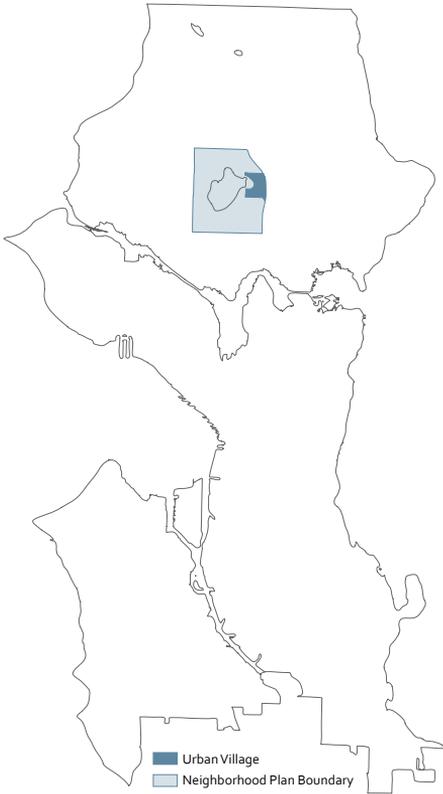


GREEN LAKE



Who did we hear from?

Approximately a dozen people participated in the public meeting discussion and 143 responded to the online questionnaire. Both groups included a diversity of people from residents who had lived in Green Lake for only a short time to a few people who had lived here more than a decade. Many of the online respondents have been regular visitors to the neighborhood and at least three of the participants in the neighborhood discussion worked on the original neighborhood plan.

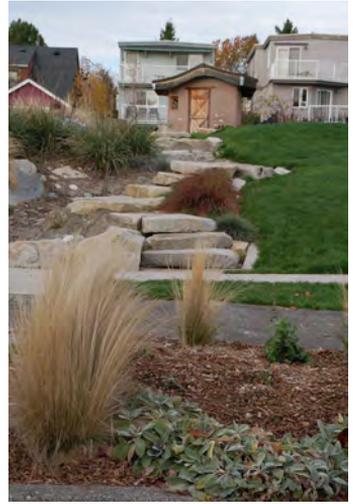
What did we hear?

- Increasing density was a concern for many people who feel that the design of townhouses and condos do not fit into the neighborhood character and create parking problems. Others felt that the neighborhood has grown and livability has increased.
- The loss of the Albertson's grocery store and stalled development at the Vitamilk site were frustrating for many respondents. Others like the new restaurants and businesses.
- Most people felt that there have been positive improvements to parks while others do not like the playfields.
- Most people were frustrated by traffic and parking.
- Generally people feel that there should be more improvements for pedestrian safety.
- Crime, particularly auto break-ins and theft, was mentioned.
- Many people feel that transit service is lacking. The loss of route 6 was lamented.

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?

Comments from online participants were quite similar to those expressed in-person. A couple of issues emerged from the online responses that underscore issues from the neighborhood discussion including the needs for a larger grocery store in the neighborhood, more attention paid to public safety issues especially crime, an effort to try to improve the character of Aurora Avenue through the neighborhood and better data on poverty in the neighborhood. Both in-person and online respondents supported the idea of developing a new community center which is probably the highest priority for Green Lake.



In their own words...

How has your neighborhood changed?

We have developed our urban village; we have exceeded our housing density and low income housing; our safety has improved; Green Lake park has been improved; our library has been upgraded; transportation has not changed.

The main change I have seen is the attempt to develop the neighborhood. However, in the last year there have been several failed or delayed projects (leaving large holes in the ground). Many homeowners have completely renovated older homes, raising the quality of housing and prices of homes in the neighborhood. I have noticed the increase of rents in the Greenlake neighborhood as well.

(1) moving around/transportation has become more difficult. Parking has become far too difficult and public transportation has NOT improved. (2) more dense. (3) Recycling & environmental awareness has been heightened.

A lot of condo and town home development. Lost the only major grocery in the area (Albertsons). More bars and restaurants opened, which is a good thing. Green Lake Park still well maintained. Not a lot changed to the feel of the neighbourhood

We've been here four years, and I feel like I'm seeing my neighbors take a greater interest in taking care of their homes at the same time I'm noticing more graffiti and car break-ins.

A very large apartment/mixed use structure has been completed at 4th Ave NE and Green Lake Way while a major hole in the ground was created when the only grocery market was removed.