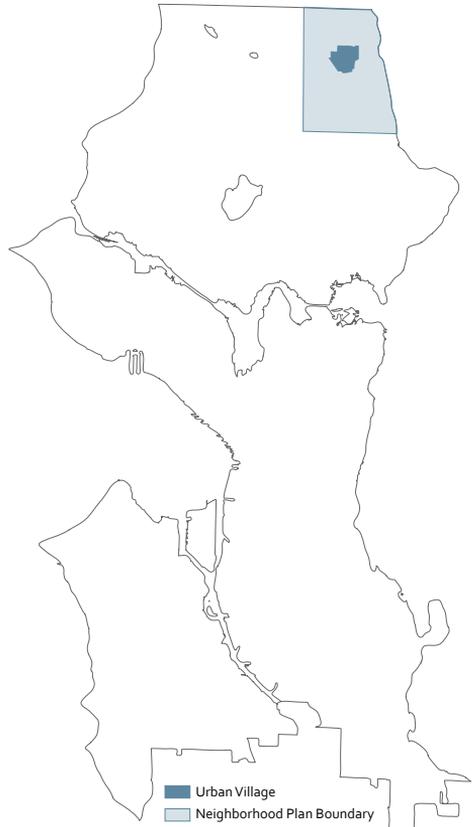


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Who did we hear from?

In comparing the workshop participants (less than 20) to the online participants (100) the comments to the four questions are very similar. The participants are also similar: residents, business owners, people who visit on a regular basis and people who work in Lake City.



What did we hear?

- The City needs to focus on providing sidewalk and bicycle facility infrastructure throughout the neighborhood including ADA accessibility.
- Crime and graffiti has increased, compromising the safety of the neighborhood.
- New development needs to be assessed for design and character compatibility with the neighborhood.
- The Urban Village needs to incubate neighborhood scale businesses and services.
- Additional 'Green Infrastructure' is needed in the form of parks, trails and trees.
- Bus service and light rail needs to expand within and to Lake City.
- Community spirit is alive and needs to grow with additional civic sponsored community events.

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?

Respondents collectively like the addition of the service center, library and the farmers market. They agree the automobile still dominates the neighborhood and infrastructure associated with this has not kept up including the lack of sidewalks and bike lanes. Increased crime seems to be the number one issue for this neighborhood. There are mixed feeling with regards to the Urban Village improvements. Both in-person and online respondents agree they are losing valuable neighborhood small businesses to large chain retailers. Both groups would like to see more 'Green Infrastructure' in Lake City with the addition of parks, trails and street trees. Both agree big box apartments are overtaking their single family neighborhood. They also agree there needs to be more attention paid to the design and character of new development. There is agreement to extend the light rail system to connect with Lake City.



What are the differences between the responses?

More online participants were supportive of the Urban Village improvements and the recent improvements to Lake City Way. The online participants mention the increase in multifamily housing units provides an affordable housing option for Lake City. The in-person respondents stated a decrease in bus service in contrast to the online respondents stated an increase.

In their own words...

How has your neighborhood changed?

The "urban village" in Lake City has grown tremendously, but the surrounding neighborhood has not changed. We're still lacking good local and intra-city public transportation to connect us to the urban hub in Lake City and other parts of the city.

When I was growing up in Maple Leaf we had some small stores, now we have none. No grocery store in all of Maple Leaf, no bank, no post office, no library - nothing. No east-west bus service. People in Maple Leave are car-dependent. This is not good! Maple Leaf is in between U. Dist., Wedgewood, Lake City, Northgate & Roosevelt, but these are all beyond walking distance for shopping and most biz.

More apparent gang activity, graffeti, etc. More density on existing lots. More traffic. Still no sidewalks in most neighborhoods.