Lynnwood Moving Forward: Our Community Vision

The City of Lynnwood will be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government.

Our vision is…

To be a welcoming city that builds a healthy and sustainable environment.

- Safe and walk-able interconnecting residential and commercial neighborhoods
- Vibrant city center
- Promote Lynnwood as an affordable place to live, work, and play
- Aesthetic neighborhood quality through code enforcement
- Preserve and expand natural spaces, parks, and cultural diversity and heritage
- Integrate the built environment to support the natural environment
- Encourage economic development

To encourage a broad business base in sector, size and related employment, and promote high quality development.

- Promote high quality, sustainable development and design (LEED)
- Balanced commercial development mindful of traffic management
- Convention center as an engine of economic growth and community events
- Protect residential areas from commercial use
- Communicate with the community on city plans, policies, and events

To invest in preserving and expanding parks, recreation, and community programs.

- Develop a network of pedestrian and bike trails for recreation and transportation
- Encourage business/organization partnerships & participation to create and promote community events
- Create civic pride through cultural arts, events, parks, and services
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Provide diverse senior services creating a liveable community
- Establish a new signature event that creates civic pride
- Use parks and cultural arts to attract economic growth
To be a cohesive community that respects all citizens.

- A safe, clean, beautiful, small-town atmosphere
- Build and enhance a strong, diverse, integrated community
- Develop and identify physical neighborhoods
- Encourage citizens to be involved in community events
- Engage our diverse population through effective, inclusive communication
- Continue community communications and open process

To invest in efficient, integrated, local and regional transportation systems.

- Improve pedestrian and bike flow, safety, and connectivity
- Adaptive, safe, well-maintained, state-of-the-art traffic management infrastructure
- Support the needs of commuters and non-commuters
- Reduce traffic congestion

To ensure a safe environment through rigorous criminal and property law enforcement.

- Continue to provide good quality response times for fire, paramedics, and police
- Encourage support for police and fire department citizen volunteer programs
- Become a benchmark city through technology and through neighborhood involvement
- Increase police presence through more patrol and bike officers
- Increase and support public education on public safety

To be a city that is responsive to the wants and needs of our citizens.

- Develop goals and objectives that benefit residents and businesses
- Create/enhance Lynnwood’s brand identity
- Govern and grow in a way to stay true to the city’s defined identity
- Develop and execute a measurable strategic plan (budget, timeline); involve community
- Fair and diverse revenue base
- Promote Lynnwood’s convenient location to maximize opportunities and benefits
- Be environmentally friendly – sustainable

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