

# BOZEMAN<sup>MT</sup> COMMUNITY PLAN PLANNING WEEK 2 COMMUNITY EVENT | SUMMARY

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## NOTIFICATION

The planning week 2 Community Event was publicized at each phase two public event; at updates to the City Commission and Bozeman Planning Board; direct emails to those who have supplied their contact info as part of this process; social media outlets, including the City's existing Facebook, Nextdoor, and Twitter accounts; postcards at highly trafficked locations and other ongoing City and community events.

## PURPOSE

Each step in the Community Plan update process is built to collect a greater level of detail than the previous step, through thought provoking questions and exercises. The purpose of the Community Event was to begin defining specific opportunities that can help the City realize the seven vision themes that were developed through previous outreach efforts.

## THE EVENT

The Community Event took place at the Bozeman Public Library on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, between 5 and 7pm. Members from City staff and consultant team provided an overview of the Community Plan, progress to-date, and instructions for the opportunities exercise. Participants were asked to choose four vision themes to provide opportunities for, and given a chance to physically locate areas for opportunities by drawing on a large-scale map of Bozeman. Approximately 45 people attended the event.



*Community Event @ Bozeman Public Library*

## Identified Opportunities, Summarized by Vision Theme

### The Shape of the City:

- Support the development of an additional regional park within the City
- Strengthen the viability of other areas to distribute goods and services and alleviate congestion Downtown
- Integrate walkable areas throughout the City
- Foster increased development within the northeast area of the City
- Encourage appropriately-sized commercial nodes within neighborhoods
- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure
- Reduce the prevalence of large parking lots to promote walkability

### A City of Neighborhoods:

- Define specific neighborhoods through the identification of unique features
- Facilitate increased community engagement through additional parks, community centers, and commercial nodes
- Coordinate improved public transportation access throughout neighborhoods
- Increase neighborhood density through the rezoning / up-zoning of vacant lots
- Permit farmers' markets and food trucks to use vacant lots
- Locate affordable housing near public transit and necessary amenities
- Expand workforce housing near Montana State University
- Consider implementing a resort tax
- Preserve the unique identity of northeast Bozeman

### A City Bolstered by Downtown and Complementary Districts:

- Identify a district at the west end of the City to promote a cohesive, walkable destination
- Investigate North 7th as the primary location for taller buildings
- Establish and enforce density minimums on North 7th
- Emphasize affordable housing along North 7th
- Reassess the historical significance of structures on North 7th
- Promote compatible infill Downtown
- Develop parklets and additional greenspace throughout districts
- Promote commercial development near Montana State University

### A City Influenced by Our Mountains, Parks, and Open Space:

- Maintain healthy urban forests
- Establish public transit connections to parks
- Implement trail corridors
- Preserve and utilize creek corridors as a way to support walkability and water quality
- Enhance wayfinding throughout parks and open space
- Create connections between parks and the neighborhoods around them
- Retain the mountain views through the development of wide streets
- Ensure parks and open space are accessible to all ages
- Improve lighting in parks to promote year-round use
- Incentivize trail construction in fringe developments

### **A City Influenced by Regional Cooperation and Defined Edges:**

- Expand the City's planning jurisdiction
- Focus on long-term water conservation to avoid additional infrastructure costs in the future
- Explore the annexation of inholdings to promote efficiency of services
- Adjust tax policy for inholdings to be commensurate with the surrounding zoning district
- Encourage school districts to stay within City limits

### **A City that Prioritizes Mobility Choices:**

- Coordinate with the Streamline to develop a circulator transit route between Downtown, The Cannery, and North 7th
- Expand access to public transportation and frequency of service
- Increase infrastructure funding for multimodal transportation options
- Amplify winter maintenance of bike routes
- Reduce the frequency of large delivery vehicles on Main Street
- Further develop east/west bicycle corridors
- Explore commercial nodes to the west to reduce congestion Downtown
- Improve wayfinding to promote pedestrian activity
- Designate key locations for protected bike routes

### **A City Powered by its Creative, Innovative, and Entrepreneurial Economy:**

- Attract high-paying jobs through the promotion of Bozeman's high quality of life
- Consider a sales tax as an alternative to property tax increases
- Collaborate with local educational institutions to increase the qualified workforce base
- Foster Bozeman's local agriculture industry through the support of agri-hoods and food distribution centers
- Recognize the potential benefit of attracting and promoting the sustainability industry and "green" start-up companies
- Encourage the use of live/work spaces to support small businesses and housing affordability