

## **GROUP 1**

- Business/Community Advocate
- Develop, Appoint a Community Council (Like a town council) recognized by the Thurston County as the representative voice of Rochester. 1LA would spell out the arrangements.
- LID-like framework for addressing issues like parking, utilities, etc. Use the LAMIRD boundary (Which is already recognized by the County).

## **GROUP 2**

- Business Advocate – Person who helps with:
  - regulations/paperwork/forms/steps/find correct person who can help/ person could be business person, not a county employee – Brochure
- Loosen Restrictions –
  - Existing building should not have to start over.
  - Local zoning presence.
  - Flexibility. (Group to work on Advocate idea from here) (Use a county person to assist in working out solution)
- What do we need to do to make this happen?

## **GROUP 3**

- Parking Shortage
  - Business owners could share parking
  - Build community parking lot
  - More flexible code about parking
  - Improve empty storefronts – paint/colors
- Encourage Development
  - Make new improvements/permits less strict
  - Reduce costs to new developers
  - Revisit the sub-area plan
    - Create a focus activity – ie Organic farming, other options like “green” improvements
- Incorporate – Local zoning would be an advantage
  - Grant opportunities
  - Tax/Funding is different as a “City” or a “Town” – We need to know pros/cons
- Consider how Lewis County handles permits/works with developers

## **GROUP 4**

- Community Parking Lot with pedestrian access to businesses
- Town Theme
  - Image, signage, presentation, appearance

- Use for Marketing and tourism
- Bring in compatible businesses
- Route Traffic around - Consider Village concept
- Planned development
  - Tax breaks/incentives
  - Define what type of businesses we want
- Change zoning ordinance to permit/encourage development
- Create a “Rochester Zone” to allow/encourage businesses/developers
  - Need an Identity – flexible zoning
- Transit Options
- Safer traffic corridor – so folks can walk
- Community supported businesses like:
  - Computer services/repair
  - Office supplies
  - Quick copy
  - Pizza place/food take-out
  - Drugstore/Pharmacy
  - Hairdresser/salon
  - Sports bar – family Okay
  - Entertainment/Recreation

#### **GROUP 5**

- Code amendments for this area
- Bike paths – Rochester to Grand Mound/Grand Mound to Rochester
- Keep Horizons Group together to create a “sub-plan” and a “main plan”
- Townships
- Community Council (informal) sub-government (liaison) to permitting
- Elevated walkway from one side to the other (across Hwy 12?)

#### **GROUP 6**

- Legislation at State Level?
- Sidewalk – sewer – infrastructure
- Create a “Stop - N – Shop” area for use via shuttle (between Great Wolf/Lucky Eagle)
- Need some sort of “Authority/District” for Rochester
- Possible Public Development Authority type of sub-government
- Need an Attorney and planner to develop these ideas