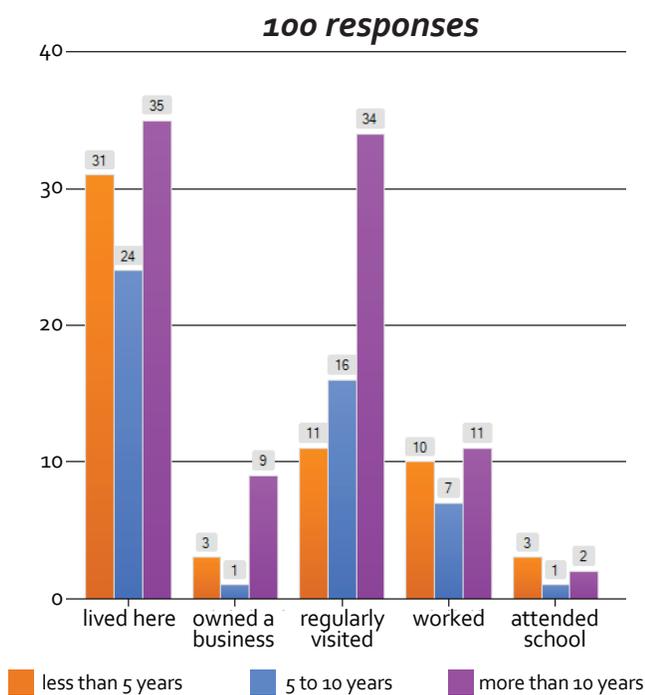


# Status Check

## Transcript of Lake City Questionnaire Responses

The [Plan for the Neighborhoods of the Lake City Community](#) was adopted in 1999 and includes the Lake City Hub Urban Village. The map shows the neighborhood plan and urban village boundaries.

In 2009, the City began preparing [Status Reports](#) for 24 neighborhood plans. This document contains the responses to an on-line questionnaire that asked the questions listed below. The chart shows the number of people who responded.



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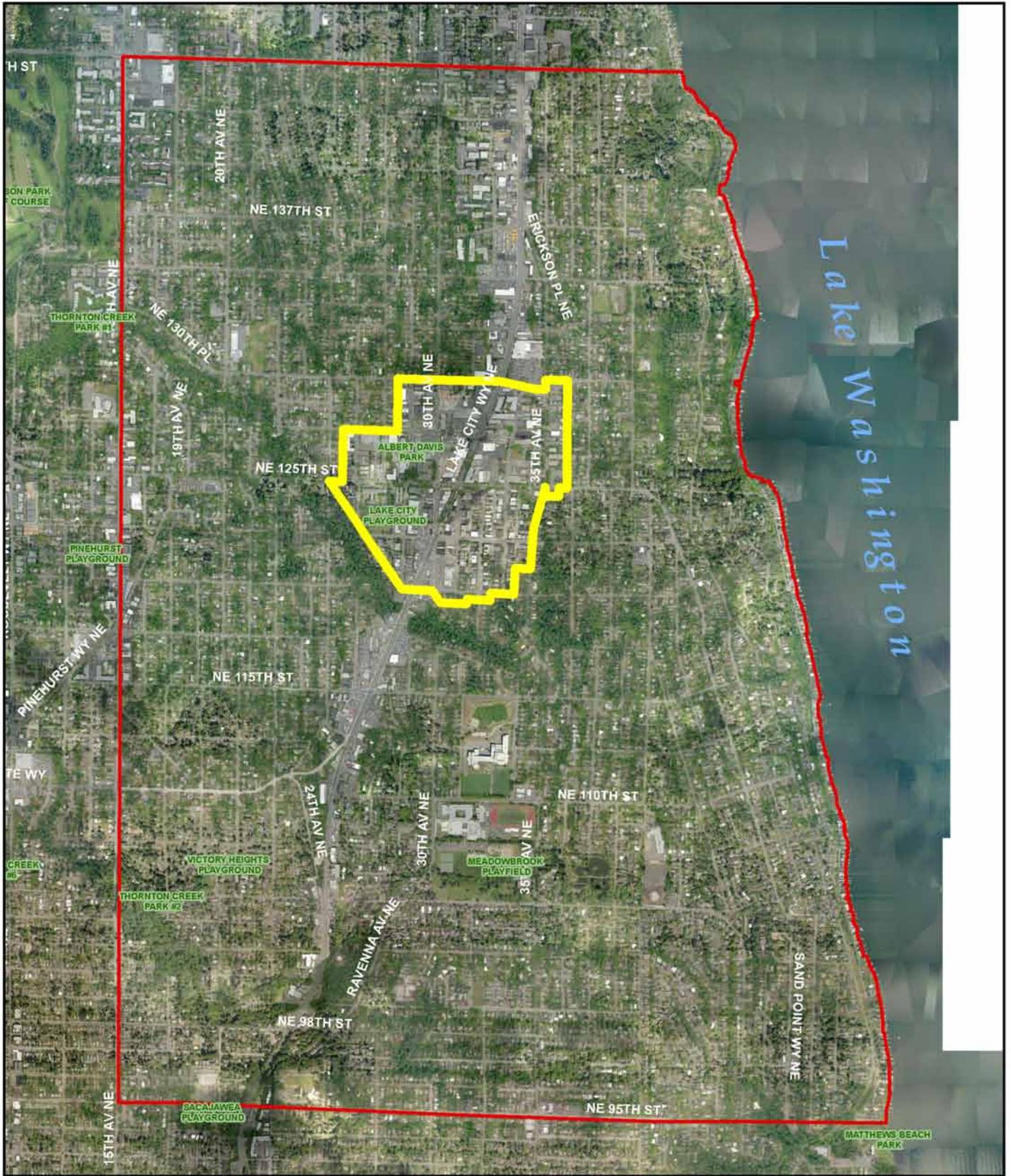
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*Question 3: Please describe how well your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies are being achieved.  
Are they still the priorities?*

*Question 4: The Status Reports should focus more on...  
they should focus less on...  
Are there important gaps in the Status Reports?*

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# LAKE CITY AERIAL MAP



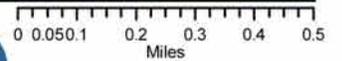
Urban Village



Neighborhood Plan Area



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## Question 1: How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted (or since you've been there)?

Many improvements in the Hub Village Core area. Few improvements in the neighborhood. There has been lot's residential in fill.

Lots of trees cut down and lots of cheap condos put up. Improved parks, library, and community center; new Farmer's Market.

The neighbourhood has definitely become more urban as zoning was changed on various parcels over the years and either businesses have expanded w/ & w/o building newer, larger structures. Combined w/ many parcels converting from single family to multifamily structures. Unfortunately, it's not nearly as green or peaceful as it was 20 years ago when we first moved here.

There have been significant changes including new apartment complexes on Lake City Way and new buses. In addition, the library has had an upgrade, Albert Davis park was build, and the Lake City Neighborhood Service Center was added as part of the library. In addition, we now have a Farmer's Market. Lake City Park is being used by more people and I believe the Parks department is making an effort to create more activities in that area as well as the area around Little Brook Park. I was personally involved in an event with the Parks Dept and the City to encourage more walking and healthier eating.

Yes. The "downtown" area has been rebuilt and seems to be doing well.

It has changed unbelievably n the last 10 years, while I have NO problem with the plan, I'm VERY angry that essentially there has been NO extra infrastructure enhancements to deal with the vastly increased traffic. With the exception of a somewhat updated Lake City Way, which really makes little difference to the neighborhood in the long run, there have been virtually NO street improvements. Traffic is much worse, and I see no relief in sight.

We're actually between Lake City and Northgate - the Pinehurst neighborhood. We've been here 25+ years. The neighborhood has changed dramatically, and not for the better. Single family homes replaced by town houses and skinny houses; huge traffic increase, no sidewalks, little off street parking. The neighborhood has become a cut-through for traffic, and unsafe for pedestrians, children, and dogs.

I feel like the business area has declined and no longer feel safe walking through Lake City. There is too much public alcohol consumption and I have noticed drug dealing closer to my home on 35th Ave NE and 120th at the bus stop. My 19 year old niece needs to use the bus system and I feel like it is unsafe for her to do so in the area. As a home owner in the area it really bothers me that there is so much activity in the business district that make me question my safety. I love my neighborhood in general but especially once you cross 35th towards the business district it get shady. The main complaint I have about the neighborhood on the east of 35th is the amount of dog owners that do not obey the leash law and allow their dogs to roam freely without investing in a fence. Many do not scoop dog waste either. I do love the improvements that were made to Albert Davis Park!

Lake City Way has been improved with new landscaping, new sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian crosswalks and new roadway pavement. I have yet to see any bicycle facility improvements in my immediate area. The redeveloped block on the NW corner of NE 130th St & Lake City Way did not do a good job with maintaining the pathway between 30th Ave NE and Lake City Way. It looks more like an afterthought rather than an intentionally designed walkway space. I know that there are efforts to redesign 33rd Ave NE, including adding sidewalks and potentially daylighting Thornton Creek. The rehabilitated library/neighborhood center and farmer's market has brought some focus to the area, but many smaller, local businesses have been replaced with chains.

I think its changed very little. The size of the Bill Pierre car lots on Lake City has decreased. There are more apartments/condos on Lake City. There are more restaurants (representing greater diversity of choices) on Lake City. Two farmers' markets have opened in the Meadowbrook/Lake City neighborhood. The city has taken some steps--but not many--to prevent another major flood of Thornton Creek. Otherwise, the neighborhood is more or less the same.

Lots more traffic, more diversty in the population, more housing.

Redevelopment of business areas in the urban village area. New multi-family residential in the urban village. Increasing traffic and crime.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

We have seen more growth. Single family homes are being replaced by 5+ unit townhouse condos or large apartment/condo buildings. With much of this growth, the infrastructure has not kept pace. This is particularly true for sidewalks. Many townhouse projects have gone in without sidewalks. Lake City has very few sidewalks and many of the ones we do have are in bad repair or substandard. Many intersections do not have curb cuts.

The part of the neighborhood that I live in has gotten worse in the last 2 years. At one point we had managed to remove the traffic that hangs around our community park, now they are back and it is worsening. The police drive by at night and seem to not pay attention. I don't feel safe as a woman or a single mother with 2 teen daughters. Our street for 3 blocks is known in the community as "Little Beirut". That name alone gives the full meaning of how bad it has gotten.

Loss / decline of neighborhood commercial businesses - vacant buildings. Lack of quality retail presence. Increased gang activity, increased presence of homeless individuals and higher crime rate. Increased car traffic. Improved appearance of medians on Lake City Way. Remodeled library. Still no real feeling of a Lake City "hub" or central gathering place. More concrete; less green space.

More apartments & retail shops new and remodels. More sidewalk, Library remodel,

I'm very new to the neighborhood (Feb 2009) and have not really had the opportunity to witness much change, but I have noticed that several new businesses have popped up in the "hub" area of Lake City - businesses that bring a more modern, new feel to the area.

Vast change in quality of city center aesthetics. Better community sense in Chamber of Commerce and programs like Farmer's Market helping a great deal with "feel" of the community.

Improvements in the library, on the corner of 125th and Lake City Way a park was removed and what is left is a blank space which I believe to be more detrimental to the neighborhood than good.

Increased Population density, greater connection between business and social/ religious service networks and activities, increasing community awareness of issues affecting our area, more attempts to create opportunities for community social events and services for families and individuals, greater and broader based attention to problems facing community.

I'm 25 years old and I grew up and am still living in the Northgate/Lake City area. There have been quite a few changes specifically to Lake City Way. Growing up, it seemed like there were a lot more small businesses and food/restaurants in the area but then there was a gradual take over by Bill Pierre and auto dealers. Since the sudden downspiral of our economy, more and more it seems like Lake City is turning into an old ghost town. Granted, the construction of the apartments and the Bartell drugs area is a big help, and that Starbucks brings in a lot of business, a few blocks down it feels somewhat empty. I'm not too particularly keen about gun shops on Lake City either. There used to be none of that. I do feel like Lake City went from a small quaint little community to an area where Mom & Pops are struggling to survive. I feel that the stretch is no longer as safe as it used to be too. There are some pretty sketchy spots that I would definitely not venture around the way I used to. I feel like there is so much hope for this community, but it's heading in a different direction. It could be such a stronger community and more close knit if only more smaller unique businesses could survive and be supported here. Northgate is another story. I'm actually torn over the massive development over the years. I like it but I don't at the same time. Guess that's growing pains. The library next to the mall is a big plus. I also don't mind Target/ Best Buy either. I'm really really happy there is a movie theatre complex again after the old one was torn down. The mall feels lively as ever too after all the renovation. I'm okay with the idea of more apartments too. I feel like younger people will move out there and public transit will be utilized a lot more.

A LOT more apartment buildings, townhomes, and condos have been built; density has increased. Business district has suffered from the "upscale" Bartell's block "improvements", removing quaint secondhand shops in favor of boring chain stores. I used to go to the business/shopping area every week, but now I rarely go down there as there is nothing attractive about it. On the plus side, a few new sidewalks have been put in. The Farmer's Market and new library renovation are both improvements. The number of dubious-looking people has increased, in my perception.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I had great hopes for Lake City, but they haven't come to pass. Many small, interesting businesses were displaced or destroyed at Lake City and 125th (Cat and Cannon Books, the dojo, the place that sold dance shoes) and replaced by chain stores. The Persian bakery is one bright spot in a steadily homogenizing landscape. I feel less safe in the urban village core, enough so that I have chosen not to go to evening activities at the community center because there have been too many stories of people being set upon and injured by gang members. The library remodel is great. I love the Farmers Market and am pleased with its new home next to the library. Honestly, I preferred the park at 125th and Lake City when there were people using it. The crowd it attracted may have been scruffy-looking, but they were always friendly to me. Now it's a barren waste of space. I wish there were a skate spot there or \*something\*.

Only been here a year.

My neighborhood has become more diversified in cultures. My neighborhood has increased in the homeless population. With no place to gather, people beg outside of the post office and gather in the shopping center to smoke and drink and beg. My neighborhood is filled with empty lots owned by absentee landlords who will not clean up the area or the trash that has accumulated. My neighborhood has become dirty and unsightly and not pleasant to shop in. My neighborhood is filled with graffiti. My neighborhood is not pretty anymore since it is filled with trash, abandoned cars, abandoned shopping carts. Times are tough for everyone but the chamber certainly tries their best to keep everyone informed and displays flags throughout the boulevard. The Lions Club does a great job with flag presentations on selected days. And Pioneer Days is a wonderful summer event. Lake City has become old and it shows.

The main arterial of Lake City Way has been improved with a median and more trees. A new crosswalk improvement system in the Hub area has been a detriment to traffic. The library and community center is terrific and provide the best most useful services in the city. The North Precinct police department have been working very hard to reduce crime and I really appreciate that. What has not happened is street improvements and sidewalks on the dense side streets adjacent to Lake City. Specifically 32nd NE between 137 and 145, as well as 33rd NE south of 130th.

Not in any good way. All I've seen is degradation. We've lost our only used bookstore (Cat and Cannon) and a major independent coffeehouse/breakfast establishment (Craniums--ironically pictured on the first page of the Lake City status report). We still don't have sidewalks, and crime continues to worsen. The "park" that was installed at 125th and Lake City Way is a joke, and I don't mean that figuratively. I've actually heard people joke about what a lame excuse for a park it is. And of course Bill Pierre continues to be an eyesore for as far as the eye can see. My family and I are losing hope that the neighborhood will ever amount to anything, despite our optimism when we moved here.

My only comment is that no-one likes the gravel the city puts on the roads every 7 years. Anyone who buys a new car and drives on the gravel ruins their car. What would really happen to the streets if this was done every 15 years or longer? The gravel and oil stinks, you can't walk barefoot on it, it is slippery on a downslope, the rain never washes the streets clean as the junk or debris sticks in the rocks. There must be a better solution!

Parts of the neighborhood are more aesthetically appealing. But there seems to be more and more homeless and drug activity along Lake City Way.

It has become denser, but has maintained its lower income image. The influx of foreign nationals, drugs and gangs has increased the crime in our district. Our district has not attracted the government investment like Ballard, Capital Hill and the University District. We have become the bastard child at the family reunion. I have lived and worked in Lake City since 1968 so I have seen the years of neglect by the City in supporting improvements.

Much greater density in traffic congestion. Particularly the West bound lanes at 125th and Lake City Way, due to the bus stop just west of there which blocks a lane in a very short(5 car length) block and the on street parking which brings traffic to a one lane option to go west or turn right onto Lake City Way.

Don't know.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

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Good things; not so good things. On the good side: I see more neighborhood involvement. That is, neighbors are getting to know each other more. We started block parties several years ago. IT really makes a HUGE difference when you know your neighbors. Other things: I like having the farmer's market here--you get to know your neighbors on a community scale. I like how downtown Lake City has been redeveloped to some degree--new store fronts have brought some nice local touches--an Iranian bakery, a private coffee shop, the Ace Hardware store--those are good additions. I think, in spite efforts, Lake City is not particularly a walking town. There are few places to walk to. One day I walked from 145 down to 125 on Lake City way. It was incredibly depressing--drug dealers at the 7-11, the rodent/ferret store, closed down shops, a sun tanning/porn business, the Rose Garden tavern... I can't name a business that I would want to visit. Then there is the addition of a couple gun stores, a head shop and the auto dealerships which are constantly closing and opening under a new name. The other issue is that more mom and pop places are closing and are replaced by national franchises with little character or relationship to the community. They are often better maintained than the local venues but I wish we had more coffee places, a bookstore, maybe a nice pub to get some pub grub, a pint of Guinness and watch the ballgame. The bad part of Lake City is that there is more crime--I think more serious crime, particularly gang violence near Lake City Way. Lake City is a very divergent community and so many people, particularly immigrants, are invisible members of the community. It would be nice to see more of the spectrum of groups in the area. Another thing that I see as a problem is street/city maintenance. Lake City is largely ignored. I am disappointed that sidewalks are still not a part of even the most walked areas of Lake City. In winter I see children walking to school in the dark not 2 feet from the road and cars whizzing by. I walk my dog every evening can't tell you how many times we have been almost been hit. I have fallen down on many occasions because the pavement is so pot-holed. It is still pot-holed, in spite of the newest cosmetic efforts of SDOT. Now I'm also slipping on the loose gravel that has settled to the edge of the pavement. OK I'm done for now

It has changed a little. Mostly, sidewalks and street trees have been added. I wish that the money would have been saved for use on a light rail line instead since there is ample space and a great deal of developable land.

The main thoroughfare, Lake City Way, was significantly improved between Northgate Way NE and 130th St NE.

New buildings, new parks, more interest by business, home owners and renters on quality of life here. Greater focus on keeping the community clean, and reducing crime. Greater involvement by community members in the health and growth of the lake City Community.

Lake City has become a much less liveable and likeable place. Gang activity, drug sales and drug abuse, street people and thievery - all in all it feels like a much less safe place to visit, shop and live in. I could not envision having to raise a family in Lake City.

It's dirtier. Open drainage ditches are not maintained as often or as well. Noisier. Too many rental houses detracts from neighborhood appeal.

Improved services for the homeless. More homeless. Sidewalks unsafe. High crime.

Lake City Way has been improved. A really stupid sculpture that is supposed to be a tea pot has been installed. The library was expanded and renovated. And there are more empty car lots.

We've seen some road improvements lately. In the last few years the corner of 125th and Lake City way was developed into a pleasant shopping center with a Kinko's and a Bartell's Drug store and a few other retail outlets. (Kinko's and Bartells are the ones we use.) Some businesses have left the area, Mad Pizza, Curves. The food bank is getting more traffic. The farmer's market location this year and last year is better than the prior years. I think that works. I've been here such a short time in the big scheme of things. But I'm interested.

Yes it has! All for the better. New library, new playground equipment in the LC Playground across the street from us, new Bartells development, new Starbucks, new townhomes where slums had been, and of course the new planted median on LC Way and wider lanes.

Seems to be more crime and more graffiti. My car has been broken into twice.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

High business turnover seems normal, but recently it seems a lot of the business spaces remain unoccupied for much longer than usual. Of the businesses that do move it, it appears they are usually either a hair/nail salon or a gun store. Much improvement on Lake City Way as far as traffic and goes. Buses and cars seem to share the road well. Still lacks a proper bike lane. Flow through on Lake City Way seems generally better than it did around 5 years ago. Good bus service remains. Less car theft crime, but more drug dealing.

More traffic, some road improvements and building structure changes in urban core.

Neighborhood feels less safe with increase in rental units, influx of people from other parts of the city that are being gentrified. I hear gunshots a few times a week, where I never heard them before 3 or 4 years ago.

There are many more homeless people, more crime and lots more graffiti. I live right across the street from Davis Park and the community center seems to be a source of a lot of problems.

Many businesses have closed and remain empty. More multi family units have been constructed. The townhouse boom has created a patchwork of unconnected sidewalks. Resurfacing of the streets in the 'Hub' has left a mess of gravel creating a look of unkept gravel roads in the neighborhoods.

Small businesses declining. Proliferation of fairly shoddy apartment buildings from Northgate Way up to 145th Street on either side of Lake City Way is a nightmare. Concentration of low-income households is real challenge. I understand that people with low incomes need a place to live, but concentrating the poor and near poor in a neighborhood like Lake City invites the sort of challenges we see -- traffic congestion, gang paraphernalia and markings, and too many reports of violence and even murder in the neighborhood. Concentration of new and used auto lots, low-end auto repair, detailing, and body repair shops, along with school bus parking lot is a visual nightmare along Lake City Way. Gang graffiti seems to be multiplying; traffic very serious challenge.

Many apartments and new homes have been built. Many more low-income residents, more crime, more noise and parking violations, and more homeless. Average number of businesses have remained fairly constant.

There are more signs of gang activity. Graffiti is popping up everywhere. We are still lacking the amenities that you see in a neighborhood like Ballard. I really don't need a payday loan shop or a cell phone shop.

It is dirtier, scarier. The increase in population has made the traffic situation unbelievable.

I have lived (owned a house) in the neighborhood for a year, but have been through Lake City several times before that. In the past year it seems that several businesses have closed, although some new ones have opened. It doesn't seem like a very stable neighborhood in this way, and that is disappointing. I wish that there were more projects that include owner-occupied condos, townhouses, etc., rather than just big apartment buildings. I also wish that more viable stable, quality businesses would set up shop in Lake City; it is not much of a destination. The boulevard is nice, but it is not kept up well (mostly dirt) and the sidewalks are a mess. Always littered up. I hate to complain so much, but I see so many other urban villages (e.g., Ballard - my old neighborhood) that seem to be getting much more attention and help.

Crime has gotten worse in Lake City even in the few short years that I have lived there. I specifically purchased a home in Lake City because I believed it was an up and coming area. Now I am not so sure. The businesses are closing and more people are simply hanging out on the street. I live on 35th and there is open drug dealing going on all the time. It is not a safe place to walk and we do not feel comfortable walking unless it is daylight. We were hoping to be able to walk places and ride public transportation but there are so many problems with bus stops being unsafe and dirty. If I was able to sell my house I would and move somewhere else.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Well there has been new buildings in the neighborhood since I have been here more businesses also. Got rid a lot of the older buildings which is a plus. But within the last year it has deteriorated in my part of the neighborhood, there is consistently trash being left in the neighborhood, like mattresses, tv, etc. And also graffiti all over the area. Speeders going down our all the time. The only bright spot is that Northgate has remodeled from an eye to a better place to be at. I wish there was something done about the businesses that have close recently and the ones that have been closed for years now they are an eye sore, put new buildings on that site, have tear them down, or remodel them. Whatever it takes to make this neighbor look good. Because that is what is attracting all of this stuff I just mentioned. I like to you people respond to that as soon as possible if you can.

It has become slightly cleaner.

Security down, crime up! That summarizes the WHOLE problem for me. Wonderful people live in this neighborhood, but the change in feeling of safety over the years due to probable drug-users and possibly other homeless people has been dramatic. Two home invasions in the immediate neighborhood within one year, and a bad incident near a restaurant that I used to like to walk to (all reported by the various News media.) And other incidents in previous years (especially since 2001) that made me a lot more cautious than I'd like to have to be (including theft of a really tall ladder from my yard and someone shooting some kind of gun riddling my Front Porch Pillar one July!). And of course Gangs and Gang graffiti have made their uncomfortable appearance now and then too. Also a favorite Lake City Restaurant sold out a couple years ago due to increasing harassment from obvious non-residents.

I have lived in Lake City for one year. I am not too familiar with the neighborhood plans. I have witnessed criminal activity (graffiti, drug-dealing, etc.) rise since I first moved here. In general, I would say the neighborhood has been in decline.

LOTS more apartment buildings, LOTS more homeless, Nice upgrades in buildings (Fred Meyer, Bartell Drugs), Nice upgrades to the High School and nice upgrades to Jane Adams/Summit school grounds, Hear from neighbors of Gang activity, Car break-ins, if the car is unintentionally left unlocked - we can expect it to be ransacked.

More young families have moved in, likely drawn by Cedar Park and the play area. Drug activity also increased with the development of the Park, since the parking area is poorly lit and so far the City has not responded to neighbors' requests for improvements. Graffiti has increased. Traffic has increased on arterials. Luckily our sub-neighborhood (Cedar Park) was able to get some speed bumps put in and this has helped to some extent with the speeding. However, this process took about 6 years and didn't do everything it was supposed to, like bump out curbs by the park.

Really good job on Lake City Library, Service Center. Park works well for farmer's market. Seems to be more crime. Lake City Way just north & south of 125th is a lot nicer.

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

We have more large mixed-use buildings in the commercial core area. We have more people needing public services, a much more diverse population. But it seems the one mega car dealer (Bill Pierre) keeps snapping up more and more property and the use to which they put these properties is less than ideal. They create visual mundanity, offer services to few of the local residents and overall just don't offer much to those that live here. During the neighborhood planning process ('93-'97) we approached the Pierres and they said "When the time comes for us to contribute, we'll get to the table and contribute." To my awareness they never did. The new buildings are, in many cases, poorly designed. Lake City is full of decrepit 70's spec commercial buildings, and it seems to create an aesthetic precedent that says to new developers "Well, this area already looks crummy, so we can get by with less than great new construction." It's a perception that is very hard to overcome, regardless of the neighborhood-specific Design Guidelines. (from 4.5 years as a Design Review Board member.) Recent improvements along Lake City Way are helpful....but more street trees should be required.

I have only lived in Lake City for one year, but have changed buses in Lake City every day for three years. The biggest change I've noticed has been the development on Lake City Way between 125th and 130th. I really like the new development. I go to several of the stores frequently and I think the new construction did much to improve the look and feel of that block.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I notice in our area that there has been a lot of townhome construction, which is now on hold due to the economy. A few homes appear to have been abandoned as well. We have been here for 1.5 years, so it doesn't give too much time to observe changes. Just enough time to observe and get used to the general "feel" of the neighborhood now that we live here and take it all in on a daily basis throughout the seasons.

The Lake City area is nicer with better sidewalks and more attractive open areas. Nice library, farmer's market, etc. Still too many car dealerships and other tacky looking businesses. We don't generally walk to Lake City businesses because it doesn't feel safe. In general, we go south to the Wedgwood area which feels more family friendly and community oriented.

yes, there is some development in the downtown corridor. and some other improvements that can be seen.

There has been some business redevelopment and increased population with new large apartment structures

New development in the retail core. Also, I'd say, a marked uprise in gang activity/decline in safety.

Improvements have been made to the library, Albert Davis park, and currently the fire station. The City was instrumental in saving the Farmers Market. The community continues to deal with crime, litter, graffiti, and a lack of pedestrian amenities. Flashing cross walk improvements accross Lake City Way in the central business district have been a godsend, but other crossings remain dangerous and 90% of the district have no sidewalks. New development in the business district has improved the look of the business district and created density, but infrastructure (sidewalks, safety, etc) has not kept pace.

more crime

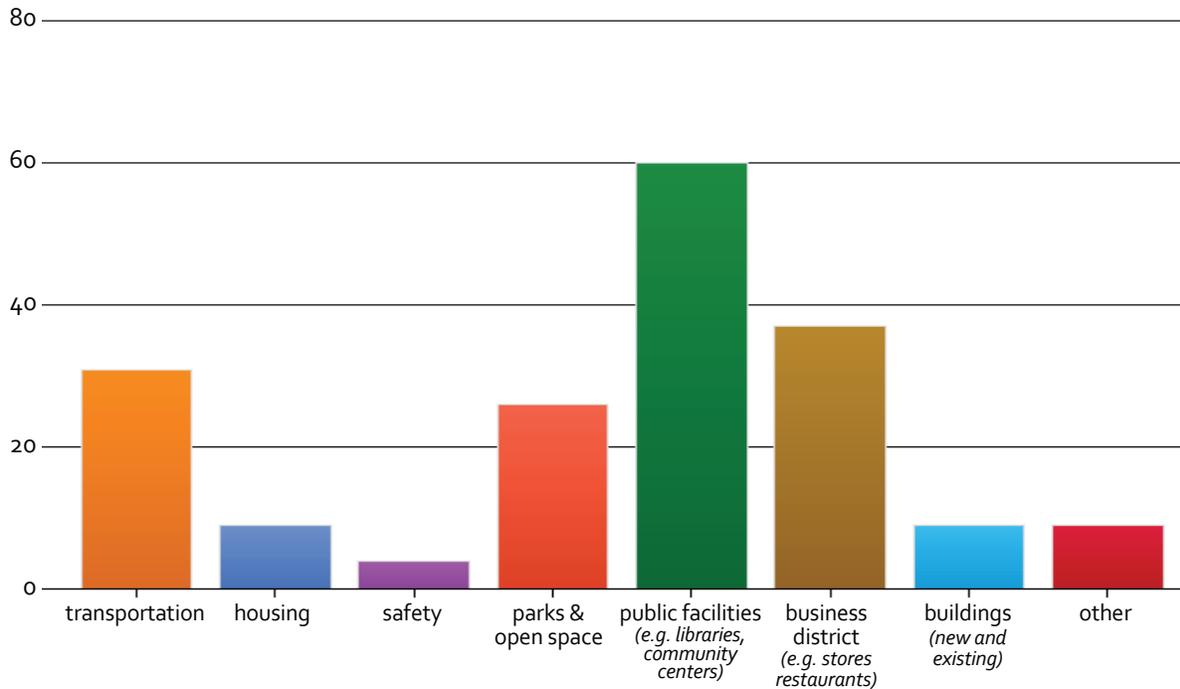
Some pedestrian improvements have been made. Rick's night club has been allowed by the City to expand into the adjacent single family neighborhood. Lake City Way NE has been improved. Garish buildings like Solara have been built in the Hub Urban Village without providing adequate parking for tenants, so tenants illegally park on adjacent owners' property.

The neighborhood has become more diverse with an increase in recent immigrants especially from east Africa. We have also had more young families move into the neighborhood. We have had increases in gang related and drug related crimes. Neighbors are looking for more restaurants and shops to walk to.

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.

In my immediate neighborhood, changes are pretty minor. Some new four-unit residences have been built in the block just south of 145th, which has increased congestion, but a few traffic circles in the area have improved safety. Bus service has changed--but for a downtown worker is still good. The introduction of the farmers market is GREAT, and the new buildings at LCW and 125th are...not so great. If that corner is an indication, the area is in danger of losing its character. Another good change is discovering the Pinehurst blog and making connections with my new, younger neighbors.

## Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most pleased about?



Housing is affordable, for the most part. Metro offers many routes here.

The effort to improve the library and the public space with the library is very nice. There are a lot of transportation options.

Though buses aren't always reliable, Lake City has one of, if not the best, transportation access to the city and beyond. In any direction to any major part of Seattle (and the east side), it seems there is a bus that can get you there directly. The large housing lots that remain in North Seattle are very unique. Though some are falling to subdivision, there is still a farm-like quality to the housing around Lake City-- a valuable asset to the area. I also like that there are several non-European businesses in Lake City and our neighborhood, though mostly Caucasian, is fairly diverse for Seattle. Love the Sporthaus soccer store. Having Meiko's is a big plus.

I love the Meadowbrook detention pond and the green space by Nathan Hale High School as well as the Lake City Library and Neighborhood Service Center.

The newly landscaped park next to the library/community center is very good.

The bus lines to downtown are good.

I really like the new development along Lake City Way in between 125h and 130th. The library is fantastic! The farmers' market is really great.

Lake City has restaurants, supermarkets, and specialty shops--you don't really need to leave the neighborhood for every day items. Meadowbrook Community Center and the library are both assets, as is the mini-City Hall.

### Other things respondents are pleased about:

- diversity
- I LOVE the summer farmers market and that many in the neighborhood and getting together to hold public events in public parks here. I think it encourages a positive environment and discourages the takeover of public areas by drug dealers and vandals (at l
- facilities to encourage biking and walking
- Farmers Market
- A new fire house
- my neighbors
- Tremendous social diversity
- All of the large, old existing trees. And the rural feel.
- Farmers Market!

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

The area by the Library/Community Service center is great - wonderful to have such resources all in one spot. Stores and restaurants seem to be growing, but I do think more work is needed. The bus system goes many places in the area, which is nice.

variety of international dining

Bus service in Lake City is awesome and driving in your car places is very nice (especially with the vehicular improvements to Lake City Way. The new Library, Neighborhood Service Center, and Farmer's Market are awesome.

Love the farmers market and upgraded library. I think it would be great if more "neighborhood history" were posted along Lake City or some other thematic feature (pretty lampposts or distinctive signs "welcome to Lake City" or something. Along Lake City Way, there is lots of transit (306, 312, 522, etc), and the ability to load bikes on the bus is a great boon. It would be great if there were a "bike park and ride" (maybe use some of the parking lot at Value Village or QFC, or the park at 125th). Bike lanes and marking would be helpful along 125th (especially between LCW and 15th NE), or an alternate route developed and signed. More frequent road cleaning would get the grit and glass out of areas used for bikes, and small potholes (which matter to bikes) fixed.

There is very little to be pleased about in Lake City. Perhaps the most interesting/enjoyable thing is the small scale businesses that line a portion of the downtown on Lake City Way.

The new buildings, although WAY to many, are generally nice and well kept up.

While I am pleased with the new Metro and Sound Transit bus routes along Lake City Way, I do think there needs to be more Metro routes.

Glad to see the updating of the stores.

Convenient bus service and higher-than-average walkability when compared with other North Seattle areas.

I love living in the Lake city 'hub'. I can walk to so many businesses and restaurants or easily bus downtown. I do wish there was a way to attract more businesses to fill the vacant spots.

Great connections to downtown. Unfortunately I work at the zoo, so no great transportation options for me- i drive solo. Love my neighborhood park, although at night it tends to turn into open air drug market or a great place to take a hooker.

The new library and park are nice additions to the area.

The re-furbished library, the new Bartells and Rekhil buildings etc. Business's growing interest in participation in the greater community.

I love the remodeled library, the park behind it, and especially the farmer's market.

Public transportation isn't too bad in the Lake City area, though there's always room for improvement when it comes to public transportation. And my family is fortunate to live within walking distance of the branch library, which we use heavily. Proximity to a library was high on our priority list when we were shopping for a home.

There has been relatively little development that has negatively impacted the single family residential areas. The redevelopment of the library and central business area on Lake City Way are great!

I have not seen any pleasing changes since I've lived here.

Very safe neighborhood. Beautiful parks. Great public services.

Love the new library

Lake City has made a great effort internally to address some problems that it has. The business community is organized and better involved in civic issues and governance than any other area that I have seen. The Chamber of Commerce, Community center, Parks Department, and Police all have worked hard this year.

Addition of Romio's Pizza was nice addition on a corner with lots of transients. Pleased with improvements on Lake City Way between Northgate Way and NE 130th St.

We have great transportation options: low traffic and many buses. We have many, wonderful parks and a good library.

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

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One nice thing I can say is that Metro has become much more convenient than it used to be, I'm sure largely because of the sprawl continuing.

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I love Davis Park and the revamp library. I feel very fortunate to have the farmers market so close.

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I think our library is excellent but I believe that our community center is old and outdated. We could use a new community center. However that being said Meadowbrook is close so I'm not sure that is a high priority. Access to buses are great on 15th and Lake City Way.

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The Farmer's Market is a good thing, really good.

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Yeah I like the new Northgate stores it was an a eyesore before. And the Fred Meyer redo since I been here it is nicer now I wish that Top foods would come in this area it is a lot less expensive than QFC, and Safeway.

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Continued development of old shabby buildings will ultimately help the entire area. But I don't want to see mom and pop businesses ousted.

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The services at the library and city service center are excellent. Our park is spotless. Love (mostly) the new Bartells corner, though wished there was a better public space there.

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New and upgraded buildings in "downtown". Much more variety in retail (not just cars any more)

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Businesses are improving - glad to see smaller, locally ownen places moving in. I love the library and farmers market.

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Farmer's market is very welcome. Neighborhood's proximity to mosque seems to have resulted in more Middle-Eastern shops and restaurants, adding some cultural diversity.

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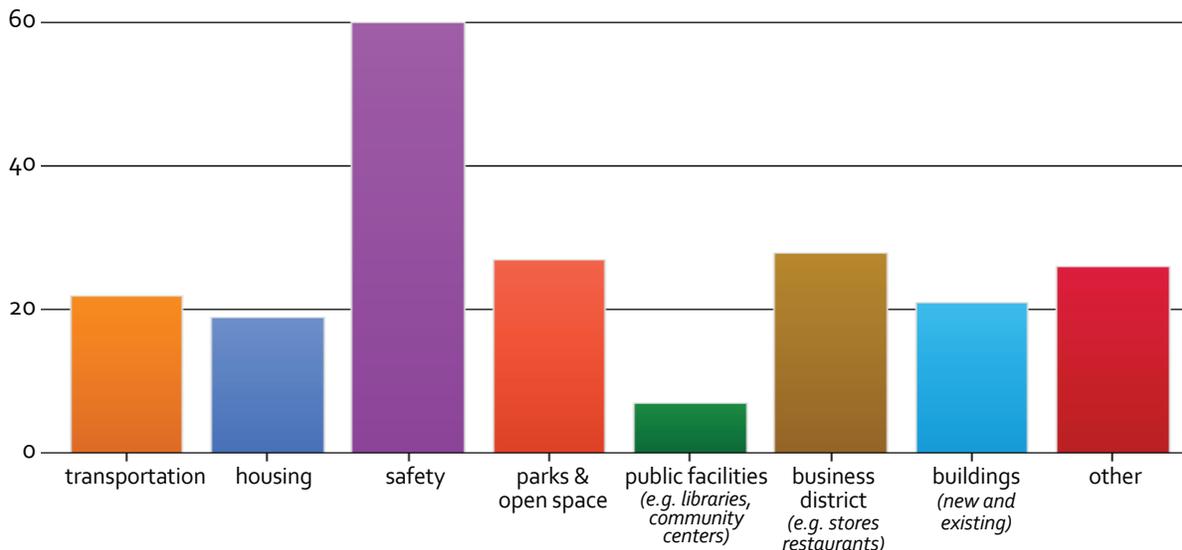
I am pleased, and also displeased with the business district. I think it is trying really hard to be successful, but I believe a certain few businesses such as car dealerships bring smaller businesses down.

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Our apartment building was nice inside

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## Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most dissatisfied about?



### Other things respondents are dissatisfied about:

- drug activity and domestic violence
- sidewalks/pedestrian safety
- Lack of sidewalks/lighting and too much through car traffic and transient activity in neighborhoods which adds to a lack of safety (in the last year I have had my home broken into while I was home, and I was attacked by a transient drunk woman's pit bull)
- Traffic flow
- loss of "local flavor" along lake city way, bike safety
- variety and quality of businesses and opportunities for spending time in the community core
- sidewalks and safe walking
- disconnected sidewalks or no sidewalks
- seems to be a mecca for homeless drunks
- I would like to see a theater/restaurants for night time activity
- Walkability (maybe this goes under safety)
- increased theft
- streets
- amount of criminal activity
- nice parks being used by criminal types
- generally after dark or after hours
- Growing signs of gang activity
- commercial/high density residential parking occurring in single family areas
- More sidewalks needed
- Re-invigorate the Urban plan
- public schools
- side streets at night, and even during the day.
- Sidewalks
- sidewalks and pedestrian safety
- no sidewalks
- lack of sidewalks

Too many HUGE apartment buildings have gone in over the past five years. There are NO parks/open space close to where I live that I can get to easily. The business district is a joke.

Lake City is not a safe community. The parks and open space are no longer safe for families. More and more businesses are closing and there isn't a lot of businesses that I would want to purchase from. Buildings are riddled with graffiti and other buildings are falling apart.

Main street seems uninviting and littered.

The business district really needs some help. There are not a lot of destination shops or non-drinking establishments to hang out in. It is often heavily littered and it really seems to need some care & attention. There is a permanent homeless encampment right on the main street, by Toyoda Sushi. I wouldn't come here for a day out if I didn't live here. There is much more focus on other hub neighborhoods.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

The drug activity is ridiculous. Out in the open and the Wendy's, in the parking lot of Meiko's, or just down the street from my house. While I don't feel unsafe or like I will personally be accosted, it seems just a matter of time where a deal goes wrong and something happens. There also seems to be huge amounts of domestic violence going on in Lake City. Many of the businesses in Lake City are not attractive. From check cashing joints, head shops, hair salons, gun stores, and adult stores, there are few destination businesses. Likewise, there are few destination restaurants. Given the lack of wealth in Lake City, I am not sure if it could even sustain nicer or trendier establishments, but right now no one outside of Lake City has a reason to come visit. The loss of Cranium was a big shame. Nice to see some smaller eating spots open up (Uno's pizza), but Lake City needs places like a record store and an ice cream parlor (Molly Moon's, please). 45th in Wallingford is a great example of what type of stuff works. People come from outside Wallingford to eat and hang out there. Not happening in Lake City at all because there is little reason to go walking down the strip unless you want to hit a bar, get a tattoo, or score some speed. The prominence of used car dealers I think cheapens the view of Lake City. Lots of cheap and cheesy advertising (giant inflatable gorillas, for instance), plus the zooming of test drives down residential streets from Bill Pierre is out of hand. The strip malls also look downtrodden and lame. Tubs Subs and Luciano's deserve better street appeal.

We could use a good independent coffee shop. In general I'd like to see more non-franchise small businesses, and I'd like to see the ones we have there encouraged and strengthened. The park at the site of the old bank is unfriendly and abandoned. The new Bartell's was built with an orientation that is more car-focused than pedestrian-focused, and it presents an ugly wall on 125th that is just begging to be tagged. Are there any bicycle facilities at all? Lake City Way is an important bike corridor that could potentially be much more important, but you take your life into your hands if you try to bike it, especially southbound.

I feel fairly safe on main streets during daylight hours. I feel very vulnerable after sunset, even in my own driveway. The library is great. I don't think the community center offers enough space for activities. I think of community centers keeping kids on the streets rather than a target for graffiti...

There is a serious lack of sidewalks in Lake City. I am a runner and I walk to and from a bus stop every day. I also often walk to do errands and I do not feel very safe as a pedestrian in the area. I have had several close calls with cars while I have been on foot.

Bus service from other points in the city to Lake City could be much better. There should be more sidewalks on the side streets and along some parts of Lake City itself. There are few parks within walking distance--the only one close to my workplace is the Meadowbrook Pond facility, but technically its not a "park." I would like to see a P-Patch go in on the Jane Addams campus--there is a great spot on the northeast side of the building.

I still don't feel 100% safe in certain parts of Lake City, particularly, the downtown hub area. It just seems shady - thuggish looking dudes hanging out, homeless folks, not an area I'm comfortable walking around by myself. The neighborhood restaurants and bars don't seem friendly to me. In fact, I avoid most of them. I'd love to have a local spot to go, but haven't found one in my comfort zone yet. RE Traffic flow - Lake City Way seems dangerous to me. I often deal with people speeding like mad. If I need to make a turn from the center turning lane, I feel unsafe with so many cars speeding by me. The turn to get to/ from Northgate Way from Lake City Way is especially difficult, particularly when headed south to get back on LCW. It's just plain dangerous, and it's difficult to gauge how fast traffic is moving or if it's safe to pull out onto the main road. The downtown hub area can also be difficult to move through with buses stopping and pedestrians crossing. I do really appreciate the lighted crosswalks, though, and wish more areas of Seattle had them! Sometimes stopped buses will block the entire road, making it impossible for cars to pass. More of a Metro issue, I suppose, but that particular area feels cramped and hectic.

many open store fronts. Landlords difficult to work with.

The homeless and alcoholics have taken up residence on the streets and door ways to the point they drive business out of the district.

We still have people wandering the streets, ending up on private property where they don't belong, to hang out for illegal purposes.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

I believe that a light rail line would re-invigorate this area and spur development. There are many opportunities for development of mixed-use projects and increased density.

Walking or biking around Lake City is awful. There are very few sidewalks, many just end abruptly mid block. Sidewalks in the central business district are broken and difficult to walk on, possibly not ADA accessible. There are few places to safely cross NE 125th St. There are no designated bike routes. Connection from Lake City to the Burke Gilman trail is non-existent. Street parking in the residential area is a chaotic free for all, limits and/or permit parking for the residential area would vastly improve the streetscape. Drugs, gangs, graffiti, and litter continue to be a public safety issue. Police are stepping up servalance, but more can be done. Many Lake City parks are outdated and aimed at young kids (all 5 parks near my condo have children's play equipment). The majority of Lake City residents are young to middle age adults. Other park amenities, such as P-patches and trails in the creek ravines would balance the current park resources. P-patches would also help create community and provide healthy food for the low income residents.

removal of a park, lack of safety in the neighborhoods, lack of affordable, living wage housing

If new buildings are going to replace old buildings, the overall neighborhood feeling should be considered. The old Low rise buildings along LCW give a sense of openness and access to the sky. If six-story buildings replace one-story buildings, there needs to be more setback to avoid the sense of being in a dark canyon. I see how Ballard is changing the same way. I'd like to see wider streets, wider sidewalks, or stairstep fronts (like, from the second or third story up, the building is set back, or indented, to avoid a vertical wall from the sidewalk to the roof.).

There has been virtually no traffic infrastructure changes although the population of this area is now vastly increased. While there may be some increased bus service, this does not do any of us any good who are forced to use the neighborhood surface streets and throughways, which now are vastly more busy, and clogged. Putting in a few demand lights does not make the grade!

There seems to be very little police presence for the number of public safety problems observed in this neighborhood. It would also be a good neighborhood to see police out of the cars and perhaps on bikes.

If Lake City is to become a true urban village, the buildings and street infrastructure needs to be conducive for a walkable, viable business district. The buildings and parking needs to be less car centric.

This neighbor is woefully underserved by businesses like grocery stores. And, the neighborhood lacks the density needed to feel like a thriving, bustling neighborhood.

How many apartment buildings can be put up in this little community?????????

Traffic in front of my house is unbearable. No traffic calming activities. People use Roosevelt Way NE as a speed way to 15th and heading to Lake City. It's life threatening just getting your mail out of the mail box.

Cheaply-built densification; no sidewalks; graffiti; few restaurants; unsafe crosswalks

Parking and noise violations rarely enforced by police/landlords.

I would like to see a community garden in the Lake city area or perhaps more parks replacing empty neglected lots. Although I can easily walk everywhere, I must walk in the streets. This is due to the lack of sidewalks around the amin intersection. You can't even walk on the edge because of the parked vehicles. There are a number of wheelchair bound people in the area that must do the same and travel in the streets.

Would like to see night time/weekend family activities

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Getting across 35th Ave NE to access the business district to my west is dangerous on foot. The closest cross walks are about 1/2 mile in either direction. In a car, the buses lined up in front of Fred Meyer make it risky to pull out from 130th onto 35th. Police patrols need to expand their work from 'little beirut' into the surrounding areas, since that's where the hoodlums are going, looking for cars and houses to break into and things to tag. Graffiti has increased substantially in the last 3 years. I really wish we had some better shopping options- somebody get Trader Joes in here, ok? And maybe a pub that isn't a skanky dive? (sorry Rimrock, but you scare me). And while I would like to see more density, and like the cottage idea, I abhor two things that have been happening in my neighborhood buildings- either someone tears down and then rebuilds a huge, completely out of scale, out-to-the-lot-line single family home, or, someone tears down a single home on a large lot, and then crams 4-5 townhouses in the space, also out to the lot line, and with little to no green space or permeable surfaces. We must be able to do better than this.

See previous

The neighborhood feels less safe than it did five years ago. It would be nice to have a park with a playground in the Jackson Park/Olympic Hills area.

We need more youth oriented programs, ie basketball, soccer, baseball etc. and a skate park to occupy kids time. We need facilities here to offer these sports to kids.

I live across the street from the Jackson Park Village public housing community. In the 8 years since I've been here, the condition of that complex has deteriorated. Now it's deplorable, with overflowing dumpsters, rats, boarded up windows, and discarded furniture. Along with this has come an uptick in gang and drug activity.

My comments for Question #1 apply here as well. Additionally, I would point out that Lake City is sorely in need of small, locally owned restaurants and other business establishments (coffeehouses, bookstores, movie theaters, etc.). They're getting pushed out by corporate giants, and nothing destroys the fabric of a community faster than mass corporate takeover. As for housing, much of the low-rent apartment buildings in Lake City are simply deplorable.

We need more sidewalks

Too much crime and vandalism.

Crime appears to have increased in the single family residential areas, especially Olympic Hills neighborhood.

Could really use more parks. Open space at 125th & Lake City Way a magnet for homeless, etc. that just hang around.

The city of Seattle seems to have adopted a policy of consciously concentrating low-end apartments in and around Lake City. Needs to be effort to develop higher end jobs, better housing, and attack the visual pollution that Lake City Way presents.

Building rule changes have harmed single family properties by allowing developments without adequate parking, forcing "spillover parking" in front of nearby homes and businesses.

Affordable housing is a big worry. I don't own a car, and even with a combination of biking and taking the metro bus, I find it hard to get around the city. Also: we need more businesses outside Lake City's "urban village" and in the neighborhood! We can't have a vibrant community without mixed commercial and residential use.

I live on 98th and the cars cut from Lake City Way to 35th NE at a high rate of speed. It is difficult to walk on the street without fear of getting hit.

Our area has a huge population that services all of seattle. We deserve to have our low income housing protected and yet still attempt a high quality of life. Re-invest in infrastructure in our area. The streets and sidewalks. Establish and architectural style code. Streetlights and beat cops to promote a safer environment. Speedbumps in high density areas. Less townhomes/condos and more low income housing that promotes community.

Many streetlights stayed burned out for many months last winter. Lack of sidewalks. 30th Ave NE needs repaving badly north of 125th St NE. Lots of homeless and mentally ill hanging out on Lake City Way and at bus stops.

See comments on previous page.

With some many great neighborhoods in Seattle with cute little shops and resteraunts - ours really sucks.

this is no longer a neighborhood - the "idea" that people would get out of their cars and take public transit was never actually thought out it appears.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Crime is growing in the neighborhood, especially drug and gang related crime. The Lake City business district needs massive change and new leadership (not the Chamber executive, but board level change). The public schools, especially Olympic Hills Elementary needs more funding and a new principal. Neighborhood families are not sending their kids to our neighborhood public schools. And, we need sidewalks, especially in the Lake City Urban Core.

Why are we encouraging more gangsters in our neighborhood. There have been numerous stories in the PI about gang activity at the Community Center and park after hip hop dances at the Community Center. The business district is a sad place. There really aren't any businesses there that I frequent. I wish we had more restaurants and interesting shops.

I think safety is a concern. There needs to be more efforts to set up block watches and block parties. I think this is difficult in a neighborhood with a lot of renters, which we seem to be. I think the business district could use more destination businesses like coffeeshops, bookstores, restaurants. We lost a used bookstore and a great restaurant. The rebuild on the corner of 125th and LCW got rid of some businesses and is probably too expensive for more mom and pop type stores that give the neighborhood character...the last thing we need are more mobile phone businesses which seem to be dominant. I don't particularly like the condo structure that were built N of 125th after the fire..they are ugly and not very neighborhood friendly.

Our community center is old and crummy...crummy!! It takes over an hour to get anywhere in this city, by bus, besides downtown - bus service should be improved.

Yeah the business the businesses that have closed recently and the businesses that have been close for years now that is way to long for a businesses to closed and nothing has been done about it. The trash being left in neighborhoods, speeders racing down the streets. No sidewalk on side of the street no, speed bumps to slow down traffic and crosswalks for the elderly, and the disabled to go into Fred Meyer from 33rd Ave

This is a terrible neighbourhood in which to be a pedestrian. I am a homeowner and live within the hub village area and there are still no sidewalks on my street. It is unsafe for people with children and not friendly to people who use wheelchairs or have other difficulties walking.

It is extremely difficult and dangerous to be a pedestrian in Lake City. You are forced to walk in the street or drive a car. These are the choices because of the lack of sidewalks. Lake City is home to many disabled people. My wife is a working artist who has MS. She can no longer walk and uses a wheelchair. We like to walk to the business district, parks, and church, all of which are a few blocks away. We are forced to walk and "wheel" in the street any time we want to go out. Even 35th Ave NE which has sidewalks is a mess. The trees are planted too close to the residential property lines and the sidewalk space between the trees and the fences is often too narrow for a wheelchair. Roots have pushed up the sidewalk and make it very difficult for a wheelchair to negotiate. North of 125th, the sidewalks on 35th do not all have curbscuts. In short, a wheelchair bound person has it very hard in Lake City if they do not want to always have to get in a car to go somewhere.

**\*\*HATE\*\*** THE CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC ON HIRAM PLACE. Its absurd that we have to wait for a serious accident to happen before we can get some sort of traffic control on our street. HUNDREDS of cars (literally - Ive counted) cut through every day - typically speeding. Also we desperately need sidewalks to and from the LC Playground. Very dangerous conditions there now. Need the downtown business owners to fix up their storefronts (need help for them to do this).

Concerned about the rise in gang activity in last couple of years. Graffiti is no longer painted out right away like it was in previous years.

Not enough desirable shops and restaurants in the area. Examples of undesirable businesses: Discount gun sales, Rick's, payday loan shops, junk stores (these are not antique shops), far too much space for car sales. Too many (relatively) cheap apartment units. The local supermarket (QFC) always seems on the verge of closing down, while those in other neighborhoods have priority for renovation and improvement. What happened to plans to expand and improve the Safeway on 15th and 125th? Community center run-down and not being put to good use.

The parking lot to our apartment building was constantly full of homeless people along with gangsters at night time. Very unsafe and scary. Lot of car break ins

## Question 3: Please describe how well your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies are being achieved.

I think the green/open space changes are not very visible, if they're happening. The work on Thornton Creek at Northgate is high profile, but I'm not aware of significant improvements in this neighborhood. Victory Creek park is in need of more invasive removal help!

Neighborhood leadership is well intentioned but weak on execution and inclusiveness. Focus is on parks and environmental issues and needs more emphasis on land use issues and improving the business areas. Also, better results are needed in fixing serious pedestrian infrastructure gaps in the Lake City Urban Core.

Public facility improvements have occurred (Library, Fire Station, Neighborhood Center), transportation amenities are still lacking (sidewalks).

Little has been done to revitalize majority of the neighborhood; post office, community center, grocery stores and the ability to travel between these places

I notice that the new fire station is being built, which is GREAT, however, it is more the overall general feel of Lake City that lacks improvement. I would love to see more people able to walk instead of drive here, but that requires proper sidewalks, lighting, and just an overall sense of safety, that I think Lake City lacks. I find that most people come home from work everyday and just hulk up in their homes because they don't feel comfortable walking around the neighborhood. I have neighbors that won't even shop at Fred Meyer because they don't want to be bothered by those doing drug deals in the parking lot. I don't know what the solution is in discouraging illegal activity in Lake City though, but I feel the more the people that live here stay in their homes, the more those doing illegal activity view public areas as their own, which encourages it more. Residents need to be able to take back their city and feel comfortable and safe in the streets of their neighborhood. I think a more "developed" feel might encourage progress here.

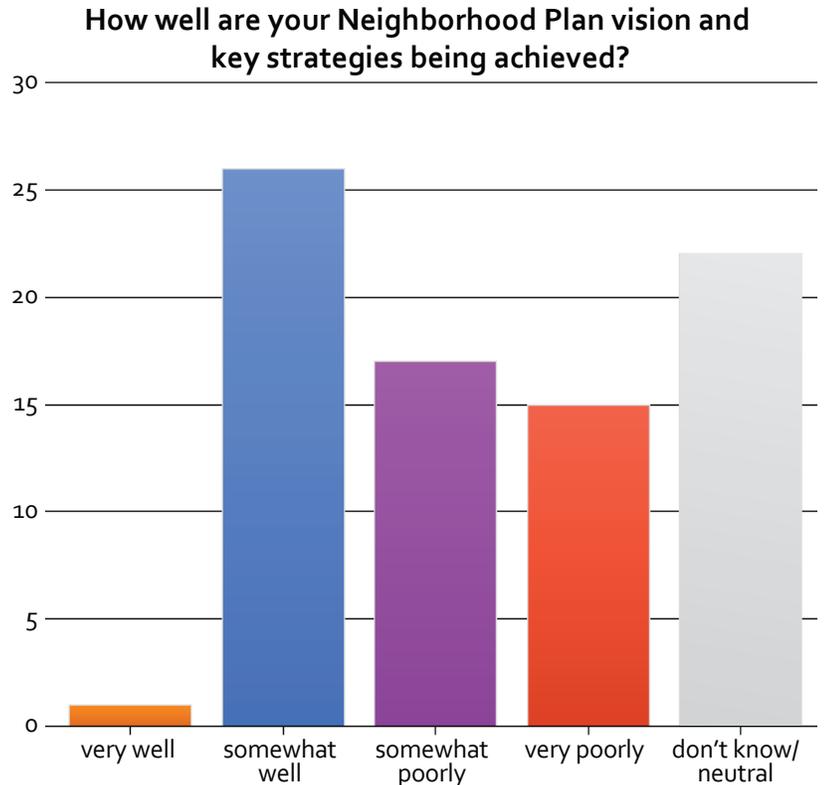
I have only been living in the neighborhood for year, so I don't know how much has changed since the vision was adopted.

I have not been able to track this since we created the Neighborhood Plan. I Co-Chaired the effort, but work got way too busy for me to stay involved.

Some have been achieved, like library and fire station improvements. More have not: We have not seen improvements in these areas, all part of the strategic plan: pedestrian and bike improvements; community center and commercial activities; and especially business vitality, sense of community and strong connections to surrounding neighborhoods.

How could I possibly know this without a report that shows what has been accomplished and what hasn't yet? The status report does not break it down to the project level.

All I can comment on is the street upgrades, I don't know really of anything else.



### Q3: How well are your Plan's key vision and strategies being achieved?

Plans and goals are great, and we could all dream up a wonderful utopia, but carrying out those plans are different. Obviously the recession doesn't help things, but that is no excuse.

We are still not a walkable neighborhood. We need a sidewalk on 27th Ave and 20th Ave.

Safety is always in question, the downtown core seems to be failing. There seems to be little sense of community - though I try to find it, and I try to patronize local businesses. The farmer's market is nice, but its only for a few months in the summer. How is this a good urban hub? I don't see it, when compare to so many other Seattle neighborhoods. Lake City is on the northern border of the city; when you cross into Shoreline from LC, you are welcomed with a sign and the border is neat. Not so heading south into Seattle at Lake City; it seems the city is embarrassed by it.

I can see that much has been done in the past decade but it seems as though no progress has been made in the past 5 years (aside from more housing).

Still need sidewalks!

I was very excited about the idea of an 'urban village' in Lake City. But having the contrast between what is being done in Northgate vs Lake City, I realize that lots of housing units have been built, but seemingly little else. There has to be attractions and a nice environment to get people to commit to Lake City, and that is not happening. A lot of the main drag is unsightly and rundown. Given the incredible access to bus commuting, Lake City should be a very popular place to live for people that work all over the city. But it seems, rather, Lake City is much more a place for down and out behavior.

I also do not notice any attempt to make Lake City more accessible via bike. Lake City is not a safe place to share the road with cars. The hilly nature of the area makes it a difficult place to bike, but it would be great if some attempt to make it a safer biking environment would occur (which Seattle's master bike plan has overlooked).

Have to say, most of the stuff mentioned in the report has been done already. Long way to go with the sidewalks and bike lane support. Traffic control, in general, is not improving. Crime is still a major problem.

I'm not really aware at this point of real projects that address the issues referred to in the vision plan and key strategies.

We have made a lot of good changes, but we have a long way to go ie the establishment of our own BIA, youth activities, cultural opportunities. Etc.

Lake City still has WAY TOO MUCH emphasis on the automobile. It could be a much nicer location with more sophisticated planning effort.

I see virtually no positive change taking place in Lake City. Another lost local business that I forgot to mention in my answers to the first two questions is Chang Thai, near the corner of 125th and Lake City Way.

Street revitalisation has been very slow in this area, especially near the northern edge. Bus service to and from the Lake City hub takes longer then almost anywhere in the city. The public safety perception is poor. There is very little sustained social enterprises for young at-risk kids.

We still have no sidewalks anywhere where I would find them useful. I've seen zero signs of a "Hub Urban Village" development. There are no natural/open spaces to speak of. The shopping area is worse than it has ever been.

Since I am so new to the area, I can't really comment accurately. Overall, I do feel that the look and feel of the area has improved, but it still has a ways to go.

I feel the side neighborhoods are being neglected in this vision.

compared to some other neighborhoods - Ballard for instance, Lake City is getting a minimal amount of attention to achieve the plan.

The urban village is developing nicely and residential areas have been protected. Cut through traffic remains a problem and there is not safe pedestrian routes from the residential areas into the business district. There seems to be a perception that safety and security concerns have increased, especially in the Olympic Hills neighborhood where crime seems to have increased. Sidewalks have not increased outside the business district and immediately adjacent areas.

I am so pleased with the additional resources the neighborhood is give those in need but question if it is balanced correctly for the amount of public drinking and aggressive panhandling that happens.

### Q3: How well are your Plan's key vision and strategies being achieved?

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I'd have no objection to increased population if the services increased proportionately. This has NOT happened, and I see now plans that it will. We were promised sidewalks about 20-30 years ago. Where are they?

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Though I didn't always agree with what was being done, the downtown area is much more pedestrian friendly. Parks in the area are well maintained; however, they become "drug magnets" at night.

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I like the new library and the integration with other services and Albert Davis Park....

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### Question 3: Please describe the priorities for your neighborhood.

This area is saved by the abundance of mature trees--including the Jackson Park golf course. But many are on private land, and as the density increases, there will be less of that forest feeling. The public space trees also are disappearing--some because they're old and are not being replaced, some because the telephone and power line people have the last word. A mass replanting is essential, and more setbacks to allow trees along corridors. I support city aquisition of some of the current parking lot areas (adjacent to businesses) and use of those spaces for trees, community events, and bike park'n'rides.

Transportation and dense growth need to be a priority for this part of the city. I love our green spaces around here, but we have plenty of them already. Let's focus more on density now.

The population has changed and I think priorities have changed as well. We need more priority on better pedestrian infrastructure, building a more vibrant urban core and blurring the lines between single-family parts of the neighborhood and multi-family parts of the neighborhood.

Sidewalks and bike routes!

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i feel like some aspects of the plan, like the multi-modal project, never got finished and where simply ""brushed under the carpet""...

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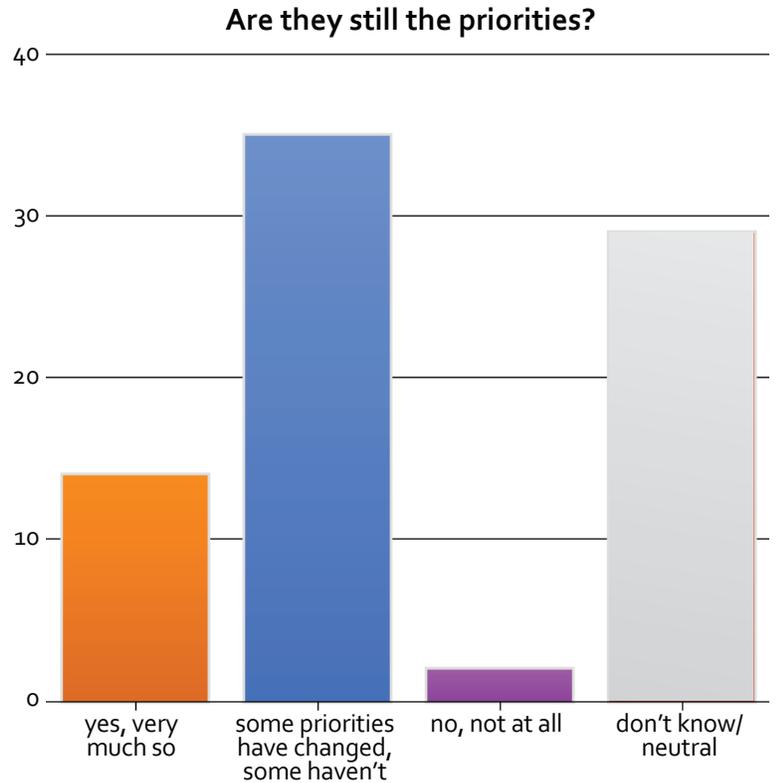
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If I was better informed on the Planning Vision I could supply a better comment.

It seems like the vision is Make it Better, but not how to make it better. Maybe I missed that part.

Not sure who this question is asking about. Yes, these things are a priority to those that live here, but not sure about whether they are to the rest of the city.

I hear about changes to many communities, but very little focus on the Lake City core. Are pedestrian improvements still a priorty? It doesn't seem so. New development is required to install sidewalks, but there is no visible effort to create connectivity between these concrete slabs.



### Q3: What are your neighborhood's priorities?

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Lots of work done on Lake City Way to make it a better place for vehicle transportation, which I think was done well. Planting trees and adding a sidewalk was very nice and definitely needed, but Bill Pierre is still very unsightly. The renewal of the library and the surrounding parks was terrific and very much appreciated.

I have no clue what is actively being done about the 'urban village'-- I do not see much priority being place on it.

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I'd say its still pretty much on track.

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Priority for whom? For my family and me? You better believe it. For the city? Increasingly doubtful. I guess it's pretty easy to feel like a second-class citizen when your city--one of the richest in the nation--doesn't even think you're deserving of sidewalks. It speaks volumes.

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See above

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Bicycle facilities are much more important.

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The retail / service sector from 95th - 145th on Lake City way is really suffering. Many buildings are vacant and/ or in poor condition. This distracts significantly from the look and feel of the neighborhood and keep quality business owners from committing to leases.

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The traffic corridor through Lake City has improved some but it will not be enough to sustain future growth. The lack of any type of long range planning for public transportation beyond buses is a mistake. The light rail line should be extended to Lake City and beyond to pick up the large volume of people commuting from the northwest side of Lake Washington to downtown. This would take some of the pressure off of a highway corridor that has no ability to expand.

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## Question 4: The Status Reports should focus more on...

Housing and transportation

Mixing the multi-family housing with single-family housing residents. Schools. Pedestrian safety. Improving the business district and urban core.

Protecting single family neighborhoods from harmful impacts of commercial and high density development/ more funding for pedestrian improvements ie sidewalks in neighborhoods

A. Pedestrian and Bicycle Ways.  
C. Improve Natural Systems and Open Spaces

Pedestrians and bicyclists.

Crime prevention, pedestrian access, safety

Sidewalks, park development, crime

Sidewalks and safety.

transportation networks, development patterns

Transportation (Mass), public services needed, creating a diverse (types of services) retail core, housing affordability and public amenities. And infrastructure !! (Utilities, etc.)

walkability, crime

Future projects - upgrades to the area

Crime, useful community centers

Eliminating crime.

safety after dark! Lake City is a ghetto after dark and run by hoodlums who yell all night and break into cars

Sidewalks in the urban village. Hopefully when the fire station is completed there will be a usable sidewalk between 30th aveNE and 27th aveNE so that it will be possible to visit the library, etc. Other nearby streets should be assessed for walkability.

On getting owners of businesses that are closed to get something going as soon as possible they have been far too long.

Sidewalks!

safety, parks, open spaces, 33rd ave street redesign, drug enforcement.

More and improved parks and open space - the vacant lot concrete ""park"" on Lake City Way and NE 125th St is one example.

development patterns and public amenities

Generating economic development and employment opportunities requiring more advanced education. Recreational opportunities for young people.

Sidewalks and perceived safety within the community.

Sidewalks and parks

Public safety

Crime activity and how the city is going to address the increasing drug and gang activity in Lake City. Specific updates on how the 'urban village' is progressing.

Traffic control, and safety. We've had two home invasions and a mid-day robbery on our street (Hiram Place) recently. Walking is treacherous. I cannot let my 6 yo cross the street alone due to speeding cars and lack of sidewalks. Bike Lanes.

communicating these plans to the public. There are some exciting concepts here--if people don't know about them, they can't join in the fun!

Developing the empty car lots. Increasing density along Lake City Way. Adding more transit along Lake City Way.

Reinventing Lake City, just as Ballard and Fremont were reinvented...and re-marketed.

Connecting low income residents with education and opportunities to make a living wage.

Engaging commercial landowners in improving the visual appeal of Lake City

Maintaining streets. The condition of the pavement in Seattle, overall, is horrifying. Adding sidewalks to neighborhoods. Keeping vegetation on city right of ways maintained, i.e., overgrown open drainage ditches as a HUGE fire hazard this year.

Public safety, policing

#### Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

Helping the community establish the BIA

Enforcing small crimes like jaywalking, loitering, disorderly conduct. This would likely trickle up to ""bigger"" crimes. Parking situation detracts from core business district.

Parks and alternative transportation such as light rail and dedicated bike lanes.

green areas

supporting small business

police and safety

Making Lake City a destination not a place to pass through.

Community Involvement. Here is one concern regarding involvement.

I use to get a email notice about the neighborhood association meetings. I switch my email and stopped getting them. I use to go on occasion because I want to be more involved in Lake City. When I go into the website for the city I have yet to find a place where I can get email alerts about my neighborhood. I really have spent a lot of time looking. I would imagine it is there, but the website makes things very difficult to follow. I use to go to

sidewalks near the elementary schools

Implementing sidewalks, increasing number of local businesses, decreasing number of corporate chain businesses, increasing crime prevention efforts, more public transportation options (though these are currently fairly good).

Transportation: Make vehicle traffic flow quickly through. Bus service needs streamlining. Lake city way is a major conduit to and from the Bothell area. Public safety and gang issues. Pedestrian access via the sidestreets, better and more sidewalks. A bicycle lane southbound for bicycles going uphill towards downtown.

Bike facilities, including lanes, sharrows, and racks. Pedestrian safety and convenience in the Urban Village. Targeted business support for small independent business owners, not franchises and big business. Public safety -- vitality can't flourish without it.

Fostering independent businesses, not on chain stores, and on promoting single-family residential home ownership, not these enormous apartment buildings.

safety

Safety, public spaces that unify the area

Hub Urban Village

safety, building community

Parks, recreation, community centers, small business development, COMMUNITY development, SAFETY

The side neighborhoods, like 32nd Ave. Ne. from 140th to 145th Ne.

Sidewalks and pedestrian safety not just on the main roads, but also out in the neighborhoods. An ADA access review of all intersections where sidewalks do exist for proper widths and curbcuts. Even the main intersection at Lake City Way and 125th is not wheelchair friendly because of poor location of the curbcuts.

Pedestrian safety along the north-south routes like 30th Ave, meaning sidewalks. Development of

NEIGHBORHOODS being safe for everybody - that means off street parking, sidewalks.

P-Patch development and open space, improvement of parks, developing an ""urban hub""

Creating a hub urban village and improving pedestrian and bicycle ways. Increase the sense of security

Additional public art should be more traditional then the teapot that was added at 30th and 123rd.

Perceived public safety.

#### Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

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Infrastructure to go along with the growth.

public safety

Pulling in businesses that add character to the neighborhood, more block watch and block parties so neighbors get to know one another, and more park activities. Also, I do think it's great that our food bank and Rotocare are locating to a new building. I also think we need a P-Patch in our neighborhood.

maintaining green and open spaces.

Ped safety

Transportation and pedestrian accomodations such as sidewalks.

## Question 4: The Status Reports should focus less on...

Creeks. Protecting single-family zoning.

Automotive improvements. Lake City is much to auto dependent.

Cars and traffic right of way.

new buildings

Development patterns (not sure how valuable that information would be, compared to other greater needs for information.)

Urban village - we can not create an urban village without fixing some root problems first.

Housing affordability - present and future SHA developments on 33rd Ave NE should be more than sufficient for a single neighborhood.

housing affordability (there is a lot of low-income housing here - there needs to be more of a mix of mid- to upper scale housing)

Cheap apartments.

Increase in density of housing and new retail fronts until the existing buildings find tenants.

development

As much as I'd love it, I'd trade a new community center for better and significant traffic control.

Installing stupid sculptures that are supposed to be ""public art"". It's a waste of money.

Supporting and enabling homeless individuals while the rest of the community endures them. This comment applies to homeless individuals who choose being homeless as a lifestyle and engage in addictive behaviors that serve neither them nor the community of Lake City. This comment does not apply to those who are homeless due to recent changes in their employment or income.

bicycle throughways, recycling every little thing, bag taxes

Phony 'feel good' programs that gloss over the mess

Wasting money on token street plantings and sidewalks that largely go unused.

planting strips in the middle of the roads

Accommodating all the corporate ugliness along Lake City Way, which could easily be a much more appealing thoroughfare.

Please spend less time on side street traffic mitigation. That is a necessary by-product of congestion. Instead, make the traffic flow smoother and faster.

Civic buildings and services. Not that I don't want to see them supported, but they're already pretty darn good. Street trees. I love them, but the local thugs have been severely damaging the ones we have.

New housing/condos.

Businesses that compromise safety like gun shops and strip clubs. It's great that auto row is a staple, but need there be so much of it? And I swear to God if a mini casino opens up here, I'm moving to Ballard.

Ballard!!!

Ballard seems to be getting all the money. I was amazed to see that every single intersection even out in the neighborhoods has brand new curbcuts on all corners. Why is Ballard getting all of the attention and Lake City next to none? This is very upsetting.

Public artwork. Sidewalks in front of car dealerships-- seems a little paradoxical doesn't it? How about sidewalks from the neighborhoods down into the business district?

trying to add housing and hope people get out of their cars.

expanding footprints and asphalt.

Condo building and tree removal

## Question 4: Are there important gaps in the Status Reports?

I like the demographic information in the report. It would be interesting to see the neighborhoods in comparison to one other, using the same charts side by side. Is there a summary document that would make this easier to see? Particularly the racial/ethnic composition data. I'd like to know if the city has a plan to even out the wedges in the pie. I think the density is hard to visualize--and with the ability to incorporate images, I think a pdf of the current Lake City Way neighborhood (with its density) FROM GROUND LEVEL should be shown, next to an image of what the future density might look like. If LCW becomes a dark corridor through blocks of 6-story buildings built to the edge of the property, it will be heartbreaking. I don't think people see it coming.

The data is very outdated.

Plan lacks strategies to carry out goal of protecting residential neighborhoods from harmful impacts of nearby commercial and high density development.

There is no bus service to Husky stadium that I can tell. It would be nice to be able to take a bus that goes down 35th to Montlake so you could easily get to Husky stadium and athletic area. All the buses take you way up into the University.

Infrastructure current status and targeted needs for improvements as the Hub Urban Village densifies, infrastructure upgrades will be needed.

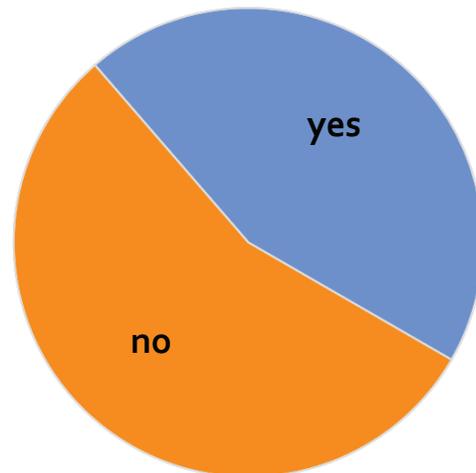
How about telling us what projects have actually impacted the parts of the neighborhood beyond the business district boundaries.

Emphasis on parking, noise, and speeding enforcement on 35th Ave NE.

it just doesn't seem to mesh with the reality of Lake City today. The main picture (with the sculpture) is so old - the shop in the image (Craniums) has been closed an empty for well over a year, maybe two, so it's not a lively place as shown. This is not the reality of 2009. Crime is a major issue. There just does not seem to be the business vitality and sense of community that is touted.

Not necessarily gaps, but questionable information. For instance, the 2000 census information, especially on housing, is basically useless. The census information is useful regarding some things (maybe some demographic info), but there is much more up to date housing information (both house values and rental costs) available.

There isn't really mention or sensitivity or focus on the multi-national, multi-cultural aspect of Lake City. I think this could be a strong asset for LC if handled properly. The array of ethnic stores on LC Way could be spun into a 'destination' for food lovers. Almost like the International District. Also, there is more than typical numbers of low-income housing - focusing on the needs of that segment in terms of child care (there is really none in LC), services, outreach, etc.



Please see all my other answers.

Lake city is largely made up of short one story commercial buildings. These buildings are ageing and are being replaced by unfriendly box store (Bartell's, etc) architecture that encroaches onto the sidewalk. An overreaching architectural plan that promotes pedestrians, and encourages community. This would need to extend from 145th down to 113th. By promoting a visual continuity that encourages a cultural continuity.

Bicycles need more emphasis! Bicycling along Lake city is a dangerous activity and yet it is becoming much more common.

There isn't much mention of public safety. First and foremost, I want to feel safe in my neighborhood. Compared to other areas, like Ballard, Greenwood, Fremont, and even the U-District (which has its issues) I feel the least safe in Lake City.

Community programs, networks, and support

Information about commercial properties.

Please explain why some neighborhoods get new concrete sidewalks and curbscuts in areas that aren't even high pedestrian areas, and Lake City has substandard (asphalt) sidewalks or none at all pretty much everywhere.

#### Q4: What are the important gaps in the status reports?

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I believe that it is inaccurate to call Lake City "pedestrian friendly" and "convenient" when there are few sidewalks and those there are are buckled and potholed.

It is a very nice report with some very interesting data on the demographics of the area but it is extremely short on detail regarding specific developments/efforts that have taken place or been influenced by the neighborhood plan. It refers to "numerous sidewalk improvements" - how about a listing or highlighting them on the map? Future projects are noted that could also be highlighted on the map. Nice description of the vision and the plan but not much information about the "status" of the implementation of the plan.

I think that I've made that abundantly clear in my prior comments.

See above..the types of businesses that have moved in.

trees. THEY ARE WHAT MOST OF MY NEIGHBORS AND I LOVE ABOUT THE AREA