

2022 VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

February 25 & 26, 2022 – Water Resources Education Center, Vancouver, Washington

Desired Outcomes

- Provide opportunity to learn and engage with each other, better understand each other's interests and values, and strengthen overall Council cohesion
- Engage around future visions and trends that may shape Vancouver for decades to come
- Align around a pathway towards a shared set of guiding principles that support the Council's decision-making for constructive and productive outcomes
- Confirm next steps for turning ideas into action

Friday, February 25, 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Time	Item	Lead
12:30 – 1:00 pm	- ARRIVAL AND LUNCH -	All
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Welcome, Introduction, and Proposed Agenda • Welcome, introduction, context, and desired outcomes • Review proposed agenda and retreat ground rules	Mayor McEnery-Ogle Deb Nudelman, Facilitator
1:30 – 2:15 pm	Getting to Know Each Other: Who Are We and What Do We Bring to the Council? • Around the table: What are your hopes, expectations, and desired outcomes for the retreat? (1-2 minutes each) • Ice Breaker Exercise • Group Discussion: What is it about our lived experience that helps us better serve the Vancouver community?	Deb Nudelman
2:15 – 2:30 pm	- 15 MINUTE BREAK -	

Time	Item	Lead
2:30 – 3:45 pm	Understanding Shared Council Values • Why do values matter and how can we leverage toward shared community values in our work together? • Small group exercise: Learn and understand each other's core and shared values • Report out and group discussion: What can we learn from our similarities and differences to strengthen resilience as we move forward together as a Council?	Deb Nudelman
3:45 – 4:15 pm	Understanding Who We Serve • The Vancouver Journey: where we have been, where we are, and where we are going	Eric Holmes
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Next Steps and Summary • Reflect on progress from Day 1 and prepare for Day 2 • Wrap up and adjourn for the day	Deb Nudelman
4:30 pm	- ADJOURN FOR THE DAY -	

Saturday, February 26, 8:30am – 3:00pm

Time	Item	Lead
8:30 – 9:00 am	- ARRIVAL AND BREAKFAST -	
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome and Agenda Review Reflections from Day 1 and review agenda for Day 2	Deb Nudelman
9:15 – 10:00 am	Trends of Change and Planning for the Future - Introduction to visioning and connecting to our retreat goals - Learn about the impact of societal change on local communities, global/national and regional trends that will likely shape Vancouver for decades to come - How foresight and “anticipatory” planning (use of trends, scenarios, and vision) can help position Vancouver for more informed and strategic decisions - Clarifying questions and brief group discussion	Deb Nudelman Steven Ames
10:00 – 10:45 am	Small Group Exercise: Probable/Preferred Scenarios - As we look to our future, how will the most critical social/cultural, economic, and environmental trends impact the Vancouver area? What are some of the likely scenarios we predict may occur—and why? - What are some of the challenges and opportunities we will encounter in these scenarios? How will we work together as a Council to address them? What tools, skills, and capacities will we need to succeed?	Steven Ames Deb Nudelman
10:45 – 11:00 am	- WORKING BREAK - <i>(Includes prep for debrief)</i>	

Time	Item	Lead
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Debrief, Group Discussion, and Pathway Forward • Debrief the small group exercise: What are some of the highlights of the small group discussion? Key takeaways? Commonalities and differences? Any surprises? • Based on your key takeaways, what tools, skills, and capacities will the Council need to succeed, and why? • Next steps and summary	Deb Nudelman Steven Ames
12:00 – 12:45 pm	- LUNCH BREAK -	
12:45 – 2:30 pm	Bringing it All Together: Turning Ideas into Action • From our key takeaways, what do we want to move forward in our Council work together? • Are there guiding principles and/or a policy decision-making framework to help us accommodate each other's interests and our shared Council values to ensure we strive to align, and work toward constructive and productive outcomes? • How will we collaborate to develop a Council playbook that incorporates our values, tools, and skills, and supports our capacity to govern and make decisions together? • What actions and next steps would help build on today's progress to support the Council in striving for excellence together?	Deb Nudelman
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Reflections, Next Steps, and Summary • Reflections on retreat: What are key takeaways to help motivate and mobilize you for Council work together? • Confirm next steps and approach going forward • Wrap up, summary, and acknowledgements	Deb Nudelman Mayor McEnerny-Ogle
3:00 pm	- ADJOURN MEETING -	