SAMMAMISH SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING

February 2, 2010
Goals for tonight

- Overview of sustainability efforts to date
  - Vision statement
  - List of staff work
- Key elements of 2010 sustainability work program
- Grant resources and consultant contract
  - City Council action on contract tonight
- Answer questions
Sustainable Sammamish Vision
City Council discussion in 2009

- Become an environmentally and economically sustainable community by crafting and implementing an achievable, multi-faceted and measureable strategy that maximizes opportunity and efficiency while minimizing cost.
Sustainable Sammamish Vision, cont’d
City Council discussion in 2009

- Continue progress on issues of local importance, help contribute toward larger regional and global goals such as mitigating the effects of climate change, and make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.
Example current efforts

- Tree retention
- Low Impact Development
- Native Plant salvage
- Basin planning
- Fuel/idle policy
- City Manager budget directive
- Transit service improvements
- Community recycling events
- Sustainable September event
- City Hall -- LEED Silver
- Improving bikeway and paths
- Cascade Agenda Cities
- Others…
Sammamish Sustainability Strategy will build on current work and incorporate:

- City Council guidance on vision and goals
- Direction and oversight from City Manager
- Effective community involvement process
- Learning from the experience of peer cities
- Input from Planning & Parks Commissions
- Contributions and implementation from staff, volunteers and residents
Three Legs of Sustainability
- Look for opportunities in each
Sustainability Strategy elements

- **Goals** (ex. reduce greenhouse gas emissions)
- **Strategies** (ex. reduce energy use)
- **Actions** (ex. upgrade lighting, hybrid vehicles)
- ** Benchmarks** (ex. measure energy usage)
  - Maximize efficient use of existing resources
  - Actions for the city as an organization
  - Actions for the community at large
  - Partnerships with schools, etc
Sustainability Strategy Product

- Published document that describes the goals, objectives and elements
- User-friendly and easy to understand
- Works with existing policies and planning documents
- Useful lens to aid decision-making
Resources and uses

- **$135,000 federal grant** (Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program)
  - $60,000 Hybrid vehicle upgrades
  - $10,000 Building energy upgrades
  - $20,000 Home Energy Reports
  - $15,000 Federal grant application (to be redirected)
  - $5,000 Administration/monitoring (to be redirected)
  - $25,000 Sustainability Strategy Plan
    - Consultant Services $ 20,000
    - Project Contingency $ 5,000
Next steps

- Authorize City manager to sign contract with O’Brien & Co – TONIGHT
- Council guidance on policy goals and strategies
- Regular reports from staff
- Community involvement
Sustainable Sammamish Vision

- Environmental and economical sustainable community
- Achievable, multi-faceted and measurable strategy
- Continued progress on issues of local importance
- Contribute toward larger goals
- An even better place to live, work and play…
QUESTIONS?