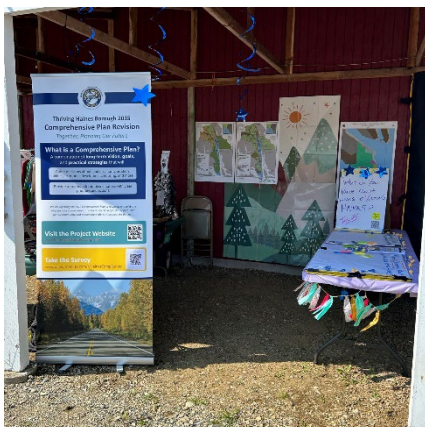
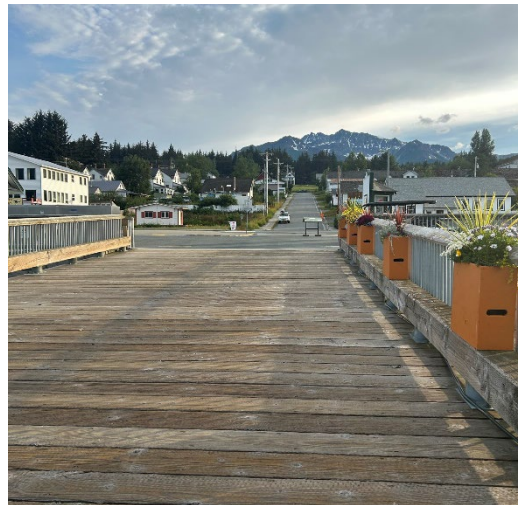




Haines Comprehensive Plan Update: Community Visit Outreach Events, July 21-29, 2023

Summary of Results



Haines Farmers Market

July 22 at Haines Farmers Market from 10 AM – 1 PM

Description of activity:

The planning team hosted a table at the Haines Farmers Market where shoppers were asked to answer two questions on posters; “What do you like about living in/visiting Haines?” and “What is challenging about living in/visiting Haines?” or to put checkmarks next to items they agreed with that other people had written. The team also answered questions about the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) Update process, purpose, and timeline.

What we heard:

“What do you like about living in/visiting Haines?”	# of mentions
Nature beauty, peace and quiet, clean air, and clean water	26
The people, friendly people, kind people, welcoming community, diversity	17
Access to fish and wildlife	8
Recreational opportunities, gardening, walking trails	6
The arts culture	5

Additional answers:

- Stay the same but we need a hospital.
- Town of foodies!
- Friendly to folks with disabilities but no enforcement of ADA.
- The center of town not industrialized. Create green zones!
- Ability to volunteer in fun and worthwhile endeavors.
- The Chilkat Center. It needs more use.
- KHNS
- Farmers Market
- Lynn Canal Conservation
- Dogs can be free!

“What is challenging about living in/visiting Haines?”	# of mentions
Cost of living, gas, food, freight, cost of travel out of town	11
Remoteness, winter darkness and weather	6
Lack of ferry service	4
Zoning/planning not followed	3
Lack of restaurants	2
Threat of mining	2
Community division	2
Lack of healthcare, no hospital, must leave town to have a baby	2
Electrical service up the highway	2
Making a year round living	2

Additional answers:

- No king salmon
- Flooding/avalanche risk.
- No phone book.
- Need a town square at 3rd and Main.
- People drive too fast at Lutak. Need 15 mph speed limit.
- No dance clubs!
- Walking in winter (sidewalks not cleared.)
- People can't mind their business.
- Not enough affordable housing/apartments.
- No lift access to ski areas.
- Parks aren't maintained.
- No washroom or showers at harbor for transient users or fishermen.
- Could use more support for the arts.
- Water/sewer utilities.
- Would like to see more walking trails for people who can't do steep climbs.
- Agriculture not identified in future growth map.
- Eagle protection is not happening.
- They're subsidizing old farms. They could be ag farms instead.
- Cell tower always down.
- Too many lights at night. It disturbs the birds and nature.

Haines Harbor Outreach

July 22 at Haines Small Boat Harbor from 2-3 PM

Description of Activity:

The planning team spoke to sport and commercial fishermen and other harbor users. The team talked to about 10 harbor users, explaining the Comprehensive Plan Update process, purpose, and if they had feedback specific to the harbor, sport fishing, and commercial fishing that pertains to the Comp Plan.

What we heard:

- Need more net floats with racks to keep otters off. More room to work on nets.
- Crane dock/fuel dock not big enough, or need additional crane, mini-cranes.
- More room for loading and unloading gear, crab pots, nets.
- Better harbormaster office.
- Better, closer restrooms and showers for all harbor users but especially transient users.
- Allow boat storage in big parking lot.
- Keep pedestrians away from parking areas; let them come down to the harbor, but out of the way of traffic.
- Fish prices and management is ongoing issue.

Southeast Alaska State Fair

July 27-29 at Haines Fairgrounds

Description of Activity:

Meg Friedenauer of the planning team staffed a Comprehensive Plan Update informational booth at the Southeast Alaska State Fair. Assembly members Debra Schnabel and Margarette Jones also staffed the booth for two shifts each. Participants were invited to write their answers to two questions on posters; "What do you value about living

in/visiting Haines?” and “What is challenging about living in/visiting Haines?” or to put checkmarks next to items they agreed with that other people had written. Participants used the opportunity to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan process and to take the community survey.

What we heard:

“What do you value about living, working, visiting Haines?”	# of mentions
The scenery, mountain, sea, authentic nature, the environment, and natural beauty.	6
Small town feel – Haines is counter to the herd. I value the small town feeling along with the open space. Please preserve open space and parks. Able to have meaningful engagement, life can be fulfilling. Manageable small town size.	4
The women here get stuff done.	4
The fair and friends. Friends. Good friends.	3
The people. People are real, have spirit.	2

Additional answers:

- I’m invested in the community, that’s why I value it.
- Non-profits get stuff done.
- Hunting (moose!)
- Subsistence.
- I would never live anywhere else.
- Not commercialized (like Skagway).
- I like my job and that I get to work with my neighbors.
- Even though life took me far away at a young age, I love visiting to reconnect with family and Tlingit heritage and to enjoy the gorgeous Chilkat region and because I was born here. It stays in me.
- The police reports in the news.
- Able to get out – road, boat, plane if necessary (except during COVID).
- Access to Canada, especially Yukon and BC.

“What is challenging about living, working, visiting Haines?”	# of mentions
Cost of transportation. Better/more air transport. Maybe need an airport master plan to evaluate what improved air service could do for our economy.	6
As a professional – limited to no opportunities for growth.	5
Housing costs and availability.	4
Lack of ferry service, declining ferry availability and dependability.	4
Shuttle services for independent travelers and other visitor resources, like a place for visitors to put trash.	4
Better camping options for visitors.	3

Additional answers:

- Lack of deep civil discourse. Insufficient planning in the public sphere. Leads to factions and misunderstandings.
- Admin/boards etc. which don't reflect the balance of community.
- Undervaluing the retirees' contributions.
- Uncertainty. Bipolar nature.
- The tendency to compartmentalize – people do not “mingle” let alone talk to those they assume (by association or the clothes they wear?) that they are in a separate. “camp.”
- A lot of development in floodplain.
- More resources for Beach Road community. Why are we paving a landslide? There's no turnaround for senior van on Beach Road now.
- People like talking a lot but not doing.
- Code enforcement. Code shouldn't need a complaint to be enforced.
- Nobody wants to work.
- Need good employers for people to want to work.
- Lack of environmental analysis when companies want to disturb watershed areas.
- Lack of capacity at the family, business, political levels. People seem tired and estranged. Maybe economic growth would help expand space to dream, room to flourish.
- Lutak Road between town and ferry dock. Too loud. Trucks go too fast.
- The CIA trails are beautiful and so well done but no signage.
- More money for trails and recreation infrastructure, like signage.