



June 29, 2019 Burbank Community Meeting Summary

The Walla Walla County Community Development Department hosted a special community meeting to hear ideas about how Burbank neighborhoods should develop in the future. The meeting was held on June 29, 2019 at Columbia Middle School in Burbank. Based on the sign-in sheet, 26 people attended the meeting. The meeting lasted approximately three hours.

The initial part of the meeting consisted of introductory discussion by the meeting facilitator. The facilitator explained that the purpose of the meeting was to generate conversation and ideas about Burbank's future. The facilitator also provided an overview of the two activities that attendees would participate in during the remainder of the meeting. For purposes of the activities, attendees were organized into five groups.

The first activity asked attendees to identify what they liked most and least about Burbank's neighborhoods. The activity began with individuals in each group writing down their personal likes and dislikes. Next, working as a group, the likes and dislikes of each individual were shared and listed if they did not duplicate a previously mentioned like or dislike. Once each group had completed its list of likes and dislikes, individuals in the group were asked to place dots on their top three likes and dislikes. A presenter from each group then shared their group's likes and dislikes with all meeting attendees. Finally, the meeting facilitator asked attendees to identify common themes across the groups. The likes and dislikes listed by each group, as well as the list of common themes, are shown in Attachment A.

The second activity asked attendees to indicate on a map their ideas for future development in Burbank. Attendees were asked to indicate the location of various land uses, including single-family housing, apartments, mixed housing, commercial/industrial, and open space/public. Additionally, attendees were asked to indicate any ideas for infrastructure, amenities, or other needs. After the groups completed their maps, a presenter from each group shared their map with all meeting attendees. The actual maps produced by each group are shown in Attachment B.

The County will be considering the input received during this meeting as it deliberates whether any updates to existing plans and regulations are needed to address future development in Burbank.

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Results from activity:

What do you like most and least about Burbank's neighborhoods?

This activity asked attendees to identify what they liked most and least about Burbank's neighborhoods. Each of five groups completed a list of likes and dislikes. Individuals in each group were asked to place dots on their top three likes and dislikes. The original handwritten work products of each group have been transcribed below. Dots are represented by the ● symbol.

Group A

Like most...

- Quiet place to live ●
- Rural feel ●
- Like larger lots (1/2-acre and up) ●●●●
- Friendly community ●●
- Country lifestyle but close to town ●●●
- Open space
- Quality schools
- Safe neighborhood ●●●●●
- Little traffic
- General lack of restrictions
- Ability to live the way we want ●
- Development that benefits community
- Community activities ●

Like least...

- High property taxes ●●●●
- Smaller, more dense areas ●
- Feel under-represented in County ●●●
- Junk properties (need code enforcement) ●●
 - Clean up blight and trash
- Weeds (fire danger and aesthetics)
- Unleashed animals
- Development plans that don't fit neighborhood ●●●●●
 - Personal property taxes not provide as much as real property taxes ●
- Too much speeding by cars

Group B

Like most...

- Places to ride ●
- New commercial growth ●
- Nicer homes, nice well-kept properties
- Rural feel ●
- School system ●●●
- Bedroom community
- Tyson, Railex, Simplot, Broetje, Envirocom, Tri-City Grain, Volvo Mack ●
- Port access, river, boat launch (parks) ●●
- Animal properties and control
- Room to grow ●●●
- Library
- Low crime
- Wildlife refuge
- Close proximity ●●

Like least...

- School suffering (enrollment) ●●●
- Junky properties ●●
- No housing supply ●●
- Not enough people
- People who speed
- Nitrates in water ●
- Ice Harbor Drive traffic (Highway 124) and Highway 12 (over 16k per day)
- Not enough services like bank, hardware store, neighborhood grocery ●●●

Group C

Like most...

- Like where I'm living—good view of the river
- Larger lot sizes (1/2-1 acre) ●●●●●●
- Privacy of large lot ↗
- Small school ●●●●●●
- Small close-knit community
- No traffic ●●●
- Open space
- Agriculture—limits development
- Low crime—safe feeling—sheriff here ●
- Farm animals in town (4-H)
- Keeping land values ●
- Nice having only a few businesses—Port doesn't fit with Burbank

Like least...

- Small lot sizes—keep density down ●●●●●●●●●●
- No open space—keep as much as we can
- County doesn't listen to us ●●●●●
- Concern fire with dry grass
- Weed control
- Port of Walla Walla ●●
- Control of the drug issue ●

Group D

Like most...

- Rural character—wide open spaces, farms ●●●●
- Quiet, peaceful ●
- Good neighbors, rely on one another ●
- Close enough to town/services—shopping, PSC airport, hospitals ●●
- Natural environment, river, McNary Refuge, dog-friendly, wildlife ●●●●
- Unifying school district—serves as a community hub
- Library access
- Privacy ●
- Lots of paths—multi-modal (horses, bikes) ●●●●

Like least...

- Traffic on Hanson Loop ●●●●
- Roundabouts ●
- Lack of community planning—new development not consistent with existing—hodge-podge of housing types ●
- Semi parking in street ●●] Lack of zoning enforcement, policing, County
- People living in RVs ●] staff
- Home businesses with traffic in residential areas
- Weeds
- Garages, unattractive accessory buildings at front of property ●
- Lack of utilities, county services

Group E

Like most...

- Rural character ●●●●●●
 - Room for animals/LOW DENSITY
 - Good schools
- Quiet/friendly
- Open spaces
- Low density ●●●●●●

- Room to ride a horse or bike, hike
 - Also gardening
- Space ●●●●●
- No traffic problems ●●●●
- Snow removal this past winter wasn't bad

Like least...

- Not enough law enforcement → especially slow response time ●●●
 - Sometimes deputies don't enforce code
 - Like noise, speeding, drag racing at Hanson Loop/Highway
●●●
- Also increased code enforcement
 - Nina doesn't have enough power/support
- Highway noise ●●
- No recycling
- Dying trees on highway
- Lack of sewer facilities/future (present), nitrate level is a big problem

Common Themes

[Like most...]

- Room/Rural character → lot sizes
- Quiet, peaceful country life-style
- Good school
- Good areas/problem areas
- Don't need a big commercial center
- Good sheriff—low crime

[Like least...]

- Didn't like the small lot size
- Garbage, trashy lots, old cars
- More traffic—more on Hanson Loop → traffic design—speeding (25 mph)
- More sheriff for enforcement

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The map displays the city of Burbank, California, with various streets and landmarks. Handwritten annotations in red and blue ink highlight specific areas for parkland acquisition. A large blue-outlined area in the northwest is labeled "Public Parkland". Several red-outlined areas are marked with "1 Acre" and "Minimum". A large red-outlined area in the southeast is labeled "Minimum". The map also shows the Los Angeles River and surrounding roads like I-5 and I-210. A north arrow is in the bottom right corner.

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Group E

