



Downtown Montesano Plan (2010)

Meeting Notes

Community Workshop
December 3, 2009

The following are comments on the initial set of goal statements that were presented at the downtown planning workshop on December 3, 2009. This list of goals and a revised list are attached to this summary.

- Related to surrounding natural environment; connections through trails and bike paths
- Green – parks
- Include public spaces that can be programmed for a variety of activities
- Consider including opportunities for active recreation (particularly geared for the youth); work with the YMCA to locate their east satellite in Montesano; consider a basketball court somewhere in downtown
- Celebrate historic roots and amenities
- Consider historic overlay district boundaries
- New Gateway – should be a draw; lend an identity to downtown and be supported by signage
- A visitor center would help direct tourists; could be connected to the senior center facility
- In lieu of a center, a simple signage system or a collection of brochures could provide information and maps
- Use zoning and planning to maintain Quality of Life and to mould new developments to
 - strengthen Montesano's small town environment,
 - keep the city walkable and pedestrian friendly
 - maintain the city's scale of buildings
 - integrate residential districts into the downtown area
 - create opportunities for mixed use developments
- Encourage awnings over sidewalks to provide some cover to pedestrians during inclement weather
- Signage should support the pedestrian environment
- Include standards for bike parking



Goals Proposed

- #** Strengthen Existing Downtown
 - Building rehabilitation
 - Improve sidewalks
- #** Uniquely Local (authentic)
 - As a tool to attract tourists
 - Support the growth of home-grown and local businesses
 - Cater to local demand for a pub, organic grocery, toy store
- #** Support Community Building
 - New community center
 - Sidewalk cafes
- #** Manageable
 - Size
 - Projects
- #** Support Tourism
 - Summer crowds
 - Winter tourists
 - Tourists passing through
- #** Expand Uses
 - Theater and Arts District
 - Farmers Market
 - Bring more residential options downtown
- #** Sustainable and Green Development
 - Design
 - Programs
 - Incentives