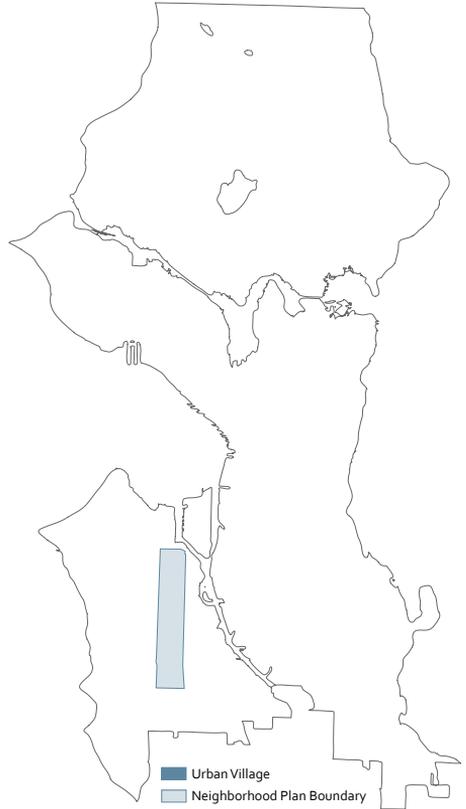


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Who did we hear from?

There were 10-15 people at the Delridge discussion table, including several from the Delridge Neighborhood Development Association (DNDA), most appeared to be long-time residents of the area. Several were very concerned with the loss of the elementary school. Everyone seemed pleased by the conversation but perplexed that there wasn't—or at least there seemed not to be—a regular outlet for these kinds of conversations. 121 people responded to the online questionnaire. Online respondents were equally as likely to have lived in Delridge for less than five years as they were to have lived there for more than five years. A large proportion of online respondents regularly visit the neighborhood; fewer have worked or attended school in Delridge.



What did we hear?

Although some think the neighborhood has declined (townhouse development and more homelessness and crime) most respondents have noticed a marked improvement in the community as mentioned above but would like to see more.

- We need a grocery store.
- Business development has been spotty (at best).
- Transportation is lacking especially east-west.
- Parks and green space are a great improvement.
- Youngstown and Library are great.
- New townhouses have helped the neighborhood!
- New townhouses have destroyed the neighborhood!

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Although there is a general sense of overall improvement especially in park and green space development (Greg Davis and Longfellow Creek), library and the Youngstown Arts Center there is also broad complaint of a lack of amenities and services in the neighborhood, for example lack of a grocery store and access to fresh foods.



What are the differences between the responses?

There was more mention of townhouse development in the online questionnaires and less mention of the loss of the local elementary school which was a sore point for a number of people at the neighborhood discussion.

In their own words...

How has your neighborhoods changed?

Trails are great! Longfellow and West Duwamish Greenbelt trails are no longer garbage dumps, but useable and beautiful. There are more bicyclists in neighborhood now (sharrows, etc.) and I notice much less obvious daytime crime at Riverview playfield (we are almost in Delridge, almost in Highland Park, officially in neither). The presence of SW precinct (and the nice building itself) and, surprisingly, even Home Depot have greatly improved the Delridge/Morgan corner over Kmart and the Dollar store. The Delridge Library is quite nice and some of the townhomes in the corridor look good, but I am dumbfounded by the intended amount of density plus lack of ANY grocery store in the neighborhood; the first one after the West Seattle Bridge down the corridor is QFC 3 1/2 miles South. All the pedestrian focus is great, but not if we can only walk to gas stations. Two successful businesses at the Holden/16th corner have improved that area (Zippy's and Java Hut) and increased community presence.

We have overbuilt on condos that are not filled. We have way too much traffic and not enough parking. We have drug dealers galore and a new homeless population, that are sometimes overly aggressive and inappropriate in public. (i.e. screaming at people with children, urinating in public, etc.)

There seems to be more community involvement for the bettering of the neighborhood. Vacant buildings/land are being identified and re-purposed. Delridge has not always been known as being a great neighborhood to live in, I think we're starting to prove that stigma wrong.