

Theme Team Meeting 1

October 1, 2013, 4:00-5:30 PM

Tualatin Heritage Center



TUALATIN TOMORROW

Topics: Economic Opportunity; Lifelong Learning and Achievement

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Team Goals

2. Strategy-Action Development

- Economic Opportunity
- Lifelong Learning and Achievement

3. Wrap-Up

- Homework
- Next Meeting – Oct. 22, 4:00-5:30, Tualatin Heritage Center

Notes

Preliminary Community Strategy and Action Concepts by Theme

Vision Topic: Economic Opportunity

In Tualatin, people understand the value of a diverse and thriving economic base. In addition to supplying local jobs, a strong economy generates revenue for essential services, expands nearby retail shopping opportunities and – in the case of redevelopment projects – can physically improve the City's appearance. In the future, citizens are interested in facilitating new business start ups, ensuring Tualatin's workforce can afford to live here and extending employment and training opportunities for youth.

Community concepts – newly added ideas in red font

- Continued economic diversification, with emphasis on "green and clean" businesses
- Employment opportunities for youth
- Promoting and expanding the role of the Commons in local retail economy
- Ensuring access to affordable housing for workforce
- Re-purposing vacant and underutilized commercial structures and sites
- Expanding employment resources and facilitating employer-employee connections
- **Establishing a commercial district in South Tualatin (consider economic activity centers approach)**
- **Supporting and expanding the city's small business base**
- **Targeted, aggressive business recruitment and expansion program**
- **Ensuring infrastructure capacity is aligned with future employer growth projections**

Original Tualatin Tomorrow actions not yet underway:

- Business Support of ESL Development
- Town Center Housing Types
- Targeted Housing
- Small Business Development Funding
- City - Business Strategic Benefits
- Workforce Evaluation and Training
- Business Oriented Spanish Language Courses

Preliminary Community Strategy and Action Concepts by Theme

Vision Topic: Lifelong Learning and Achievement

Even in challenging economic times, Tualatin residents want to secure stable funding for schools and facilitate their ability to continue offering a wide variety of educational programming. There is increasing interest in expanding training in science, technology, engineering and math to ensure Tualatin residents are equipped to fill the jobs of tomorrow. There is also support for increasing learning opportunities for all ages, whether expanding literacy among children, or offering personal-enrichment classes and programming for adults.

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- Technology lab (maybe STEM) learning opportunities
- Securing stable funding to maintain or restore school programming
- Promotion and expansion of literacy campaigns
- Re-evaluating current School District boundaries (geographic service area and revenue considerations)
- Maintaining reputation for having highest-quality public schools (class size is a concern)

Original Tualatin Tomorrow actions not yet underway:

- Educational Needs Assessment
- ESL Barriers Assessment
- Satellite College Campuses
- Student Development Support