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## **Exhibit A-1 Summary Comments from Discussion Groups**

### Transportation Topics Group– Summary Comments

Bicycle/pedestrian connectivity should be improved between the Rail Trail at NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Northeast Park.

Sidewalk gaps along North Main Street need to be filled.

A sidewalk is needed along NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 4<sup>th</sup> and NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

There have been recent crashes at the intersection of NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Are additional traffic controls needed there?

The osprey nest on the tall pole on the north side of NW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (near NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street) needs to stay.

NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue lacks bike lanes between NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and North Main Street.

### Neighborhood Concerns Group – Summary Comments

The neighborhoods on both sides of North Main Street need to be better connected with one another. Sidewalks should be added the sections of NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Main Street where they are missing.

Sidewalks need to be kept clear and clean.

Need more inviting (e.g., restaurants and cafes) commercial development.

Strip commercial centers should be redeveloped to make them more inviting.

The vacant property (which was a used car lot for many years) at the northeast corner of the intersection of NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Main Street should be rezoned from BA (Automotive-oriented business district) to a category that is more neighborhood/residential friendly. Another drug store is not needed, and there should be no more internet cafes – there are already three of them between Waldo Road and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

How can we encourage revitalization of the area while preserving its beauty and character? Trees, landscaping, and green space within development are important.

The infrastructure in the Grove Street Neighborhood is old. There are overhead lines and there have been occurrences of discolored water from the potable water lines.

### Business & Development Opportunities Group – Summary Comments

Keep the flow of traffic clear during redevelopment.

Concern was expressed about the narrowing of thoroughfares (e.g., North Main Street).

There needs to be an anchor-type attraction, and there needs to be more residential support for the businesses in this area.

The Enterprise Zone should be expanded to the north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Redevelopment should be incentivized, and there should be more mixed-use (office and residential) development.

Build-to lines should be moved back a bit to allow for more landscaping.

Is there a way for the City and County to work with local banks to develop a financial product that would facilitate the kind of redevelopment we want for North Main Street?

### Land Use & Urban Design Group - Summary Comments

There was some discussion of an overlay zone on Main Street. The feeling was that this is a traditional urban area. The overlay should go up to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue if possible. Complaint was that strip malls are strung together.

Tree ordinance needs to be stronger.

Vacant parcel at southeast corner of intersection of NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Suggestion that City turn vacant land into parks if wetlands are present. (Subsequent to the Charrette, the property owner asked city staff to determine whether the property contains wetlands. The informal assessment provided by the City's environmental coordinator confirmed that there is a small wetland in the northern part of the property. This informal assessment indicated that approximately one-third of the 1.33-acre property consists of wetlands and wetland buffer area.)

There should be new parks, particularly on city owned property. This was sparked by the city-owned property behind Civilization Restaurant, Buddha Belly, etc. There should be a greenway connection between parks in the area. An example would be from the Sixth Street trail to Northeast Park.

Tot lots should be placed on small parcels.

Save historic buildings that can be saved. An example is the old Ice House at NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Infrastructure improvements, particularly water and sewer lines. Grove Street residents have observed yellow tap water and reported problems with the water main on NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Residents want to have underground utilities.

NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue needs residences, but views from the area are looking at the back of the shopping center, which does not encourage residential development.

NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue needs a 4-way stop, like at NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the Pofahl's dance studio.

There was concern expressed about North Main Street becoming a raceway if the driveway at the Post Office is moved.