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### Town Center Ideas Viewed At Mountlake Terrace

Four alternative visions for revitalizing Mountlake Terrace's town center were viewed by about 60 people at an open house November 8 at the Mountlake Terrace Public Library. This was the second city-sponsored open house on town center alternatives.

The Town Center area covers about 72 acres along 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from about 228<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest to 244<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest. The area is mostly one block deep but widens to three blocks in some parts.

The alternatives each reflected different visions for the City's future downtown, ranging from a "no action" option to an option featuring a central core of 4-10 story mixed-use buildings, a plaza, and wide sidewalks. Two other options, including one with mixed-use buildings no more than 4 stories tall, were also presented.

Community reaction varied, with some concerned about traffic and others favoring even more downtown development than the options shown.

Town Center options, along with written comments from people at the open houses, can be viewed on the City's webpage at [www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter). The City Council directed that a new Town Center Master Plan, be developed this year.

Participants at earlier workshops and roundtables asked for the Town Center to be vibrant, attractive, and walkable, with restaurants, neighborhood retail stores, coffee shops, and public gathering places.

A proposed plan and any code amendments will be the subject of a Planning Commission public hearing on November 27, 7:00 p.m. public hearing at the Mountlake Terrace Library. The City Council will hold a public hearing at the same location on December 18 and make an initial decision on the Town Center's future. Public comments are invited at both hearings.

Adoption of a final Town Center Plan is set for January 2.

For more information, see the City's webpage at [www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter) or call 425.744.6266.

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