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- Hub urban village
- Other urban design review areas

Community reporting areas:
- Olympic Hills
- Victory Heights
- Cedar Park
- Meadowbrook

North District Planning Area
Components

✓ Commercial Revitalization Plan

✓ Urban Design Framework

✓ Multi-Model Corridor Study
2013
Q4

OIS grant application

2014
Q1

Urban Design Framework: streetscape concept plan, potential rezones

Q2

OIS strategic planning: clean and safe; marketing, promotions, business attraction; BIA planning

Q3

Council approval of rezones

Q4

2015
Q1

on-going commercial revitalization program

Q2

Q3

SDOT TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS | MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY

PARKS & PROGRAMMING

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ONGOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

public meeting

public meeting
People & Groups
(tentative)

Leadership Group
Steering Committee

- Health and Human Services
- Economic Development & Urban Design
- Parks & Programming
- Safe Walkable Streets & Transportation
Roles (tentative)

- Leadership Group
- Steering Committee
- Co-Chairs
- Facilitator

- Working Groups
  - Safe, Walkable Streets; Efficient Transportation
  - Parks and Programming
  - Health and Human Services
  - Economic Development and Urban Design
Urban Design Framework.

- Framework guiding future development
- Strong Partnerships
- Policy Changes
  - Comp Plan Updates
  - Zoning
  - Design Concepts
Ground Rules

- Everyone’s voice
- Take Turns
- Listen & Respect
- Keep things moving
- Positive Solutions
- Facilitation

- Be on Time
- Catch up quietly
- Respect the process
- Professionalism
Responsibilities

• Attend Meetings
• Positive Communication
• Assist in Outreach & Implementation
• Play Appropriate Role

• Leverage Resources
• Participate
• Advocate
• Bring Knowledge
• Collaboration
Participating Agencies

- City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development
- City of Seattle Department of Transportation
- City of Seattle Office of Economic Development
- Lake City Neighborhood Alliance
Agenda

- Welcome........................................................................ 5:30 - 5:35
- Project Principles......................................................... 5:35 - 6:00
- Past Plans........................................................................ 6:00 - 6:30
- Project Principles......................................................... 6:30 - 7:30
LAKE CITY

urban design

Review of Previous Plans
March 2014
1992 Urban Village Visualization Workshop

**POSITIVE**
- natural features: Thornton Creek
- rural character
- transit connections

**NEGATIVE**
- lack of pedestrian infrastructure
- auto-oriented
- poor transitions between commercial & residential uses

“Making the pieces add up: continuing to find ways to hook places and development together.”
1999 North District Neighborhood Plan

- LCW is a nice boulevard but divides east from west
- build out and around the civic core
- strengthen the business district
- support community organizations & respect their input
- improve public safety
- enhance natural systems & create more parks
- encourage a balanced mix of housing
- improve access to human services
- strengthen design review
2001 Civic Center Master Plan

Studied 11 alternatives to implement neighborhood plan goals:
» library expansion
» neighborhood service center relocation
» Albert Davis Park
» parking garage
» “town square” plaza

Library and park opened in 2005
2007 Neighborhood-Specific Design Guidelines

- balance scale of commercial and residential
- increase safety
- make the area attractive
- create a convenient, pedestrian-friendly business district
- accessible by all modes, for all abilities
- connect to open space
- increase sense of community

“Create a unique, place-making image for the designated Hub Urban Village resulting in a scale and ambiance that people like, feel comfortable in, and want to return to.”
2009 Status Check

» need pedestrian & bike infrastructure
» safety is a concern – crime & graffiti has increased
» strengthen design review
» strengthen the business district
» build more green infrastructure – parks, trails, trees
» improve transit service, including light rail

“Community spirit is alive and needs to grow with additional civic-sponsored community events.”
Several key elements for the Pierre properties emerged through the planning process. These elements provide the framework for design recommendations for the Properties as well as the rest of the corridor, and work to address the concerns and incorporate the ideas of the Lake City Community.

Create Distinct Districts

Distinguishing districts in the study area will break up the linearity of the corridor by creating a series of distinct and connected places. Each district responds to and builds upon the context of the surrounding urban environment and contributes a particular identity and purpose to the Lake City community. The intent of a particular district guides decisions and design of land use, open space, street character, and density levels. Residents helped to identify and confirm the character of the following districts:

- **Lake City Civic Core**
- **South Town**
- **Thornton Creek Crossing**
- **Gateway District**

Proposals for boundary lines among the districts are based on principles of walkability, public space, and density. The Civic Core and Gateway District are intended to develop higher density than the residential areas of South Town and Thornton Creek Crossing.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Key Planning Strategies**

- Strengthen and expand the opportunities for public life, with a special focus on youth