harm) from use in all parks and green spaces. We cant even say we have a plan for environmental sustainability until we do this. Use green products.

We need more ebike parking downtown and in the Heights."

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- 112 No Response
- 113 Expand recycle services, clean up parties,
- 114 Neighborhoods that build smaller houses with community solar panels
- 115 More volunteer opportunities for native tree/shrub plantings throughout the city. Incentives for developers and homeowners to keep native trees rather than clear-cutting them. Conversion of sites unsuitable for commercial/housing development to protected greenspace/parks.
- 116 Please focus on the garbage and recycling program in Hood River and surrounding neighborhoods as it is a shame we can hardly recycle anything and most ends up in the landfill.
- 117 Perhaps a program to help people who heat with wood stoves to put some kind of scrubber, or filters on their flus. They really contribute to the inversions, and poor air quality.
- 118 Es importante que cuidemos nuestro medio ambiente. Necesitamos unirnos para cuidar a nuestra tierra y nuestros parques.
It is important that we take care of our environment. We need to come together to take care of our land and our parks.
- 119 We have this already. We just need to encourage people to walk and ride bikes. It is too easy to drive. Make it a little harder to drive, and a lot easier to ride bikes.
- 120 No Response
- 121 No Response
- 122 Create a goal that is measurable so that people see how they are helping in reality, not in some unachievable, worldwide model.
- 123 Lower water rates and go back to having green lawns and promote planting more trees.
- 124 Also a good plan.
- 125 Going too green is never going to solve the problem. Costs to the public and businesses can offset the good. There can be a happy medium.

GOAL

Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

- 1 Prepare for and wisely manage growth but don't promote and permit growth that ultimately is financially and environmentally costly to the community at large.
- 2 The City will need more investment in infrastructure as it grows and this is a cost that can in part be passed onto builders and developers through fees, etc.
- 3 I believe that the city does not need to spend such a large sum of money on a new police building in the center of downtown. There are other places not in the center of downtown that would work to meet the needs of the police.
- 4 WESTSIDE: The planned changes to Ruthton Park and Westcliff Drive (west of Exit 62), proposed extension of the State Bike/Ped Trail project through Westside, along with planned improvements to Rand / US 30 Cascade intersection, presents a generational opportunity to leverage the multi-million Dollar public investments in infrastructure to transform this part of Hood River.

Toward successful implementation of policies, plans and projects, facilitate a community wide Think Tank session to examine the vision for development and infrastructure, and an assessment of what needs attention - for realizing a cohesive vision of land use, bike/ped, parks, streets, and transit integrated into the community."
- 5 No Response
- 6 No Response
- 7 Urban green space is an important part of any city's infrastructure, and should not be neglected or minimized. It's essential to each resident's sense of personal well-being and health; this is particularly true for developing children. Present city planning seems to neglect or downplay this aspect of our necessary urban infrastructure. There is no mention of green space infrastructure in the city's strategies related to this goal, and it should be added.
- 8 No new police station. Reroute this money into community outreach workers and public works.
- 9 No Response
- 10 No Response
- 11 No Response
- 12 Connect Morrison Park to the Hook with a ped and bike bridge.

East West bike lanes that will connect the old gorge highway through town, and allow for safe travel for bikes and kids. Columbia or Wasco St would be ideal, NOT cascade."
- 13 The City should use or encourage developers to use green infrastructure wherever possible. The long-term maintenance costs of green infrastructure are less than traditional pipes and cement.
- 14 DO NOT INVEST MILLIONS IN A NEW POLICE BUILDING
- 15 Linear Park system is critical to our future as we shift to electric bikes, cars and other electric vehicles. It is time to look ahead 25-50-75 years into the future and not just 6 months.

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Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

- 16 No Response
- 17 No Response
- 18 Support small businesses with more parklets during pandemic
More focus on comprehensive plan to keep cars out of downtown - ie more focus on hop-on, hop-off public transport options in lieu of more parking
Do not agree with need for new police station plans”
- 19 No Response
- 20 Co-locate city municipal property near county buildings or other sensible location and do not build a new police station in the Columbia St parking lot.
- 21 Use green infrastructure to prepare for the future.
- 22 Multi-Lingual materials for all city things.
Intergrated living/working/green spaces
Anti-Racism and inclusion for communities of color. Learn about the history of racism within Oregon, the gorge, Hood River and the United States. Recognize the harm of the history of Oregon rural areas being illegal spaces for Black communities- find ways to reach out to Black community and engage with them so that they feel that the gorge can be their home again. Do this with the Native community as well.
Invest in public health and social determiants of health.
Mental health resources and community health centers.”
- 23 No Response
- 24 if the Columbia lot is going to be converted to a building and/or parking structure, I'd encourage the city to plan for a permanent year-round structure and location for the farmer's market.
- 25 1. Police building. I recognize there is a space problem. Im not convinced a new building is the answer--have all existing structures been assessed?
2. I've always wondered about more efficient use of the huge public works property off May street west of the pool. That seems like it could be a good site for affordable housing if there was some consolidation of the buildings--seems like a lot of wasted space.”
- 26 Yes, please!
- 27 No Response
- 28 No Response
- 29 The City should use or encourage developers to use green infrastructure wherever possible. The long-term maintenance costs of green infrastructure are less than traditional pipes and cement.
- 30 No Response

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- 31 As we prepare for growth of our community and the current challenges we are facing, it is crucial that we re-route money from the law enforcement budget (and the proposed increased budget) to fund mental health, shelter services, public health, treatment services, mentoring programs, etc.
- 32 One thing you should NOT do is spend any more time considering building on the parking lot in front of the cinema. Such a bad idea! We have already a HUGE parking problem and that space is used for some really important community events that bring in lots of money to the community and build community (such as the farmers market, the beer fest, etc).
- 33 No Response
- 34 Poniendo cartelones donde se promueva la igualdad
[Putting up posters to promote equality](#)
- 35 No Response
- 36 Start using salt in the winter - studs erode pavement, unnecessary smashed cars are a huge waste, injury and death by same are avoidable. We only need it on roads rarely, way better than replacement pavement every two years.
- 37 No Response
- 38 It's been brought to my attention that a ballot is being produced for a new Police Station. While I understand the thought behind that, you his community is small and safe enough to where a hefty police presence is not required nor is it a wise use of any funding when there are many other issues to address.

I would like to see full transparency in this ballot before I ultimately make a decision as a feel upkeep should be considered, but there is no need for Grandpa's hammer to get a whole new head and handle."
- 39 update the waste water treatment facility and install a biogas capture and utilization system for the local breweries
- 40 No Response
- 41 No Response
- 42 No Response
- 43 No Response
- 44 No Response
- 45 No Response
- 46 What infrastructure are you referring to? Can't respond due to lack of clarity.
- 47 No Response
- 48 No Response
- 49 I think the city should buy the railroad and turn it in to a vibrant destination for shopping, recreation, cultural interpretation, and parking.

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- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response
- 52 Make it easier for sports clubs and athletic groups to reserve and use facilities and parks.
Let's build an ice rink!"
- 53 No Response
- 54 Take care of poorly maintained parks such as the property next to the Children's Park and plan for expansion that is fiscally responsible.
- 55 Maintain but do not prepare for growth. If there is growth much more than "maintenance" will be needed
- 56 Main historical neighborhoods and downtown.
Fix broken sidewalks all over town. The Dalles just offered a public/ private sidewalk improvement project for affordable sidewalk cracks and improvements. Add ADA curb cuts to high use streets, (not all our streets have these)."
- 57 Provide a space free of charge to hold the market year round. Consider a permanent year round market space infrastructure project with the help of community partners: MCEDD, Gorge Grown Food Network etc.
- 58 No Response
- 59 To keep up with future growth, infrastructure is imperative. However, disaster planning should be a top priority. The Hood River Valley Adult Center is designated as an emergency shelter, but needs upgrades to the building in order to safely do so. There's currently a Capital Funds Campaign going on to raise funds for these needed improvements. Support of the HRVAC from the City of Hood River would aid all residents.
- 60 Not encourage growth. Prepare for the inevitable.
Remodel, renew, recycle, share. No room for fiefdoms"
- 61 Build more densely in the city limits. Don't sacrifice our open space and farmland to housing (especially not big houses on huge lots) and urban sprawl. Hood River would lose something very precious in that. A multi-modal transportation system seems like something that addresses most of the goals on this list, including the threat of increased traffic with increased growth.
- 62 A new police building is not what the city needs right now as it symbolizes a system based in racism that does not lead to greater community safety. Especially considering the racism that is so deeply rooted in the Gorge and Hood River.
- 63 Living in Willow Ponds we have always been very aware of the delicate balance of our shared space. We moved to this community and neighborhood 9 years ago from Portland and having seen our old neighborhood grow with urban sprawl and disintegrate before our eyes, we want to maintain our beautiful, natural environment.
- 64 No Response

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- 65 No Response
- 66 No Response
- 67 No Response
- 68 Agree.
- 69 No Response
- 70 We should prepare for growth not just in numbers but in our understanding and ability. We should not assume that increased population will mean increased demand for the same things. For example we may not need more parking if we are successful in the goals of creating a more environmentally sustainable community and of encouraging bike/ped transportation. If we are successful in meeting basic human needs, creating housing, and meeting mental health and wellness needs and a mutually supportive community, we will not need more police. Look at how we can be better, not just more.
- Look at what we are willing to invest in and invest in what meets basic needs. Do not move forward with a new police station.”
- 71 No Response
- 72 No Response
- 73 No Response
- 74 No Response
- 75 No Response
- 76 No Response
- 77 Don't get confused with preparing for it and encouraging it . . .
- 78 No Response
- 79 No Response
- 80 No Response
- 81 No Response
- 82 Prepare for growth mindfully! Think big picture with each new development. With a new elementary school in the works, plan for safe routes for kids to walk to school (Westside Elementary doesn't really have that option). Also, we need more sidewalks in this town!
- 83 This is just plain hard. One thing - infrastructure requirements can increase the cost of housing, so there's got to be a balance. Does every street need to fit a firetruck, especially if the houses are new and built to the fairly strict fire codes?
- 84 This goal is long overdue and should have been made a higher priority in years past. This goal will realistically not be met, especially considering additional budget stresses around covid-19.

GOAL

Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

- 85 More people are trying to live in the gorge than ever. They need housing that isn't half an hour from downtown HR.

And Internet! Where I rent I have one option for crappy internet. It needs to become a utility as not having internet is extremely debilitating. Century link or someone else needs to seriously upgrade infrastructure.
- 86 No Response
- 87 I think by decreasing the in lieu fee we will see developers building quickly before we have time to prepare for this growth. So I think we should do that preparation now
- 88 No Response
- 89 No Response
- 90 No Response
- 91 I don't support adding a new police station. We don't need that. And we especially don't need it downtown. What's wrong with you?
- 92 No Response
- 93 No Response
- 94 Ninguna respuesta [No Response](#)
- 95 This is the most important. People want to live here, and they're not all wealthy. Increasingly there will be climate refugees. Limit 2nd homes, limit vacation rentals, be courageous against NIMBY campaigns.
- 96 Re visit zoning and where the urban growth boundary will expand to.
- 97 No Response
- 98 No Response
- 99 See above
- 100 This is vague-- adding specificity would be helpful to achievement-- turn this into a SMART goal. Existing infrastructure for what- building? roads? schools? industry? all of the above?? Growth of what-- population? revenue? downtown businesses? tourist flow? What is it we want an infrastructure for, and what is it we want to grow? This is an example where provision of more information and specificity would be helpful to gaining more meaningful involvement from citizens.
- 101 No Response

GOAL

Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

- 102 No Response
- 103 Yes
- 104 Increase affordable housing, increase density, maintain urban growth boundary to decrease fire risk in future due to encroaching on wildland-urban interface as seen in California
- 105 No Response
- 106 Hello, **Duplicate**
I would like to see the railroad converted to a paved bike path that could accommodate cyclists, ebike commuters and pedestrians.
We need more parks and protected green space.
We need the heights traffic situation fixed. It's not safe driving or walking currently.
We need more widespread walkability with sidewalks and links to waterfront, Indian Creek, Twin Tunnels, historic highway, and hopefully new "old railroad" Trails."
- 107 Require developers to upgrade/add to infrastructure when building new houses. Stoplights/signs, water, parking, etc.
- 108 Reduce costs in fees for building ADUs and multi unit housing. Create incentives to provide affordable housing.
- 109 No Response
- 110 I would consider a longer term roadmap of the wastewater system as an important goal to support industrial and residential growth. The City seems to be taking very good action upgrading water, and sewer service, so thank you. I understand there is real longer time concern about the swimming pool, and how to fund upgrades or a replacement. The good news is, I there there will be an wealthy influx of new residents that will come to town, so there should be ample property tax revenues to help fund long-term and expensive projects like that.
- 111 I DO NOT SUPPORT A NEW POLICE STATION AT THE COLUMBIA LOT. THIS IS POOR PLANNING. DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING IS TO VITAL TO OUR ECONOMY. THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER LOCATION. NOT DOWNTOWN. WHY CAN'T THE CITY BUY A PIECE OF LAND IN THE HEIGHTS?
- 112 No Response
- 113 Small Parking garages
- 114 Maintaining existing infrastructure may not work for growth. It needs to change along with growth.

GOAL

Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

- 115 The gateway to Hood River from the west is woefully unprepared for increase traffic. it's one of the few parts of town where ""rush hour"" exists due to poorly designed infrastructure. The intersection of Cascade Ave and Mt Adams Ave specifically could use a re-design, it should ideally be a roundabout, preferably with some sort of sculpture or Hood River welcoming sign at the center. It would go a long way towards keeping traffic moving as well as not make visitors think they took a wrong exit due to how unwelcoming the area appears. A multi-level parking structure should be considered for downtown, not a new sheriff's department which will get rid of a ton of available parking."
- 116 No Response
- 117 Once infrastructure is put in place maintenance is a large expense. Any new projects should include detailed plans for maintenance budgets. Parks are great, but it costs to mow and clean them, etc That should be part of the budget for any parks. Our sewer system should be cleaned regularly to maintain it. Bicycle Lanes should be protected, visibly delineated and anyone who parks in them should be ticketed aggressively. Maintaining existing sidewalks and walkways should be a priority. If people allow their plantings to overgrow sidewalks, that needs to be dealt with regularly and now it is not. Making clear rules and enforcing the rules you do make regularly and equally should be part of our city code. Right now there are many rules and spotty enforcement, with exceptions that are not always fair.
- 118 Ninguna respuesta [No Response](#)
- 119 Seems reasonable, just make sure you build for the community you want. Planning is important.
- 120 No Response
- 121 No Response
- 122 Stop letting developers make areas without sidewalk, with narrow streets that don't run through. Its unrealistic for fire trucks or snow plows, or any safe future growth. I realize this is done on purpose to make it more desirable to the buyers, but its not good for anyone else.
- 123 Build infrastructure before allowing growth!
- 124 I feel that we are way behind infrastructure wise. We are in desperate need of modernization.
- 125 Water - sewer - elect. Road needs upgrading - crosswalks and sidewalks need updating for handicap as well as plowing snow and visibility.

GOAL

Address community needs for parks and open space.

- 1 Provide parks and open space throughout Hood River for the well being of all community members. Include Henderson Creek in the park and trail system .
- 2 This feels ripe for land donations, community participation, etc. There is a whole Protect our Parks movement around this, channel/use their energy (although not at the expense of other IMHO more important goals above). Hood River is surrounded by green space. Parks and open space should be prioritized near low income housing where transportation is more limited.
- 3 No Response
- 4 See Goal above: (Page 53)
- 5 Only if this is actually going to serve those in our community that need it. And only if other needs are met first, like housing, education and reduction of a racist police system.
- 6 No Response
- 7 As the last Work Plan Status Report indicates, the city has done a good job coordinating a parks master plan with Parks & Rec, and Councilors who helped with this deserve considerable credit. The plan was difficult to craft, and is full of great objectives and visions. Its glowing illustrations give us visions of a future Hood River full of neighborhood trees and lush green expanses of local parks.

But it requires absolutely no action at all of any of its partners, as Council is probably well aware. The challenge now will be to resist filing it away on a shelf and doing nothing. This is critical where almost by the week lands that might have been available for new parks and trails is being eaten up by new residential development. They will not return. We all know this.

Under this goal Council has articulated a strategy: CONSIDER CREATING A PLAN FOR ACQUIRING OPEN SPACE. There is no indication in the Work Plan Status Report that anything has been done by Council on this strategy.

Little can happen without funding. An action that might be fruitful would be to specifically dedicate some city staff time this year to soliciting grants for funding acquisition of land for city parks and trail easements before available land is entirely gone. Without action on this, your excellent and hard-won plan is no more than empty words tucked away on a shelf.

As always, thank you for the many hours you all spend dealing with these difficult issues, especially in this historically challenging time. You and your efforts are much appreciated.”
- 8 No Response
- 9 No Response
- 10 No Response
- 11 No Response
- 12 The City should support making the Westside Park happen! This is the last best opportunity for a big park with soccer fields, community space. Maybe the Protect our Parks folks could even do something constructive and fundraise.

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- 13 The 20-acre property on Fairview that was previously studied for a community park continues to be the last best hope for a large-scale park to serve urban residents on the west side of Hood River. Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District recently entered into an option to buy the property. The City should collaborate with the HRVPRD on acquisition and development of this property.

Cities often work to support multiple community goals at the same time, for instance acquiring parkland in areas where new housing is being created to create livable, amenity rich neighborhoods. Hood River should take a bigger role in ensuring that needed parks are created and property acquired early. The first step is creating a Capital Improvement Plan for parks.

The City should acquire rights of way and construct the two new off-road trails (Henderson Creek and Ridgeline Trail) proposed in Westside Area Plan. These will be highly used.

Consider adopting a Tree Ordinance in order to encourage new development to preserve neighborhood trees.”
- 14 Add more parks and open spaces in the new subdivisions.
- 15 The city should acquire land as quickly as possible and continue to connect our parks, neighborhoods, downtown and waterfront. Our land will only continue to increase in value and the possibility of developing a green belt that connects our communities is quickly being developed out of site. Natural parks like Morrison Park are very inexpensive to maintain. There has never been a city, town or community that wished they had less parks. As we continue to grow in both size and population we will need more parks not less. Our parks are under constant attack from developers it is time to not only protect what we have but expand our open space inventory.
- 16 No Response
- 17 I would like to see the city develop a fenced dog park at the sewer plant. I know this has been discussed for quite a while. It needs to be moved forward. My dog is always on a leash and I would like to give her the freedom to be off leash without breaking regulations. A fenced area would protect her.
- 18 Please do not add police station to lot next to Full Sail - that space is a great use of multi-use with parking during week + farmers market and events.
- 19 Support effort to develop park at Belmont and Fairview
- 20 Preserve all current parks and open space while working to designate new spaces. The new proposed park across for Westside elementary is a great example.
- 21 This is definitely needed. Acquire parkland space early as new developments are being initiated. Turn the Fairview property into a large park in the middle of the Westside. Use proactive approaches to reduce the the need to pit park preservation against affordable housing advocates. Both are important for a livable city.

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- 22 Make sure this is done with racism and racial justice in mind.
Integrated systems of green spaces and places for people to work/live.
Public transportation options to these spaces to reduce need for folks to drive.
No new police building.
More park options that make it easier for folks to access and brings tourism and events to the area- white water park and surf park, rock climbing crags, connected trail systems, skiing, skate parks.”
- 23 This goal should not have same priority as affordable housing.
We have enough parks
- 24 No Response
- 25 We have enough parks and open space. We need to consolidate growth in our boundaries and not encroach outside the urban growth boundary where there is an abundance of open space.
More important is maintenance of existing recreational spaces, like the pool and other parks.”
- 26 Please maintain and expand our parks and open spaces. Parks should come in all different types and shapes, including more natural ones like Morrison Park. New construction could be taxed to finance the expansion of parks and open spaces. Please do not promote the achievement of any goals at the expense of our parks and open spaces. They are much needed for people of all different backgrounds, colors, races and income. Parks are accessible to everyone, promoting social and racial equity. Parks contribute to physical and mental health. Parks are important to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- 27 I am encouraged to see the Parks District looking into the West Side property near Westside School for a new park.
- 28 Work with county and parks and community groups to adapt existing spaces for more community usage - imagine edible permaculture landscaping, and encouraging anyone to harvest, or adding small installations of seating and “play” equipment.
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- 30 No Response
- 31 work to maintain the parks and rec programs and spaces that we have such As the Hood River pool
- 32 Read my input above (page 6) about working closely on sharing funding and resources with HR Parks in Rec instead of doing your own thing. Consider working closer towards true collaboration so that we can build up parks and rec and minimize duplication of services. Parks are the specialty of parks and rec and the city should lift up that organization to work with them more closely rather then create our own within the city.
- 33 The Farmer’s Market at the Columbia Lot has been amazing during COVID and we hope it continues.
- 34 De acuerdo! [In agreement!](#)
- 35 No Response
- 36 New park Has to have an off-leash area!!! My taxes have been paying for schools for years, and I have no kids! I want a clean close zone to let my dogs run!!! Off Leash, not just the sand bar
Dogs are a vital part of the community too, and they need lush, clean, safe freedom too!!!”
- 37 Still need a great space for a farmers market. Downtown is not ideal. Like expansion of Indian creek trail
- 38 Enforce a pack it in pack it out policy
- 39 No Response
- 40 Great that the city is about to purchase the lot at the top of Rocky Road, but make sure half of it is designated wetland to protect the birds who shelter there.
- 41 Regarding the goals of promoting safe multimodal transportation systems and encouraging community needs for parks and open space... I support the idea raised in the west side concept plan for a bike path, and walking path along Henderson Creek
- 42 The parks district is way short of funds to even just purchase the new Westside park lands. Please encourage them to sell the Barrett property. Purchasing land in 2006 illegal for park purposes was a bad faith deal with our community. The County has spoken clearly on this. The City needs to do the same. HRPRD will not get the support they need for any tax increase as long as they have locked up a million dollars in land that will never in any foreseeable future be a community park. The land use laws on preserving top quality farmland outside the urban grow boundaries are crystal clear.
Additionally, assuming they do act responsibly, the City will need to help make this Park a reality with some sort of financial help. Getting Westside Park to actually happen should be your top priority. 18 acres of reasonably flat land can solve a whole lot of park deficit in this community. Thank you for asking for input.”
- 43 Collaborate more closely with Parks District and Columbia Land Trust to make connections to parks via trails. Encourage parks closer to where new housing is going.
- 44 No Response

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- 45 No Response
- 46 Affordable housing first. Very disappointed about the Morrison Park housing failure. Gentrification is pricing most of us out for rental or home ownership. We have nice parks and open space in the City and the Gorge as well.
- 47 No Response
- 48 No Response
- 49 Turn the railroad into a rails-to-trails project.
- 50 No Response
- 51 No Response
- 52 Fenced dog park, please. Or an area in an existing park that is fenced and allocated just for dogs with their owners. You could even charge an annual fee to be able to use the dog park.

Also, offer an indoor sports space (think indoor turf field) so community organizations can rent it out for sports and exercise activities. There can also be open-use hours for community members.”
- 53 No Response
- 54 Once again we need to take care of the parks and open space that we currently have before looking to add additional burden.
- 55 Huge need...do not sacrifice open space for housing. Westside has many opportunities for walking/biking paths. We need a dogpark
- 56 Fund future parks, trails and green spaces. Incorporate usable green spaces in affordable housing and PUD's. Some of what has been built via current regulations is just blackberry covered drainage space, and not usable green space.
- 57 No Response
- 58 Girls and Boys Club would be great.
- 59 When I moved here in 1990, I noticed the lack of parks, open space, bike paths and trails in the city. Our population has increased at a faster rate than these transportation/recreation spaces have. Hood River should be increasing parks, trails, paths and open space to serve future growth.
- 60 We are lucky in our county... And in the city there are many pocket parks. continuing those with any “development” set asides. To use industrial areas for new “development” areas, and encourage renewing soils/outdoor spaces as part of plan. Save view and thriving wild places for trails and shared spaces. Game fields on existing pasture/ decades cleared space.”
- 61 Westside Park! So much work has gone into planning for this park already and it seems like such a natural spot of open space within the city!
- 62 I would focus on upgrading existing parks and making more walkable streets before we tear down buildings to make park space. Additionally, instead of parking garages and police stations we should be developing open spaces to host events like the farmers market or creating affordable housing.

GOAL

Address community needs for parks and open space.

- 63 549 Nina Lane
- 64 We live in this community for many reasons but the biggest reason for us and I believe most residents is the beauty of our natural surroundings. While we realize the inevitability of growth we must buffer ourselves from sprawl.
- 65 No Response
- 66 No Response
- 67 No Response
- 68 Agree.
- 69 See above. Thanks for all that you do for our community!
- 70 No Response
- 71 No Response
- 72 No Response
- 73 **Duplicate** I am writing to offer my support of the City Planning Commission's proposal of protecting Henderson Creek as it provides the perfect opportunity to address the City Council's following three goals:
GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation
GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space
GOAL: Create a more environmentally sustainable community
Henderson Creek is a valuable natural resource that addresses these goals by creating a safe bike/walking path encouraging and connecting our community all the way from Cascade Avenue to the neighborhoods surrounding Westside elementary school and even Post Canyon. This is a natural green belt that is deserving of our protection. Preserving this creek system also provides for a critical natural wildlife corridor, protecting vital wetlands, and allowing our precious wildlife and ecosystems to continue to thrive as our population and development becomes more dense.
I am concerned that if the city does not act now, the continued sale of lands and development happening at an increasing rate in the Westside region, will wipe out this valuable natural system and opportunity to create a green legacy in our city for generations to come.
We are at a pivotal moment in our City's development with increased growth and I encourage you to put in place now thoughtful plans for preserving the Henderson Creek system providing for open spaces and wetlands, ensuring safe modes of transportation and encouraging healthy connections for our future. "
- 74 No Response
- 75 No Response
- 76 No Response
- 77 Need more park space on the West Side.

GOAL

Address community needs for parks and open space.

- 78 Again, please preserve Henderson Creek. Thank you.
- 79 Please protect Henderson Creek as a local resource and include Henderson Creek as part of the multi-modal system and open space. With all the commercial / residential development that will happen on the west side it is important to act fast. In the West Side Concept Project, Henderson Creek is slated to become a natural resource that addresses two of your 2021 goals by creating a bike / walking path from the commercial corridor on Cascade, up past the future school, into the neighborhoods near Willow Ponds and Rocky Road and beyond - even connecting to the trails to Post Canyon. Henderson Creek is a vital part of the west side trail system and as delineated in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP). Because Henderson Creek 'cuts a diagonal' up the hill, the reduced grade is ideal for families to walk and bike into the city. In order for this to happen we need to make sure developers don't bulldoze over it and then this connection won't be an option. The West side is going to get dense! Development will happen, but it will be up to smart planning and foresight to ensure that connections like the Henderson Creek trail exist and that some open space and wetlands continue to exist. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
- 80 No Response
- 81 appreciate this goal
- 82 I live on the west side of town and the nearest park for my kid to play at is a mile away at Westside Elementary. As the city continues to develop more neighborhoods, it must incorporate more parks and green space. A green belt that runs through neighborhoods would also be a fantastic feature, especially if it could connect to the new elementary school as a safe route for kids to walk/cycle to school. Our town also has a shortage of sports fields. I am on the board of one of our local sports leagues, and I have to try to book fields 6 months in advance, otherwise other sports will book them up and we will not have anywhere to play. Include covered bus shelters at all parks so that families and kids don't have to drive to them. More lighting at parks and outdoor athletic facilities to expand hours of recreation. Exercise equipment at parks for people who can't afford a gym membership. Lastly, and importantly, please work on continuing to connect the trails and paths through town (Westside Trail, Indian Creek Trail, etc.).
- 83 Consider partnering with schools and churches to increase park / playground access. This is done unofficially by neighbors.
- 84 Let's keep our parks and open space open during lockdowns. Keeping playgrounds open for children to get fresh air and play is so important. Some parents won't feel comfortable having their children play outdoors on play structures, while other parents need their children to play outside. We have great families in our community and it's important to entrust parents/guardians to know what is best for their children.
- 85 I'd love to see a city sports field/complex where I can run on flat ground and not have to rely on after school hours to use their fields. Hood River is in the Gorge, there's a lot of nature out there. I'm not sure how much we need in the city. My one problem with the whole morrison park debacle is I feel there are a lot of areas where we can build affordable housing, why destroy our one disc golf and easily accessible park?
- Post Canyon needs to be supported as much as possible. The amount of revenue from thirsty mountain bikers in Hood River has to be substantial. Without Post Canyon that goes away. The spit needs to be supported for kiteboarders and dog owners alike. It's the one free space in town to let your dog be free."
- 86 No Response

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- 87 The pandemic had shown is how valuable open space and parks are to our health. We should preserve open space as much as possible. We should rezone Morrison Park back to park status if it had not been done. It was clear that this is what the voters want by their protect our park sweeping ballot vote.
- 88 No Response
- 89 No Response
- 90 Add to parks inventory - do not use parks for housing expansion. Fund park maintenance vs using volunteer energy and community fundraising to maintain parks.
- 91 We don't need more developed parks. A new heated saline swimming pool like the one they built for Rainier Beach in King County, WA would be amazing.
- 92 No Response
- 93 Can we include bus stops with shelters at the parks so that all of us can access the parks?
- 94 Deberian incluir paradas del camion en los parques con bancos para sentar y cubiertos para esperar al camion.
They should include bus stops in the parks with benches to sit and that are covered to wait for the bus.
- 95 The existing parks are adequately protected. Develop more public transportation to all of them. Improve parks to be accessible to elders and disabled (they are generally not).
Do all you can to pre-empt and counter the ""Protect Our Parks"" campaigns which stand in the way of progress and humanism. We live in a remarkable natural atmosphere with rivers, trails, streams, forests, mountains....this is not a community that needs new oases for open space, just proper access."
- 96 Our city is quite lacking compared to comparable cities with recreational activities. Creative land swaps with ODOT to trade housing needs and maintain parks. New developments must include park space and or allow for trail connectivity. Trail from waterfront to high school. Marked bike lanes on main streets to from heights and downtown/waterfront. Develop play fields in open space by Westside property with Parks and Rec.
- 97 No Response
- 98 No Response
- 99 See above
- 100 This one also seems vague-- like it could be strengthened in order to help us understand the city's thinking on this issue, and help build back trust in this area. I think a lot people feel like the city will do just about anything to push the housing goal-- including converting existing parks and open space. If Morrison was an example of "Addressing Community Needs"-- then I think this goal needs to be rethought and strengthened so that it actually translates directly into protection of parks and open space.
- 101 Dog parks
- 102 No Response
- 103 Yes but let parks district be in charge of this and help fund projects

GOAL

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- 104 Work in local parks through trails skills classes at the high school and colleges to provide training on outdoor recreation jobs. Continue work on the riverfront trail and trail connecting Mosier to Portland, offer buses to trails outside of the city, create more small native pollinator gardens as low maintenance ways to increase green in the city
- 105 I think we should focus on parks we have. For example, we are underutilizing the skate park by not lighting it. This is a tremendous, centrally located resource for healthy recreation. Because this park is free and centrally located, it is used year around by diverse cross sections of our community. However, because of waning daylight for many winter months, the park is not safely usable after or school or work. This could be easily alleviated through lightning, providing for substantially more safe, healthy, free outdoor recreation and physical fitness year around. It may also help deter some of the littering that seems to occur in the dark. Please consider installing lights for at least a portion of the park. I have heard this discussed by many, many friends. Thank you for considering this. Anson Pulk. Hood River Middle School 8th Grade.
- 106 **Duplicate** Hello,
I would like to see the railroad converted to a paved bike path that could accommodate cyclists, ebike commuters and pedestrians.
We need more parks and protected green space.
We need the heights traffic situation fixed. It's not safe driving or walking currently.
We need more widespread walkability with sidewalks and links to waterfront, Indian Creek, Twin Tunnels, historic highway, and hopefully new "old railroad" Trails."
- 107 No Response
- 108 1) expand and connect the Indian Creek Trail system
2) connect the penstock flume pipeline trail with Indian Creek trail and connect it thru copper dam road or create a trail all the way to Tucker park.
- 109 No Response
- 110 Parks are all about real estate (ok, maintenance funding to some extent), and real estate is a long term game. The City needs to create scenarios for all available land, and create population, revenue, or other thresholds that once met, would trigger the acquisition of development of certain real estate for parks purposes. The Hood River Waterfront Park is a gem of a global level, and we have the landscape to do more parks at this scale; these all require parking, lots of room to play, and some connection to local roads, and businesses to that the right level of amenities can all be connected together. With parks, think long term, and think big.
- 111 We need more green spaces downtown and in the Heights near businesses. Places for people to gather support our local economy and we are a city of people who love to be outdoors. Look how busy the library lawn gets. A green space with picnic tables adjacent to a space for an outdoor market/farmers market should be a priority. Perhaps, building a parking garage in the Cascade Lot (so it doesn't interfere with the adjacent homes and businesses). And, in the Columbia Lot, Instead of building a new police station, replacing any shrubbery, etc with grass and benches and maybe even widening some of those lawn/green spaces to enjoy during "market" times. I was in Sisters, lately, and they do this so well. They integrate lots of strips of lawn and benches, etc, into their downtown area. It makes it very inviting and people like to linger and shop, eat, visit.

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- 112 No Response
- 113 Dog park. More trails.
- 114 Is there a plan that so much green space will be provided based on population? My neighborhood is growing with no additional green/park space.
- 115 Convert unused, hard to develop lots to protected greenspace/parks. The lot next to Mid Columbia Marine & Motor looks like a good candidate.
- 116 No Response
- 117 New developments of any size should require a portion of the land set aside for a park or green space. Even a small one. Is the dog park still on the agenda down by the port?
- 118 Acceso a parques con paradas de camiones y autobuses es agradecido. Nuestros hijos que no manejan quisieran usar los parques mas y podrian usar en camion.
[Access to parks with bus stops would be appreciated. Our children who do not drive would like to use the parks more and could use the bus.](#)
- 119 One park that is missing is one where you can picnic and have a view overlooking downtown and the water front. Wilson Park area, just with a view. Like Sorosis Park in The Dalles.
- 120 This goal should be higher up the list. It's very frustrating that the city has actively worked to reduce open space, especially given the fact that the county has recently begun closing their parks. Paving over open space/greenspace is short-sighted and makes our community a less desirable place to live.
- 121 Turn lot across from Westside Elementary into a park.
- 122 Some rich person will need to donate some land eventually to solve this. Otherwise, quit putting this shit on regular people. Its fake outrage for the wealthy, and its obvious to everyone.
- 123 I see lots of building but no new parks.
- 124 I believe we have ample park spaces.
- 125 This is a big issue. We have a good supply of parks now having a plan to maintain them is a concern where upkeep is needed.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

Additional Responses received via Email to Council and staff.

64 **Received via email in addition to respondent 64's inputs to form submitted** Thanks for the message below sent out recently requesting community input on the 2021 work plan. I did fill out the survey, but did not find a place that asked for my/citizens' opinion(s) on PRIORITIZATION. I feel that's an important question to ask, and further, I feel it is critical for that prioritization to drive PERFORMANCE.

One of the goals in particular, "Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory," (cited in previous years as "affordable" and/or "workforce" housing) has appeared in City work plans for a very long time. It has been called not only a goal but a priority, and not only a priority but the City Council's highest priority, for at least the 11+ years that I've lived here. However that has not yet correlated with performance, as measured by bringing new affordable/diverse/inclusive housing stock online. I understand that there have been motions and background work made in that direction, and I've tried to pitch in as an advocate along the way, but the proof, the pudding, is not in sight.

As I said, I filled out the survey like a good community member. But here's what I really feel City Council needs to hear:

By the measure cited above (ie new affordable/diverse/inclusive homes built), we are doing poorly on our long-time stated #1 priority goal.

Continuing to ask if folks like/endorse/want to tweak that goal is becoming meaningless.

It is time to deliver on performance (ie new affordable/diverse/inclusive homes built), now, this year, or let it go.

126 **Received via email**
 WOW ! A three day notice is cutting it pretty thin! THINKFAST!
 Miniature electric cars and single occupancy units are becoming "the- way- to- GO !
 THINK ! Consider ! Build ! A three story parking structure on the Port of Hood River's three acre ""Goose Site"".
 THINK ! CONSIDER ! BUILD ! A series of electric charging Stations ; beginning with the geoses' Port site's stumping grounds, CAT'S Public parking facility, along with the: hotels, motels, City, County, School District's, Safeway's, etc., parking facilities.
 PARKS VS HOUSING !
 The 1905 new comers that crossed the Rocky's !
 VS
 The 2005 new comers that crossed the Border !
 UP until ca. 1980, lumbering (the WOODS) was #1 .
 Today—NO woods We have Agriculture, tourism, water and WIND !
 P.S. My Father was born in Hood River---1896
 My Mother --- " " Fisher, Minn.- 1896
 Myself----- " " Hood River, OR,-- 1936



2021 Council Goals and Strategies -- Community Input

November 2020

City Council will participate in a 2021 strategic planning work session this February. In preparation for the annual work session, the City of Hood River is interested in community input and ideas on goals, projects and strategies to help achieve them.

Each year, the City Council's annual work plan session provides an opportunity to revisit high-level goals and identify key projects to be undertaken by the organization. In preparation for the 2021 goal-setting work session, please provide your input and ideas by Sunday, December 6th.

Only forms with complete contact information will be accepted.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Residence Inside the City Limits Outside the City Limits

I would like to subscribe to the City's email communications: Yes No

An individual's identity will be separated from the comments received and the two will not be disclosed together.

2021 Council Goals *(Goals are not in order of priority.)*

Prior year Council Goals have been:

- GOAL:** Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory.
- GOAL:** Inform and engage all segments of our community through transparency and proactive, inclusive and comprehensive outreach.
- GOAL:** Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation.
- GOAL:** Create a more environmentally sustainable community.
- GOAL:** Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.
- GOAL:** Address community needs for parks and open space.

Additional information available at
cityofhoodriver.gov/administration/city-council/hood-river-city-council-goals/

What goals would you recommend adding or changing? Do you have suggestions for goals or projects to address problems that do not fit into current Council goals?

Input and Ideas:

Ideas for Projects:

Enter your ideas to move these Council Goals forward.

GOAL: Create opportunities for an inclusive and diverse housing inventory.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:

GOAL: Inform and engage all segments of our community through transparency and proactive, inclusive and comprehensive outreach.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:

GOAL: Promote an efficient, safe multi-modal transportation system that alleviates traffic and parking congestion and encourages bike/ped transportation.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:

GOAL: Create a more environmentally sustainable community.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:

GOAL: Maintain existing infrastructure and prepare for growth.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:

GOAL: Address community needs for parks and open space.

Input and ideas on projects to advance this goal:



Las metas y estrategias del Consejo Municipal para el 2021 - Aportes de la comunidad

Noviembre 2020

El Consejo Municipal participara en una sesión de planificación estratégica para el año 2021 en febrero. En preparación para esta sesión anual, la Ciudad de Hood River esta interesada en los aportes e ideas de la comunidad sobre las metas, proyectos y estrategias para ayudar lograrlos.

Cada año, la sesión anual de planificación del Consejo Municipal brinda la oportunidad de revisar los objetivos de alto nivel e idenficar los proyectos claves que esta organización debe de asumir. En preparación para esta sesión de establecimientos de metas para el 2021, por favor mande sus comentarios e ideas antes del domingo 6 de diciembre.

Solo se aceptarán formularios con información de contacto completa.

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Correo electrónico _____

Reside Dentro de los limites de la ciudad Afuera de los limites de la ciudad

Me gustaría suscribirme a las comunicaciones por correo electrónico de la Ciudad : Si No

La identidad del individuo será separado de los comentarios recibidos y los dos no serán revelados juntos.

2021 Metas del Ayuntamiento (Metas no están en orden de prioridad.)

Las Metas del Consejo del año anterior han sido::

- META:** Crear un inventario inclusivo y diverso de viviendas.
- META:** Informar y captar todos los segmentos de nuestra comunidad a través de la transparencia y el alcance proactivo, inclusivo e integral.
- META:** Promover un sistema de transporte multimodal eficiente y seguro que mejore el trafico y la congestion de estacionamientos e incentivar el transporte de bicicletas/peatones.
- META:** Crear una comunidad más ambientalmente sostenible.
- META:** Mantener la infraestructura existente y prepararse para el crecimiento.
- META:** Abordar las necesidades de la comunidad para los parques y espacios abiertos.

Información adicional disponible en
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¿Cuáles metas recomendaría agregando o cambiando? ¿Tiene sugerencias sobre metas o proyectos que abordan problemas que no son mencionadas en las metas actuales del Consejo?

Aportaciones e ideas.

Ideas Para Proyectos: ingrese sus ideas para avanzar los estos objetivos del Consejo.

META: Crear un inventario inclusivo y diverso de viviendas.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

META: Informar y captar todos los segmentos de nuestra comunidad a través de la transparencia y el alcance proactivo, inclusivo e integral.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

META: Promover un sistema de transporte multimodal eficiente y seguro que mejore el tráfico y la congestión de estacionamientos e incentivar el transporte de bicicletas/peatones.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

META: Crear una comunidad más ambientalmente sostenible.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

META: Mantener la infraestructura existente y preparar para el crecimiento.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

META: Abordar las necesidades de la comunidad para los parques y espacios abiertos.

Aportaciones e ideas sobre proyectos para avanzar en esta meta.

¡Gracias por su aporte! - Devuelva el formulario completo al Ayuntamiento antes del 6 de diciembre.
Si tiene preguntas, envíe un correo electrónico o llame al administrador de la ciudad Rachael Fuller
R.Fuller@cityofhoodriver.gov • 541-387-5252