

COMPLETING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

WHAT'S COMMON TODAY?



IN-HOME BUSINESS



SEPARATED IN-HOME BUSINESS



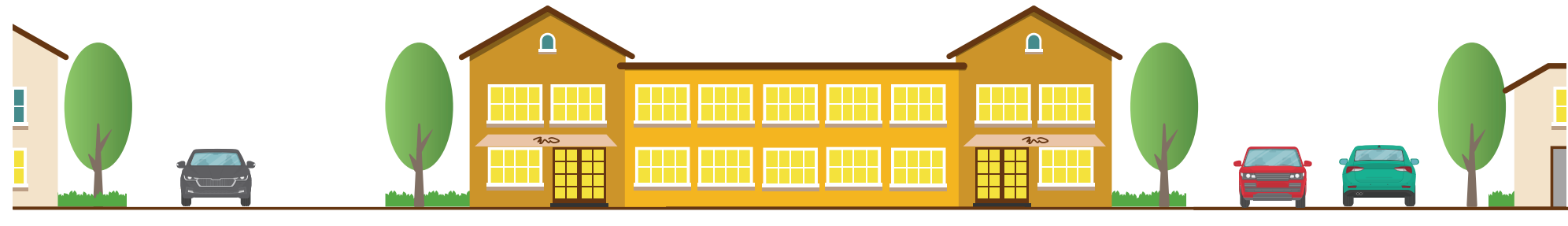
BUSINESS AT FOREFRONT



MULTIPLE UNATTACHED BUSINESSES



MULTIPLE ATTACHED BUSINESSES



LARGE BUSINESS

The Bellingham community wants more **small-scale commercial options** spread throughout the city, particularly in areas close to residential areas for an easy walk or bike ride from home. These spaces help make a place special, provide ways to gather with neighbors, and allow for easier access to essential goods and services, like groceries or medical supplies.

Today, we allow “home occupations,” which are limited commercial uses, such as piano lessons or craft-making, that are allowed to take place within a residence. These require a permit and are limited in external presence and neighborhood impact.

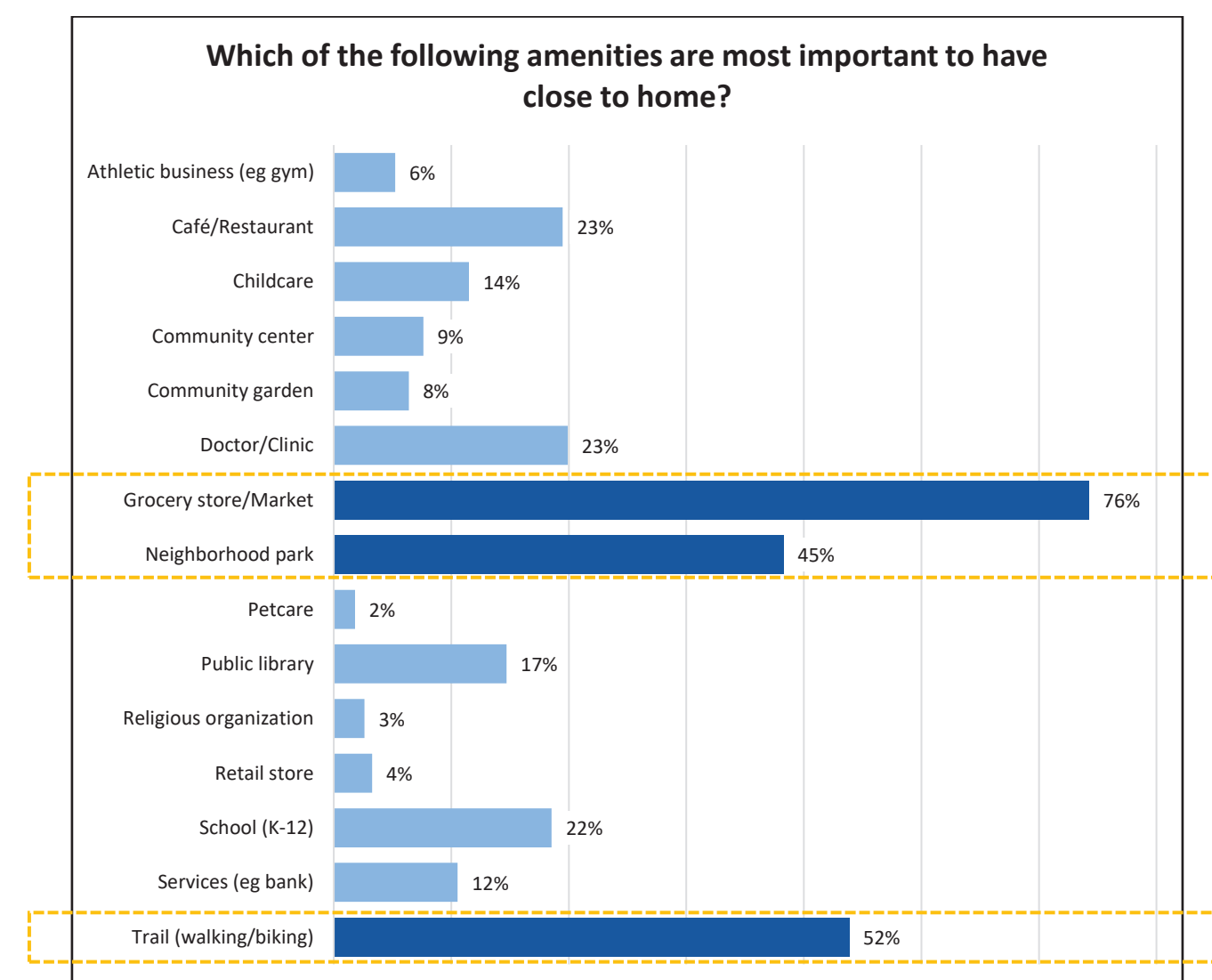
We could allow and encourage more options between these two scales.

Today, only a few of these exist. They are generally older and have been in continuous use since before our current regulations were put in place.



We also have many large commercial areas that allow retail, office, or other uses in large clusters. These areas generally attract visitors from around the city and are separated from residential areas with buffers, roadways, or other transitional elements.

In fall of 2023, more than 4,000 people took our Vision Survey and weighed in on the types of options they'd like to see close to home. The most popular were grocery stores/markets, parks and trails, doctors/clinics, cafes/restaurants, schools, public libraries, childcare, and services like banks.









In your round table discussions later in this meeting, you will discuss where these different scales of uses may be appropriate, and what restrictions would be needed in each case.

We want to know where in the city the MISSING SMALL-SCALE COMMERCIAL OPTIONS are appropriate

Reference the "Completing Our Neighborhoods" board to learn more about the commercial options in residential areas that are missing from the city today.

Look at the different options for commercial uses in residential areas below. Most of them are missing in Bellingham today. Put an "X" on any you think are appropriate in each of Bellingham residential areas. Then note on the back any conditions or thoughts you have.

Currently Residential Areas

	Near Urban Villages	Along frequent transit	Along arterials/major roads	At residential intersections	Within all residential areas
 <p>IN-HOME BUSINESS</p>					Currently allowed with permit X
 <p>SEPARATED IN-HOME BUSINESS</p>					
 <p>BUSINESS AT FOREFRONT</p>					
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Currently common in commercial areas but not allowed in residential areas

Flip for an additional question and place to add additional information about your choices.

We want to know what else needs to be considered for MISSING SMALL-SCALE COMMERCIAL OPTIONS

What other considerations would you like to add? Are there particular requirements or concerns you would want addressed before allowing these in the places you marked?