



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Golden Vision 2030 – The Heart and Soul of Golden?

Golden Vision 2030 – The Heart and Soul of Golden is a new initiative of the Golden City Council asking the Golden community to define the future of our community. Over the course of the next two years, residents will have the opportunity to work on planning for our future based upon the values most important to the community.

2. Why is this project starting now?

City Council has noted a feeling in the community that the City has taken a reactive role to growth and land use decisions in the past. Council wants the City to take the lead in determining the future of the community in this area. The project is starting now based upon that direction.

3. What will result from the project?

The first big result of the project will be the Golden Vision 2030 document, which will be a detailed statement of the “heart and soul” values of the community, written in a way to guide future City plans and decisions. Following the preparation of the 2030 Vision, the next project results will be updates of the Comprehensive Plan, neighborhood plans, Council strategic plans, and City investment plans.

4. What is the timeline?

The first phase of the project will start with 8 neighborhood events from May through August, 2009, intended to reach members of the community that do not typically participate in public processes and to start to identify the heart and soul values of the community. At the end of the first phase, there will be a community wide celebration of the heart and soul values identified.

5. What makes this different from past planning projects?

The two big differences between this project and prior planning projects in Golden is the concerted effort to include voices that are usually not heard, and to specifically align policies with community values.

6. What will you do with the community values that are identified?

Once the heart and soul community values are articulated, they will become the basis for updating the City's comprehensive plan and other policy documents.

7. What is the storytelling component of the project all about?

Storytelling, as part of the Golden Vision 2030 project, is intended to be used as a way to engage community members on their perspectives and foster shared ownership of planning for the future. Storytelling can draw in more voices, create connections, and build empathy.

8. Who is the Orton Family Foundation?

The Orton Family Foundation works to build vibrant and enduring communities. The Foundation helps small cities and towns articulate, implement and steward their heart and soul assets so that they can adapt to change while enhancing the attributes they value most. The Foundation promotes inclusive, proactive decision-making and land use planning by providing guidance, tools, research, capital and other support to citizens and leaders.

9. Why would I want to participate?

Your participation in this project is the most effective way to help shape the future of the community. Waiting until a landowner or the City proposes some change in the community almost always causes concern or frustration with some residents.

10. What can I do to participate?

Attend neighborhood events and future community events, stay up to date on the project through the website noted below, and tell your story of "what makes Golden, Golden?" at the following website as part of the project:

<http://www.communityalmanac.org>

11. Where can I get updated information on the project?

The best place to get updated information on the project schedule and status is by visiting the project page on the City web site:

<http://www.cityofgolden.net/goldenvision2030>