



City Council Committee Meeting Agenda

Community Development Committee

This meeting will be conducted in person at City Hall with a virtual option (see link below).

Stanwood City Hall
10220 270th St. NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

Thursday June 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM

1. Chandlers Reserve Final Plat
2. Von Moos Developers Agreement Amendment
3. Comprehensive Plan Community Survey
4. Comprehensive Plan Layout

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CITY OF STANWOOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATES: June 2, 2022

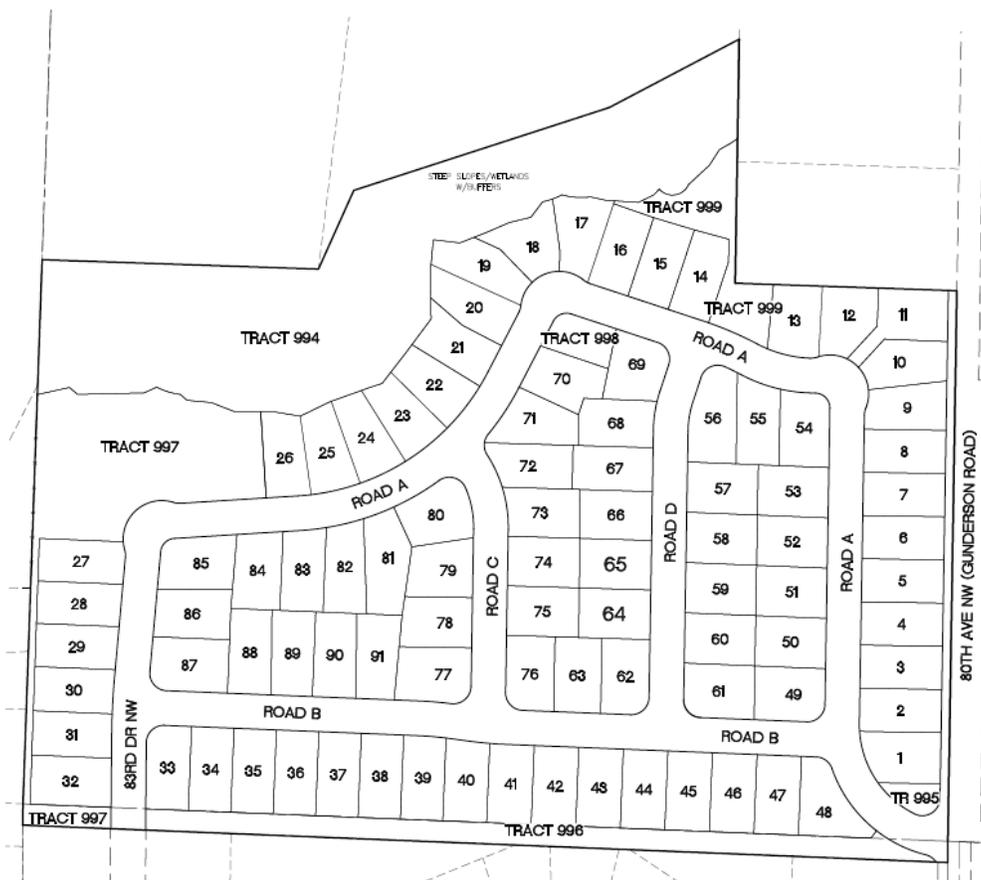
SUBJECT: June Agenda Items

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Tansy Schroeder, City Planner

Chandlers Reserve Final Plat

Stanwood-26 LLC submitted a preliminary plat application for 91 residential dwelling units/lots in October of 2019. The project was reviewed per the City's permitting process and was approved after a public hearing with the Hearing Examiner on November 17, 2020. The applicant has been working on civil construction of the plat and has applied for final plat. The entire Chandler's Reserve subdivision will be built out in one, single phase.

The developer is currently finalizing their construction of the plat and staff anticipates the final plat will go in front of City Council in September. Final plat approval is not discretionary.



Platting Phase:	Process & Legal Authority
<p>Preliminary Plat</p> <p><i>Completed and received preliminary plat approval November 2020</i></p>	<p>Applications for preliminary plat are reviewed against the City’s adopted subdivision, zoning, environmental, and development standards for compliance with land use regulations as well as for overall life, health, welfare requirements.</p> <p>Public comments are solicited several times during the review stage of the permit: open comment period, during environmental review process and at the public hearing.</p> <p>The Hearing Examiner makes a formal decision to either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the preliminary plat application at the conclusion of the public review process.</p> <p>Conditions may be attached to the approval which have a direct relationship to the projects impacts; this is call “nexus”, and to the size of that impact, which is commonly referred to as “proportionality”.</p> <p>Upon approval of a plat, all of the building, environmental, and site development issues have been resolved. The applicant now has a legal right to build without any further requirements imposed by the City.</p>
<p>Plat Construction</p> <p><i>Currently in process, expect finalization of construction in late summer</i></p>	<p>Applicants have between five and 10 years to construct their plat depending on the date of plat approval. Projects vest at the time of preliminary plat approval with the conditions required at that time. No new conditions can be added to the project.</p> <p>During this phase of the development, the applicant submits for final construction plan approval and builds out the plat per the approved plans and conditions of approval. At critical milestones in the development process, city and special district staff inspect the site improvements to ensure compliance with the approved plans and conditions.</p> <p>Typical site improvements include roads, utilities, storm water, environmental enhancements, and park improvements.</p>
<p>Final Plat</p> <p><i>Applicant has applied for final plat</i></p>	<p>Once all of the site improvements have been constructed and inspected per the approved plan, the applicant can apply for final plat approval. At the final plat approval stage, the process is essentially administrative: the city verifies all conditions of preliminary plat have been met and site improvements are installed per plan approval. If</p>

Platting Phase:	Process & Legal Authority
	the City finds that the plat conforms to the preliminary approval, the City must approve the final plat.
	Once the final plat has been approved, the developer can begin building out the lots or sell the property.

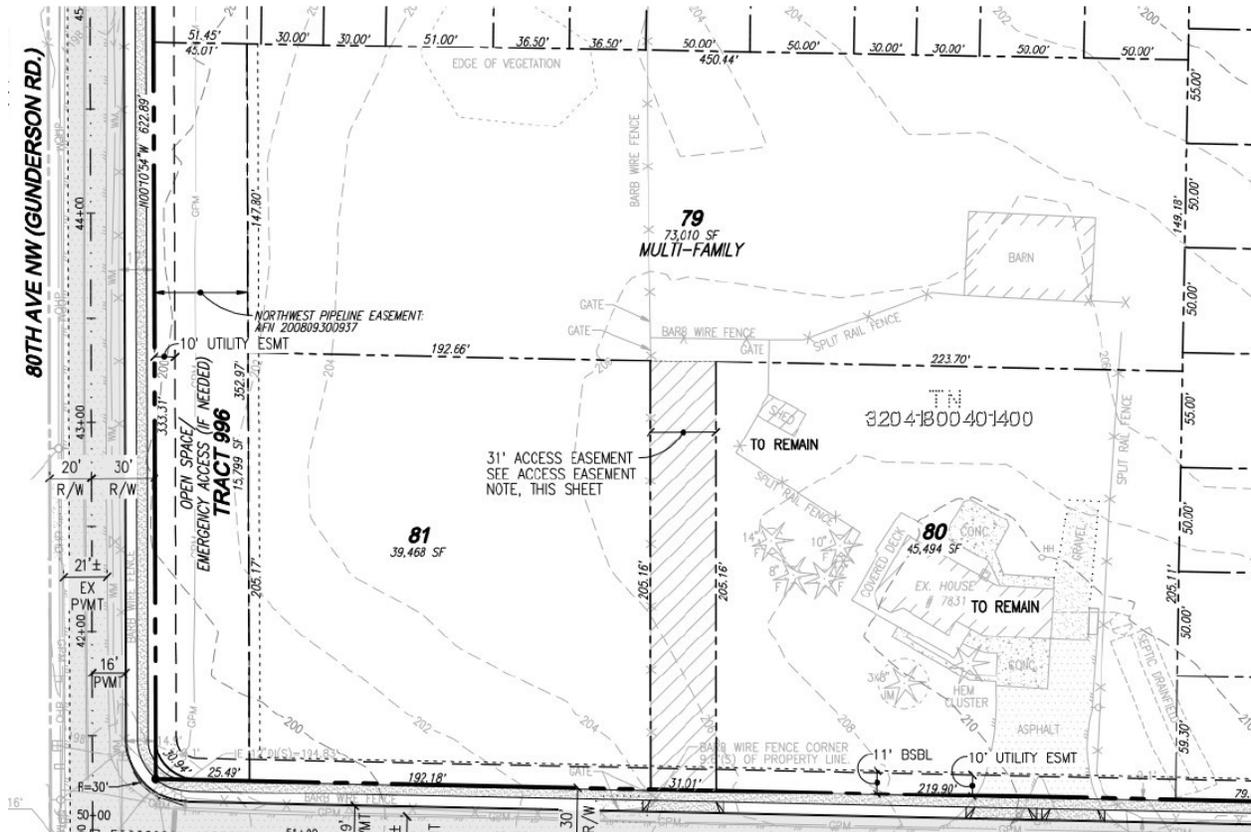
Von Moos Development Agreement Amendment

The Von Moos Development Agreement for Lots 79, 80, 81, and tract 996 Stanwood Schmitt Preliminary Plat (file no. 2018-0444) was previously approved by City Council in 2019. The development agreement was a condition of the Stanwood Schmitt Preliminary Plat to meet the three housing types required within the Traditional Neighborhood zone. The development agreement includes items, such as: term of agreement, allowed uses, density, development standards, design standards, and street improvements.

Brian and Keri Von Moos have submitted an application to amend the existing Development Agreement in order to revise the allowed uses for this agreement. Specifically, the applicant is wanting to amend the Agreement to allow temporary structures and accessory structures (such as a pole building) in the listed allowed uses. The applicant built their house on current Lot 80 in 1995 and resided there since then. They have no intention of selling or developing their property for commercial purposes. The applicant is requesting the amendment in order to be able to construct a house and an accessory pole barn on Lot 81 for them to move into, so that their daughter can move into Lot 80.

Currently, the listed allowed uses for these lots are as follows. The proposed amended uses are shown in bold and underlined.

Permitted Uses	
Residential Uses	Type of Permit
Lot 79	
Cottage Housing	Permitted ¹
Multi-Family Housing	Permitted ²
Townhouse	Permitted
<u>Accessory Structures</u>	<u>Accessory Use³</u>
Lot 80	
Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Use ⁴
Single-Family Residence	Permitted
<u>Accessory Structures</u>	<u>Accessory Use³</u>
Lot 81	
Accessory Dwelling Unit	Accessory Use ⁴
Single-Family Residence	Permitted
<u>Accessory Structures</u>	<u>Accessory Use³</u>
¹ Cottage Housing units shall comply with the requirements in SMC 17.95.450 ² Minimum land area of 20,000 square feet is required ³ <u>Accessory structures are to be removed at the time of Lot 79 being developed with a permitted use</u> ⁴ One accessory dwelling unit per lot is allowed. Accessory dwelling units shall comply with the criteria and design standards set forth in SMC 17.95.470 through 17.95.480	



Comprehensive Plan Public Survey – Initial Results

The City initiated a public survey requesting input on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Municipal Code Update project. People were asked the following five general questions regarding their vision of the city:

- What is your vision of the City of Stanwood in the year 2044?
- What community improvements or opportunities do you think Stanwood should pursue over the next 20 years?
- What changes would you propose to the Comprehensive Plan?
- What changes would you propose to the Municipal Code?
- Do you have any other ideas you'd like to share with the City?

The survey was pushed out via social media: Facebook and twitter. It was also emailed to our party of record list and to the stakeholder list identified in the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Plan. The survey remains open until the end of June.

Attachment A contains the comments the City has received to date and below is a summary of the general comments sorted into themes that emerged from the survey so far. The sort below is not listed in any particular order or priority and conflicting points of view have been included.

Protect Farmlands:

- Protect existing farmlands and family farms
- Encourage Agri-Tourism
- Keep rural identity
- Create a cottage food program

Improve Transportation:

- Fix SR 532
- Widen SR 532
- Improve transportation systems for both pedestrians and cars
- Improve paths, trails, and sidewalks

Growth Management:

- Limit growth in downtown
- Build more housing for low income and seniors
- Reduce urban sprawl
- Allow more high density multifamily and limit new single-family development
- Build up; not out
- There are too many look alike neighborhoods
- Support new mixed use and multifamily housing near Hagggen's
- Build multifamily housing near I-5

City Infrastructure:

- Need a better library
- Fund a better police station
- Decide on where to place city hall and the police station
- Support school programs and education

Affordability:

- Need more affordable and accessible housing for seniors
- Make water and sewer more affordable for low-income residents

Small Town Character:

- Family friendly
- Business friendly
- No "Big Box" stores
- More local businesses
- More arts and craft festivals
- Revitalize downtown
- Plant more trees
- Need better landscaping
- More amenities like concerts or amphitheaters

Parks:

- Improve parks
- Save green spaces and add buffers
- Need a park in the uptown area
- Maintain outdoor lifestyle
- Create a town center park
- Need a better skateboard park

Public Safety:

- Want more police coverage
- Reduce crime in Stanwood
- Reduce panhandling and begging on public property

Businesses/Economic Development:

- Want a hotel and more shopping options
- Need jobs related to local industry and tech jobs
- More commercial zoning for shopping local
- No more mini storage facilities
- Need a hospital
- More restaurants and eateries
- Recruit medial businesses, including mental health facilities
- Prohibit mental health facilities
- Want a Dairy Queen
- Need another grocery store

Quality of Life:

- Regulate for long term uses
- Enforce noise ordinance
- Ban fireworks
- Ban Pit Bulls
- Reduce hours of on-street park (less than 24 hours)
- Need better vision and leadership; don't want to become another Lynnwood or Marysville
- No variances
- Reduce parking hours on 102nd to 30 minutes; allow loading / unloading zones

Communication:

- Serve community interests; not individuals
- Seek citizen input and listen
- Seek representatives for boards and commissions from the wider community, not just within city limits
- Create community advisory committee on social issues: low-income impacts, seniors, families

Comprehensive Plan Layout

Staff is working with our Comprehensive Plan Consultant Blueline Group on the new format for the Comprehensive Plan. The plan will be laid out in landscape mode so that the maps and graphics will be easier to read. In addition, each Element – such as land use, housing, etc. – will be color coded to easy identification. A new introduction and history chapter will be added to give background information to the reader. The consultant is finishing up the conceptual page layout and staff will provide a copy to the Committee at the meeting on June 2nd.

Remember Yesterday. Imagine Tomorrow.



2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE PROJECTS

May 2022 Open Call for Amendments Public Comment Summary

Date	Commenter	Comments
April 14, 2022	Molly Simon Stanwood, WA 98292-5351	I would like to be added to the survey list for long term planning. I recently purchased at home at 27325 Pioneer Highway and also own a commercial property in Warm Beach at the address below. My primary concern is walkability. 80 th is in desperate need of a sidewalk as I find it a critical connector street between neighborhoods. Thank you for your willingness to hear the public concerns.
May 17, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 1	Vision: A transportation hub between communities. Improved human movement: pedestrian, bikes, trains, scooters, cars, and other wheeled vehicles. MORE TREES downtown. A lot more people, probably too many sprawling look-alike neighborhoods. Community Improvements: Better human-powered transportation opportunities: landscaped pathways, not just sidewalks. A town center, a park-like gathering space such as Terry's Corner. More jobs related to local industry / tech office space. MORE TREES downtown. Require developers to replant more landscaping than currently required to. Not just cedar aborvitae. More commercial zoning so that people can live and work here. Don't let the NIMBYs keep metal health facilities away from our town. Fear doesn't win. No more mini-storages in town. Other Ideas: More (pretty) trees at Heritage Park.
May 17, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 2	Vision: Beautiful parks and small-town charm. No big box stores! Improved downtown. Community Improvements: Protect existing green space at all costs! You can never get it back!
May 17, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 3	Vision: Safe, friendly, rural community. Adequate and safe transportation Resources and services for children, adults, and older adults Business friendly, encouraging new businesses Adequate housing resources including low income and older adult Adequate fire and police for the spread out community and population Recreation resources for all ages (older adults included) Representation for the unincorporated areas of Stanwood on committees and city council

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		<p>Community Improvements: Transportation-expand transit services and find a way to fix traffic issues especially on 532 Hotel and shopping options so tax base stays in Stanwood Expand multi-family housing for increasing population of older adults including low income Fund and hire more Police to combat increasing crime issues Make water/sewer more affordable for low income families including older adults Fund and decide on a place for city hall and police station Develop a parks and recreation model for the city based on low income and all inclusive Changes to Comp Plan: recruit businesses that would bring in medical services especially mental health transportation-expand transit services and correct 532 traffic issues City hall and police station moved and funded adopt a parks and recreation model with the low income in mind Changes to Muni Code: make changes for representation of unincorporated areas of Stanwood on committees and city council more multi family dwellings especially for low-income families and older adults bring in hotel and shopping so that Camano and Stanwood residents will shop locally leaving tax base here Other Ideas: Adopt a committee of the nonprofits for advisory in regard to projects for low income, older adults, families, etc. They have the pulse on the community and the needs.</p>
May 17, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 4	<p>Vision: Keep the rural farmlands untouched and limit urban growth to within city limits. Community Improvements: High density affordable housing instead of single-family houses. Changes to Comp Plan: No more single-family housing units. None.</p>
May 18, 2022	Comment Form 5 Scott Catlin Stanwood, WA 98292	<p>Vision: Good amenities while keeping a small-town feel. Allowing the small business to thrive. I have no problem driving a bit for the bigger box stores. Community Improvements: Possibly a small amphitheater for more music opportunities during the summer months. Having Amtrak stop in our town with a kiosk station for buying tickets.</p>
May 22, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 6	<p>Vision: A country town, no bigger than it is now. We have many towns and cities surrounding Stanwood that people can live if they want the city lifestyle. Please keep Stanwood/Camano small-town feel and a country atmosphere. Please slow and limit growth. Community Improvements: Maintain and improve crime prevention. Do not allow squatters to take over our community. This is a family community and we long to keep it safe. Changes to Comp Plan: Limit growth. Improve the safety of Highway 532 with either dividers, round-a-bouts, or lights.</p>
May 22, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 7	<p>Vision: We love the area of Stanwood over by Haggen and the movie theater. It has a great vibe, and if you lived in the condos there you could walk to everything you need. We also love the historic downtown street- and think focus should be made to revitalize that historic piece of Stanwood. Much like Arlington has done with Olympic Ave. It creates a welcoming destination point.</p>

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		Community Improvements: More restaurants and eateries would be ideal. Focus on preserving the artisan style instead of “box stores”.
May 20, 2022	LindaR Comment Form 8	Other Ideas: Why didn’t you ask this of us 20 years ago? We would of told you to keep growth low and save the farmlands and the rural environments. So many of us who’ve lived here for 30-40 years will be gone in 20 years. Timing is everything!
May 20, 2022	Comment Form 9 Paula M. Segale Stanwood, WA 98292	Vision: Rural, small-town feel. That is what drew most people here. Not becoming another Kent, WA Community Improvements: Build up not out. Develop in the already developed areas utilizing vertical space for apartments and condos if you HAVE to add homes. Let Camano grow commercially. Those residents are the ones wanting all the commercial growth in Stanwood, so they don't have to drive so far for amenities. Build there. Don't ruin Stanwood for those who move here to live in a remote area and gladly drive to Smokey point and Mt Vernon in order to keep a small-town feel. Changes to Comp Plan: Actually commit to "reducing urban sprawl" That isn't happening currently. City limits keep expanding and sprawling into rural farmland Other Ideas: KEEP STANWOOD DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS. QUIT OVERTAKING OUR FARMLAND! Stanwood, is destined to become the next Kent or Federal Way, bedroom communities with no jobs. Those cities are crime laden, undesirable, and overdeveloped. I have poured all that I have into my home of almost 30 years, only to expect I will not want to be here anymore the way things are going.
May 20, 2022	Comment Form 10 Patricia A. Benedict Stanwood, WA 98292	Vision: Thanks for the opportunity to contribute thoughts. It would be a town offering "home" to the 100s of families who have bought into the suburbia of Cedarhome, that they could get out of their huge square houses to pleasant surroundings of well managed and directed town components. Just read the urbanization article about converting the streets from "stroad" to ones which are inviting, unthreatening, offering respite from the mess all to the south of us. If one looks at the satellite photos of the area from downtown to the east, it is truly shocking: there is nothing but houses and mouse maze roads for miles and miles. The area could do with a great big tree-ed park at the top of the hill! Get Schonberg, Robinett, Hines (and me) to get involved with the land conversion/conservation from pasture and woods into a park area that will be valid for eons in usefulness. So many organizations are saving the land AROUND Stanwood; it is time for the City government to get on the bandwagon too. Many towns are taking control of urban sprawl...Stanwood looks worse that Lynnwood and needs to get some control of its own. Community Improvements: See above Changes to Comp Plan: See above Changes to Muni Code: Regulate for the Long Term instead of allowing just anything through... Other Ideas: See above
May 20, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 11	Vision: A better system of paths, trails, parks, and sidewalks for everyone who lives within the city limits area. Proper parking for Camano/rural Stanwood folks to come and use the trails. A reputation for “growth” that holds

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		<p>health and an outdoor lifestyle as a community value.</p> <p>We used to have a Christianson’s shop, Schuh Farms, a wonderful bookstore, and a Scandinavian Bakery. We trade these things for used car lots. Why? Let’s value our community identity!</p> <p>Community Improvements: A better library. A better system of paths, trails, parks, and sidewalks for everyone who lives within the city limits area. Proper parking for Camano/rural Stanwood folks to come and use the trails. A reputation for “growth” that holds health and an outdoor lifestyle as a community value.</p> <p>Let’s utilize the coastal access we have and create a place where people want to get out of their cars and walk around and shop.</p> <p>Young families will be filling up Stanwood with the houses being built. Let’s support the schools in every way we can. Why are you allowing rehab facilities to be set up within walking distance?</p> <p>Changes to Comp Plan: It will take more vision and leadership to not become the next Marysville. Growth is inevitable but without leadership we will lose our identity. Learn how to say no and how to cast a vision that is positive about the kind of growth we will allow.</p>
May 20, 2022	Comment Form 12 Christina N. Robertson Stanwood, WA 98292	<p>Vision: In my vision, Stanwood takes a page from Skagit and maintains and celebrates its rural look, feeling and history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth is limited (very, very LIMITED!) to the downtown core. - Residential development is prevented from encroaching into the agricultural/rural areas. - No 'big box' stores are allowed, but independently owned businesses are promoted, and incentives are provided to building owners so that the small businesses just getting started are given every opportunity to succeed. - Citizen input is sought, and their recommendations are not ignored. - Stanwood becomes an agri-tourism destination, with family farms being protected and celebrated. <p>Community Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More outdoor art, craft, and music festivals. - Create a Cottage Food Program for home cooks that makes sense and actually promotes community food security by making healthy and delicious home-crafted products more readily available <p>Changes to Comp Plan: Comprehensive plan is good, now just adhere to it and do not allow developers to obtain variances.</p> <p>Changes to Muni Code:</p> <p>BAN FIREWORKS and impose an enormous fine for violators. In an area with so many horses and other animals, it's unforgiveable that fireworks(and firearms) are allowed to be discharged.</p> <p>2.ENFORCE THE NOISE ORDINANCE, as it pertains to vehicles, as follows: "(3) The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous noise in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding, or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle, or internal combustion engine within Class A EDNA, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property;</p> <p>Deafening, unmuffled /altered vehicles are becoming a constant disturbance on my street (76th Ave NW) and speeding is becoming commonplace. It's easy to ticket the offenders, as they can be heard coming from 1/2 mile</p>

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		<p>away. PLEASE enforce the law!!! Let Stanwood become known for being one of the quietest, most peaceful communities in Snohomish County.</p> <p>Other Ideas: I read a lot of good things in the Comprehensive Plan - now please stick to the plan</p>
May 20, 2022	Comment Form 13 Fred Poyner IV Stanwood, WA 98292	<p>Vision: My vision of Stanwood would be a community that continues to be one that welcomes people here, whether they are visitors or looking to establish themselves. As a community, we need to balance values that serve the common interest, and not just lone individuals or groups; have policies in place that moderate new development with our rural landscape and desire to retain greenspaces and pedestrian-friendly environments; and protect our youth while providing them with the resources they need to become educated and contributors to the community.</p> <p>Community Improvements: There are several areas where Stanwood may find improvements over the next two decades:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The flow of traffic through town, both along major routes and side streets, needs to be given major consideration in any new development of Stanwood and areas leading into and out of the city; 2. Small businesses need to be given a voice, in decisions that impact their locations and ability to service their customers and audiences (this includes the non-profit entities within city boundaries, like SAHS and SCAAC). This is especially a concern, where financial planning and expenditures are impactful on public infrastructure, like roads and utilities; 3. What is the plan for new residential growth within city boundaries? Is there coordination of this planning with areas adjacent to, but outside the city of Stanwood? Notably, Camano Island must be included as part of this process, and by extension, Island County; 4. Critical city services, such as the Stanwood Police Department, should be offered support as part of the city's plans to modernize and provide resources for these personnel to do their jobs. A recent item that came to my attention, was the old age of the current Stanwood PD office (no heat in the winter); facility support should be a recognized need for the city and its efforts going forward. <p>Changes to Comp Plan: The brick street on the West side of Stanwood should be made a no automobile road, and for pedestrian-use only. This would encourage public market concepts to be an offered activity for residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Changes to Muni Code: I would like to see specific adjustments made to the city street parking along 102nd Ave NW, to change this from its current 24-hour unrestricted parking to new zoned parking in front of Floyd Hall (27130 102nd Ave NW) that are either "loading/unloading only" or "30 minute" parking only, with a handicapped parking space added here as well.</p>
May 20, 2022	Comment Form 14 Patricia Lindsay Stanwood, WA 98292	<p>Vision: I've lived south of Stanwood for 22 years. I love the area and quaintness of the town. Keep Stanwood as a small town where people know each other. Save our farmland. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.</p> <p>Community Improvements: More access for bike and walking paths</p>

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May 20, 2022	Comment Form 15 Heide L. Ulbricht Stanwood, WA 98292-8401	<p>Vision:</p> <p>No more people without proper services--a hospital, another grocery store, AND each time more houses are built the roads MUST be widened to four lanes especially 532 from I-5 to Camano Island. It is a disgrace to have so much traffic in a town that was not built to handle modern day traffic.</p> <p>We also need more lights: one in front of Orchards Nursery so folks can get in and out b/c the traffic to and from Camano Island is just too much to get out safely.</p> <p>More cops so we don't have druggies and homeless folks ruining our town like Smokey Point and Marysville and Everett which people are fleeing.</p> <p>Actively patrol for fireworks that are going off and should not. Ban them even on the fourth of July. I am tired of finding them on my roof.</p> <p>A ban on PIT BULLS as more and more attacks every day are on MSN; Yahoo; News.</p> <p>I think kids need a good skateboard park they can access easily. Perhaps the Y? I don't think the one downtown gets used.</p> <p>Less grass for lawns. Grass uses a lot of water. Use native plants that bear fruit to offset food shortages. For example, instead of planting ugly cheap trees along sidewalks; you could use apple trees (columnar ones that grow straight or reachables that are short) that are pretty when they bloom and people could harvest. Other ground cover like Stevens Cranberry or natural dividers like tea trees or blueberry bushes; Nanking Cherry trees; you get the point.</p> <p>Community Improvements:</p> <p>Pave the brick road leading down from the hill to the viaduct. It's horrible.</p> <p>A hospital. You have an aging demographic that is finding it hard to commute for several reasons: traffic; the out-of-control speeding and road rage; crime. It's just too hard to get to Everett and once you do there are druggies everywhere now.</p> <p>Gate communities to help protect people and vehicles from crime.</p> <p>Nicer appearance downtown. For example, between the Petco and the old Ace hardware there is a really appealing road with nice metal lamp posts. I would like to see more of that as a vision for downtown.</p> <p>Changes to Comp Plan: I don't know what this is so here is what I put above (see above).</p> <p>Changes to Muni Code:</p> <p>Ban on Pitbull's period. Or make proof of million-dollar liability insurance for each dog. There are too many attacks with the attacks not always fatal but leaving people without scalps; noses; ears; arms and faces. These dogs are dangerous. There may be more bites from goldens or chi's but they don't leave people without their faces or arms like a Pit Bull attack does.</p> <p>No smoking on ANY city residential property. It blows over to your neighbor and causes problems for folks that are allergic to it.</p> <p>The houses are getting TOO close together. People NEED space. They NEED a yard for children to play in. Having a</p>

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		<p>big green playground someone in the development that parents cannot look out and see their children is of NO USE at all in this day and age of druggies and rising crime. I think our green space should be a community garden for food frankly.</p> <p>Other Ideas:</p> <p>I really want to ensure that that rehab center on the tribal land where the Arab Horse Farm was is monitored by security so we don't have people escaping and ending up in places they should not be.</p> <p>I think we need less emphasis on sports and perhaps a wider broader education focusing on the arts; and agriculture esp challenges to feed a growing world. Also we need to get these kids in computer and sciences way more than we have in the past. I received a CRAPPY education here in Stanwood. I was so much more capable than ANYONE told me and it is a darn embarrassing shame I think that little dumb tests were used to limit children instead of focusing on the will and determination a child might have to overcome so called intellectual boxes that are checked off. I had no idea so many neat and good paying jobs were available and there were no exposure to them like day on the job with different people with different careers. Sports are a waste of time for parents and kids running them across the country especially in this day and age. Kids are stressed to win; parents are stressed to run them around. The reality is most of these kids playing will never be a 'star' so why not focus on just good physical care and exercise and then career paths?</p> <p>Is 4-H still a thing? we have too many kids with nothing to do. Maybe they need a longer day at school with mandatory AG; J-H or community service an hour a day?</p> <p>Spanish and Chinese needs to be taught as mandatory. NO CRT it is racist. Just tell all kids we are all equal and can get along. Duh.</p>
May 19, 2022	Comment Form 16 Rob James Stanwood, WA 98292	<p>Comments to all sections:</p> <p>We need to keep our farmland and slow development. Keep and maintain parks and acquire land for greenbelts and parks. I don't want to see 532 as a 6-lane highway with traffic lights at every crossroad. We need to be tough on crime and not allow unhoused to hang around here. Don't allow pot shops in town. Multi story Condos in high density areas should be very close to I-5.</p>
May 19, 2022	Not Available – Comment Form 17	<p>Vision: No behavioral health facilities in our town. What are YOU doing to ensure these kinds of facilities are not forced down our throat because of greedy unilateral political agendas?</p> <p>Community Improvements: Invest in improved opportunities and sporting venues for youth. No Boys and Girls club? Baseball fields are deplorable.....</p> <p>Youth will either be involved or left behind, and the latter is not in the communities best interest.</p> <p>Changes to the Muni Code: Make it illegal to park longer than 24 hrs, live, overnight, or camp on public property. Make pandering, begging, or asking for handouts on public property illegal.</p>