

MMAC Meeting 2-24-21

Breakout Group 3 - Chat Notes

Group Participants: John Ford, Bonnie Oliver, Barbara Georgianna, Kevin Jenkins, Steve Madrone, Cliff VanCott, Dennis Mayo, Kelley Garrett, Tom Boyer, Rick Marshall

McKinleyville is:

A community in transition. Likely will have grown quite a bit in next census data. Not much industry, bedroom community, good community to raise a family, outdoor enthusiasts, active.

Where do we want to be in 40 years:

We need to have multi-modal connections to the other communities.

Will we be incorporated in 40 years? 20 years? Is the tax base there to support this?

From Steve Madrone to Everyone: 07:27 PM:

We are tracking expenses in County Departments and will have that info by late 2021 and will then have engaging community discussions about what the data suggest is possible.

Many in our community enjoy and want to keep the laid-backness of McKinleyville, rural, mellow place, happy, riding horses, being neighbors.

A full service community with local jobs. Active social engagement.

Still affordable for families.

Humble, outdoorsy, non-traditional industry, craft industries.

Full Service = Live, work, play opportunities,

People centered place, where people meet for coffee, hands on. A place for the community to gather.

Pop up swap meets, food trucks, kid play areas, no heavy industry.

Functional flexible outdoor space that can accommodate many functions. Trees are valued to McKinleyville

Continue to retain what makes it special already. Walkable to hardware and grocery stores. Town Center term = downtown. We need to have a "there" there (unlike Brookings).

What's missing?

Public input is not represented in what we have seen so far, more of a property owner's development plan.

Wetlands issues - various views were expressed on whether the public comment on this issue was adequately obtained or were heeded.