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12/02/10 Craig Stephens	<p>As far as my comment on the vision, I suggest that the vision be a "healthy community". This is a way to advocate for walkability, clean air, clean water, parks and all of the things that people want with wording a consensus can get behind and is a much less vague term than sustainability.</p> <p>Note that there are very specific ways to measure the health of a community including air quality, water quality, proximity and access to parks and natural areas and of course health care costs. Specific goals for safe paths to schools and active seniors are a part of this. I think measurable goals are critical.</p>	
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11/27/2010 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors	<p>Do we know what the sample size was for Lake Oswego, and how the data was gathered-for example was it mail, telephone, or in-person survey?</p> <p>Do we know from where the sample was drawn?...As is probably known, when sample locations are chosen-often portions of one or several census tracts-are chosen based on the particular documented demographics of said tract.</p> <p>As it relates to Lake Oswego, will the 2010 Census be the first opportunity for validation of American Community Survey results? It appears the ACS is a somewhat new tool/measure.</p> <p>Indeed look forward to the results of the 2010 Census-it appears such will be available sometime in 2011-any idea as to when that year</p>	<p>December 3, 2010</p> <p>FROM TODD CHASE</p> <p>There is a tutorial that Erin may want to listen which should get to most of her questions at... http://www.census.gov/acs/www/</p> <p>That should answer the questions regarding how the survey was conducted and how the sample was taken.</p> <p>I am not sure if the actual number of survey responses to the ACS is reported, but the standard errors are reported at a 90% confidence interval, so there must be at least enough surveys to give a fairly accurate estimate.</p> <p>The 2010 census estimates should start to trickle in by Feb. 2010. Not sure when detailed data will be provided for LO.</p>

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<p>11/18/2010 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>An additional couple of questions-it's in relation to the FCS Group's Table ii-17. Lake Oswego Population Trends and Forecasts, found on Page 20, of the Lake Oswego Population Baseline Analysis.</p> <p>I note that beginning in column 3, the USB is noted... Does the data in columns 1 & 2 represent the City of Lake Oswego rather than the USB? If so, do you have corresponding USB data for the first two entries: Census 2000 & Census-actually American Community Survey-I think-for 2006-2008?</p> <p>Also, in reading, the notes for Table II-16, it appears a variety of sources were used to create the table, along with the comment "factored to achieve approx. 50,000 population level by Year 2030". Would you please explain, in layman's terms what that means?</p> <p>And, finally, the last advisory note for Table II-16-which appears to be the basis for Table II-17-is "...approx. 80% confidence level, and 15% margin of error." What does this mean? Are these common confidence and margin of error percentages?</p>	<p>January 5., 2011 Yes. No. It's a bit complicated and may need clarification in any subsequent reports, but here is the explanation from FCS:</p> <p>The 50,000 pop forecast is a number that is consistent with Metro's latest Urban Growth Report estimate for Lake Oswego USB, and was utilized by the Winterbrook Goal 10 work. It is a planning level figure for the base case analysis.</p> <p>The forecasts we used were derived from current census estimates that have approximately an 80% confidence level with a 15% margin of error. This means that we can be sure 80% of the time that each cohort estimate will vary from the amount shown (midpoint estimate) by no more than 15%. For example, for the under age 5 category this logic implies that for the forecasted amount of people used in the midpoint base case forecast (2,354 people) we are 80% confident that the actual amount of forecasted increase will vary from 2,001 to 2,707 people for this segment of the population. This was derived this based on American Community Survey estimates of Lake Oswego population counts and their standard error reporting practices. The intent of the footnote was to inform users of this data that there actually is a range of likely population growth estimates for each age cohort that generally varies by about 15%. This level of implicit analysis was provided as a "sensitivity analysis" based on current standard error pop estimates.</p>

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11/17/2010 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors	<p>Any response yet from our GIS staff about the data supplied for the Neighborhood Snapshots?</p> <p>I share something, as seemingly simple, as the number of housing units appears to be incorrect...Our Homeowners Association has been pretty on top of such things due to annual assessments and land use issues...This and other snapshot data just doesn't seem to add-up...And, I would think our neighborhood would be one relatively easy to figure out...Well, what seems to be small and exclusively SF residential neighborhoods like Holly Orchard, Birdshill and Skylands are probably the easiest.</p>	<p>New Neighborhood snapshots were posted to the website on January 13, 2011. The data sources are posted. Please see the website at http://welovelakeoswego.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/data1.pdf</p>

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<p>11/17/2010 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>A quick follow-up to the ACS data...As I shared earlier the ACS obviously is not a true census; being rather familiar with survey methodology, I am curious as to the "sample size" for Lake Oswego... Also, is the ACS data available by Census Tract?</p> <p>An earlier City Administration-no, not Doug, but Pete Harvey (I have been here and involved a while) was concerned about poverty numbers, and sought to determine where did such exist? Indeed, such helps in providing services...What they found, at that time, was that a significant level of poverty was-believe it or not-centered at Marylhurst-it was the Sisters...The ACS info by Census Tract really would be helpful in addressing poverty, the placement of services, and more related to Comprehensive Plan issues we are facing.</p> <p>PS: I did note in the CFS Group report a reference to a Steve Law Portland Tribune article...Would appreciate something more substantive...Somehow one would think that a survey which shows a doubling of poverty rates would bring forth more attention and they desire to found out more...Though all the data before the CAC can be a bit overwhelming.</p>	<p>January 5, 2011</p> <p>Erin is correct that the sampling process for the American Community Survey is different than that used for the decennial census estimates. We do explain this a bit early in our report in a text box upfront. The ACS does not go down into the census tract level of detail so we can only report ACS data for city wide estimates or larger geographies. With regard to the accuracy of the ACS data please see the note below from the ACS link I provided earlier. Generally, the US Census reports the ACS data to be accurate to a 2-5% standard error at a 90% confidence level. The standard errors are also listed in the table from the census link we provided earlier.</p> <p>As we indicated in our report, we recommend that the city revisit these projections on age cohorts once the current decennial data are provided to ensure the highest level of accuracy.</p> <p>"Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables."</p> <p>The poverty numbers are higher than most people expected to see, so it will be interesting to see how they trend after the decennial data is available</p>

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<p>11/14/10 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>What documents did you use to calculate the number of residents in each neighborhood? Do you have census tract info/or other data available for review?</p> <p>PS: A piece of information which I think would be helpful for the process is density-both for commercial or what appears perhaps to be referred to as "employment" and residential-for each of the neighborhoods...From what I read-I think in a Meeting Summary-looks like such might be the focus of a CAC Working Group...I sense for many-except those in "the trade"-tis sometimes difficult to envision what certain densities look like...To have a sense of current densities would one think be helpful for most "civilians".</p>	<p>Please see the website at http://welovelakeoswego.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/data1.pdf</p>
<p>11/14/10 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>Do hope some of my questions and comments are helpful to the process...I do think it's really critical that any data/analysis be as accurate as possible...I sense there may be enough criticism of the process as it is-one does not want to be vulnerable to having an erroneous fact base.</p> <p>Three years is indeed a long process. Thanks for sharing the reasons for the time of day-understood...Perhaps, any possibility, do you think, of televised or audio-recording of CAC meetings?</p>	<p>The CAC meetings are recorded. The files are too large to fit on the website but they can be provided if requested.</p>

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<p>11/14/10 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>The two “answers” I am most interested in, at this time, are the following:: the American Community Survey (ACS) for Lake Oswego-which appears to have been used extensively by the FCS Group; and, that which was used to create the Neighborhood Snapshots.</p> <p>As I shared in my telephone message this morning, I am quite familiar with much Census Bureau data-Quick Facts, the multiple data sets-I actually use such quite frequently when I’m looking at public policy issues, and comparing and contrasting communities...However, the ACS is not your standard Census, and my attempt to secure such data from the US Census site for Lake Oswego was unsuccessful...A message something to the effect that not all communities were included in the ACS, and that it was limited to communities with populations of 65,000 or more, was received.</p> <p>In regard to the Neighborhood Snapshots, I’m initially interested in Westlake-some numbers don’t seem accurate; perhaps, in some cases it’s definition/terminology...As an example, might be more helpful to note the number of SF & MF homes rather than the number of owned and rentals-if that’s what you’re seeking to communicate...Also some initial confusion regarding “students enrolled”-knowing of the abundance of children in my neighborhood was surprised by 0 children enrolled in our public schools...Ultimately realized-I think-that you were seeking to communicate where schools are sited in our community and the number of children who attend said schools...Actually, think the other info-number of students from each neighborhood enrolled in our public schools- would reflect where are young families and would be MOST helpful in planning efforts for both the City and our challenged school district.</p>	<p>Responded 11/17/10</p> <p>We can breakdown the multi-family and single family instead of using the owner compared to renter number. I will get those figures updated this week.</p> <p>Also, we agree that the student numbers/enrollment don’t really provide a good illustration of the number of children living in each neighborhood. We will work on getting the number of children by neighborhood.</p> <p>I will forward you the links to the information you requested regarding the FCS data. (See response to 11/13/10 email)</p>
<p>11/14/10 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>Am curious about the number of residents shown for each neighborhood...As an example, are the number of residents shown for let's say, Birdshill and Skyland, or, perhaps, Forest Highlands and Lake Forest, the number which reside within the city limits of Lake Oswego?</p> <p>Oh, it appears on the website listing of neighborhoods you have omitted Lake Grove from the Neighborhood Snapshot profiles.</p>	<p>Responded 11/15/10</p> <p>The number represents the number of residents within the City of Lake Oswego, but not those who reside within the urban services boundary and are not annexed.</p> <p>Thanks for pointing that out. I will get it posted.</p>

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<p>11/14/10 Erin O'Rourke-Meadors</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>This weekend, I have begun reviewing the documents which have been prepared and provided to the CAC, including the 10/27 Meeting Summary, Draft Vision Statements, the Lake Oswego Population Baseline Analysis, and, the subject of this email, the snapshot of my neighborhood, Westlake.</p> <p>It would seem critical to the validity of the process that CAC members have a clear and accurate understanding of each of our community's neighborhoods; as well as, clear, accurate and reliable data, and analysis, regarding our population and community as a whole.</p> <p>At this time, I respectfully request the opportunity to review the basis of your information and related calculations which were used to create the Westlake snapshot you have provided the CAC.</p> <p>PS: I have by separate email this weekend using the welovelakeoswego website submitted requests for references documented in the Lake Oswego Population Baseline Analysis...I would appreciate you advising me if such has been received, and when I might receive said documents...Thanks.</p>	<p>New Neighborhood snapshots were posted to the website on January 13, 2011. Staff confirmed with Ms. Meadors that her requests had been received.</p>
<p>11/14/2010 - Mike Buck</p>	<p>I write on this cloudy Sunday afternoon with Wednesday's Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee in mind. Coincidentally, this meeting is taking place at the same time as the Phase II Refinement Study for Boones Ferry Road.</p> <p>In the recommendations for changes to Goal 9 on Economic Development, a draft for the meeting encourages members to review 9.2 which currently lists Downtown and the Lake Grove Commercial District together as being the two primary commercial centers of our town.</p> <p>The request is to separate these which seems fine since the descriptions currently given are back to back. My question is does 9.10 designating Downtown and Lake Grove Commercial District as the primary centers for commercial activity still going to be the stated intent in the rewritten Comp Plan?</p> <p>Does the Chamber representative support such a continuation of goal and intent?</p> <p>And will the Chamber continue to support revitalization and development opportunities in Lake Grove by an active voice to government and social entities on our behalf?</p> <p>You are all well aware of the fact that we cannot increase the level of our economic activity or employee numbers without needed infrastructural improvements and enhancements on the corridor. We support planning in the City but we also support implementing the plans currently existing when they hold such benefit to the commercial district and the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>If Lake Grove is "downsized" or its standing diminished, when the business survey done by the City manifests such a strong citizen usage of goods and services here, we will demand that the Comprehensive</p>	<p>CAC meetings doesn't usually coincide with the Boones Ferry meetings. The holidays required the CAC meeting to be rescheduled.</p> <p>The CAC hasn't started discussing specific goals and policies regarding Goal 9 (or any other Goal). Due to the depth of the information that needs to be analyzed as part of Goal 9 (& Goal 10) a working group has been formed. They had their first meeting yesterday. You can track what they are discussing on the website http://welovelakeoswego.com/citizen-committees/cac-work-group-housing-and-economy/. You can also submit comments to the group via Sarah sselden@ci.oswego.or.us in writing.</p> <p>I cannot speak for the business representative from the Chamber nor can I speak for the Chamber, but all your comments will be shared with the CAC and you are welcome to speak at any CAC meeting during the public comment period.</p>

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11/14/2010 - Mike Buck	<p>In looking at Plan 2025, would please give attention to the recommendation to delete Goal 5.7: "Placement of public utilities, such as water and sewer lines, in stream corridors can result in infiltration and environmental disruption."</p> <p>I believe this should only be done if upgrades and replacements will be done elsewhere. If the City continues its practice of digging and trenching in sensitive lands, this stipulation should remain. Also, it would behoove the City to come up with a better definition of "stream" for 5.12 than currently exists under sensitive lands. Gradients for "streams" could be utilized.</p> <p>Lastly, I believe that further acquisition of land for parks and open space should take deference to management plans for already procured lands.</p>	<p>These comments can be discussed when the CAC delves into the specific goals and policies.</p>
11/13/2010 - Erin O'Rourke-Meadors	<p>I read as suggested by the website the Lake Oswego Population Baseline Analysis...I found the sources of information, the analysis, and the conclusions indeed interesting.</p> <p>How was it decided to use a "Comparison of Selected Municipalities with AAA Bond Rating and 20-60,000 Residents" as a basis for "peer cities"? Such appears rather novel; and I have not observed any such comparisons when developing a Comprehensive Plan or considering land use or development issues. Might you share how and where such has been previously used.</p> <p>Finally, I request copies of the ICMA's 2009 Survey referenced in Table III-1., as well as, the American Community Survey, 2006-2008. I have accessed the estimated numbers for the ACS for the state of Oregon, however, have been unable to secure a detail for the city of Lake Oswego.</p>	<p>Responded 11/17/10</p> <p>With regard to the AAA Bond rated community comparisons, I have never seen that done before we did it for LO as part of our pop report.</p> <p>We used the ICMA Survey results, which listed community names that are AAA and also responded to their survey within the targeted pop level of 20-60k residents. Next, we added the detailed data using census estimates from:</p> <p>www.census.gov</p> <p>The ICMA survey results were provided to me by the City and I am attaching it.</p> <p>Here is the link to the American Community Survey for cities like Lake Oswego:</p> <p>http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-geo_id=16000US4140550&-context=adp&-ds_name=ACS_2008_3YR_G00_&-tree_id=3308&-_lang=en&-_caller=geoselect&-format=</p>

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11/13/2010 - Erin O'Rourke-Meadors	May I ask what examples you used for the current draft vision statement?	<p>Responded 11/15/10</p> <p>As stated in the City Council Report dated November 8, 2010 that will be discussed at the joint CC/Planning Commission meeting tonight: "The draft vision was primarily developed using input from the community values and vision survey and comments received at the October workshops. Additional resources included reviewing existing vision statements from other City plan documents and the 2008 Council developed vision. The Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee have both reviewed the draft vision."</p> <p>Please let me know if you have further questions.</p>
11/03/10 - Carolyne Jones	At a Neighborhood Meeting tonight Liz Hartman had a list of the comments from the Open House, which she thought were online. I searched the site but could not find the list. Please advise.	<p>Responded 11/3/10</p> <p>If you go to www.welovelakeoswego.com, along the right side of the home page there are several green & orange boxes stacked up. If you click on the top one that says "October Workshops Summary", it will take you to a 60+ page PDF that first summarizes the themes from the workshop comments, and then lists all of the comments written down at each discussion table.</p> <p>Also, if you go to the CAC Meetings page (link below) there are additional materials provided at the last CAC meeting. http://welovelakeoswego.com/about-the-plan/cac-meetings/</p> <p>Thanks for your interest and let us know if you have any questions in the future.</p>

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<p>10/25/10 Claude Goodman</p>	<p>I participated in the October 12th Comprehensive Plan Workshop, Action Areas: Economic Vitality and Complete Neighborhoods and Housing.</p> <p>Here are my additional comments, motivated by my concern for LO's aging population in light of the LO 50+ Community Dialogs Report and the analysis of demographic trends impacting Lake Oswego, as described in LO_Demographics_Report_FCS_Group_08-19-10.pdf</p> <p>In the 5 years since the publication of the LO 50+ Community Dialogs, these projections have become urgent:</p> <p>While federal and state funding is decreasing for many older adult social services, communities around the country are responding with the development of innovative models to help citizens maintain their independence, address their changing needs, and support their connection to the community.</p> <p>As the projected state budget deficit for the next biennium approaches \$4 Billion, Oregon SPD is proposing to eliminate Oregon Project Independence and reduce the In-Home Care Program by 75%. These deficit-driven deep cuts in Oregon's home and community based services will devastate our most vulnerable citizens. People will be left stranded to die in their homes according to the retired Legislative Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services.</p> <p>What are the innovative models to help citizens maintain their independence, address their changing needs, and support their connection to the community?</p> <p>The Portland metro region is a national center for innovative R&D in gerontechnology, with OHSU and Intel Digital Health anchoring ORCATECH - the Oregon Center for Aging and Technology. I believe that elders should be recognized as key assets when designing sustainable models for aging in place at home in community. A decade ago I founded CareWheels Networked SmartHomes for Independent Living and Home Health Care. Following the 2008 financial meltdown and resulting damage to our core economy of</p>	<p>Responded 10/26/10</p> <p>Thanks so much for attending the workshop on Tuesday and for sending along your additional thoughts here. We are taking all the comments we receive via email and submitting them to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) once a month to consider as they move through the process. I will also keep you in mind when the CAC gets to the Action Area "Healthy, Safe People." Your concerns are also specific to "Complete Neighborhoods & Housing" and "A Connected Community." The CAC is aware of the demographics and they are already talking about the aging population and what steps will need to be taken in the future to ensure that folks can continue to live here and be healthy as they age. The Planning Commission is talking about the housing portion of the plan on Monday, so if you are inclined, I would encourage you to attend that meeting. It is at City Hall at 6:30.</p> <p>Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts,</p>

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10/28/10 Tara Shepersky	<p>Before I lived here, I took to the streets on my weekends: hiking up and down Mountain Park; ambling around First Addition; exploring the perimeter of the lake; taking my coffee at Peet's downtown; picnicking at George Rogers park and riding my bike out River Road. I knew I wanted to move here, and now that I have, I still do those same things regularly, enjoying the city I now think of as my hometown.</p> <p>I grew up as a military kid and I've moved to and then across the Portland area several times as an adult. Lake Oswego feels like home. I love that there are so many residents who feel the same, and are willing to translate that into a comprehensive plan for our city's future. This is a good place, with good people. Thanks to all of you.</p>	
10/17/2010 Todd Prager	<p>Thanks for getting back to me Chris.</p> <p>Just wanted to let you know that I attended the Comp Plan workshop yesterday and thought it was really good and productive. One of the groups I was in had a discussion about preserving neighborhood character while accommodating growth. The idea of identifying areas where growth is desirable such as foothills, downtown, possibly Kruse Way and along the City's arterials was seen as a solution to decrease pressure on other areas such as unincorporated Forest Highlands that would lose its neighborhood character if it develops at currently required densities.</p> <p>Again, if time and budget allows I think it would be good to survey the neighborhoods as part of the Comp Plan process to identify future goals and see if "win-win" situations could occur between neighborhoods. I don't know too much about the current neighborhood planning process, but if it happens with only one or two neighborhoods at a time, these types of comprehensive solutions can't be as easily implemented.</p> <p>One last comment I do have is it would be nice if the public could more easily submit comments for the CAC's consideration. Many people don't have a lot of time to attend meetings and offer comments, but perhaps the comment box on the "We Love LO" website could be used to capture public comments and forwarded to the CAC for consideration as part of their meeting packets.</p> <p>Thanks again for your interest in input from a neighborhood perspective. I will contact you if I have other relevant questions or comments.</p>	<p>Chris Clee (CAC) Responded 10/18/10</p> <p>The issue of neighborhoods with unincorporated land potentially losing their character based on citywide application of a density plan has also come up in my discussions with a couple of the neighborhood association chairs. I will ask for some time at the meeting next Wednesday to bring this up before the CAC.</p> <p>I doubt whether the city will agree to a neighborhood-by-neighborhood survey, but I will also raise this at the meeting. Perhaps this is something that the individual neighborhood associations could take on, but it would need more thought to make sure that whatever is done dovetails with the comp plan review process.</p> <p>There's a "contact us" button on the we love LO webpage that sends a message to Sid, Sarah and Laura who are the three City staff responsible for the comp plan update. Do you think this is sufficient for submitting comments, or do you think we need a way to send a message to the whole committee?</p>

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<p>9/25/2010 Todd Prager</p>	<p>I have been reviewing the materials on the website and am excited about the process for the Comp. Plan update.</p> <p>It seems like this would be a good opportunity for the City to essentially do a neighborhood plan for each neighborhood all at once. Each neighborhood could be surveyed about what the main issues are and their vision for the future. Seems like there could be cost savings this way and possibly agreements between areas that would like to take on more density and others that don't. Lake Oswego is a compilation of many distinct neighborhoods, so the Comprehensive Planning process should strive to preserve and enhance the neighborhood aspect of the community.</p> <p>I live in the Forest Highlands neighborhood which has a lot of developable land, is pretty disparate, and needs help organizing. We don't even have a neighborhood website. There seems to be pretty good consensus here on what people like and want to see, it just needs to get down on paper. I imagine other neighborhoods have the same thing.</p> <p>If there is anything I can do to assist the process, especially from the neighborhood aspect, please let me know.</p>	<p>Responded 9/27/10</p> <p>The City does have a neighborhood planning program where staff works with neighborhoods to create neighborhood plans, however before creating any new neighborhood plans the City needs to establish the framework for neighborhood to work within, which is the comprehensive plan. As part of the Comp Plan process we are developing neighborhood "snapshots" for each neighborhood. The snapshots contain information such as how many dwelling units (rental compared to owned), average home sale price, percentage of land zoned for parks and open space and commercial development as well as transit opportunities. We believe these will be useful tools as we move through comprehensive planning for the city as a whole, as well as great tools for developing individual neighborhood plans once the comp plan is updated. I do encourage you and your neighbors in Forest Highlands to get involved the city-wide planning process as I am sure Forest Highlands will be a topic of conversation. Please RSVP for one of the community-wide meetings that are being held on October 12 or 16th by clicking here: http://welovelakeoswego.com/?page_id=287</p>
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Citizen Comments Received Through the We Love Lake Oswego Website

From and Date	Citizen Message	Staff Response and Date
09/03/10 Tony Marquis	<p>But consider this: a city that embraces and encourages environmentalism & stewardship. My poster child would be the internal Combustion leaf blower, as it contributes to air pollution AND noise pollution. We should have acted on this long ago, and serves no purpose other that to relocate debris.</p> <p>Secondly, we should have an enlightened tree policy, that encourages the replacement of Doug. fir with various deciduous species, for any number of reasons to numerous to expand upon here.</p>	<p>Responded 09/03/10</p> <p>Will add this to the comments collected.</p>
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08/13/10 George Walters	<p>What we USE TO LOVE about Lake Oswego, up until a decade or two ago, was its natural beauty and both the economic and housing diversity among its citizenry. Sadly, it is and has been increasingly overtaken by McMansions, squeezed together and perched behind their blacktop parking lots.</p>	
8/14/10 Rick Parfrey	<p>I appreciate that the City is soliciting forward-thinking ideas for this survey but also feel it important to solicit input from residents as to what current aspects of our community are in need of improvement. Seems to me that without doing so leaves some important issues unaddressed and ultimately weakens the foundation of the entire visioning process.</p>	