

Seattle Neighborhood Workshops

SUMMARY THEMES

Westwood

Assets –

- Transit—Rapid Ride C and other lines; transit hub
- Southwest Community Center and Pool
- Roxhill Park, Delridge Triangle Park; planning grant for park at 25th Ave vacant lot
- Longfellow Creek and Roxhill Bog headwaters, which are home to coho salmon and trout; suggestion to daylight the stream by Westwood Village
- Westwood Village shopping
- Delridge Way commercial district, and opportunity for more development and use as a boulevard
- Schools
- Russian Orthodox Church, which has programs for refugees; other small churches
- Salvation Army training facility
- White Center's commercial area to the south, casino/bowling alley
- Diverse and long-term residents
- Asset needs:
 - More wetlands, stormwater protection, green space, parks, especially in southeastern part of Urban Village; steep slope makes it difficult to reach Roxhill Park
 - Lack of connectivity with Urban Village
 - Infrastructure needs already exist—hospital, parks, drainage, sidewalks

Proposed zoning changes –

- Favorable:
 - Like expanded commercial corridor and adding density along Delridge Way
 - General mix of zoning is OK; areas by Westwood Village, along 21st Ave. and north of Cambridge could be increased in zone and/or MHA requirement
 - Several opportunities to increase intensity of zoning within the Urban Village
 - Like requiring affordable housing in the community, not fee in-lieu to add elsewhere
 - Suggest including White Center as part of Urban Village plan
 - Some suggest adding mixed use on Barton
- Concerns:
 - Adding density without infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, drainage, parks) and parking
 - Environmental issues; impact on Longfellow Creek; effects of adding impervious surface
 - Consider topography for transitions between zones, and access to parks and transit
 - Transitions between LR1/LR2 apartments and single family homes
 - Displacement of seniors and long-term residents; whether the neighborhood will become unaffordable
 - Interest in family-sized units, and encouraging home ownership not rentals
 - Include/consider schools
 - More/wider outreach needed to community to get diverse voices