

Silverdale Center Plan & Design Standards

Community Kick-Off and Visioning Workshop – Summary Notes

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Format: Online Meeting (Zoom)

- Colin Poff – Project Manager, Kitsap County
- Jim Rogers – Long Range Planner, Kitsap County
- Scott Diener – Kitsap County
- Commissioner Katie Walters – District 3
- Taskina Tareen – BERK Consulting
- Ana Costa – BERK Consulting
- Casey Price – BERK Consulting

Community Participants:

Approximately 27 members of the public attended the virtual meeting.

Meeting Overview

The community kick-off workshop introduced the Silverdale Center planning process and engaged participants in sharing their ideas and priorities for the future of the area. The agenda included a presentation, interactive polling, and small group discussions.

A presentation ([link](#)) was shared, covering:

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Overview of the planning team and meeting objectives.
- **Interactive Polling (I)** – Participants responded to questions such as:
 - What is your connection to the Silverdale Center?
 - What is your favorite place, feature, or thing about the Silverdale Center?
 - How would you describe the Silverdale Center’s identity today?
(Poll results are available on the County website.)
- **Project Overview** – Goals, timeline, engagement activities, and upcoming milestones.

- **Understanding Silverdale Today** – Snapshot of current development patterns, community characteristics, and physical landscape of the Silverdale Center.
- **Interactive Polling (II)** – Participants shared input on:
 - Three things they love about Silverdale Center today
 - Three things they would improve
 - Hopes for the next 20 years

[\(Poll results are available separately.\)](#)

- **Small Group Visioning Discussions** – Participants were divided into three breakout groups to explore key themes and generate ideas. Each group used visual prompts and a map of the Silverdale Center to guide conversation around four core topics:
 - **Commercial Development & Services:** What types of businesses or services are desired, and where?
 - **Housing:** What types of housing are needed, and in what areas?
 - **Third Spaces:** What kinds of gathering places are important for community life?
 - **Mobility & Connectivity:** How do people get around, and where are improvements needed?

[\(Discussion boards summarizing group input are available online.\)](#)

Each breakout room presented takeaways to the full group after the small group discussions. Discussion highlights are presented below.

- **Next Steps and Continued Engagement**
 - Community members were encouraged to complete and share the Silverdale Center Visioning Survey (open through May 30)
 - A second, in-person community meeting will take place this summer

Breakout Group Highlights

- **Group 1**

Facilitator: Scott Diener | Note-taker: Taskina Tareen

- Mixed opinions on big box stores—convenient but lack character
- Desire for more workforce and senior housing
- Strong support for public spaces, community venues, and small parks
- Interest in enhancing pedestrian and bike infrastructure
- Strong desire for ferry connections

- **Group 2**

Facilitator: Jim Rogers | Note-taker: Casey Price

- Concerns about parking availability and design
- Interest in improved Old Mill Park amenities
- Silverdale Way seen as a barrier—needs to be more walkable
- Desire to enhance existing assets
- Support for 3–5 story buildings in the downtown core
- View protection is a key concern—limit building heights
- Desire for mixed-use development and support for local businesses

- **Group 3**

Facilitator: Colin Poff | Note-taker: Ana Costa

- Stormwater management noted as a priority
- Parking remains a concern
- Strong community value on the waterfront and rowing opportunities
- Interest in multigenerational housing—for both seniors and youth
- Discussion about reimagining the mall space, referencing Totem Lake as a model

Attached Materials

- Presentation Slide Deck
- Interactive Poll Results
- Small Group Discussion Boards