

OVERVIEW

On February 27th, 2024, the City of Seaside convened a Community Summit for its *Seaside 2050 Comprehensive Plan* process. This citywide process aims to bring together community aspirations and priorities to craft a vision for the future. As Seaside continues to evolve and grow, *Seaside 2050* will provide a roadmap for the next 25 years. The vision will help the City Council with its decisions on a range of topics ranging from budget to citizen involvement and economic development.

Approximately 70 participants attended the event at the Seaside Convention Center. A wide range of participants included newcomers and residents who have lived in Seaside for their entire life. From 6:00 – 8:00 pm, participants took their seats and listened and reviewed a project overview presentation, participated in a live polling activity, reviewed the Draft Vision Statement, and worked in small groups to give us their ideas on how to achieve the ideas in the vision statement.

Summit participants expressed a range of thoughts during the polling activity, which asked questions like *what is Seaside's greatest asset?* and, *what is Seaside's biggest concern as we grow?* The full list of polling questions and the results are included in the appendix below.

During the review of the Draft Vision Statement and “Big Ideas” discussion, attendees offered invaluable feedback. For the draft statement and future goals and policies, participants offered the following thoughts.

- Add language about tsunami preparedness.
- Arts, community centered gathering area.
- Maybe change unique neighborhoods to something else neighborhoods
- Housing is a complex issue that will take a lot of discussion.
- Safe walking paths, where young tourists and women can get around town.
- Prioritize inlaid lights in sidewalks to reduce light pollution.
- Concerns with vacation rentals and the vacancy of them most days of the year. We should have a cap on the number of them, and maybe consider boundary lines of where they can be.
- Pursue incentivizing property development on the city's part, do anything we can to allow our developers to build the high-density housing we need on the few empty lots.
- Broadway is awesome, we don't like the fumes and traffic. In-ground poles to block traffic in the high season, with the ability to control them by delivery people.
- Less restrictive zoning, but with more housing, what do we do about the cars.
- How do we inspire young people to stay locally.
- Encourage remote workers to live here.
- Instill pride in the city, people need to be a part of it to keep it beautiful.
- Better signs about history.
- How to ensure unique characteristics for each neighborhood.
- More crosswalks and sidewalks to get across 101.
- More involvement with the Coast Guard.
- Interactive signs in parks about history.
- Maintain quality and inspection across all housing developments.





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- Simplify permitting process, streamlined for simple applications.
- Low-income housing.
- Manufactured home zoning.
- Also invest in growing areas besides downtown.
- Power cables should go underground.
- Better outreach and marketing to bring tourism here, it is underutilized.
- Social media outreach, pamphlets, and coupons to encourage local business visits.
- Rezoning, allowing higher density in low density zones.
- Vertical parking structure to help parking issues and tsunami preparation.
- Revitalize the holiday corridor.
- Use Necanicum river as a draw, turn into a zone for businesses.
- Preserve ocean views through dune mitigation.
- Design review committee for businesses, Gilbert district.
- More bike racks and covered racks.
- Extend walking paths along the river.
- Builder incentives for workforce housing.
- Revisit 101 bypass or more sidewalk signals. More development.
- Cartwright Park boat launch.
- Beach parking with accessibility considerations.
- Rounded sidewalk ends.
- Aging in place for seniors.
- Workforce housing.
- Dog park.
- Downtown gardens.
- Mill ponds.
- Multi-use neighborhoods.
- Vertical evacuation structures.
- The percentage of local vs out of town owners.
- Support for the arts.
- Employee housing zone, modifying system development charges.
- Engage locals during busy event weekends.
- Partnering with orgs to come up with programs to educate.
- Transitional housing with services for full time housing.
- Make 4th of July a whole community friendly event.
- Innovative industries, tech companies.
- More engagement events for young people.
- Preserve and educate the community about the estuary.
- Culture is how a place feels.
- Mixed-use development.
- Expansion of the housing task force.
- Bring in jobs with higher earnings.
- More outdoor recreation opportunities/activities.
- Incorporate Tigard's zoning code.
- Remove parking requirements in certain zones.