

How does the community of Eagle envision its future as “HOME”?

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The community of Eagle envisions its future as “HOME,” an acronym for “Healthy, Optimistic, Multi-faceted, and Economically viable,” that can be realized, for example, through goals and objectives related to transportation, economic sustainability and environmental stewardship.



A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has been created to guide and review the efforts of the City staff and consultants to update the comprehensive plan. The steering committee will spend the next 10 months helping the City detail goals and objectives to advance the City toward its future as “HOME.” Minor revisions to the chapters of the plan dealing with property rights, land use, natural resources and hazards, parks, recreation and open space, and special areas will be made. Major revisions to the chapters of the plan dealing with population, schools, services and utilities, economic development, transportation, housing, community design, and implementation will be made.

During the summer of 2015, a similar group, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, reviewed the existing comprehensive plan and solicited and summarized public input. This was the first full review of the plan since 1999. The review committee recommended updating all chapters of the plan, educating and engaging the citizenry on long-range goals and plans, and establishing policies that support both urban and rural development.

The comprehensive plan update process is currently in Phase 2, during which the city staff will amend and the steering committee will review the chapters receiving minor revisions. The economic development and transportation chapter updates provided by the consultants and the integrated master plans of various municipal agencies will also be reviewed.

One of the first tasks for the steering committee is to review and polish a vision statement that clearly states how the City sees itself in the future and articulates it to potential future residents and business owners. The draft vision states:

“Eagle will continue to grow as the Treasure Valley grows, but Eagle’s growth will be a unique balance of environmentally sensitive urban and rural development with ample areas of open space and recreation. Urban development will be directed to our downtown, central City, and “activity centers” along regionally significant transportation and transit corridors. The City will plan for and preserve a rural planning area in which large-lot residential and agricultural uses continue to be the focus. And, the City will balance development with environmental stewardship along the Boise River and in the Eagle Foothills. Growth within Eagle will enhance our quality of life while welcoming new citizens and businesses who share our vision.”

“Densities and development will be scaled and strategically located to meet the needs of the community and to protect the places we wish to preserve and enhance, like the Boise River and the Eagle Foothills. Eagle will not be Idaho’s metropolitan center and the City will not provide large-scale regional economic development; to become these things, the City of Eagle would lose its small town friendly character.”

The “Eagle is HOME” project is scheduled to be completed by late summer 2017. Follow the planning process on Facebook at “Eagle is HOME: Comprehensive Plan Update”. More information is available on the City’s website at www.cityofeagle.org/EagleisHOME or by contacting Nichoel Baird Spencer with the City’s Planning Department at 939-0227.