

CROWN HILL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 2

Exploring Emerging Directions

March 3, 2019 from 12:30 – 2:30pm @ Crown Hill Center Gymnasium

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

- In general, participants supported the three community priority areas.
- There was significant interest around creating a unique identity for Crown Hill, both as unique features in the built environment, and by attracting unique small and local businesses and places to walk to.
- Many participants were supportive of more open spaces, green spaces, and social spaces in the public realm.
- Walkability and safety were common themes, both in regard to the lack of pedestrian infrastructure and need for more traffic calming.
- Desire for pedestrian and streetscape improvements in the near future, without waiting for private redevelopment of sites.

Community Priority A: A distinct community with great destinations and a vibrant public realm

- Establish or enhancing gateways into Crown Hill with signage, art, or trees. Support for painting the pedestrian bridge over Holman Road.
- Focus Area: 90th & Mary
 - Shape long-term vision of 90th and Mary as a community heart/destination
 - Support for with pedestrian-priority streets, small businesses, and gathering spaces for events and socializing, seating, businesses that "spill out", space for community market and/or vendors
 - Short-term activation of 90th
 - Painted plaza or pedestrian only street for community events
 - Supportive of painting streets, murals on blank walls, activating uses such as food trucks, music, tables and chairs, events
- More green and open space, green stormwater infrastructure, and street trees; opportunities for P-Patches and/or other gardening spaces
- More community gathering places throughout the neighborhood, places to hang out, bump into neighbors and build connections, free or low-cost activities, especially for children, teens and families
- More businesses and unique destinations to walk to.

Community Priority B: Streets that encourage walking and make it easy to get around

- Support for alternatives to sidewalks as a way to complete network of pedestrian infrastructure, especially permeable surfaces that help address drainage issues. Further exploration for organizing and reallocating space in the right-of-way for other uses that support public life is needed.
- Prioritize connections to transit and schools
- Use traffic diverters to reduce cut-through traffic

- Use design strategies other than traffic humps to slow down cars
- Redesign 17th Ave Greenway to include safer pedestrian travel, GSI, parking, and traffic calming. Additional exploration of design concepts needed.
- Create a walking/biking loop (92nd to 17th to 83rd to Mary)
- Additional crossings on arterials, especially at Mary & 85th and at 15th & 83rd
- Make 15th/Holman more pleasant for pedestrians
- More street trees, medians with trees, and landscaping along 15th & Holman
- Improve bus stops, create a transit hub or amenities at 15th & 85th

Community Priority C: Connected & thriving communities

- More art everywhere
 - Murals on blank walls
 - Incorporated into new development
 - Crosswalks
 - Consider designating an "art walk" around the neighborhood
- Opportunity with redevelopment of large parking lots to:
 - support small businesses
 - include family-sized units
 - increase vibrancy of streetscapes with active uses and more people
- Better utilize/enhance existing amenities: Baker Park, Crown Hill Center
- More community events, stronger identity of business district

WORKSHOP NOTES

The notes below are transcribed as written by community members at the workshop and from staff note, except where handwriting was difficult to read. Images of the workshop boards with notes are available.

PRIORITY A

Mapping Ideas

- Connect all four neighborhoods
- Food trucks
- Art as landmarks and gateways
- Support for painting Holman Bridge
- Gateway locations & concepts
 - Move gateways closer to "center", instead of at edges of urban village
 - Can be a sequential experience, not necessarily one at each corner
 - Art, murals, sculptures, signs, or a tree-based concept
- Events at community space
 - Movie nights
 - Food trucks
 - Bands
- Support for painting 90th
- Treed boulevard on 15th; add more medians like at north end
- Slow down cars on Holman – slow down to get a "sense" of being in Crown Hill
- Opportunity for walking loop, and/or better north-south pedestrian connections

Short-Term Ideas for Mary

- Fruit trees in parking lots
- Food trucks
- Music fest
- Murals on blank walls
- Planter beds of different heights and sizes for all ages
- Support for painting street
- Support for a "shared street" or pedestrian-only/priority street
- Lighting
- Picnic tables
- Weekend events

Future Ideas for Mary & 90th

- Locus of Crown Hill, a "Pioneer Square" for Crown Hill
- Walkable, pedestrian oriented
- Start in one place, make a compact node before stretching along corridors
- Central space for festivals, events, potlucks, movies, music, gathering, eating
- A plaza, bandstand, beer garden

- Bring people together
- Eyes on the street
- Relief and protection for current businesses after upzone
- City should invest in initial gesture
- Human scale buildings and design
- Slow down traffic on Mary, not with speed bumps but with design
- Need an anchor
- Need mid-block connections through to Holman
- Unique features and art
- Parklet-like streetscape down Mary, like precedent image with places or "large stoops" to hang out
- Covered seating
- Mary as a green pedestrian boulevard, expanded park, or "front yard"
- No income barrier to enjoying space
- Space for kids to play!

PRIORITY B

Notes

- Support for alternative sidewalks as a way to get more sidewalks built over a larger area
- Mixed opinions on parking configurations for 17th
- Put up more speed limit signs, and more enforcement
- Force cut-through traffic to arterials ("Berkley Barrier")
- Make sure development provides sidewalks where appropriate, pay elsewhere
- Need direct bus route from CH to downtown without stops at Ballard, QA
- Look for green infrastructure opportunities on 17th Ave Greenway
- Buses 15, 17, 18 - make one of them into 7 days a week with extended hours
- Make Rapid Ride stops more of a transit center, with meeting space, amenities
- Build from existing sidewalks to connect to transit, neighborhood hubs
- How will future transit changes at Northgate and Ballard change flows here?
- Need City Light to prune around power lines.
- Some sidewalks have root impacts, especially at Mary by 15th
- Can some funding from redevelopment pay for local improvements?
- Need for more consistent sidewalks
- 17th north of 85th should be a priority for pedestrian improvements
- City-build curb ramps at intersections to make it easier to string together sidewalks from development
- Options for a streetcar or frequent connector to future light rail?

Mapping Ideas

- Connections to Northgate and Ballard light rail
- Increase frequency of 45 for better connection to Northgate
- Enhanced transit center at 15th & 85th with seating, shelter, basics

- Bus only lane south to Ballard
- Parking will be an issue in the future
- Rear setbacks should be large enough to protect privacy of single-family houses
- More speed limit signs
- Need east-west greenway south of 85th; either 83rd or 77th
- Flooding issues east of 15th
- Retime intersections
- 13th north of 85th should be a priority for sidewalks
- Some street flooding at SE corner of NW90th and 14th Ave NW
- Open ditch around park should be filled in to provide more parking
- Visibility issues on back side of Dick's due to slope, lots of traffic
- Prioritize intersections, then fill in rest

17th Ave Greenway

- Needs lighting
- Humps don't work
- Keep parking, as parking needs will increase
- Back out parking could be dangerous
- Any visual separation would be helpful, even paint and bollards
- Support for moving sidewalks away from road and fewer parking stalls
- Increase number of diverters
- Use permeable paving or gravel for parking areas
- Parked cars or landscaping can provide buffer for pedestrians

Notepad

- Make Mary Ave more pedestrian friendly, with retail and interesting streets
- More small community spaces to bump into people
- City should improve streetscape before new development to encourage use
- Use Pioneer Square as an example of pedestrian realm improvements
- Support opportunity to reorient activity to more neighborhood streets, instead of Holman
- More blending of ped & car environment on 90th - woonerf like
- More vegetation and "natural" traffic calming measures - not speed bumps
- Love to see ideas for Mary as a "Main Street" to continue south of 85th
- Start with north end of Mary to concentrate energy
- Activate streets with blank walls or little lighting to reduce crime
- Food trucks!
- Neighborhood music festival
- Utilize area near QFC
- Opportunities for gardening, P-Patch spaces
- Gateway ideas: murals, bandstands, clear visual indicators, signs, paint the bridge, tree-based concept
- Look at 70th & 15th; more ped-oriented development
- Utilize surface parking for vegetation, food trucks, etc.

- Get art and murals on blank walls
- Destinations or community spaces should not always be commercial or hardscaped
- Don't turn back on 15th? Some concern about the amount of commercial street frontage
- Supported setbacks with green space
- More street lighting
- Expand Baker Park and create a pedestrian boulevard on Mary that connects it to 90th
- Supported mid-block connections
- Community center needed - Petco property?
- Create/link together a biking or walking loop: 90th/92nd to 17th Greenway, to 83rd, to Mary
- Slow cars traveling on Holman/15th

PRIORITY C

Mapping Ideas

- Library
- More overpasses or more/better signed crossings
- Banners
- Use ROW for gardening
- Activate Crown Hill Center and Crown Hill Park more
- Signage at Holman bridge
- Something special in block bound by 15th, Holman, and 90th (triangle shaped) at the bend in the road
- How can we use, preserve, or enhance views to west?
- The Dane is an existing hub, which holds the winter market

Notes

- Create a neighborhood center
- Parking garage with public space on roof
- Concentrate new services/restaurants/retail around bus stops and/or off 15th & 85th where traffic volumes are high
- As CH grows, need more open spaces to serve more residents
- Redevelop neighborhood center with affordable housing
- Consider QFC area where new senior housing will be constructed
- Locate space for small local businesses on side streets, with seating
- Welcome to Crown Hill on overpass
- Create garden space by repurposing right of way
- Art on blank walls on Mary
- Neighborhood market at Mary/90th?
- Street painting on 90th
- More bridges over Holman, safer crossings for peds
- Impact fees for community reinvestment
- Safe streets and traffic calming
- Capacity building, technical assistance, more facilitation
- Alleys not maintained by city
- Where do people hang out? Increased density creates opportunities for recreation and businesses

- Sense of community enhanced by gateways
- Structured and artistic integrity to gateways
- District specific streetscapes; BIA?
- Directories, kiosks, hanging baskets
- Crown Hill historic site near community amenities
- Safeway parking lot redevelopment with community benefits
- Police support
- North-south connectivity
- 83rd as Ped route
- New open spaces
 - Places to sit, watch activities
 - Unprogrammed open space
 - New urban open space with new development
 - Dog parks
 - Variety of parks and open space in urban village
 - P-Patch - acquire lot or relocate
- Improve existing open spaces
 - Crown Hill park

Notes on ortho photo

- Utilize CH Center as neighborhood gathering spot
- Incorporate QFC land, no amenities nearby
- Public art locations on ped streets, art show places for temporary art to be seen
- Entertainment: bowling alley, laser tag, movie theatre. Convert Value Village into bowling alley!
- Keep original MHA proposal for LR on both sides of 14th
- Want a pedestrian crossing at Mary
- Overpasses or underpasses for pedestrians so not dependent on traffic signals
- Focus peds and bikes on streets removed from heavy traffic
- How does the shift from SF to commercial happen so everyone is taken care of and happy with solution?
- *Drawn on map*
 - Mary as a pedestrian street, trees, slow or no traffic
 - Transit hub at 15th & 85th
 - Crossing at Mary & 85th
 - Public parking garage south of 85th & 15th; views west, park on top
 - Block off west portion of block at 90th & Mary to peds only, but allow access to businesses
 - Murals on blank walls on 90th and Mary Ave
 - Mural across from Baker Park
 - Public restroom near 15th & 85th, or as part of new "center"

WORKSHOP 2: OVERVIEW



Workshop Objectives

- Confirming what you told us is important to you
- **Get feedback on draft priorities that will be the focus of the Plan**
- **Explore and prioritize ideas and directions for the Plan**
- Update you on the process and timeline

Workshop Format

There will be three, 30-minute workshop sessions. Three workstations are set up around the room, each focused on a different Community Priority. You can stay for one session and pick the topic most interesting to you, or stay for all three and visit each station.

Introduction 12:30 - 1:00	Work Session 1 1:00 - 1:30	Work Session 2 1:30 - 2:00	Work Session 3 2:00 - 2:30
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How information is organized today...

Background Information Station

Check out these boards to get familiar with the planning process and what we've done so far.

- 1 What is Community Planning?**
This board provides information about the Crown Hill Community Planning process—what we've done and where we are going.
- 2 Background Data**
This board provides some basic background data about the Crown Hill Urban Village and city policies that help shape how Crown Hill grows.
- 3 What We've Heard**
This board provides a summary of input we've heard to date about the community's assets, opportunities, and ideas for what people want Crown Hill to be in the future.
- 4 Overview of Draft Community Priorities**
Based on discussions and feedback we've received so far, City staff have identified several key focus and priority areas to be part of the Crown Hill Community Plan.

Place a dot where you live, work, or own property in Crown Hill!



Workshop Stations on Priorities & Ideas for Action

There is one workshop station for each of the draft Community Priorities. Drop by one or all three of the stations to give us feedback and brainstorm ideas with your neighbors!

Station A

A The Crown Hill Urban Village should be **A distinct neighborhood with great destinations and a vibrant public realm.**

Station B

B Crown Hill Urban Village should have **Streets that encourage walking and make it easy to get around**

Station C

C Crown Hill Urban Village should support **Connected & thriving communities**

Today's community workshop is the second in a series of four.

Each workshop will build on the one before it as we work towards developing an action plan to address community priorities.

Today's workshop is for exploring ideas that address community priorities!



The Crown Hill Urban Village should be a vibrant neighborhood with great destinations and a vibrant public realm.

GREEN REACTION

Explore how large development can contribute to an open space network that supports the public realm

- Small plazas
- Urban gardens
- Large trees
- Places for art

Use Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) to beautify public spaces while solving local drainage problems

Transform underutilized space on streets or long blocks into places for greenspace, plazas, performances, art, or play areas

- Where are underutilized spaces?
- What could go there in the short term?

Create gateway features at the "entrances" to Crown Hill

Where are the "entrances"?
What features should be there?

Add art to the urban pedestrian bridge

Transform a portion of a street into a community space or "street room"

- How to transform 90th in the short term?
- How to transform 90th in the long term? How can new development support a community heart?

Identify and enhance existing landmarks

- What existing landmarks should be emphasized?

Explore urban design strategies to re-image large blocks as mixed-use destinations

- How can large parcels be redeveloped with more pedestrian-friendly design?

Handwritten Notes:

- FOOD TRUCKS w/ ped way
- Patch Spaces Band STAGE
- WELCOME TO CROWN HILL
- Gateway! murals art Signs Tree-lined Street
- connected network of ped paths
- what about \$\$\$...
- N-S connection connects community
- active outdoor space ... community garden
- Walking Loop!
- Low down to get "sense" of being in C.H.
- Tree-d boulevard on 15th?
- After-time options ped improvements walking to work
- Maybe MOVE GATEWAY FURTHER UP
- SAIGON
- Controversial! don't walk in the dirt walk in the dirt at the edge of the U.V. or at the edge of the dirt - can be a beautiful experience

FUTURE IDEAS FOR 90TH & MARY

Existing Conditions & Possible Future Development Under MHA

Evolve 90th as a commercial shared street

Evolve Mary Ave as a strolling street with a mix of storefronts and residences

Handwritten Notes:

- LOCUS OF CROWN HILL
- A "PIONEER SQUARE" FOR CROWN HILL
- walkable small places
- Active Main to reduce crime
- Shared streets prioritize public space while providing access to all modes at various speeds, with priority for designs maintain deliveries, and motor vehicles.
- Evolve 90th as a commercial shared street
- Plan for annual Best Deal, general opening spot
- Flexible Spaces - Space that can accommodate parking or other uses
- Start small, compact, demonstrate success
- Use gardening to activate a few storefronts
- mid-block? No snow barrier for safety
- Bring people to get on the street for safety
- open on the street for safety
- flexible spaces
- RELIEF & PROTECTION FOR CURRENT BUSINESS'S APPRO. DRIVING
- HOW PAY FOR STR-SCAPE?
- "WAG-HE-DOG" - INITIAL GESTURES
- flexible spaces - Space that can accommodate parking or other uses that support retail or residential uses
- Ground-related or individual unit entries
- flexible spaces - Space that can accommodate parking or other uses

