



Community Development Department

To: Sultan Planning Board
From: Hal Hart Community Development Director
Date: September 5, 2023
Re: Sultan Comprehensive Plan Public Engagement Update

The City of Sultan Comprehensive Plan Update for September 5, 2023.

The City of Sultan has begun a major update to the Comprehensive Plan which will be adopted at the end of 2024. The Comprehensive Plan will create the framework to shape how Sultan grows and changes through to 2044.

Because the Comprehensive Plan influences the entire community, it should reflect the many voices of the community equitably and intentionally. The success of the Comprehensive Plan is contingent upon the community engagement process in two key and related ways. First, the final adoption of the Plan must represent the needs and desires of the community and the process itself must build community trust and investment in the final product.

Importantly public engagement/participation in the planning process is mandated by the State of Washington Growth Management Act (GMA) RCW 36.70A. The GMA requires local governments to create and broadly disseminate a Public Participation Program ("Program"). This Program describes how the City of Sultan will meet the requirement for early and continuous public participation during the review and update process.

OUR GOALS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Achieve broad public participation and input in the engagement process
- Provide the information and resources to inform the public about comprehensive planning and its importance to the future of the Sultan
- Reduce barriers to community engagement by reaching the community where they already are.
- A variety of engagement methods to achieve broad participation.
- Ensure that the Plan reflects public input and the desires of the community.
- Reach a broader swath of the public by utilizing existing community assets and leadership .

REVIEW

Today's presentations we will hear from public engagement interns and our Comprehensive Plan Staff from Frameworks:

- Where are we today with public engagement efforts?
- What have we learned in the process of those efforts?
- Adjustments to our Public Engagement Plan Moving Forward?
- What are the next steps?