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Post Walk Updates

Aurora Licton Urban Village

Find It, Fix It Community Walk

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Post Walk Updates — Aurora Licton Urban Village

On May 31, 2016, Mayor Murray led the 15th Find It, Fix It Community Walk in Seattle in the Aurora Licton Urban Village. Over 75 community members and dozens of City staff attended the Community Walk to discuss public safety issues in the neighborhood and to highlight positive aspects of the community. This report summarizes all of the current updates on Aurora Licton community concerns and questions brought up during the Find It, Fix It Community Walk process.

Find It, Fix It Mobile App Fixes

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It Mobile Application requests sent in during and following the walk in Aurora Licton. The yellow updates signify fixes that are still in progress and the green updates mean that the fix was completed. Don't have the Find It, Fix It App? Android users can download the app from the Google Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.seattle.searequests> and iPhone users can download it from the App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-it-fix-it/id568509551?mt=8>

Other Report of Find It, Fix It app submission error 9524 ASHWORTH AVE N	FAS	6/15/16: Response sent to customer: the problem was temporary and no longer affects the device or the app in general
Other Consider accessibility issues and need for more service types for Find it Fix app 1153 N 91ST ST	FAS	6/15/16: ADA coordinator reached out to customer to discuss accessibility issues 7/7/16: Awaiting customer's response 7/7/16: FAS reached out to other cities to see if they had similar requests
Graffiti report Graffiti Side of building (Graffiti Private property enforcement) 8951 AURORA AVE N	SPU	6/16/16: 1st notification sent 6/29/16: Inspection, 2nd notification sent
Graffiti report Graffiti on sign (Graffiti Private property enforcement) 8954 AURORA AVE N	SPU	6/16/16: 1st notification sent 6/29/16: Inspection, 2nd notification sent
Graffiti report Graffiti on side of House (Graffiti Private property enforcement) 949 N 90TH ST	SPU	6/16/16: 1st notification sent, 6/29/16: Inspected, graffiti removed
Overgrown vegetation Trim overgrown bushes & report of unauthorized camping 9501 ASHWORTH AVE N	SDOT	6/1/16: Site entered into Seattle Encampment Response Information System (SERIS). Site maintenance scheduled for 6/15/16 7/5/16: Complete
General Inquiry Trim overgrown bushes and report of unauthorized camping 9501 ASHWORTH AVE N	SDOT	6/15/16: Complete
General Inquiry Repaint yellow curb surrounding alleyway indicating a no parking area Alley between 1611 and 1617 N 90TH ST	SDOT	6/17/16: Reported, scheduled for painting 6/29/16: Complete
General Inquiry This fence was put up by a homeowner taking possession of part of a neighborhood park. Help!	SDOT	6/6/16: Closed. Response from Street Use sent, property owner has applied for a permit

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Find It, Fix It Mobile App Fixes

Pothole Stone AVE N & N 107TH ST	SDOT	6/13/16: Potholes were filled via WO #439205
Overgrown vegetation Enforce overgrown vegetation violation 9730 ASHWORTH AVE N	SDCI	6/10/16: Violation verified and Notification of Violation mailed to property owner 7/7/16: New warning with 30-day compliance date being sent to owner
Overgrown vegetation Enforce overgrown vegetation violation 9802 LINDEN AVE N	SDCI	6/10/16: Violation verified and Notification of Violation mailed to property owner 7/7/16: New owner, warning will be sent, issue will be pursued by SDCI until compliance from owner



Seattle Police Department (SPD) North Precinct Updates

Illegal Dumping: Seattle Police Department (SPD) has partnered with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) by notifying them about illegal dumping when SPD finds it. SPU will then send a crew to address the issue.

Crime: The Captain has authorized an emphasis patrol in the area (Aurora Licton) to augment what is being done by patrol and Community Police Team (CPT) in the area.

Illegal Parking: SPD has done two early morning emphasis notifying vehicles that are over 80 inches wide that they cannot park in residential communities. Over 30 citations have been issued with some impounds. For more information, visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parking72hour.htm>

Drug use: Vice is doing bi-monthly stings in the area for both the buyers and sellers.

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Safe Routes to School

What improvements (e.g. new crosswalks, traffic lights, signage, etc.) are coming to ALUV with Safe Routes to School?

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will install a school zone (20MPH school zone signs and advanced warning signs) on all streets adjacent to the new schools and flashing beacons for the school zone on N 90th St and Wallingford Ave N. SDOT received a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for additional enforcement, a driver education campaign, and middle school student traffic safety education. SDOT is also working with WSDOT to select crossing improvements for Aurora Ave N to make it easier and safer for students to walk and bike to school.



Are there any upcoming meetings to discuss Safe Routes to School?

Upcoming Events:

- N 92nd St Protected Bike Lanes (one element of the larger project) Walk and Talk with neighbors, **Sat., July 23, 10 AM**, meet at Licton Springs P-Patch
- North Seattle Greenway & School Safety Project open house: **Wed., July 27, 5:30 - 7 PM**, Crown Hill Center, 9250 14th Ave NW

If you are unable to attend these events, visit the project website to view the public engagement map and take a community input survey: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/NSeattleSafety.htm>

How much community input have you received thus far?

SDOT has been working with the Neighborhood Greenways group and the Licton Springs Community Council. SDOT has also participated in walking audits and helped provide technical assistance with their assessment.

When will the project be complete?

It is SDOT's goal to have these safety improvements made before the school opens in 2017.



Sidewalks

SDOT has been working on an update to the **Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP)** and released the draft Plan for public comment in early July. The Plan identifies priority locations for pedestrian improvements throughout the city over the next 20 years, based on a citywide analysis of data related to the Plan goals of Vibrancy (demand), Safety, Equity, and Health. Because SDOT can only afford to build or improve a certain number of sidewalks or crossings each year, the intent is to focus resources in areas where conditions are difficult, and where people need to be able to walk the most.

The updated PMP includes a **“Priority Investment Network” (PIN)**, which identifies Seattle streets where SDOT proposes to direct pedestrian improvements moving forward. The PIN was developed based on input from residents across Seattle, who told SDOT that they should focus pedestrian investments on:

- Streets connecting families and children to schools
- Streets connecting people to transit stops
- Sidewalks and crossings on busy arterial streets
- Residential streets where sidewalks are missing
- Locations where pedestrians are injured

As such, the PIN includes all streets (both arterial and non-arterial) that provide walking connections to public schools and frequent transit stops. The maps within the PMP will identify the streets that provide these key walking connections, which will be prioritized for pedestrian improvements during the 20-year planning timeline.

Now that the PMP is released, SDOT will be collecting public input, including feedback on the Plan’s proposed prioritization methodology, the Priority Investment Network, and other strategies included in the Plan (including low-cost walking improvements). The full public review draft (as well as additional project info) is available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedMasterPlan.htm>, as well as at all public libraries. You can also sign up to receive project notifications at the webpage listed above. Public comments will be used to develop the Mayor’s recommended plan that will go to Seattle City Council for review and adoption this fall.



Sidewalks

Has the Move Seattle Levy provided any potential for getting sidewalks to ALUV?

Yes, the Levy to Move Seattle includes \$61M over nine years to construct up to 250 blocks of new sidewalk in neighborhoods that currently lack them to improve pedestrian safety and make neighborhoods more accessible. Additionally, the Levy includes \$15M to repair up to 225 blocks of sidewalk in need of maintenance, \$30M to improve and construct curb ramps and crossing improvements, and \$7M to improve safe walking and biking routes to schools.

How will the North Seattle Greenway project affect the area? Will sidewalks be included in this project?

SDOT is engaging the Crown Hill, Greenwood, Licton Springs, and Northgate communities in an outreach process this summer to help us design a traffic safety project connecting five schools and five parks. With redevelopment of the Seattle Public Schools' Wilson-Pacific site at 1330 N 90th St into three new schools, this is an opportune time to plan for and build out three projects in the area to provide better walking and biking connections.

Three proposed projects:

- 1) East-west neighborhood greenway options include N 90th St, N 92nd St, or N 100th St from Holman Rd NW to the Wilson-Pacific site and the planned Northgate Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge
- 2) Protected bike lanes across Interstate 5 on N 92nd St from Wallingford Ave N to 1st Ave NE
- 3) Traffic signal at the intersection of Aurora Ave N and N 92nd St

While sidewalks are beyond the scope and budget of the current neighborhood greenway program, SDOT can use tools like speed humps and 20MPH signs to help calm traffic on shared streets making them more comfortable to walk and bike on. Traffic calming evaluations indicate they are a successful tool for slowing speeds. Read SDOT's speed hump report at <http://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2014/10/31/the-speed-hump-report/>

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Sidewalks



Are there short-term solutions available to make the streets safer for pedestrians?

Yes, in addition to the greenway project currently scheduled for construction in ALUV, there are several other options that neighbors can pursue to make streets safer for pedestrians in their neighborhood, including:

1) Conduct a speed study

Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at our neighborhood service centers. More information about checking out the radar gun can be found at Neighborhood Traffic Calming page at http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm

2) Report incidents to the police

The decision to take traffic calming measures is made around the need to improve safety. SDOT uses collision data that is reported to the police to prioritize projects.

3) Get in touch with your local neighborhood/community council

Connecting with your neighborhood council is always a great way to gauge what type of support you have for what you are proposing and gain support from others as you begin to strategize solutions moving forward. The Northwest District contacts can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-districts/northwest>

4) Consider applying for Neighborhood Parks and Street Fund (NPSF) in 2017

The Neighborhood Parks & Street Fund Program is a great resource for residents and businesses. If you determine that there is a collision or a speeding concern, you would apply to the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund. This program builds projects that are requested by community members and prioritized by Neighborhood District Councils in the Department of Neighborhoods. Find more program information and an application here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-park-and-street-fund>

5) Consider applying for Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF)

This fund is highly recommended for developing neighborhood or street plans. It can also be used to install a traffic calming device if there is a documented problem. These are funds to provide neighborhood groups with City resources for community-driven projects that enhance and strengthen their own neighborhoods. All projects are initiated, planned and implemented by community members in partnership with the City. Every award is matched by a neighborhood's or community's resources of volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services or cash. This community match is at the heart of the NMF Program. For more information, visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund>

Vacant Buildings

N 88th St – Vacant; Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) has secured a couple of times and cleaned up – deceased owner, property in foreclosure.

Interlake Ave N – Squatter, shipping container in front yard, overgrown, junk. SDCI recently located the owner and she is going to start working on the property.

N 92nd St – Secure but vacant; old house has had squatters in the past – owner responsive, property was just removed from our vacant building monitoring program.

Ashworth Ave N – Appears secure, on vacant building monitoring for overgrown vegetation and junk storage.

N 93rd St – Vacant, secure, a little overgrown.

Nesbit Ave N – This is a long standing vacant – a number of 4-plexes, they are in compliance now after placing them on vacant building monitoring. Apparently a lot of campers park on Nesbit alongside of this property—but the properties themselves are in compliance.



Community Meeting Space

When construction on Robert Eagle Staff Middle School and Cascadia Elementary School is complete, contact the main offices of the schools or go to <http://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=15599> to rent room space within the schools for community meetings.

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Zoning Changes

The Office of Planning and Community Development suggests participating in Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) discussions to possibly change zoning. Visit <https://hala.consider.it/> to voice concerns related to HALA and see what others have to say.



Licton Springs Park



Seattle Police Department officers walked Licton Springs Park in early June with Patrick Merriam from the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (SPR) to discuss safety. SPD and SPR looked over Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design suggestions and went over the new play area plans.

What are the hours of the Licton Springs Park restrooms? It seems that they are often closed.

From April to November the comfort station is opened by SPR staff at 8:00am and closed at around 8:00pm by a security vendor.

Pruning and lighting in Licton Springs and Mineral Springs Parks would deter illegal activities. What if I would like to prune in either park?

Volunteers can prune on both sites as guided by Parks staff. Licton Springs has a “Friends of” group headed by Liz Kearns for many years. Please speak to her about any plans to prune out of respect for her long term involvement. (Contact information for Liz Kearns listed below)

Mineral Springs’s site coordinator, Lowell Shields, is a longtime disc golf advocate and site volunteer lead. He would need to have input on any landscaping changes to the park. The golfers understand the problems in the park, but are protective of what is cut because the course can be negatively impacted if the “fairways” are cut.

SPR and Seattle City Light will be adding these new lighting elements to Licton Springs Park:

- LED lights to the three existing poles inside the park (this will brighten up the existing lighting)
- motion lights to the roof of the comfort station building

SPR did a walk around of the perimeter of the park and several of the City Light poles have lights that shine into the park. These lights were evaluated after dark by SPR employees and they are working.

HAVE FUN, GET FIT, AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Join **FRIENDS OF LICTON SPRINGS** for monthly work parties – Get yourself and LICTON SPRINGS PARK in shape!

2016 Work Party dates: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

Meet at the park’s “Comfort Station,” 97th & Ashworth: 2nd Saturday of each month 10am-2pm – rain or shine

Tools and gloves provided, wear appropriate clothing (muck boots recommended)

Community Project Grants

Community members submitted three Find It, Fix It Community Project Grant applications for Aurora Licton Urban Village. The selection committee granted funds to two projects. Over the next couple of months, the project leads will collaborate with the City and the Aurora Licton community to get the projects going.

Project 1: Permanent art installation on the Aurora pedestrian bridge

Who: Aurora Licton Urban Village

What: The artwork concept is children crossing the bridge to represent the new schools in the area and hopefully make it fun and encourage the school children to use the bridge to cross Aurora. The first section of art will be on the north side of the bridge. Material will be rolled stainless steel instead of sheet metal to eliminate an area for vandalism such as tagging. Steel will be wrapped in colored reflective tape, so even though it is on one side of the bridge it will be seen from both sides. With additional



grants, Aurora Licton community members will continue to add children with different activities that the neighborhood can vote on, additional installations will keep the neighborhood invested and engaged in the process

Why: This inspirational installation will be an elevated beacon of how village residents can work with the city to create tangible change in the most prominent of places: A literal bridge under which some 30,000 cars daily pass, and a figurative bridge between the hemispheres of a village that has been bifurcated for decades. People from all walks of life will see this installation and know that things don't have to stay the same.

When: Summer/Fall 2016 (or) when permitting process is complete

Project 2: N 95th St and Ashworth Ave N right of way clean up

Who: Here We Go!

What: This much needed project will clear out & clean up the cut-thru path on N 95th St to Ashworth Ave N. The grass & weeds need to go, down to dirt. Mulch will be added to replace all ground cover & around the existing trees and bushes.

Why: This area breeds garbage, needles, used condoms, & much more. At one point at least two people lived in their tent in this corridor. The corridor is heavily used by the neighborhood. Especially because the path is adjacent to Licton Springs Park, this needs to be safer. This project will result in making this area a safer common space, increasing peoples' connection & pride in their neighborhood and creating a happier neighborhood!

When: Cleanup date planned for August 2016

Want to get involved? Please contact Laura Jenkins at (206) 233-5166 or laura.jenkins@seattle.gov.

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What do I do with needles, syringes, and other sharps?

Needles, syringes, and other sharps are considered biomedical waste and dangerous litter and require proper disposal. If you use or find sharps and need information on how to properly dispose of used sharps, here is some guidance:

4 Ways for Seattle Residents to Report Sharps on City Property

1. **Complete** an Illegal Dumping Report which you can find online at www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/.
2. **Call** the illegal dumping hotline at (206) 684-7587 Monday to Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.
3. **Report** sharps via the Find it, Fix it Mobile App: www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app.
4. **Contact** the Parks Maintenance Request Line to report sharps on City of Seattle parks grounds Monday to Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm, at (206) 684-7250. After hours, contact the Park Duty Officer at (206) 982-4583.

City staff can clean up discarded sharps in public areas but are unable to remove sharps from private property. If you are unsure if a discarded sharp is on public or private property call the Customer Service Bureau at (206) 684-2489 (CITY) for advice.

Tips for Picking up Sharps on Private Property

If you find sharps on private property in your neighborhood, use these tips to maximize your safety:

- To pick up sharps more safely, you will need at least a **sharps container**, **gloves**, a **grabber tool**, and **closed-toe shoes**
- Treat all discarded sharps/needles as if contaminated.
- Never pick up discarded sharp/needles with your bare hands. Wearing **gloves** can protect against fluid contamination, but not punctures or cuts.
- Use a **tool**, like tongs, to pick up the sharp/needle.
- Always wear **closed-toe shoes** to protect your feet.
- Pick up the sharp/needle by the plastic end, pointing the sharp tip away from your body.
- Do not attempt to recap a syringe if found uncapped.
- Wash your hands with soap and water afterwards.

Tips for Disposing of Sharps from Private Property

- Avoid walking a far distance holding a sharp/needle.
- Do not hold the container while placing the sharp inside. Instead, put the container on a stable surface.
- Place the needle point down into the sharps container.
- Securely place the lid on the container and ensure it is sealed.
- Hold the container by the top when carrying.

What do I do with needles, syringes, and other sharps?

Where to Dispose Sharps from Private Property

- In the City of Seattle, it is *illegal* to dispose of needles, lancets, and syringes in your regular garbage can or recycling container.
- If you do not have a sharps container, make one from an empty household container that cannot be punctured, stays upright, is made of heavy-duty plastic, does not leak, and that has a tight fitting lid.
- Do not use a milk container, glass container, water bottle, or soda can to make a sharps container.
- If you make your own sharps container, clearly label the container "SHARPS, DO NOT RECYCLE."
- Bring sharps containers to South Recycling and Disposal Station (130 S Kenyon Street) from 8:00am-5:30pm 7 days a week. It is free to dispose of 1 sharps container per trip.
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to dispose of sharps containers.
 - In Aurora Licton, the Group Health lab at Northgate Medical Center (9800 4th Avenue NE accepts containers Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.
- Syringe drop boxes are available 24 hours a day at the following locations:
 - Downtown Public Health Center (2124 4th Avenue, Seattle)
 - The Auburn, Eastgate (Bellevue), and Federal Way Public Health Centers

Questions on sharps disposal?

Visit www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/hiv/resources/disposal.aspx or call Seattle-King County Public Health at (206) 263-2000.



Community Contacts

Below are contacts related to this report and to your neighborhood:

Friends of Licton Springs Park

Joe Kiegel, (206) 399-9274

Liz Kearns, (206) 525-5243 or lizkearns@hotmail.com

Aurora Licton Urban Village Community Group

Website: <http://auroralictonuv.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AuroraLicton/>

Licton Springs Community Council

Website: <http://www.lictonsprings.org/council/council.html>

Email: lictonsprings@hotmail.com

Seattle Neighborhood Greenways

Website: <http://seattlegreenways.org/neighborhoods/>

Neighborhood District Coordinator

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Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-district-coordinators>

Safe Routes to School

Ashley Rhead, Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator, ashley.rhead@seattle.gov or 206-684-7577

SPD North Precinct Community Police Team

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Find It, Fix It Community Walk updates and information

Website: www.seattle.gov/finditfixit

Questions on this report?

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