

**Onalaska Subarea Plan
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting 1 Notes**

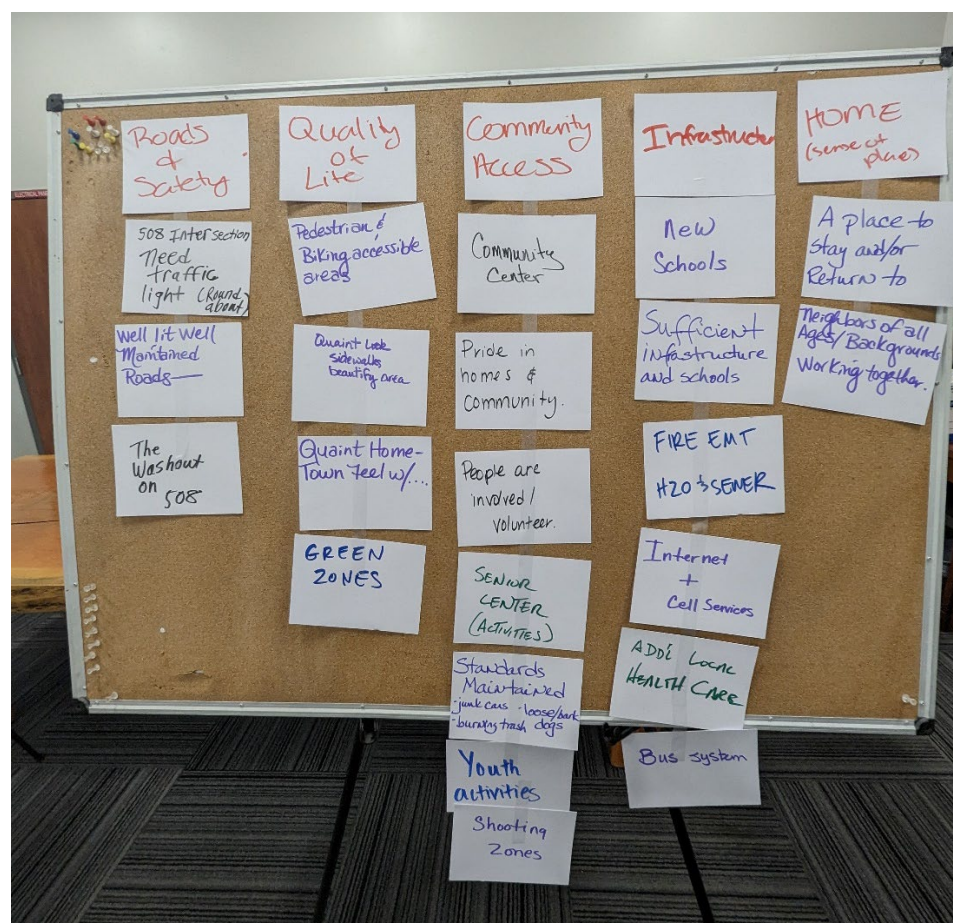
The committee members were asked to individually write down 5-10 things they hope to be true about Onalaska 20 years from now. The statements needed to be positive. Then they were asked to star their top 3-5. In small groups of two, they shared their top priorities and then chose 2-3 to share with the group. Those were written on cards and given to the facilitator. As a large group the cards were organized by topic and discussion about each card occurred. All cards were included in the discussion – nothing was dismissed. Below is a summary and on the last page are pictures of the final boards with all cards included.

Question - What is your vision of Onalaska 20-years from now?

Topic	Card	Explanation
A. Quality of Life	Pedestrian and biking accessible areas	Need more designated areas for people to walk and bike through town
	Quaint look of sidewalks, beautiful areas	Improve the way sidewalks and public areas look, create a beautiful looking town
	Quaint homes, small town feel	Keep Onalaska small in scale, keep is small town
	Green zones	Have landscaped paths and parks through town
B. Thriving Small Business	More shopping areas for everyday needs	Need more options to buy daily necessities like groceries
	More opportunities to shop and support local	Need more locally owned businesses, places to purchase locally grown produce or locally made goods
	Attract visitors (breweries, outdoor recreation) to support local	Need local places for entertainment that don't require driving to Chehalis, especially on a Friday night
	Business that support rural agriculture	Grow businesses in town that directly support the surrounding agriculture
	Increased employment options	To keep younger people and attract them back, there needs to be more employment options close to where they live. There is no incubator rental storefronts in town.

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C. Protect Rural	Predominantly farmland around Onalaska	Protect the surrounding farmland and rural areas, don't allow sprawl
D. Community Access	Community center	A public community center with a meeting room anyone can use, maybe a library
	Pride in homes and community	People who have pride in their community tend to take better care of their home and yard
	People are involved and volunteer	In order for Onalaska to grow responsibly everyone needs to get involved and come together to make things happen
	Senior center and activities	Need a senior center that have lots of activities for the aging populations
	"Standards" maintained - junk cars, loose/barking dogs, burning trash	Nuisances like junk cars and barking dogs impact everyone in a negative way
	Youth activities	There needs to be more activities for youth in the community
	No shooting zones	Make sure everyone understands the "no shooting zones" and possible make changes as needed
E. Infrastructure	New schools	The schools are at capacity now
	Sufficient infrastructure	As the community grows and changes it will need more infrastructure
	Fire, EMT, water and sewer	These services need to be maintained and improved as the community grows
	Internet and cell services	There is not consistent reliable internet and cell service
	Additional local health care	Need a local doctor and/or dentist
	Bus/Transit system	Need a more frequent and consistent transit option, especially for the aging population
F. Sense of Place	A home to stay and return to	Onalaska needs to be a place where people want to stay and want to come back to.
	Neighborhoods for all ages and backgrounds working together	The community needs to support all ages and all backgrounds. People should feel welcome.

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G. Roads and Safety	508 Intersection needs traffic light or roundabout	508 needs traffic calming, especially at the intersection with Carlisle Avenue.
	Well lit, well maintained roads	It is now the financial responsibility of the property owner to pay for the lighting, meaning there is not enough street lighting for safe streets.
	Fix the washout on 508	There is a "sink hole" that needs to be permanent fixed, not just another band aide
H. Affordable Housing	Limit multi-dwelling units	There is a need for multifamily housing but not too much or too big
	More middle income housing	The middle housing options are missing - ADU, duplex, triplex, etc.
	Scale of housing	The scale of multifamily must fit in Onalaska. 30-unit apartment complex does not fit.



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