

From: [Court Olson](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Cc: [Johnson, Thara](#); [Kattermann, Michael](#)
Subject: Planning Commission public comment delivered tonight
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:04:18 PM
Attachments: [23-09-13, PCA comment to planning commission mta..docx](#)

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Hello again Bellevue Planning Commissioners.

On behalf of People for Climate Action I thank you for receiving my verbal public comment this evening regarding the comprehensive plan. For your records, I've attached here that same testimony in written form.

Please accept our best wishes for your continued efforts to make Bellevue a livable, comfortable and low climate impact community.

Sincerely,

Court

Court Olson, representing the People for Climate Action Bellevue Chapter leadership team
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My standard PS: Unless we act quickly and decisively today to curb GHG emissions, climate impacts will get much much worse. The climate future and well-being of your kids and grandchildren is in your hands!

23-09-13, Comments to the Bellevue Planning Commission mtg. by Court Olson representing the People for Climate Action Bellevue Chapter

Good evening, Planning Commissioners, Council Member Robertson and Planning Department Staff.

My name is Court Olson. I live in the Lake Hills/Sprit Ridge neighborhood at 15817 SE 26th Street. I'm commenting tonight on behalf of the leadership team of the People for Climate Action Bellevue Chapter.

First, I'll provide some background on our leadership team. In my professional career I've overseen the design and construction of green buildings. Others on our team have backgrounds in education, engineering, business, urban planning, and technology. Two of us are young working professionals. Six of us are retired or semi-retired. All of us are committed to helping Bellevue curb greenhouse gas emissions for the health and well-being of future generations. We know that cities are responsible for over 70% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.

As we consider how to manage future growth, we must hold the line on greenhouse gas emissions. A smart comprehensive plan must enable and promote a reduced frequency and distance of trips that people travel. To do that we must allow greater density in residential neighborhoods, and we must focus larger commercial and multi-family development close to transit hubs. To conserve resources, we must make every effort to encourage preservation and repurposing of existing buildings, while allowing only new construction that is designed to have a sustainably ultra-low impact. To that end, we should require that all new buildings have wood and engineered timber structures. Due to their inherently high carbon footprint intensity, we can no longer allow steel and concrete building structures.

In an August 3rd letter to City Staff and the Planning Commission, People for Climate Action and several allied organizations have urged the city to be thorough and thoughtful in the creation of a Climate and Resilience element in the comprehensive plan. In late August PCA sent a three-page letter detailing our recommended 2044 Comprehensive Plan Growth Policies. We urge the Planning commission and city staff to review both letters and incorporate our recommendations into the comprehensive plan update.

Thank you for listening tonight. We wish you well in your continuing efforts to make Bellevue a more livable, comfortable, and low climate impact community that we can all be proud of.

From: [Tim Hay](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Bicycle Lanes Downtown and in Wilburton
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 2:52:20 PM

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Planning Commission Members and Staff:

My name is Tim Hay. I oppose any effort to provide bicycle 'lanes' if doing so will cause the loss of any lanes devoted to vehicular traffic. Trying to navigate any of our streets during either 'rush hour' is already terminally-frustrating. True, these streets are generally under-utilized during non-commute hours. But do we not maintain our sewers to be ready for use when we wake up? Or for use at half-time during Seahawk's games?

The City is promoting cessation of on-site parking requirements for new construction. As general use of autos will continue far into the future, curtailed lack of on-site parking can only result in cars etc being parked on the street. But if those parking needs conflict with bike lanes, where would the City recommend that these vehicles be parked? Not everybody has the physical ability to walk great distances from their vehicles!

Responses from citizens who want bike lanes reflect only those who responded to the survey. And not the responses from others who chose not to answer. Furthermore, the City presents the responses as Percentages, - - percentages of what?, 35 out of 65, - - or 3,500 out of 6,500?

Unless the taxpayers are willing to buy the properties

(and the buildings) to widen our streets, we cannot allow any automotive lanes to be sacrificed for the benefit of the very few who we should ask to guarantee to ride bikes to work 5 days a week, rain (or snow) or shine. Our cars do this already.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,

Tim Hay

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From: [p johnston](#)
To: [Johnson, Thara](#)
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Subject: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Order
Date: Friday, September 15, 2023 11:20:20 PM

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Can you please tell us the planned order of elements and other items for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update CPA Study Session?

This will allow for better feedback earlier.

Cordially,

-pamla johuston

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From: [Barb Braun](#)
To: [Johnson, Thara](#); [King, Emil A.](#); [Kattermann, Michael](#); [Robinson, Lynne](#); [Council](#); [PlanningCommission](#); [parkboard](#)
Subject: How to Cool Down a City
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:11:20 AM

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Some wonderful urban design tips that Bellevue should consider working into Comp Plan polices, especially for Wilburton/Bel-Red. Since Bellevue wants to be a model city, these ideas should be seriously considered. Thank you. Barb Braun

How to Cool Down a City
New York Times
By Pablo Robles, Josh Holder and Jeremy White
Sept. 18, 2023

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2023/09/18/world/asia/singapore-heat.html>

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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Order
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:08:53 AM

Pam,

We had included this in the presentation and PC memos as well.

- **September 13:** Utilities, Environment, Parks, Recreation & Open Space, and Capital Facilities elements
- **September 27:** Citizen Engagement, Economic Development, Transportation, and Urban Design & the Arts elements
- **October 11:** Land Use and Neighborhoods elements
- **October 25:** Housing and Human Services elements
- **November 8:** Vision

Best Regards,

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