Conversations about Community

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

April 2024

Land Use

The land use element of the comprehensive plan provides for the general location and distribution of land uses, the design and quality of the built environment, and the framework for the other elements of the plan.

At the March 28th meeting, the planning commissioners discussed the land use chapter of the current comprehensive plan. The commissioners generally agreed that the City could use a face-lift to attract new businesses. They also discussed the idea of creating a really nice, affordable residential community.

Climate Resilience and Hazard Mitigation

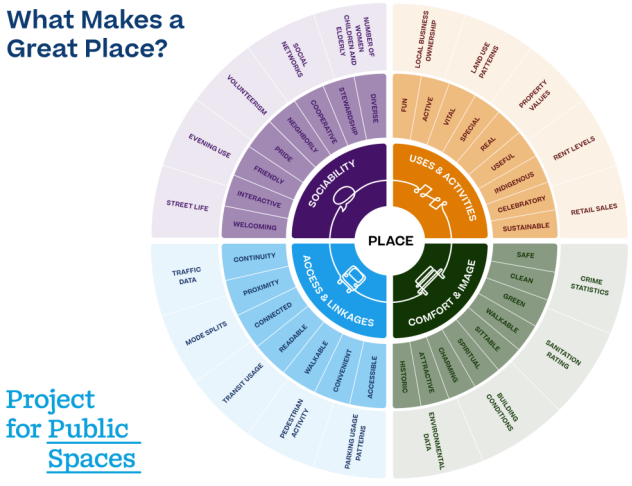
The Washington State legislature added the requirement of a climate resilience element to the comprehensive plan. The purpose of the climate resilience element is to improve climate related disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. This can be met with a hazard mitigation plan.

The City is receiving a grant from the State to prepare a hazard mitigation plan. The plan will be designed to fortify the community's capacity to manage a thrive amidst natural disasters. It will include infrastructure enhancements, regulatory reforms, community education programs, and emergency response protocols, among other mitigation measures.

Placemaking

Placemaking is about improving the quality of public spaces and the lives of the people who use them. It is centered around observing, listening to, and asking questions of the people who live, work, and play in a particular space in order to understand their needs and aspirations for that space and for their community as a whole.

This process looks at the natural environment and the local culture to create designs that are unique to location.



Planning Commission

The topic for the April 18th meeting is Transportation. Meetings start at 5:30 and can be attended in person at City Hall or via Zoom. We encourage you to listen and give your opinion.