

**Joint Study Session Meeting of  
Winnetka Village Council  
Plan Commission  
Village Hall  
510 Green Bay Road  
September 14, 2021  
7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order
  - Village Council
  - Plan Commission
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Comprehensive Plan Working Session.....2
- 4) Closed Session
- 5) Adjournment

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## Agenda Item Executive Summary

**Title:** Comprehensive Plan Working Session

**Presenter:** David Schoon, Community Development Director

**Agenda Date:** 09/14/2021

**Consent:**  YES  NO

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### Item History:

- 11/5/2019 - Council adopted Resolution No. R-84-2019, Approving an Agreement with The Lakota Group for the Preparation of a Comprehensive Plan
- Spring 2020 -Work on the Comprehensive Plan was put on hold due to the pandemic.
- 08/17/2021 - Council adopted Resolution No. R-71-2021, Approving an Addendum to the Agreement with The Lakota Group, which action authorized work to restart on the Comprehensive Plan.

### Executive Summary:

On September 14, 2021, the Village Council and the Plan Commission will hold a joint meeting at which The Lakota Group will re-engage with the Council and Commission to continue our work on the Comprehensive Plan.

During the joint working session, the following items will be discussed:

- Goals of a comprehensive plan. How do we make it work for the community?
- What are the roles of the Village Council and Plan Commission?
- Why is community engagement critical?
- Where have we been this past year and where do we want to go?
- Lessons learned and new themes to be consider (community preparedness, housing needs, etc.)

The Lakota Group has prepared the attached outline and materials for the working session.

### Recommendation:

The purpose of the working session is to allow the consultant team to touch base and re-engage with the Plan Commission, who will make the formal recommendation regarding the new Comprehensive Plan, and the Village Council, who will ultimately adopt the new Comprehensive Plan.

### Attachments:

Attachment A: Meeting Outline and Materials for September 14, 2021, Joint Village Council-Plan Commission Meeting

**WINNETKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AGENDA:**

*Joint Winnetka Village Council - Plan Commission Meeting*

**DATE:** September 14, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00-8:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Winnetka Village Hall, Council Chambers

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

1. Introductions (10 min)
2. Project Overview (10 min)
3. Key Themes Exercise
  - a. Introduction to exercise (5 min)
  - b. Community Pillars (30 min)
  - c. Other issues - open discussion (20 min)
4. Strengths and Weaknesses Exercise (15 min)
5. Next Steps (5 min)

# Project Overview



## WINNETKA FUTURES 2040 IS BACK ON TRACK

In November of 2019, the Village of Winnetka started a comprehensive planning process, asking residents what community means to them, among many other questions. The process was paused in March of 2020 and re-initiated in September of 2021. Winnetka Futures 2040 Plan will be re-engaging community members to better understand and address the changing times, including shifting retail environments, transportation innovation, environmental issues/sustainability, shifting population, housing preferences, and changing work and commuting habits.

### PROJECT TIMELINE



### NEXT STEPS?



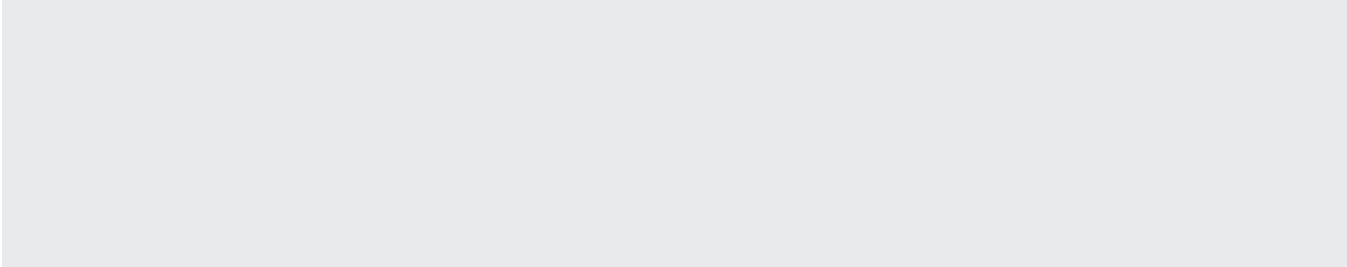
### WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

The Comprehensive Plan is the Village’s blueprint for growth and is the foundation upon which development and land use decisions are based. This plan will provide Village leadership with a policy toolkit to make informed decisions moving forward. It contains long term goals and short term strategies to make progress on these goals. Policies and decisions about parks, paths, road improvements, business vitality, housing choices, and public safety are just some of the community issues shaped by the Comprehensive Plan. **In short, it’s about our future! The best plan for the next 20 years is a plan developed by a community that works together to define a common vision and framework to achieve it.** Agenda Packet 4

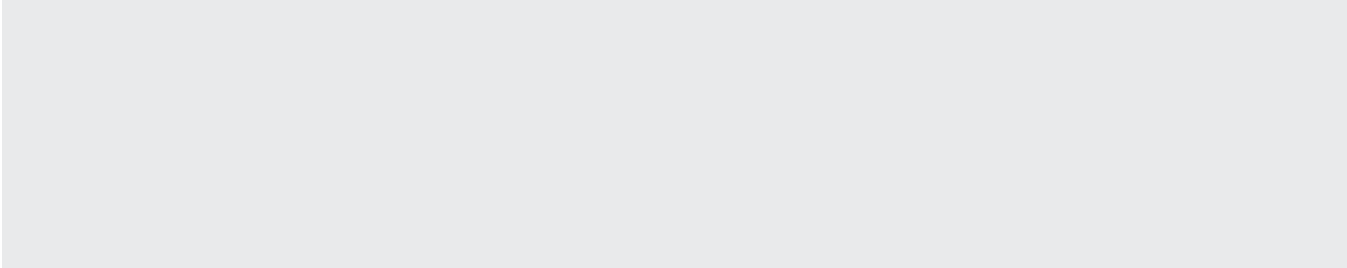


# Community Pillars

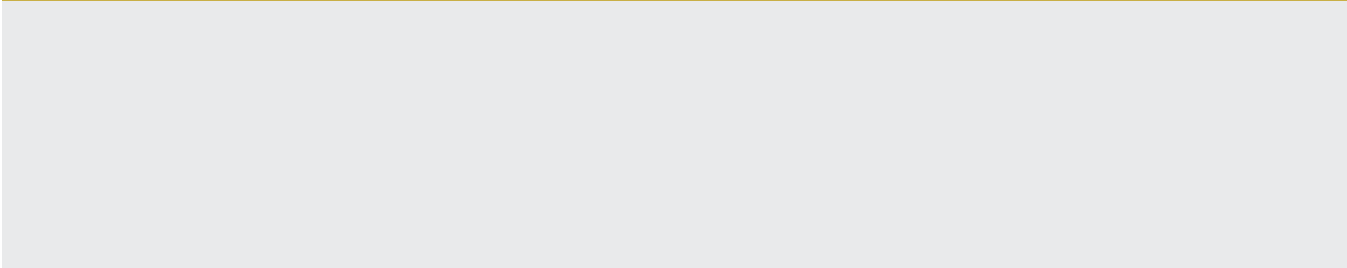
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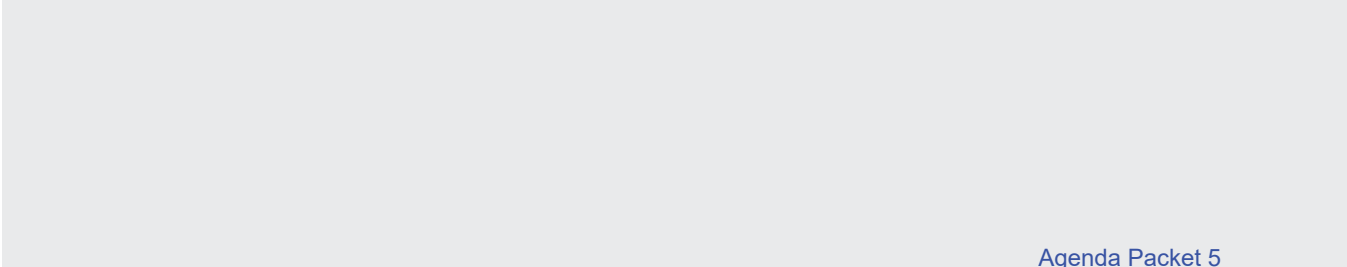
## VARIETY OF HOUSING



## HEALTHY & ENGAGING LIFESTYLES



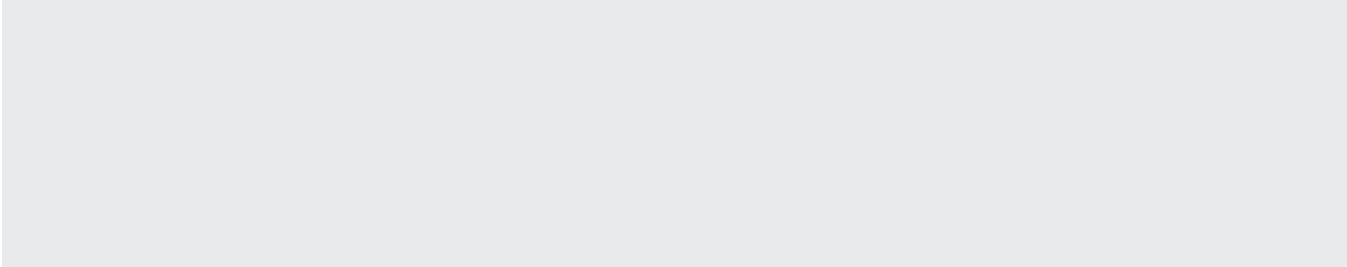
## SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION



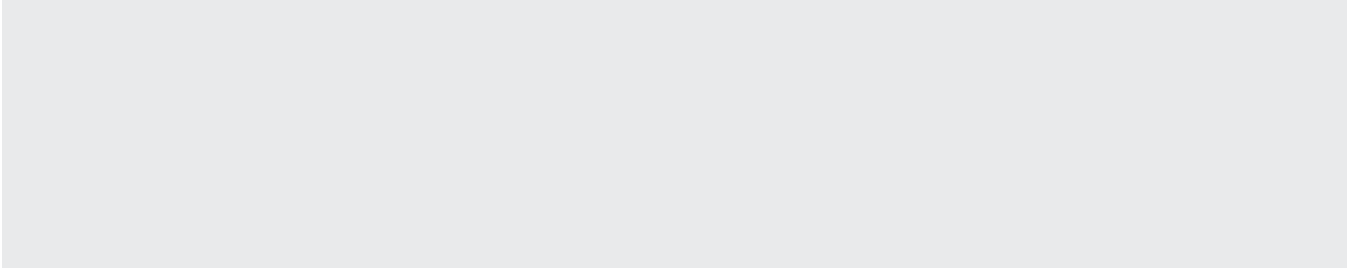


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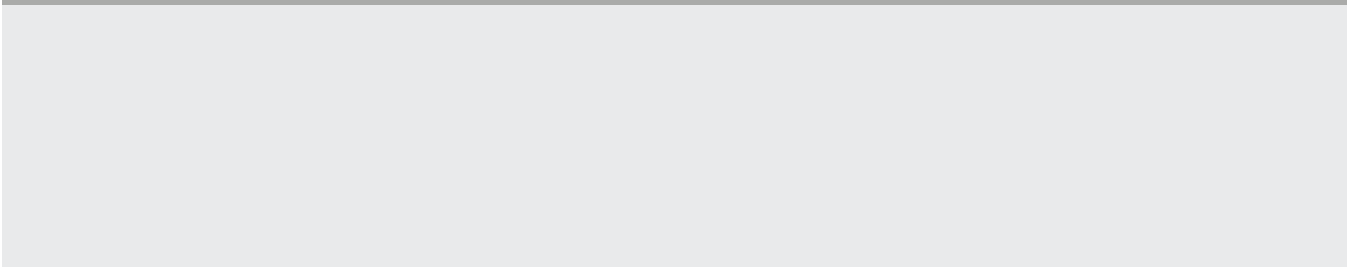
## *CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER*



## *EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE*



## *PARKS AND OPEN SPACE*



## *STORMWATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE*





# Community Pillars

## *TECHNOLOGY*

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## *OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES*

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## *COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT*

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## *REGIONAL COORDINATION*

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# Present Conditions

OTHER **KEY THEMES**  
TO CONSIDER?

HOW DID YOUR **UNDERSTANDING**  
**OF COMMUNITY** CHANGE OVER  
THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF?

WHAT ARE WINNETKA'S  
GREATEST **STRENGTHS**?

CHOOSE UP TO THREE

SCHOOLS	
VILLAGE CHARACTER	
LAKEFRONT	
WALKABILITY	
COMMUNITY	
SAFETY	
PARKS/OPEN SPACE	
ACCESS TO CHICAGO	
COMMERCIAL AREAS	
VARIETY OF HOUSING CHOICES	

WHAT ARE WINNETKA'S  
GREATEST **CHALLENGES**?

CHOOSE UP TO THREE

VACANT STOREFRONTS	
BUREAUCRACY	
LACK OF DIVERSITY	
AFFORDABILITY	
RESISTANCE TO CHANGE	
ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
CHANGING RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER	
FLOODING	
LACK OF HOUSING CHOICES	Agenda Packet 8