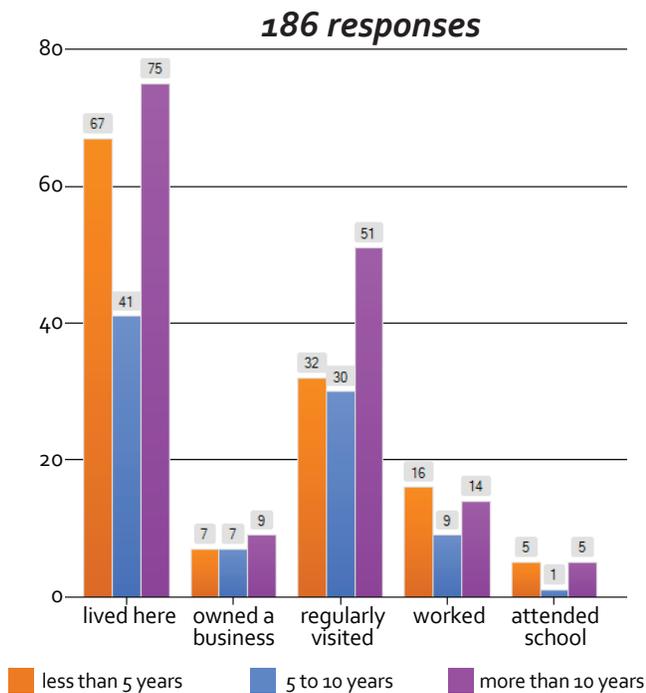
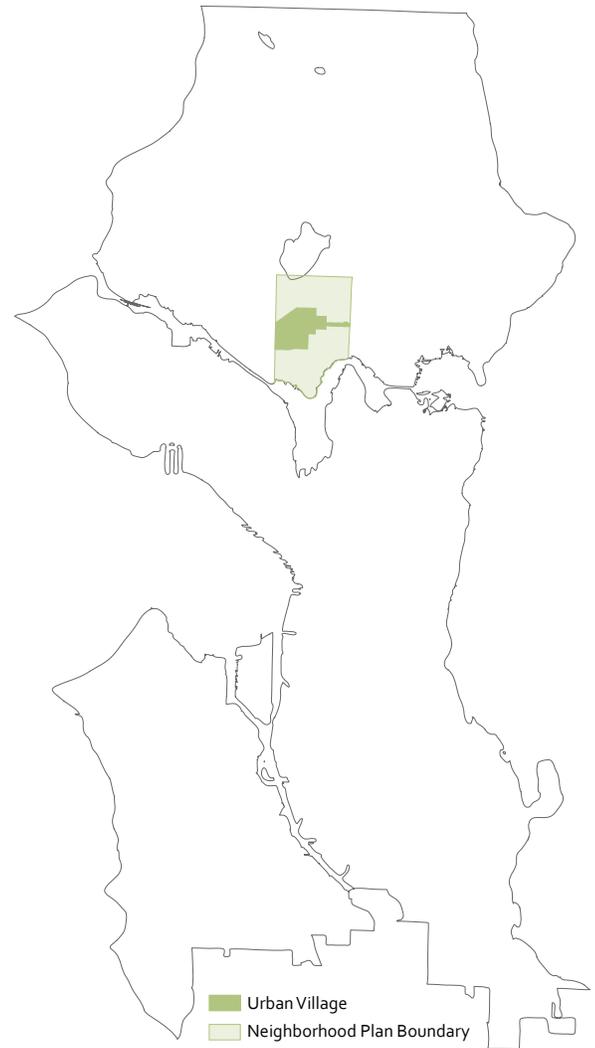


Status Check

Transcript of Wallingford Questionnaire Responses

The Wallingford Neighborhood Plan was adopted in 1998 and includes the Wallingford Residential 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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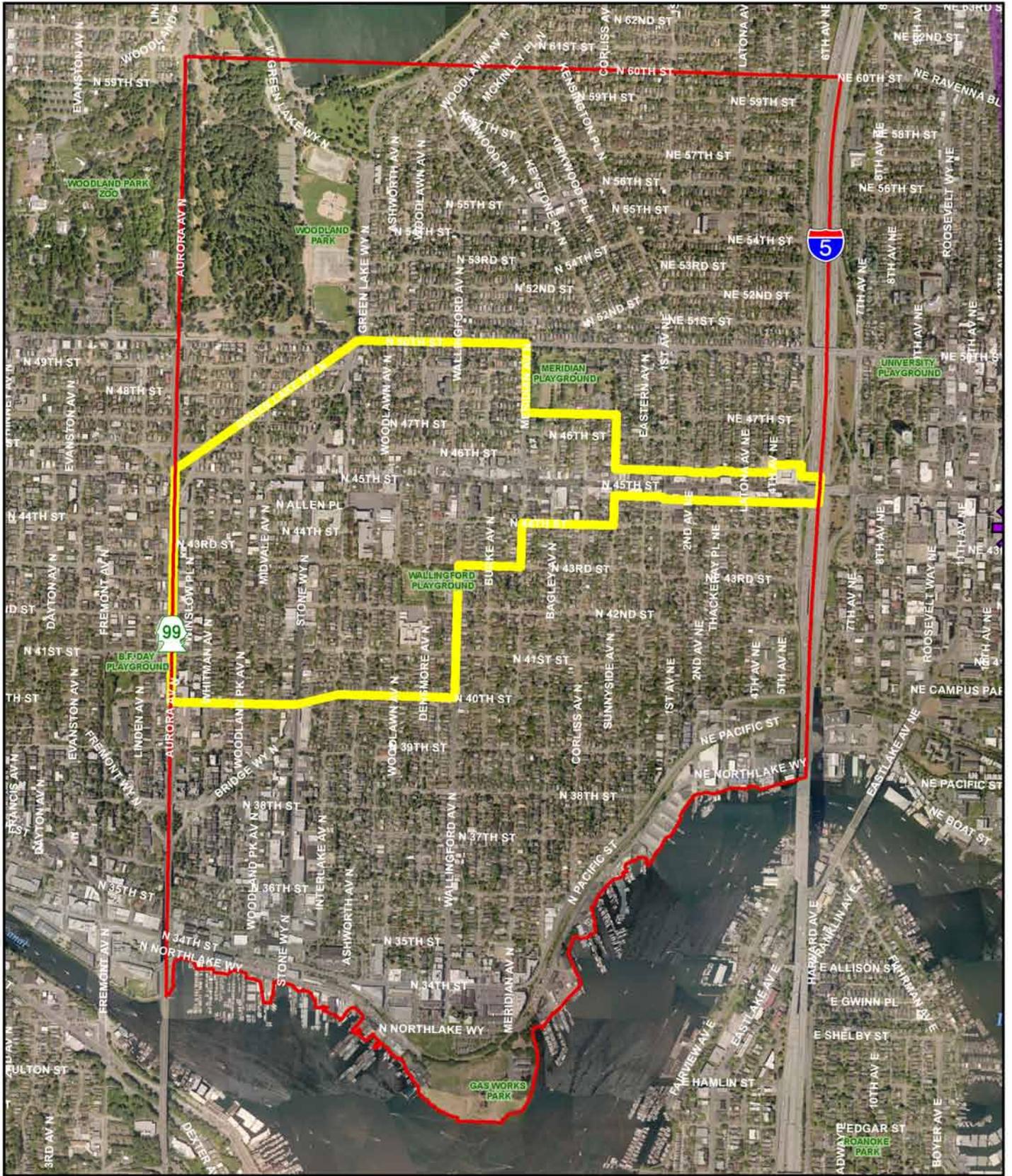
*Question 2: What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you...
most pleased about?
most dissatisfied about?*

*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?*

PLEASE NOTE: statistical sampling was not used for the on-line questionnaire; responses do not necessarily represent the community as a whole.

WALLINGFORD AERIAL MAP



- Urban Village
- Neighborhood Plan Area
- Aerial Photo: 2007

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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)?

Far more density and traffic

Some major arterials have either been changed to local streets or hand traffic circles installed in them regardless of the fact they are arterial streets (eg: 56th between Latona and Meridian). These are car traffic thoroughfares. When cars can no longer travel on those streets they end up of smaller, adjacent streets which are less prepared to handle the traffic.

More block watch and unity

Business changes. Some gone out of business. Some new successful businesses. More traffic.

There is much greater density because of townhomes and condos being constructed. Traffic through our area between N. 45th and N. 50th has increased and people drive faster. People want to avoid the stalled traffic on the main arterials, so they cut through the side streets. Many more vehicles belonging to homeless people are parked on the streets, presumably because of the services (health, food, psychiatric, housing) available on N. 45th. More noise comes from Woodland Park area....batting cages, concerts, loud amplification of events. Many more young families with young children have bought homes here, so the demographics have changed. It is also scary to see reckless drivers barreling through the neighborhood when children are out on the sidewalks or trying to cross a street. Some scary crimes have been committed in the last year or so.....a stabbing of a pregnant woman a block away, a rape of a woman by a stranger in her own home, a shooting at an apartment a few blocks away.

Many town-houses have been built

There has been a vast surge in traffic on neighborhood streets, specifically those needing to cut through neighborhoods to avoid the increasing traffic on 50th and 45th streets. We have also seen an increase in homelessness and in people sleeping in cars, and leaving cars, on the streets. Additionally, we have seen increases in graffiti in our neighborhood.

New side walks and bus stop areas.

There is lots more growth (ugly condos) and traffic.

Don't know.

The rents have become astronomical.

Wallingford has done a lot to bring people to it, new retail and rentable buildings have gone up, and the feeling is a safe place in the City

The neighborhood has not changed dramatically since I've lived there (2.5yrs). What I have noticed are improvements to the Hamilton School have been undertaken (assume this is not a city matter or pertinent to this questionnaire?), along with improvement made along the 45th street corridor.

Increase in traffic, remodeling of homes, use of Good Shepherd Center, churn of businesses on N. 45th Street

bike lanes have been added; Not A Number worked with the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce to have more businesses work together to generate foot traffic

A lot of the planned changes have taken place. The Wallingford library was built. The Wallingford steps were completed. The Wallingford playground was refurbished. 45th and Wallingford got the new crosswalk which makes it seem safer. The Wallingford sign on top of QFC gives the neighborhood a feeling of being Wallingford. My little neighborhood of Tangletown got a new name and feels like a little community.

Very visible improvements in the 45th St corridor, spiffing up the neighborhood. Many more trees planted in residential areas, more business diversity. Renovation of Wallingford Center. - all of it shows continuous active improvement and impresses me. I'd certainly enjoy renovation of existing businesses east of Eeastern Ave (in "Eastern Wallingford" and reduction in the amount of group homes /boarding houses; there seem to be more of those.

More density. Poorly designed and constructed multiple dwelling units (zero lot line townhomes, condos, condo conversions, apartments) have predominated redevelopment. Open space has not increased to acceptable levels. Surface commuter parking and multi-unit parking overflow (from inadequate or overpriced covered parking within structures) have increased.

Welcome improvements to 45th St. More automobile traffic (not so welcome). Some improved bus service; more needed. More higher density housing.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Nothing has changed since moving here.

The streets have improved and the sense of community has improved. There are fewer empty storefronts.

There have been a lot of major construction projects that I believe have had a positive impact on 45th street through Wallingford.

seems like there is A LOT more high-density housing

Yes and No

I like the improvements to 45th street and the adoption of more bike infrastructure. I also like that 45th ST has increased density of housing units.

More townhouses and multiple family dwellings have been built. Unfortunately, they all look pretty much the same and are a blight on the neighborhood. The sprucing up of 45th street is good as are the improvements around Gasworks park and the Wallingford steps. The lack of a community center - which has been promised in the past to be housed at various locations and then not followed through on is not good.

Housing is more expensive. Traffic is worse on 45th.

More young families, less rentals.

Many more families with children have moved in.

45th street used to be an awful roller coaster ride, with a terrible rough and rolling pavement. The street was finally re-paved this year and what a wonderful difference. Also am enjoying the improved sidewalks and curbs, which are much safer to walk and more aesthetically pleasing. I also to all the improvements, our neighborhood is more walkable than ever. Our library was moved and improved, and my husband spends much time there. I've also noticed more diversity in our neighborhood, with lower income housing being built just for the purpose of mixing things up. A good thing.

Housing prices increased dramatically.... more fun businesses- bars, restaurants, coffee shops etc. better recreation opportunities...

Updates to businesses on N 45th St Increased visibility of family activities in our neighborhood Improved communication from our community voice

More houses tron down and apartment/condos added- not a good thing.

More density More traffic 45th St improvements Intersection at 50th and Meridian still dangerous

There have been many condo's built within a few blocks north and south of 45th. There has been some turnover to the commercial space on 45th. There has been an addition of the farmer's market.

It seems like more restaurants have opened on the 45th st. corridor.

Less chain businesses.

Outside of the sidewalk improvements this year on 45th St, I haven't noticed an appreciable change in the neighborhood since we moved here 4 years ago.

super cute, friendly neighborhood. we moved here on purpose and love it!

We lost the local grocery store on stoneway and I know drive to ballard for food. Many of the stores in the wallingford center also turned over and I no longer shop there. The biggest change has been the dramatic increase in traffic on 45th and the traffic calming that is backfiring on both 45th and stoneway. I can't fathom why we would develop a plan for a major through street that includes putting bikes on major roads (when they could go one block to the side) and purposely trapping cars behind busses with curb bumpers. We are both a neighborhood and a through put for other adjacent neighborhoods and a very small but very vocal number of long term residents (who couldn't afford to live here in most cases if they were to move in now) are driving this process. There are also far fewer families and over the 10 years the number of kids bussed into the neighborhood has increased.

Not a whole lot. Some development took place at the intersection of Stone Way and 45th that helped improve that area. Stone Way is better now after the road diet, but could still use some work.

Too much high rise and loss of parking. Traffic has worsened on Stone way and 45th st.

Construction on area middle school has been progressing well, no progress on prior QFC lot. I have only lived here 1 year.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

The Wallingford Center has changed the businesses in it. Some are more affordable for me and useful for me. Some of the shops are not my interests - some of the clothing stores are too expensive for me. The restaurants are all really good and there is a great range of food choices and the price of the food is a good range too.

I have only been in the neighborhood since January 2009.

Wallingford hasn't changed much which is nice. I've noticed definite improvement in the sidewalks since the work done this year.

More townhouses, sidewalk improvements, more traffic

Addition of Wallingford Steps and improvements in Gasworks Park Improvements in Wallingford Playfield Decline of the Wallingford Center as a vital center of the neighborhood More traffic

Street improvements to 45th Street & Stone Way

Since I've moved to Wallingford (in 2006) there have been a number of births or other couples moving in that brought young (less than 5 year old) children; I didn't see this recent type of data in the plan. Also the neighborhood communities are being more organized, such as the MacDonald school playground fixture replacement.

When I made a decision to buy a home, I picked Wallingford because I liked the changes that I saw happening here and the healthy growth. I think it's great: a gradual shift from single-family homes with non-sustainable lawns and a car-dependent culture to a higher density and more urban, pedestrian- and bike-oriented "feel." That trend has continued and I see the neighborhood as increasingly vibrant...this is great!

There has been a significant decrease in single family homes. There are over 50 new townhomes just south of our home. Traffic and parking problems have increased significantly. The addition of bike lanes has seemed to make these problems worse. I would like to see more clean up of Gasworks. More destination mass transit (ie to the UW or the airport for instance.). Laws should be created to prohibit the abandonment of large construction such as the QFC site on Stone Way. It is an eyesore and a danger in the community.

Much more congested traffic; revisions on 45th make it even more congested, though recent sidewalk improvements are welcome. Wallingford Center much less attractive since it no longer houses a bookstore or furniture store. Still a great place to find a variety of interesting restaurants. Really MISS the used book store where Chocolati now is, the Starbucks at Stone & 45th, and the Beso del Sol. Appreciate the community presence of Solid Ground and its partnership with the library. More beggars and street people year by year. Crime in some Aurora motels fluctuates--was worse 5 years ago and SPD and City Att'y's office has addressed this with some good effect.

Traffic has become worse: more, faster, more dangerous to pedestrians. Fewer grocery stores. Greater density. Hostile city government attitude toward neighborhood(s)

Wallingford steps, 45th street side walk improvements.

Re Vision: All fine and well but consideration of full demographics not entirely taken into account. * The first three visions are actively being developed: - neighbors encouraged to know one another - people residents of all ages, income, cultures - people can work and shop at a variety of local businesses, However, the last two are sadly in need of a helping hand: - Where people feel safe - Where citizens practice responsible stewardship * 45th Street Corridor Improvements - was a great beginning to 'Physical Improvements' but I have seen little noticeable signs of this enhancing the "urban village" character of Wallingford. What I have noticed is an increase in: - Litter/filth, particularly around Guild 45 Theatre, Goldies, and Babalu Night Club; and the bus stop between QFC and Bartell Drugs. - The number of beggars and disruptive individuals loitering on sidewalks. * Wallingford Playground improvement a wonderful design and particularly enjoyed by families. However: - Problem with skateboarders using the children's play area and walking paths. - Problem of owners of barking dogs, particularly the ones who think the enclosed tennis courts are their babysitters! - It appears to continue to be a convenient place for drug dealing and building defacement at night. * The 'Library' location lacks easy accessibility, parking, and the size barely qualifies it as a library. Re Weaving Wallingford: - A great start to helping to inform residents of what is happening.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Improvements to 45th re curbs and planting of trees very positive. However, amount of litter/filth along 45th, particularly around Guild 45 Theatre & Goldies, and bus stop located between QFC & Bartell's seems to have increased. Have also noticed increased number of mentally unstable homeless people. Lack of enforcement re litter and loitering a problem as is adequate maintenance of improvements.

The businesses on 45th Street seem to be doing better, with the exception of Wallingford Center. There are more children in the neighborhood. There is also more litter, more crime and more property damage.

More upscale businesses, property values increased, traffic increased, increased interaction with neighbors.

Yes, a few things have been created like Wallingford Steps, Wallingford office, nicer sidewalks in the 45th St business district, improvements to Wallingford Park and Meridian Park

It has become more populated and congested. It seems like some years there is less cohesiveness with the residents and businesses.

Reading the plan it was interesting to note how many of the projects were completed before I moved here and are things I enjoy about the neighborhood and reasons we'd like to stay. The Wallingford Playfields, the improvements to the shopping district, the Wallingford Steps. I've also enjoyed the Weaving Wallingford Enewsletters and getting to know whats going on in the neighborhood. We make a lot of use of the Wallingford Library as well and are looking forward to it reopening.

Denser population. More construction activity. More homeless people. More litter. Traffic congestion especially on N. 45th St.; very poor planning to resolve that issue in the latest sidewalk/street improvements, most notably at N 45th St. and Stone Way N. where the N. 45th St arterial ends and becomes Midvale Ave N— it's a mess. More housing available, but expensive; more young families in the neighborhood. Rent and other costs up. Attention to parks and green spaces.

The local school has become more desirable and there has been a lot of building.

Duh. YES.

I'm pleased with the Wallingford Playfield because we now have children and the improvement was excellent. I'm not pleased with the gross mishandling of the Safeway demolition/QFC purchase and abandonment leaving it to a giant pit, though I realize this is not a result of the city's wrongdoing. I'm thrilled that McDonald's has closed on 45th and Stone Way; but not thrilled with the construction of very tacky, cheaply-built apartments in its place--not to mention the tenant mix (and lack thereof). I like the way the Wallingford Steps was planned and developed but really haven't seen a major improvement on 45th and its congestion.

More crime.

The neighborhood has cleaned up its image, where once we were a neighborhood mentioned behind a hand we have become an 'upscale' north end neighborhood, Housing prices have soared, even now in a depressed market. We have lived on this street since early 1965 and have watched the neighborhood go from lots of absentee owners to owner occupied. The kids are beginning to come back, there are 23 on our block alone, most under 6. Forty years ago there were 40, under teen age.

Two major streets in Wallingford have been improved: 45th St. and Stone Way. More bike routes have been added throughout the neighborhood. The Wallingford Park was re-worked for shared use with Hamilton Middle School. The community library was moved to a newer building on 45th St. Gas Works Park has gone through projects to remove contamination. A very large boat storage facility which impacts residential views of the lake and the city was built along the north shore of Lake Union.

There seems to be more children in the neighborhood. There are more cars parked on the residential streets. Weekend traffic on 45th and on 50th seems to be backed up more often. The parks appear to be well used. And the business district along 45th seems to be patronized more.

LOTS more children. Very fast-driving cars zooming between 45th and 50th. Improvements on 45th are good. Change of lanes on 50th seems to be good. Still would like no parking on 50th.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Negatives: Much more traffic. More drug issues in Meridian park (we live nearby). Less attention to single-family homes--more attention to cramming more people into neighborhood. Much higher tax base. 45th Ave business district has lost some favorite businesses (bookstores, restaurant). Some businesses that seem not-compatible with the feeling of the neighborhood have moved in: Payday Loans, High Maintenance Bitch (now gone), strange Cigar shop that seems to be a head shop. Why have those businesses? Wallingford Center has lost it's appeal--so many businesses have left. Very sad. Lack of community center. Stanford is the reference school-its popularity has made it almost impossible for those who don't live next door to the school to get in. Creates major problems for current families. Also, because it's now impossible to buy a house in the neighborhood below \$500,000, it is, for all intents and purposes, a school for wealthy families. Positives: In my experience, there are more children in neighborhood (I don't understand how the census data was collected). Both Meridian Park and Wallingford Playfield have been updated and are very nice to go to with or without kids. Some core businesses have managed to stay--Guild 45th and Tweedy and Popp. We still have a library--yay! That's very important. Have some very nice restaurants--Tilth, Cantinetta, Joule, Molly Moon's. Good bus transportation--very important. The value of my house has gone up, which is good for me, but is bad for non-wealthy families who would like to move in.

Greater housing density (e.g., McDonalds replaced by 4-story multi-use), more traffic congestion (especially between I-5 and Hwy 99 through the neighborhood), more noise, and less single family homes / more rentals (e.g., single family dwelling torn down and replaced by 4 unit townhouse).

increase in number of people living here, increase in commercial activity on 45th street, increase in number of condos built, decrease in availability of street parking and public transportation

Focused communication about events and issues. Lots of traffic changes (50th St and 45th St) - BUT much more car traffic, especially in the neighborhood streets. Many multi-family developments have been built (which I favor); more illegal conversion of single family homes to duplexes (which I oppose). More families with children have moved in! Increased sense of gang tags and drug activity.

A lot more townhomes have gone up, which concerns me - is it safe to have 4 or even 8 residences on a lot that was originally designated for a single home? Also, most of them are unattractive and block other neighbors' views. The crosswalk at 45th and Stone Way was a nice improvement, as was the addition of the bike lanes to Stone Way. The Safeway was torn down and a new QFC was supposed to go in, but instead we've had a giant hole in the ground to look at for the past few years. Water gets stagnant in there and even with the fence it's a safety hazard (and an eyesore). Overall, it seems like there is a larger transient population. There also seem to be more families with young children, and several new businesses have come in that are thriving and adding life into 45th Street.

Wallingford has encouraged more density growth in the last decade. It has become less friendly to single family housing. Because of the increased density there are much more cars traveling through the neighborhoods. The changes to the main arterials have caused much more traffic problems, especially changing arterials to one lane per direction, where previously there had been two lanes. traffic flow is greatly impacted- examples being 50th Ave. N. from Stoneway to I-5 and Stoneway Ave. N. from 34th to 50th.

Have not been here long enough to comment, other than to say the overview way undervalues homes.

more townhomes

Yes - we have a great farmer's market now on Wednesday's, there is new development along 45th bringing new and innovative business, we have more community events (or at least I know about more of them).

Nicer shops on N 45th St

Parking is much more difficult, lots of construction and homogenization of the neighborhood taking away the uniqueness of our great neighborhood, traffic is much worse, changes to streets/lights/etc. has not kept up with the increase in volume of traffic/increased population, increased number of bikers on Stone Way and pedestrian traffic making driving, walking, biking more dangerous, increased taxes and home values (though recently values have obviously declined), views blocked with new buildings. Great things like the zoo, Greenlake, Wallingford Park are still great.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

The neighborhood is beginning to look denser with more multifamily housing (townhouses, condos, etc.) and more mixed use (the renovation/addition on top of the building housing the erotic bakery, UPS, subway). However, the neighborhood still feels like it is following the original neighborhood vision.

1. Improvements in pedestrian orientation on 45th and on Stone Way. 2. Increased mixed use buildings, increasing population on main corridors. 3. More interesting businesses, including good restaurants. 4. Improved park facilities. 5. Better bicycle corridors, especially along Stone Way. 6. More children.

The streets are busier. We like the improvements to the 45th St Corridor and the trees planted on Stone Way near 45th. The traffic diet on Stone way is a big change to our immediate vicinity. We have seen new buildings go up all around us, especially on the intersection of 45th and Stone. We like the shops and restaurants, but see a lot of vacancies.

Some of the streets are better (in terms of design and function). The business district seems to be doing ok - particularly given the economy. Graffiti continues to be a problem but I don't think it's that much worse than it was when I moved here.

More organizations and internet sources devoted to bringing people together. More oil alternatives. More children!

Population density and traffic density have increased markedly. Bus service has deteriorated. Library service has not improved.

Many single family homes have been torn down and replaced with ugly and poorly build condos. I am concerned that these condos will not be properly maintained and will quickly become eyesores as they rapidly deteriorate.

It seems that there are increasing numbers of school-age children, especially in the JSIS zone. The stretch of 45th that I most often visit has had a lot of turn over in businesses, but remains vibrant and highly walkable. I am sad that the Wallingford Center has so much empty space, and that we lost a toy store and a bookstore from that location (as well as another bookstore on 45th). The Farmer's Market has been a welcome addition!

There has been more high density housing - in particular more condominium units and more multipurpose buildings.

Lots of shift in the businesses on 45th. The number overall seems the same- but some have closed while new stores have come into the neighborhood.

It seems that there have been more small crimes, such as thefts and car break-ins. My family has experienced three of these in the past year.

There have been the addition of nightclubs and "head shops" in the last 10 years. Something very un-Wallingford and what I consider an overflow from the U-District. These additions detract from the family oriented Wallingford neighborhood that I grew up in.

Traffic has increased dramatically. Panhandlers and drug users/dealers are becoming widespread. Non-compatible business(s) have appeared, not fitting the neighborhood and bringing in more "out-of-neighborhooders," creating a problem with rowdiness and drunks. I'm specifically referring to Babalu, 45th and Wallingford. Seeing more and more outsiders in "gang colors" walking about. On the positive side, the Wednesday Farmer's Market is a big plus. Wallingford Kiddie Parade and street fair brings out community. Neighborhood websites / blogs have popped up, along with email contact trees (mine is called "south of 50th). Seattle Night Out is excellent; ours is very well-attended and neighborly.

Yes, there's more traffic and more traffic problems. Lost 2 bus routes. The density has increased.

Gently-paced growth, both in businesses and in residences. The neighborhood is becoming more oriented to foot traffic and seems to have a lot more vitality.

Lost 2 Metro Transit Bus Routes: #6 and #30 (on N 45th) Lost numerous single family dwellings that contributed to the historic character of the neighborhood Huge increased population of children ages 0 to 12 Deteriorated condition of Meridian park fields due to overuse by a private school Increased traffic congestion, increased scarcity of on street parking, decreased pedestrian safety

Higher housing prices. Seems like older neighbors are moving out and families are moving in.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

In-fill with 4-packs and 6-packs replacing single-family residences. Some better than others, although the design rules seem to influence aesthetically displeasing designs.

Increased housing density along 45th, near Gas Works, and along Stone Way Home prices have increased more than county average

Street improvement (roads, sidewalks and trees), business change-over (both new businesses and empty ones), changes at Wallingford Center, new Boys and Girls Clubs, more traffic on 45th

I feel that South Wallingford, particularly along 34th is being walled off from Lake Union and downtown by a series of high rising condos and businesses without any consideration for the views and connection of the neighborhood above 34th. I also feel like the expansion of the NRDS goes directly against the South Wallingford amendment to the '99 Neighborhood plan.

somewhat improved retail along 45th loss of major store at 40th & stone

Traffic seems to have increased, particularly noticeable in the N. 45th corridor between I-5 and Fremont North. More drug sales on the residential streets. Would appear that economic class has changed, w/ higher income families moving in. Housing is more expensive.

More families with children in the neighborhood public schools. Turnover of shops along 45th. Increased number of restaurants. Recently much more pedestrian and bicycle traffic. More remodeling including increased height of residential buildings. More townhouses along main corridors. More interest in sports and increased need for facilities. Latona (JSIS), Lincoln, and Hamilton remodels. More traffic congestion on 45th. Weird lane reduction of Stone Way through just part of Wallingford does not improve pedestrian safety on Stone Way.

sidewalks along 45th improved. Lots of tree planting on our street (latona). new real estate development (bagley lofts, buildings at stone and 45th). 45th st repaved.

I havent seen many changes... finally getting sidewalk improvements though.

It seems as though Lorig and the Wallingford Center dont have an agenda to keep things rolling though it have gotten better. Also, the party animal that Babalou and its crazy owner brings in isnt a good thing. It has made Selinas start a Salsa night and now even more Belltown rejects like to loider through the weekends. Very upset about the new development at Stone and 45th. Jamba and Starbuck both moved out with in a Year and now there is empty retailand apartments available. Wish we still had our liquer store. Not a huge fan of Arche MicFee's junk Shop. I love the Hamilton remodel progress and the parks development integrated into it. I love the Farmers Market at Wallingford Center. I am excited to see Mulvaney Gzs remodel on QFC. I would like to see all of the sandwich signs on the side walk moved so disabled people can wonder through our neighborhood without roadblocks. I would like to see The Good Sheppard Centers historic preservation process run faster.

There has been a significant increase in density, with minimal improvements to neighborhood infrastructure and a decline in bus service (I know, not the city's direct problem).

Townhouses replacing older single houses; large commercial building put in on N. 34th St. that blocks our view; condo complexes Regatta and Tavona built; Safeway on Stone Way torn down and nothing built to replace; Gasworks Park improved and Wallingford Steps put in.

more dense development more traffic

"Urban village" character of the Wallingford commercial area seems fairly steady. Appears that there have been more small crime incidents of late, with some concern over whether the police can have an effect or are even tracking the problem (if there is one; it's difficult to tell without the kind of info available only to the police).

Significantly more traffic on both 45th and 50th resulting in significant neighborhood cut though traffic. Pedestrian access has improved on 45th.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I have noticed improvements for access along the Burke Gilman trail. I have always been pleased with the intimate feeling of Wallingford, ie, it is easy for me to meet other people in the neighborhood. I don't know how much of that has to do with the neighborhood plan but it is definitely an asset of the community. I think 45th the variety of business on 45th street has grown over the last five years. It is a lovely street to walk along in terms of finding little delectable treasures. I dread and look forward to Gas Works Park clean-up b/c it will restrict my access to the outdoors but it will also in the long run improve the health of my community.

A few steps forward and a few back...Wallingford Center got spiffed up on the outside while going to hell (thanks to landlord idiocy) on the inside, and has a long way to go to recover; the long-vacant storefronts on 45th (south side) just next to Burke finally were opened for business; the Rite-Aid turned into condos (not great, but not completely terrible)...

yes, more highrise retail/residential

-more sidewalk traffic as well as more street/vehicle traffic -more businesses along 45th, a more active + thriving, cheerful atmosphere -less violent crime along and around our street (N. 45th between Aurora + Stone Way) -a more recognizable (familiar faces) population of transient residents- i.e. homeless, regulars -healthy trees along the main business corridor -the Boys+ Girls Club has a bigger + more beautiful presence -more people who are not Caucasian living in the neighborhood(I consider this a plus!) -much worse traffic along 45th AND 50th

I've lived in this neighborhood for almost ten years and it has remained fairly stable. I think the the 45th and Stone Way corridors have improved with street improvements, the addition of some retail/dining and the farmers' market. The stalled development at the proposed QFC on 40th and Stone Way, and the long-vacant spaces in Wallingford Center are holes in the urban fabric. My husband and I have gone from a childless family to one with a toddler and upcoming newborn and we are grateful for the local amenities, such as Wallingford Playfield, the Seafair Parade, several child-friendly restaurants, the variety of coffee shops and a small, but accessible local library.

It seems it is more owner occupied right around my house in the tangletown area. I consider this a good improvement.

More families with young children, some businesses closing, some interesting new ones opening. Farmers Market started, which is excellent. More community activities and involvement but I have also noticed an increase in homeless people and car prowls/burglaries.

YES - more condos and new businesses

Better public access, more community interest, more vision for future.

no

I am a recent resident (6 months) but I see small improvements happening in lower Wallingford, such as landscaping behind the transfer center & at 34th and Stone Way, and some businesses in the area are painting/sprucing up. 45th street seems to be deteriorating some, perhaps do to the country's economic concerns right now.

There seems to be more children, more rentals/multifamily homes converting to single family, and certainly more condos. Also a whole lot of retail business turnover, but still a failure to bring in sustainable businesses (so many that open are so predictable they will not last)

Some business increase on the 45th Ave corridor in the past few years. Many more condo/townhouse buildings in the past few years.

Negative: Increased traffic, more chi-chi retailers and coffee shops rather than basic stores and service vendors, more homelessness, extremely expensive housing. Positive: Greater sense of Wallingford as a cohesive community, more community activism (community blogs, Wallingford Neighborhood Office, Senior Center, etc.), rebuild of Hamilton, redesign of Stone Way.

Gentrification has happened as more houses and industrial sites are turned into multi-family dwellings and amenities.

increased urban and pedestrian vitality along 45th, and in the tangletown neighborhood. bike friendly stone way!!! Increased condo developmnt near the lake

We just moved here in June 2009.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Wallingford has continued to improved since I moved there in 2005. The business district has remained a thriving area making it possible for me to meet nearly all of my needs by walking. Bus transit remains convenient and reliable, though I think it could be improved.

please see my comments on the Green Lake Neighborhood. In addition, there are more national chain stores in the neighborhood some of which have caused small business to close.

It seems Wallingford is a little less selective about who does business in the neighborhood. I like that we are reodeling Hamilton Middle school thought. I wish they would spend more time on The Good Shepard Center.

Most of the changes seem to be revolving storefronts on 45th or ongoing school construction.

We've seen traffic increase and more chain storefronts appear. Density with housing seems to have occurred as well.

Street scape improvements are noticeable. Notice the change in density in some areas where whole areas of SFH have been replaced by MFU. (Primarily noticable in Green Lake)

The neighborhood has become more diverse with the addition of larger apartment buildings on 45th and Stone Way. The 45th Street corridor has increased the number and type of businesses creating a great neighborhood amenity. I very rarely need to leave the community to purchase anything I need or want.

More traffic, significant high-density housing development.

Actually not that much. 45th St is still pretty similar to how it used to be. Biggest improvement to 45th st in my opinion are the red cross walks on the intersection of 45th st and Wallingford Ave. I wished the pedestrian crossings at the traffic lights on 50th St (and elsewhere in the city) would be marked that clearly too to increase pedestrian safety and to keep people from constantly blocking the crossing while stuck in traffic (e.g. at intersection of 50th St and Wallingford Ave).

Increased wealth and home prices, somewhat improved services

There seems to be a rise in crime, which I attribute to the bad economy.

A great number of town houses and condomineum have been put up. Not enough space has been provided by the new building planners to accomodate the people living there. Most couples are two car drivers which means that there is one extra parking space needed in the neighborhood for each couple or family. I think we are getting close to critical mass here. Soon there will be more drivers looking for less parking spaces.

I have only lived here for a year. But I have been visiting Wallingford for a number of years. The business district seems to have become more filled in on 45th. But with that I find commercial areas throughout the residential neighborhood seems to be less - I would like to see more neighborhood bars, restaurants and grocery. Transportation is a problem everywhere, we are not served by enough public transit. The connection with the lake is not strong and I do not see any move, other than the Center for Wooden Boats, North Wharf project, to better connect the neighborhood and the water. I would like to see more focus on dedicated bike trails that go north / south through the area.

It is more dense because of multi unit housing. Less street parking for same reason.

More traffic. Better library. More "town houses." Fewer old people.

More young families. More condos (most pretty ugly). Stronger business district. Average income of residents is significantly higher relative to the city as a whole but they have less disposable income because of high residence prices. More properties are for renters. Traffic on main arterials greater. Library is smaller but heavier used. Most of the goals of the Neighborhood Plan not met and ignored by City.

We are much more united and working together since we opened the Weaving Wallingford Neighborhood Office. We now have annual events: Street Fair, Home Tour, Garden Tour. The Chamber of Commerce, Community Council and Weaving Wallingford are united in virtually all causes and events.

Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

There is a lot more traffic. There is an ENORMOUS hole at the corner of 40th and Stone Way which has been there for way too many years. Some houses have been improved. A few condos have been added. Other than that, it feels mostly the same.

There are more large mixed use buildings along Stoneway. The intersection of Stoneway and 45th has been partially developed. Both of these things have made this part of Wallingford look more urban, which I find appropriate given the great bus connections here. It's made things more lively which makes walking more interesting.

45th street improvements.

In my experience, the neighborhood has become increasingly residential with more multi family residential development.

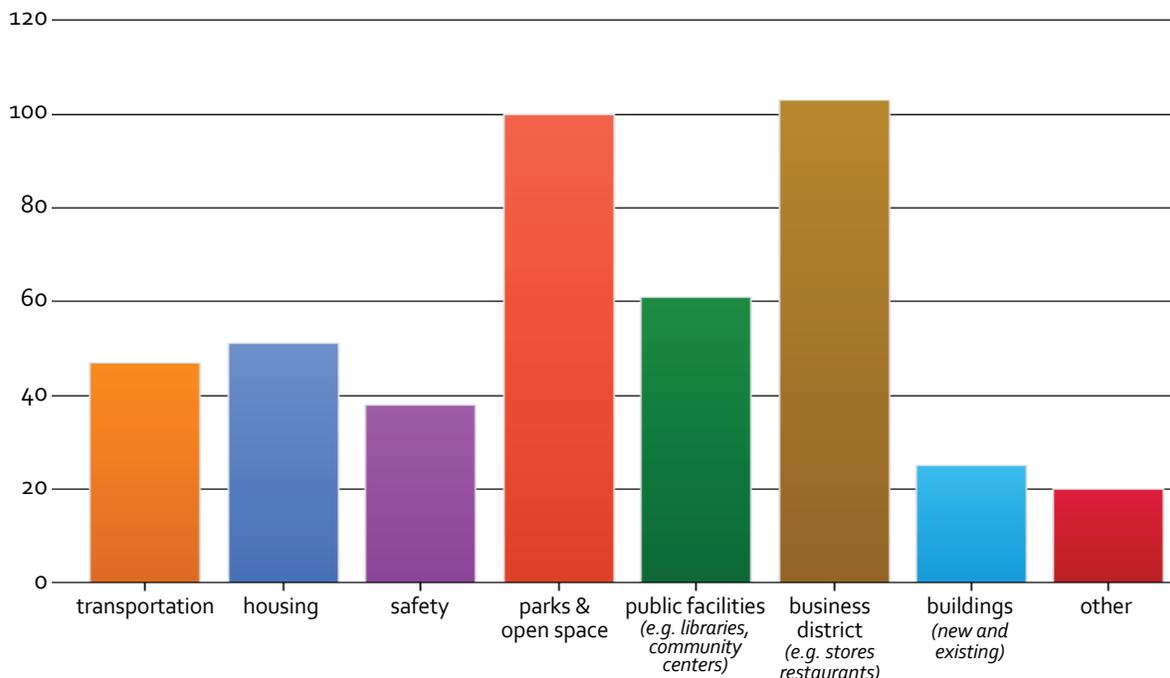
More traffic, more traffic circles, Wallingford Center has declined, more condos and town homes, more megahomes on little lots, some upscaling

We've only had our business up and running here for a little over a month...

Depending on the definition of "change", I would say that there has been little in the way of residential or commercial (apparent) growth in Wallingford in the seven years that I have lived here. Traffic along the arterials has increased (45th, 50th, etc.). Rents and housing prices have increased dramatically, intolerably. Our neighborhood office has been successful in providing communication conduit and hub for the neighborhood, as well as coordinating a multitude of events and activities, including the W'ford Farmer's Market. Our main arterial, N 45th street has successfully obtained the pedestrian (P) zoning designation.

Not much. More multifamily on major arterials. Some sharrows.

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



Other things respondents are pleased about:

- new street trees
- Sustainable Wallingford activities; Wallyhood blog
- bicycle improvements
- besides Babalou, the smoke shop, and selinas
- Farmer's market, schools (JSIS)
- proximity to downtown/Highway 99/I-5
- Addition of many street trees
- Farmer's Market
- Telecom utilities
- Metro bus service
- Family Friendly
- school - John Stanford Int'l School
- bike lanes
- Wallingford Neighborhood Office email communications
- Ladybug
- wed. farmers market!
- road/sidewalk improvements
- street scape
- More businesses and services throughout the neighborhood, not just up on 45th

The neighborhood has gradually improved its walking character, with more businesses to frequent, fewer driveways to interfere with walking, and more streetscape gardens in the residential areas.

It's been nice to see businesses go into the spaces between Meridian and Burke on 45th.

the density makes traffic and parking harder

The playgrounds in Meridian and Wallingford Park are great.

Wallingford is a friendly, safe neighborhood. We have well-maintained parks and good services.

Great overall community feel.

Wallingford continues to have very desirable parks and open spaces. I'm very thankful for that. The library is currently under renovation, which is great, and the neighborhood schools (Greenlake, among others) appear to be strong and well supported.

Q2: What are you pleased about?

I am glad to see increasing density in the Wallingford neighborhood, and a gradual movement away from reliance on automobiles to foot traffic, buses, and bicycles.

Nice to have a business core that is pedestrian friendly.

More bus service on the 26 and 44 lines is a good thing.

The addition of the Farmer's Market is great.

I like the project to expand Gasworks Park - that gravel parking area has been an eye sore for years. I like the sidewalk work and other amenities that encourage more businesses along the 45th corridor

See my comments in #1

I love the richness of the historic fabric of much of the older single family housing in the neighborhood and the intimate character of many of the tree lined streets.

The library upgrade is an improvement.

Appreciate some of the new businesses, and the increasing activities at the Good Shepherd Center. Very much appreciate the new Wallyhood blog as I feel more clued in to what's happening around me now. Appreciate the local/global activism of Sustainable Wallingford.

*Great new addition at Gas Works, upgraded play areas at Meridian and Wallingford parks *New library

45th continues to grow as a vital pedestrian village. there's a grocery in tangle town still lots of improvements to be made to bicycle facilities, but it's headed in the right direction

Some good businesses, especially restaurants are locating in Wallingford. Nice renovations of public space.

I like how the residents seems to know what is happening in the neighborhood.

love the hamilton remodel and the QFC renovation

Wallingford park and Meridian park have well thought out designs and are great for families. We like having a lot of restaurants and independent businesses occupy 45th corridor.

Wallingford Playfield and Meridian Park are wonderful resources. I also really appreciate having a variety of shops and restaurants in walking distance, plus the walkability (sidewalks, street crossings).

Most of the residential areas are very nice, and Wallingford is very well located.

Love the old homes. Adds character to the neighborhood and the city.

Bring on more things that keep me in Wallingford and bring others to us!

dense housing has been added in right areas

45th street Parks Library, Boys and Girls club More density More low income housing

Good Shepard Center houses many varied community related activities. Library and Solid Ground facilities contribute to vibrant business district from Wallingford to Stone Way along N 45th St. Both Qwest and Comcast have upgraded overhead and underground fiberoptic service in my vicinity, resulting in more choice.

Love the Craftsman era buildings. Love the remodels to area parks but still need more organized field space (Lower Woodland and Greenlake are regional not local). Like the local businesses but rents have been too high meaning lots of turnover.

New playgrounds, renovation of Hamilton Middle School, renovation of public library branch. Some creative new stores and restaurants opening.

Good parks and safety

LIKE the presence of: Boys + Girls Club Neighborhood Center Library new businesses

Wallingford should be a magnet for urban families

I am delighted we still have a laundry and a hardware store and a drug store.

We have benefited by neighbor efforts to improve Wallingford Playground and to defend Gas Works.

Good place to shop and eat, and a nice area to walk about in during the day.

Q2: What are you pleased about?

I love our busines district, but am dissatisfied w/lack of bookstores. And w/predatory businesses such as PayDay loans. Also, I like my house. But am not happy about the push to add more MIL apts to the neighborhood.

I love the big lady bug and flower in the intersection of 49th and Burk.

I like being able to walk to a plethora of stores, restaurants, pubs, and the library (which is temporarily closed and much missed!)

With the exception of Archie McPhee and the suntan salon, a number of new and interesting businesses have opened, such as Tilth and Molly Moon.

* Wallingford Playground improvement a wonderful design and particularly enjoyed by families. However:
- Problem with skateboarders using the children's play area and walking paths. - Problem of owners of barking dogs, particularly the ones who think the enclosed tennis courts are their babysitters! - It appears to continue to be a convenient place for drug dealing and building defacement at night.

Wallingford is a great neighborhood, very walkable and with great options for open space.

There are great family parks in Wallingford ---Meridian, Wallingford and Gas Works -- all provide great open space for family and community. Bus transportation is pretty good from wallingford with good bus routes on both 40th and 45th

I like the impact of the neighborhood design guidelines on the business district.

The curb bulbs and bike lanes/sharrows in the neighborhood have been a great addition and really make traveling around the neighborhood as a pedestrian and biker much more pleasant.

I'm a fortunate renter given the area and proximity to downtown and surrounding amenities.

I like the transit options

I love living in Wallingford, with it's farmer's market and it's strong sense of community and beautiful parks.

I like the variety of restaurants. There are many different foods to choose from and prices. The library, post office, grocery store and parks are all walking distance and kept up well.

I like the increased density, and am pleased with the street improvements and plantings along N. 45th St.

We enjoy having the library in our neighborhood. We would greatly support a community center in the neighborhood after having high schools relocated here (increased graffiti and possible break-ins during that time).

I am very happy with the improvements to gasworks park and to wallingford playfield. I also appreciate the new businesses that have come in including restaurants in south wallingford.

I like the older character of the buildings and would be sad to see any existing storefronts removed to make way for "multi-use buildings".

The Wallingford Park improvements have been nice.

It is good to see the library getting renovated, and I love the parks in this neighborhood.

It is nice to see the diverse recreational activities in our parks and the number of family activities.

Livability

Gasworks park improved, Wallingford Steps, new restaurants.

More restaurants needed! Yea!

Wallingford is still a terrific neighborhood to live in, for a variety of reasons.

The street improvements to 45th and Stone Way have made driving on those streets much easier; however, the traffic on 45th between Sunnyside and Stone Way is frequently backed up.

I love to see the businesses on N 45th getting refreshed fronts

Q2: What are you pleased about?

I love that Wallingford is still a neighborhood of single family homes with many convenient parks within walking distance. I'm somewhat disappointed by some of the newer "tear-down" homes that don't fit the character of the neighborhood, but overall people who live here seem to keep their homes in good condition and try to maintain Wallingford's charm.

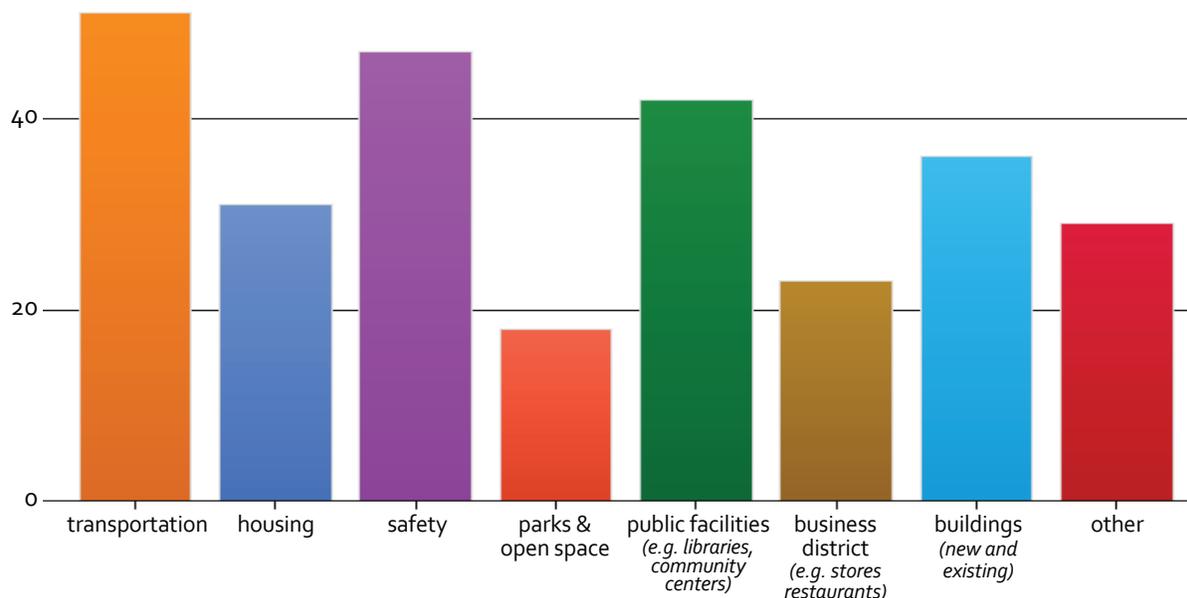
Wallingford has some of the most beautiful and upkept houses.

I appreciate that it is fairly safe still although this is changing with the failure to police the hotels on Aurora and the spill over into local neighborhoods.

"small neighborhood" feel is nice variety of businesses

I really like the higher-density housing, and the gradual addition of more businesses and services in our neighborhood

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



Other things respondents are dissatisfied about:

- traffic congestion and parking
- Traffic
- grocery store on stoneway is a huge hole
- access to the water
- petty crime, freeway noise
- Cleanliness & increased number of mentally ill population & beggars
- car theft
- Pending Transfer station expansion
- dissatisfied with Wallingford Centers vacancy rate
- the amount of crime
- Aging infrastructure needs replacement
- the big hole at Stone Way & 39th
- see comment
- heavy, unregulated traffic on side streets (e.g., 46th)
- Traffic people speeding and cutting through residential streets
- fast traffic on Wallingford Avenue
- Cleanliness & increased number of beggars & Loiterers
- Graffiti
- housing affordability
- parking enforcement
- Lack of land use controls over development
- street maintenance. the 1600 block of N 49 needs repair now.
- Views along Lake Union, maintenance of the Burke Gilman Trail, excessive traffic along Pacific/34th
- Traffic on N 45th ST
- letting a small number of special interests drive planning
- parking
- townhome construction, traffic

Our neighborhood has a dearth of parks and community facilities compared to the city average.

new modernist commercial and multi-family buildings are ugly.

We still have major traffic congestion, especially on 50th St. You put in a center turn lane, with only one lane going each way and it's more congested than ever. Not sure that the remedy worked. 45th is also very congested. It takes forever to get through the business district. Hardly any parking for businesses along 45th or off it. Thankfully, we can walk most places.

I personally am not in favor of tearing down perfectly good buildings to put up townhomes or condos or multi-use buildings (like the one at 45th & Bagley).

Too many townhomes - they rob the neighborhood of its character. It also seems like we've had an increase in home break-ins and burglaries.

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

there are too many homeless people on the streets and in the parks-wish they had a place to go

Pedestrian safety, particularly on 50th St, needs to be improved. I also wished there were more cross walks for Green Lake Way (instead of taking away the ones at 51st and 53rd St, they should have been improved so people in the neighborhood can actually get to Lower Woodland Park without large detours). There also seems to have been an increase in robberies at home and on the street in the Wallingford/Green Lake area (including armed robberies and rape!). I do not feel safe anymore walking around my neighborhood at night as I used to do. Some of the newly build houses/mansions in the neighborhood built from lot line to lot line and with huge drive ways do not fit into the neighborhood and are an insult to neighbors. There should be more restrictions on how to build. The huge driveways do not seem to fit with the city's idea that Seattle needs more preservation of trees and green space.

We have a great business corridor, but there is a lack of diversity in the businesses. Plus there are too many empty storefronts. It's getting more "yuppy" and less independent and interesting.

our house was broken into in 2007

People not waiting at intersection and cutting through residential streets at 40 MPH.

The costs of housing (and commercial space) in this neighborhood are entirely out of range and unacceptable for middle or lower income individuals and families.

It is still difficult for pedestrians to cross 45th--we either need more cross walks or better driver education so that they will stop for pedestrians at intersections. We need a bigger library. There are too many vacant businesses/bldgs on 45th.

The city seems intent on making traffic so difficult that we move away. The former Safeway on Stoneway is a huge hole. we were promised that this would be a mixed use development. People are putting mega houses and townhomes in next to little bungalows and running neighborhoods

Not really, other than I remain concerned that there are isolated voices that profess to "represent" Wallingford when in fact, it is a neighborhood of diverse points of view. The neighborhood planning processes I have participated on have suffered from this narrow control, and I hope it will change over time so that all of us can really have a say in the future of where we want to live.

Despite it's proximity, the lake is largely not connected to the neighborhood due to limited access points

Library has been and still is too small. New multi-use buildings are too large maximizing density for profit. Parking is becoming a major issue with limited parking because renters in new multi-use buildings are unwilling to pay for parking in their building garage when street parking is free.

Proximity to I-5 causes both problems. Noise barrier gap from 50th to ~65th on I-5 would be nice.

Restaurants trend toward high-end. Our grocery shopping options are minimal. I'd love a local option, like PCC. There is still a big hole in the ground at 40th and Stone.

Would like to see more access to water-based recreation, boating access - kayak launch sites etc,

The size and layout of the Wallingford library is embarrassing considering the size of the community it 'serves'. Also, there is only one designated playground (Wallingford Park) in the area. Definitely not enough for the size of the community.

Unless I am coming directly from downtown or along west lake, busrides into Wallingford proper often feel harder than in other neighborhoods. I think the only direct route buses are the 26 and the 28, but nothing from, say, Capitol Hill. I love Gas Works Park and Wallingford Park, but I think Wallingford has a unique opportunity to have more water access for the community considering its proximity to Lake Union and I would love to see a place where people could explore the waterfront in the water, on boats or kayaks and could get more in touch with maritime element of Seattle's history. I am not very familiar with Wallingford's community centers so I'm not particularly dissatisfied but I don't necessarily think of them of places for me to hang out or enjoy the day.

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Little bus service, no plan to add trains. The library is very small and does not have the feel of a community meeting spot. We DO NOT have a community center. I keep hearing rumors that some of the historic commercial buildings along 45th are going to be torn down to put in 6 story condos - I do not like that, especially when the City has not helped encourage developers to build something in the Stone way / 40th pit - there should be a tax or penalty for un developed property to encourage developers to develop or sell!!! This could be a great revenue source for the City.

I would like to see increased bus service to other areas of the city besides downtown in the area north of 45th st. Also, the 44 is an incorrigible bus route that is perpetually stuck in traffic and constantly filled to capacity.

See my comments in #1.

I think the Wallingford community needs more parks and open space and a better, more fluid connection to the waterfront and Gasworks Park. I also think the neighborhood could benefit from more pedestrian and residentially friendly, high quality development.

The density of new condominiums and townhouses is too high. The amount of existing and new public transportation is too low.

there is a great amount of car theft and smash & grab out of cars, and recently, house burglaries, in my immediate neighborhood. Also, although there are busses in my neighborhood, I cannot count on them being on time, which makes them less than completely useful.

*Roads and sidewalks in disrepair, curb cuts/ pedestrian ramps not yet completed, some pedestrian improvements but 40th, Stone Way, and Pacific all still need more work *Increased crime in E. Wallingford near freeway, drug dealing on freeway on ramps, regular break-ins, number of homeless people living near freeway *Still need a community center!

housing-the effects of the neighborhood plan on multistory development (stepping back from the street with height, as can be seen on south wallingford ave) are out of character with the rest of the neighborhood and do not contribute positively to the overall quality of the public street space. transfer station - while I agree that an inner city transfer station is of value, the current location is not appropriate for this use. I really don't understand how the urban village boundary shown on the map was arrived at. housing costs in neighborhood continue to rise

Don't mind increased density, but don't like the trend toward piece-meal replacement of single-family dwellings with generally low-quality and anonymous condo-over-garage clusters.

Condition of the sidewalks, parking availability, crosswalks poorly marked and poorly enforced, too many wires on the telephone poles esp. over Wallingford Ave.

Unhappy with Babalou, the smoke shop, and selinas. These places dont seam like a Wallingford business

It would be great to reduce crime: sexual assaults and car theft

If we have a community center, I'm not aware of it. It would be nice to have a gym to take the kids to. Transportation: It takes me about 40 minutes to get to my office downtown via bus, while I could drive there in under 10 minutes. It takes some residents less time who live considerably further North.

I'd like to see more bus routes. I don't take the bus to work (or anywhere else) because it takes too long; there are no direct routes to the area where I work (South Lake Union).

While I like the character of the older homes and commercial buildings, I am hoping that the city's focus on improving the permitting and review process for town houses will lead to more innovative and exceptional development in the neighborhood.

Aggressive homeless people have increased a lot lately, especially near QFC.

ugly new condos. Huge new homes being built on small lots.

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Since eliminating the 6, the only bus route that services my address is the 16, which meanders through Wallingford and makes my downtown commute 45 minutes. Unacceptable.

Too many ugly condos replacing single family homes.

I don't like the increased density

Police community officers don't seem to care. Many car break-ins, and home break-ins in the neighborhood.

need relief from east/west through traffic (streetcar?)
need community center

Increased traffic 50th and Meridian still unsafe, seems like we're still having regular car accidents there
Increasing car prowls and home burglaries

East-west arterial redesigns have slowed through traffic considerably along N 50th and N 45th streets. At least two fires in multi-unit structures without sprinklers (Meridian south of N 45th St and Interlaken south of N 39th St) resulted in the destruction of or heavy damage to adjacent homes, due in part to minimal separation between structures. Community policing including neighborhood watch has declined significantly. No significant new parks have been dedicated, leaving Wallingford with increased density and no offsetting open space increase. Aging water, sewer, storm drainage, gas, and other underground utility mains and services beyond their design life need restoration and renewable prior to reworking street curbs, sidewalks, and pavement. Seattle City Light needs to maintain and upgrade overhead and underground facilities.

Need more all-year recreational space. Lack of community center means neighbors don't have priority access to public sports facilities (i.e., school gymnasiums through agreement with Seattle Public Schools.) Library is too small. More focus on pedestrian safety across major thoroughfares (40th, 45th, 50th, Wallingford, Stone Way)

Too many new generic-looking condo/townhouse complexes being built. Increasing crime.

too many houses being torn down for greedy developers who do not reside in our neighborhood to build condos--changing parking availability and density.

We need a community center! Sorry the tank farm property was appropriated.

the large building on the SE corner of Stone Way. N. + N. 45th is empty all the time! what is going on with that building?! seems like a huge waste

Cookie cutter townhouses that have taken over whole blocks. Lack of parking provided for said townhouses and lack of upkeep once they have sold. The lack of a community center, such as the one in Phinney or the University district.

Megahomes should be assessed a special tax, and town homes are very poorly designed

Wallingford does not have a community center - a serious omission for such a large neighborhood.

Traffic through our neighborhood has increased, despite installation of traffic circles. They drive fast, without looking at intersections!

Need to improve bus service so we can reduce the grid lock on 45th. We don't have public facilities (library is too small to count). School District continues to be unwilling to talk to the community.

Biking up Stone Way is never fun but I can't imagine there's a way around that.

Both the Wallingford and Fremont neighborhood plans claim our mini-neighborhood west of Stone/east of Aurora, but neither really considers our problems with public safety and the failure to redevelop Aurora to be a good neighbor.

East-west bike travel is extremely difficult (sharrows on 45th are no help at all); housing is extremely expensive and getting more so - even a middle-class family cannot afford to buy or rent here; we continue to be the most unparked area in Seattle, with access to Lake Union VERY restricted; Wallingford still has no community center; our business district has been almost completely taken over by coffee shops and boutiques.

I love the fact that we have a library but am sad that it's stuck in a small space in a busy bldg. Hard to park. Traffic is awful. Side streets are being used by people to avoid 45th--makes the side streets dangerous. Am dissatisfied w/plans to add more density to neighborhood--feels very dense as it is. Parking is quite hard on neighborhood streets. There is major drug activity in Meridian Park and on adjacent streets. Hard for neighbors to fight alone w/o police help.

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

People cutting through residential areas to avoid the 5 way intersection of 50th, Greenlake way and Stone way. As well as going the wrong way around the traffic circles.

The car traffic on Wallingford Avenue between 40th and 45th is very fast. This is near the Wallingford Park. Many are going so fast that they are unable to stop safely for the crosswalk at Wallingford Ave and 43rd. I'd also like to see another crosswalk at Wallingford Ave and 42nd as both of these intersections are used a lot for pedestrians walking to Wallingford Park. Also, the street lights on Wallingford Ave are often out.

I am still not convinced that Wallingford is a safe place to raise a family. As for the buildings, people need to accept change and the benefits change brings. Wallingford has a tremendous amount of potential to be a wonderful community and I hope people realize that.

Library far too small for size and interest of community. Too few public spaces for meetings, intergenerational exercise, such as community centers.

My major concerns for Wallingford are around safety. There is a high concentration of property crimes in this neighborhood specific to car and house break-ins that I don't believe is being addressed. I don't see the level of police involvement in the neighborhood that I'd like to see, and I believe this is the greatest danger to the long-term viability of this area. The other area, while not specifically addressed in this report, is the increasingly inadequate city school system. The poor condition of Seattle schools is directly responsible for the relocation of many new parents out of the area.

Lots of unattractive buildings/condos crammed onto small lots, much more difficult to get around the city and Wallingford in general, see previous comments about changes

the Wallingford and Meridian playfields are wonderful family friendly places. Woodland park is not. There are no clearly designated trails from the neighborhoods to the picnic areas. The trails (which may or may not be "real" trails vs. social trails) are often littered with broken glass, cigarette butts, beer cans, and excrement soiled tissues. There's no pedestrian friendly passage through the fenced, concrete, gravel, and astroturfed fields that line Greenlake Way. Lastly, the Wallingford Steps is a nasty, hot, dusty, concrete monstrosity - not a park. It may provide pedestrian access but it's not very pleasant access.

Public transportation has deteriorated with the increase in density and thus increase in traffic. Much of the housing that has been built is ugly. Public facilities are limited to the library, which is small and useful only as a place to pick up holds.

while the library is fantastic and we make a lot of use of it, I would also love to see a Wallingford community center. I have taken art classes at the Green lake c.c. and would definitely take advantage of more programs if they were right in my neighborhood and I could walk there more easily.

a community center would be awesome! better restaurants would be great too

45th is a very busy road. I would like to see light rail eventually closer to wallingford. I would also like to see more dense housing in certain areas, which has already happened in some places like above office max, bagley lofts, and the building that has stalled at 4th NE and 45th.

cut though traffic has increased and become dangerous.

(this is all relative) In Wallingford there is only one east/west bus route (rt 44 along 45th st) if possible having another route that goes east/west (possibly along 65th) would be well received. The McDonald school should probably be reexamined for reopening given the number of children being born in the north wallingford area.

The business district still seems a bit sleepy and slow to grow and businesses seem to come and go at a quick rate. eg - the QFC is a bit run down vs. most improved neighborhoods in seattle (and is the only major grocery option), new shops on the 45th/stone interchange (both starbucks and jamba juice) were only in their locations for a very short time before moving out. There isn't really a community center per se in wallingford and the library is really just a hub to pick up books - doesn't provide enough space for community and family either through events (book reads, storytime, etc) or just space to hang out and read a book. The amount of books on hand is very limited so not really the kind of library to go and get some ideas for new reading.

There is little to no east-west public transit service through Wallingford. I would love to get to the UW light-rail station when it opens, but the bus current comes every 40 minutes...

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

There seems to be an increase in public drunkenness since the Alcohol Impact area was put in place in the U District. Break-ins (home and car) are a big concern.

library size reduced as part of relocation bus service not increased car traffic has gotten much worse no replacement for lost store at 40th & stone way

high turnover, expensive stores, but we like the neighborhood stores that interact with the community

a community center with a pool would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood

The larger buildings being constructed along Stone Way and 45th (also along 34th) are lacking in character and design interest. The buildings are very large and do not reflect the character of the neighborhood (in my opinion).

Median home value is far above my potential purchase power as a single income.

We don't like the car thefts and although the projects turned out okay, the new big buildings with unleased retail. We would love to maximize the open space for our kids.

I wish the library was bigger and had more places to relax and read a book, instead of feeling like a fast food restaurant. Sadly, it seems like Wallingford is becoming less safe, with many break-ins in the area.

The residential houses are getting old and need more upkeep. Safety is not great. I have had my car broken into and same with my neighbors. Each year there are several of our neighbors or friends in Wallingford that have their car broken into. I do not know the ratio of renters to home owners, but perhaps this is a factor in creating a close community in Wallingford.

I'd like to see more development of underused sites, so that more people can live here and profit from the good transit and retail in the neighborhood.

Transportation infrastructure has not kept up with the increase in density. Also, the new mid-rise buildings are forcing out our one-of-a-kind businesses and replacing them with chain businesses. The one-of's are what give our neighborhood its character.

My children are afraid there may be a homeless person in our house when we get home. They tell me to lock our car doors and our house door as soon as we get home. Re transportation, while we prefer public transportation, the bus can be very slow, and having a bus every 20 minutes (#16) to downtown makes it slow and inconvenient!

I still feel that there is more need for parks. In particular, I think that there is a need for a children's playground in south wallingford - such as at gasworks park or another location. I like the wallingford library but it is small and could use more space. Additionally, I feel that wallingford would benefit from a community center. I am disappointed by the emptiness of the wallingford center as that would be a nice place to meet and frequent. Finally, I feel that transit often moves too fast through parts of wallingford (40th, Wallingford Ave and 34th), that coupled with the fact that corners are not stroller friendly makes it less walkable.

I don't think that the Wallingford center has been well managed. Lots of vacant stores, and lots of turnover. It seems difficult to get a business started there. The library remodel, and repeat closures (as the current one) have been somewhat inconvenient.

As noted before, I not happy with the new nightclubs & head-shops that have sprung up in the neighborhood.

Yes, I am very dissatisfied that the City does not assist with whatever is necessary to get rid of the dangerous hole at the corner of 40th and Stone Way.

Bad traffic and unregulated growth.

I am always worried that local small businesses won't be able to survive.

The number of parking infractions ie; parking on wrong side of street, across sidewalks, too close to intersections, etc.

We need a community center! There is not a way for us to come together.

Too many multiple housing units resulting in loss of parking. Stone way traffic realignment is a failure for congestion and safety.

Too many boring townhouses. Commercial building that blocks views. Some publicly owned buildings allowed to deteriorate.

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

The city has permitted developers to openly violate land use regulations, particularly in the shoreline overlay zone.

I've always felt safe in this neighborhood, but lately I'm becoming concerned by the drug users / dealers that have taken up residence. Several times on my street (1600 block N 49th) I've seen a car pull over and a male get out and walk away, while the car drives off. Overall, city seems (to me) somewhat unresponsive to needs. I notified city street maintenance in early June about our deteriorating street. They came out and marked areas for repair. No action to date -- 08.14.09

Would prefer not to see drug deals going down on my street. Would prefer to see building code allow for higher density areas to be confined to specific sections. Would prefer that building code not allow such large building footprint on lots.

An excessive number of tenants within some of our rental properties increases the number of parked cars along our streets, making it difficult to drive through the neighborhood. Boaters who use the Lake Union docks also add to the parking congestion on our neighborhood streets. There appears to be no regulation of the construction that occurs along the north shore of Lake Union. This north side of Lake Union has the potential for providing some of the best views of the city and lake, yet that potential has been neglected. The city appears more focused on improving the views along South Lake Union rather than North. If Northlake Dr were improved, much of the Wallingford through-traffic could be redirected away from the neighborhood--making it safer for residents to walk and bike along Pacific/34th St. The land area between Pacific and the Burke-Gilman Trail is rarely maintained; grass and shrubs are over-grown and unsightly.

Timing of traffic lights on N 45th St are often times off causing extensive back-ups

My home was burgled within the first month of my moving in. I don't think I should have to pay some security company based in some other state to monitor it. My tax dollars should be going to fund proper police coverage, up to and including a few bike cops roaming the area. I'd rather send a check to the local police than to some monitoring service. While the bus routes going through Wallingford are convenient, they are often infrequent and/or slow. Wallingford needs a more frequent service to the U. District, especially when light rail comes to the U. Dist in a few years. Plans should be made for a shuttle, street car, etc. to connect Ballard, Fremont, Wallingford into the U. District light rail.

The new multifamily housing is for the most part ugly and does not fit at all the character of Wallingford. We don't have enough park space- and have to fight with Seattle schools to keep what we have. We have no community center- as do all the other comparable neighborhoods- a serious lack! If Wallingford is designated as an urban village- there should be a community center! Space exists north of Gasworks and has been looked into- no results so far.

Move the bike lanes off of 45th (to 44th for example) and off of Stoneway (to Woodland Park Ave N). Over 40% of the neighborhood consists of single people living alone but we lack the services and housing styles to appeal to us. We want more single family homes with cottage housing, townhomes that mimic the appearance of a single family home, more zones for restaurants and the ability to get across the neighborhood east to west and north to south. Stop trying to force us out of our cars and give us better options. For example why not add an open bus (like at Disney Land) up and down Woodland Park Ave N from Gasworks to Greenlake and up and down 45th? We also want more community based events vs ones that bring people in from other areas.

I wish we had a larger library branch. Too many cars driving too fast on residential streets.

hard to find parking for customers, let alone ourselves by our business

Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

I think having the Aurora corridor in our neighborhood needs to be addressed more heavily. We receive quite a bit of crime spillover from the Aurora motels and this issue is not being discussed with respect to our neighborhood. The focus seems to be on Aurora to the north of us. Also, I feel 45th St and Aurora and Stone Way are all roads where cars travel very quickly. Pedestrian and bike safety are at issue here, especially with respect to streets leading off these arterials. We live 2 blocks from Aurora and people speed quite a bit trying to enter and exit from Aurora. This is not good.

I wouldn't exactly say I'm dissatisfied, but I am hopeful that the southern portion of Wallingford will gradually have more services; e.g., grocery stores. I also think it would be great if--one day if the economy improves--the Maritime Heritage Museum concept takes hold for the King County-owned property at the north end of Lake Union. But that's an expensive concept and I believe the whole topic of community centers needs to be tabled for now (see later comments).

I would like to see more of a police presence in the neighborhood. I.E. Walking or biking.

Wallingford needs a community center like Phinney Ridge has either in Good Shepard or elsewhere close to 45th. Yes, I do not like the traffic on 45th but taking parking away from the businesses is not the answer. I would rather people sit in the traffic and maybe then they would get out of their cars

I think that left turns from NE 45th onto 4th Ave NE should not be allowed. There isn't a dedicated turn lane (east or west bound), and turning vehicles block traffic coming from the freeway, and going to the freeway, causing congestion in the neighborhood, and unsafe turning at that intersection.

I'm surprised that the median rent for Wallingford in the report is so low. I've rarely come across apartments in the neighborhood listed for less than \$1000, and those prices frequently exclude utilities.

The lights along N Pacific are poorly maintained lit which makes it dangerous for scooters and motorcycles. This also caused the Burke Gilman to be darker and less safe.

Too many car prowls happen in my neighborhood. And too many bums are allowed to roam around.

Wallingford would greatly benefit with the addition of better quality restaurants or even a "gastropub". Also, small apartment buildings are being destroyed and replaced by huge hideous apartment complexes. There's not enough middle/low income single or duplex apartments with yards. Without the funds to buy a house, finding a place with garden place is tough!

Worried about crime, shootings

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

45th street redevelopment went well. Stone way redesign was a mess and didn't benefit the community.

many of the south wallingford planning recommendations were never adopted. i think many of those recommendations should be.

The plan sees more density going in and that's happening. It sees things getting more walkable and that's happening (intersection of Wallingford and 45th redone, repaving and ped improvements along 45th has been accomplished). Stoneway has been improved for bikes and somewhat for peds. The high use transit stops along Stoneway and near Aurora have not seen any improvements, and stand in stark contrast to the conditions in the neighborhood otherwise.

Seem to have been ignored by the City. The Neighborhood Design Guidelines were hopelessly watered down by the City.

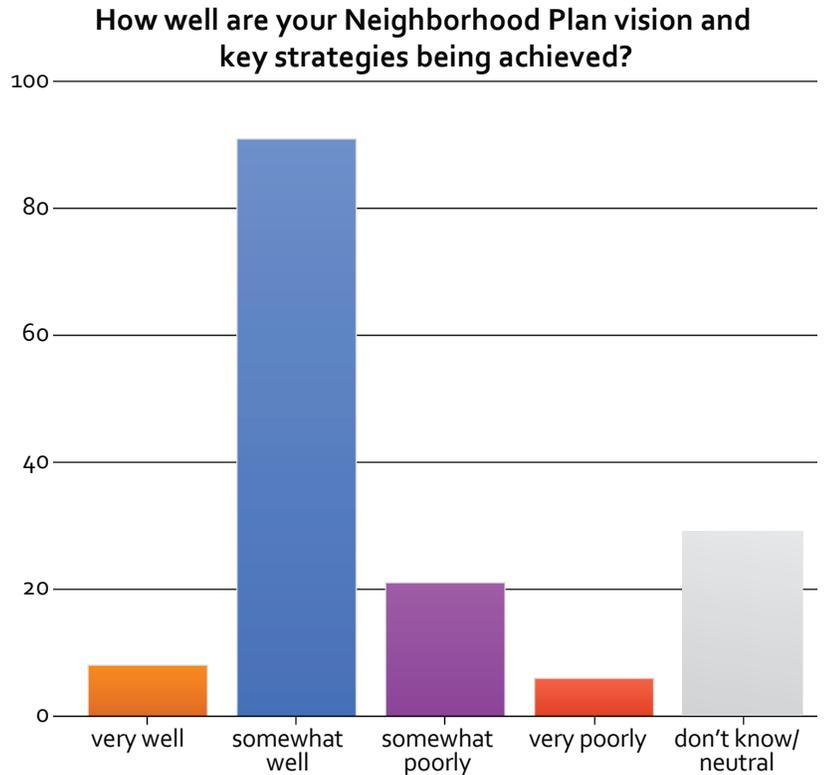
Too new to really understand how well ideas are being implemented

the neighborhood south of 50th street has largely maintained its character over the 30 years i've lived here. i'm not sure that the "vision" or "key strategies" had much to do with that but it's a good thing. Woodland Park - and consequently my neighborhood - has been badly degraded over the past decade (well, actually, much longer than that but the past 10 years have continued the assault not abated it.)

Overall Wallingford is meeting its goals. My only concern is that I don't see any purple on the map, meaning no light rail connection.

still no community center...

In some areas these are Ok and some are not as good. There seems to be an increase in community (by local street) interaction though it also feels like there has been an increase of crimes -- theft, etc. over the past year or so which makes the neighborhood a little less comfortable.



I think that the community has done an amazing job of creating opportunities for us to meet our neighbors using events like the art walk, farmers' market, seafair parade and the earth day celebration. The improvements along 45th have been apparent and well-executed. However, I do not see a lot of effort to reach out to and acknowledge cultural diversity.

Some improvements have been made, but 45th still isn't very walkable between the freeway (15) and wallingford Ave. There has to be a higher density of people living along this area for it to make sense for it to be more pedestrian friendly.

While I have reviewed the Neighborhood Plan previously, read through the very sketchy status report, and took a quick look at the implementation matrix I do not have a good sense of what I am measuring. The two key strategies are 45th St. Improvements and Staffing Weaving Wallingford. There have been significant advances on both of these (the pedestrian "bulbs" on 45th and the one on Wallingford are good but we could use a few more.)

The plan and strategies were exceedingly vague. Some of them have been addressed, such as the Wallingford Steps and Park. The Library, as stated before, is entirely too small and there are not enough playgrounds for the size of the area.

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

*Stone Way "road diet" is a (hard fought) success story
 *Increase density along designated corridors (new development)
 *Still many things to do

The 45th ST improvements and park renovations/additions are great. Not doing well on responsible architecture.

The only unifying voice in the neighborhood seems to be the Wallyhood blog. Before I read about this plan in the blog, I'd never heard of it.

Traffic still cuts through N 49th in avoiding the N 50th / Stone intersection. It's a pain. A preschooler got hit by a driver just a few days ago. "School Zone" signs were put up, but the signs don't matter to someone speeding through N 49th, trying to make the shortcut "save time." This shortcutting needs to be stopped.

The Weaving Wallingford newsletter is great for promoting community involvement, and I am appreciative of the recent improvements in the "urban village".

Wallingford is less liveable than it was 14 years ago when I moved here.

Pedestrian safety on Stone Way still an issue, and the neighborhood would benefit from being a lot more bike friendly considering its location

I think Wallingford has done well in working towards the goals and strategies to achieve the neighborhood vision. The neighborhood feels safe, it is a great place to walk, all my normal services can be met living in the neighborhood, both N/S and E/W transit service is available, and there are some beautiful parks (particularly meridian park). The one missing ingredient would be employment, because it would be nice to live and work within walking distance. Otherwise, the neighborhood is functioning well.

A number of projects have been completed, especially the pedestrian zone on 45th, the increased pedestrian orientation of Stone Way, and to a lesser extent on 34th; and specific projects at the parks and Wallingford Steps. Some zoning goals have been met.

Some items worked. Some didn't. One of those with the highest impact to long-term residents was that, at one point during one of the planning meetings, we were told that we had a growth target of X by year X. We were told that density would not go much beyond that, that it would be controlled growth. When that goal had been reached within a few years and neighbors commented on it at a public meeting regarding a new building going up objecting to the size and volume of people expected to move in, we were told that the numbers we were given during the planning phase of the neighborhood plan COULD and SHOULD be exceeded if possible. There was miscommunication on this fact passed on through the years so that folks in our neighborhood thought that growth wouldn't be so out of control, but it continues unabated.....

If we want a vibrant self functioning area here- we need to also have necessary services, such as a community center. The service center we have at the same building as the library in no way functions as a community center- it is technically the Fremont Service Center.

Getting the weekly neighborhood newsletter is very helpful. Improvement of the 45th corridor is also going well, but could always extend further toward I-5.

I didn't have access to a complete plan to know the full vision statement

The Wallingford playground green grass area spends a good deal of time in repair and disrepair. Perhaps a more durable turf could be installed.

The dominance of rentals creates more of a transit society making it difficult for people to know one another. Once people can afford a home they typically move out of the area (i.e., an area with affordable housing). Unsafe due to the proximity to Aurora with its continued prostitution, drug trafficking and transient population.

The street improvements were very much needed. There is still work that needs to be done to improve our views and access to Lake Union. The South Wallingford Neighborhood Plan called for more improvements/ changes than we have seen at this time.

When I read about goals being to celebrate I get mushy inside. Yuck. Wallingford has done a lot but a lot to do yet

45th still needs a lot of help.

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

They're well enough in the context of the Neighborhood Plan vision, with exception of safety. I don't feel entirely safe in my neighborhood either at dusk or dawn; and since I live on Wallingford Avenue, I'm seeing a lot of disturbed people roaming around shouting insults at themselves and those within their periphery.

I'm not sure how to respond to this: while I like the concept of neighborhood planning, I have been very disturbed at how this plays out in the real world. For example, I participated in the North Lake Union planning process (administered by King County) related to the Metro properties. In the discussions, I was very pleased to hear diverse points of view...only to find later that a minority viewpoint was advanced on behalf of "Wallingford residents." So much for diversity. Perhaps I was naive but it was pretty demoralizing, so by that point, I didn't feel too enthusiastic about further citizen participation. Why bother if the end result is that our "Neighborhood Plan" is simply the desires of a small powerful group of Wallingford residents who have special access to local politicians or the Parks Board? However, I do care about my neighborhood, so I feel it's time to try again...this survey is a good start and I appreciate the opportunity to participate.

there are fundamental limitations to the plan (Usable Open Space proximity) as there are few places to add new usable open space.

Change takes time. The overall accomplishments have been good...we must keep the neighborhood involved to keep change coming.

Don't agree with the vision---you are ruining what Wallingford and the livable city of Seattle has been.

Just look at the hole in the ground at 40th and Stone. That is an eyesore and discredits the neighborhood.

yes but they aren't inclusive and don't reflect the bulk of the people who live here. Instead a few people dominate the conversation and have for the past 10 years.

One of the major goals as I understand it is to create an Urban Village where pedestrians feel safe to walk and ride. I do not feel that it is very safe to walk or ride along 45th street. I would like to see more pedestrian friendly areas.

Haven't been involved long enough determine.

I don't really understand what the plans are actually going to do.

I think Gas Works park could be used for more events, and that sometimes seems not to be the case as with the outdoor movies initiative that was not allowed to happen

traffic congestion and parking still a problem

I'd like to see more attention paid to urban planning. I'm underwhelmed with some of the poorly made new construction that's been approved for residential and commercial use in the time we've been in the neighborhood. The new buildings at the corner of Stone Way and 45th St. were not created with a well defined sense of fitting within the aesthetic of the neighborhood. Even more distressing is gaping pit at the corner of Stone Way and 40th St. that's been allowed to sit there for more than 5 years now without any movement by the owners of this parcel to build. This is a blight on the neighborhood, and at some point the city bears a responsibility to compel the owners of this tract to start construction.

Pedestrian culture on 45th is still lacking. I'd love to see more efforts in traffic-calming between I-5 and Corliss. Bicycling infrastructure has been moderately addressed on Wallingford Ave, but I'd love to see some on-street parking eliminated in order to add proper bike lanes. Perhaps to Wallingford Ave and 40th.

Weaving Wallingford e-news and the Wallingford Neighborhood Office are great and promotes community.

Traffic still bad along 45th, though some of the improvements have helped slow traffic. I'd like to see fewer cars and more buses, bikes, and pedestrians. Business district is improved.

What is shown on the Seattle Planning Commission website for Wallingford does not correlate well with the Neighborhood Plan maintained by the community.

Little update long 34th/Pacific/Northlake Way. Had to fight hard to for the Stone Way bike lanes south of 40th -- Cascade Bike Club had to do their own traffic surveys to prove that bike lanes would not adversely effect traffic.

it seems to have been drafted by the very very few businesses on 45th

Question 3: Please describe the priorities for your neighborhood.

Where in the last round of neighborhood planning people were concerned about protecting the single family areas, I think people are more and more seeing the advantages of having more people in the neighborhood - for businesses, for making the streets lively.

ditto

it's all in the details. i'm not sure there's even any value to these plans since they're so full of pleasantries and so light on substance.

Creating and maintaining a livable, walkable and safe urban village is the right way to go with Wallingford. But once again Wallingford needs a good connection to the light rail which will become the backbone of Seattle's transit system. The 44/16 don't cut it.

I think that with continued growth along 45th, attitudes about such growth may be more positive than before. Community spaces have definitely moved up in priority. The Aurora corridor continues to be an issue. South Wallingford needs to be a priority.

I think the vision can remain the same, but it seems that the key strategies have been achieved and that they simply need to be maintained and improved somewhat, if needed.

Need more focus on working with public schools and other public institutions. Need to figure out how to weigh desires for open space with need for organized athletic facilities especially at Wallingford Playfield and Meridian. Wallingford overused as dog park.

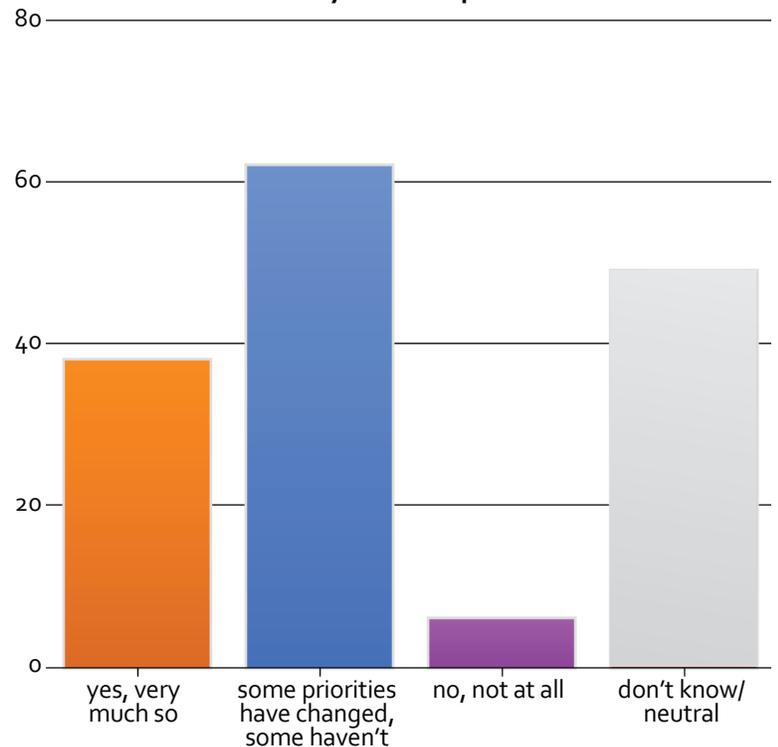
The 45th ST improvements are on track. Need a new key strategy.

The problem with the priorities is that they are not specific. Who is not in favor of mothers and apple pie?

new goals and strategies, reflecting the current status, and put together by wallingford residents would be a good idea

The Wallingford plan is a well-constructed vision for the long term. It is partly implemented and the neighborhood is better as a result. Wallingford will improve further if we can continue to implement the plan.

Are they still the priorities?



stone way is not mentioned at all, it is the next up and coming 45th, just don't forget about it it could sneak up on you if there is no planning for it

Though street improvements have been made, east/west traffic is still a problem

The proliferation of condos needs to be halted.

More attention is needed on views and land use along Lake Union.

They are a priority, but there seems to be a lack of will to implement/enforce the plan on both the part of the city and neighborhood community council.

Looks like some have been achieved, and the vision laid out is attractive but W'ford has a ways to go to achieve it.

I actually think it would be good to revisit the plan. Our neighborhood is changing for the better, and the ""face"" of the people writing the plan has changed, too. I see less emphasis on the implied rights of 2nd and 3rd generation Seattleites (as though that matters), and more emphasis on the diversity of all of our residents. This is good.

Q3: What are your neighborhood's priorities?

Outside of this survey I don't see much acknowledgement or activity about the plan.

I think traffic is a bigger problem than was predicted.

Not meaningful--- this whole thing feels like someones pipedream

I think people are against growth, which is understandable. However, with growth comes opportunity.

The plan should reflect the ideals of the people who live here not planners who happen to live in the neighborhood and have their own vision of how the rest of us should live. We don't want to ride bikes to work for example. If we wanted an urban neighborhood we would live up on Capital Hill. With only a few hundred more people expected to move into the area in the next decade we also aren't carrying our own fair share of the growth load. This neighborhood consists of singles but you seem to be still planning for the small 10% that have families

Design guidelines that it seems a lot of time and effort have gone into, don't have the appearance of having made much change in the residential areas of Wallingford - which of course they didn't really address.

Dealing with traffic needs to remain an important priority.

Density goals appear to have been achieved and the focus should shift to better distribution of future density increases.

I think we still need to work on safety for pedestrians and bikers

Somehow the wording in the Neighborhood Plan just makes me glaze over. Of course we want people to feel safe and the businesses to be viable (if they provide something useful), etc. etc. Maybe if I lived in a more degraded neighborhood or country the Neighborhood Plan would be more compelling. Would like better transit connections with the rest of the city and region.

see above

I've never agreed with some of the arterial to local street conversions, especially along Latona and Thackery. There are no other north south arterials between 40th/ Pacific/Northlake and 45th St between Wallingford Ave and I5. Thackery/Latona gets lots of traffic because of congestion along 45th St. Converting Latona/Thackery to local streets will only push traffic onto other local streets which are not designed to take the additional vehicles.

we need to have a plan that takes into account cars since that isn't going away. we will just drive hybrids and electric ones

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

carbon neutral, low energy development, community gardens, non-motorized transportation, energy systems

newer, cleaner, eco-friendly buildings. more parking

Bike paths, zoning, street master plans

a development plan for south wallingford, including public amenities and more open space. i think the neighborhood and city have a real opportunity to create more pedestrian friendly streets that promote a stronger connection to the waterfront in this area of the neighborhood. i also would love to see more neighborhood commercial development along north 34th street to create more vibrant and active housing and commercial opportunities in the area.

Encouraging dense multi-family and mixed-use development along 45th and Stone Way.

Renters, youth, kids. We should look at what these groups want from where they live, not just the usual 30-60 yr old property owners. Need to look more closely and thoroughly at how denser development can more elegantly transition into the single family areas. Should look at the areas with the greatest number of bus boardings/exiting and how to make these more accomodating (there are masses of people using stops that aren't in the main commercial areas.)

Address the specific proposals in the Neighborhood Plan and how much progress we've made on the specific proposals.

Traffic. Safety of pedestrians.

Better stat about employment.

I would like to see information per neighborhood on density per land area and open space percentage of neighborhood

Median house age, and number of historically protected buildings

Tree canopy percentage - and a goal for where we should be

and other information on community amenities - # of P-Patches, size of library v. population, etc.

Better building design.

open/green space

community center

housing and employment connections (people who live and work in the neighborhood), diversity in neighborhood. Transportation by bus, bike, pedestrian and car in the neighborhood.

Public infrastructure.

Pedestrian and bike safety, crime prevention

Streamlining traffic and revising the Wallingford corridor.

Mass transit

substance

Increased safety through more police coverage and improving the connection to the transportation network.

measurable outcomes

Access to Lake Union

Crime, community-building activities, events and institutions

Public space and public access to Lake Union, bike travel, especially east-west, encouragement of a more varied retail core.

more focus on upgrading the area with public amenities to continue to have people want to live in and visit wallingford.

A community center as a means to achieving the vision of "Where neighbors are encouraged to know one another, to celebrate together, and to join in

making decisions

Walkability, home invasions, smash & grab car crimes -- and lack of police response.

safety

Water access at the Wallingford Community Wharf. This should not be a strictly land-bound resource. Its connection to Lake Union and maritime activities should be a big part of its development.

MASS TRANSIT PLANS-CONNECTING US EAST + WEST AS WELL AS TO DOWNTOWN AND THE AIRPORT

Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

I think more of a focus on community events where we Wallingforders can practice stewardship of our neighborhood would be great. I may be out of the loop with some of these gatherings, but then the word needs to be spread more because I'm very connected to the neighborhood!

traffic mitigation

bringing in more quality businesses, especially restaurants

creating a unique community through retail and parks.

Affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, partnering with KC Metro to improve transit

encouraging another major grocery (Safeway, Fred Meyer, etc.) for lot at 40th & Stone Way
improving transportation (public and private)
increasing library size

South Wallingford. There should be attempts to link the Urban Village to Fremont neighborhood as this is right along the waterway and Burke Gilman Trail. In addition, attention should be paid to the 34th St. corridor so that it doesn't become a tunnel and speedway between I5 and Stone Way.

how the projects that have been completed relate to the neighborhood plan. The community investment section is good and these were all good neighborhood projects but they don't relate to the "key strategies". There are many more specific strategies in the plan that could be daylighted to help those of us reading this to better see how the projects relate to the plan.

*Pedestrian and bicycle improvements, safe routes to schools (John Stanford)

Changes in zoning and permitting rules to encourage increased density without creating a glut of anonymous and ugly condo-over-garage clusters.

Bringing children together. Since so many Seattle kids go to private schools, it would be nice to have lots of activities/facilities/etc. to bring students from the same neighborhood but different schools together.

Preservation of the historic character and design standards

better, safer, more civil transportation

keeping the neighborhood family friendly to people at all income levels.

public transportation options, including additional bus routes.

Open space, safety, traffic, incompatible businesses, building community

I can't read the neighborhood plan from the link provided - only aware of things from some planning meetings.

Are the demographics accurate? There was a community meeting in the Wallingford center in 2005, and the WC management was saying that they thought there weren't many kids in the neighborhood. I'm not sure what resources they were looking at, but I would hope that we have accurate demographic information about our neighborhood.

Specific improvements to public services, such as reliable on-time bus service, a community center, a library where one could actually go and browse for something to read.

Building a playground in Gas Works Park

Safety, traffic, pedestrians and bikers, graffiti.
Wallingford's level of quality for families and children

Housing affordability and transportation

Open space
Community facilities
Maintaining single family residential character off main corridors

Making changes to the roads/transit to accommodate the growth. Changes to 50th have and 45th/46th near Aurora have all but brought east/west traffic to a halt.

Allowing faster traffic on Stone Way and 45th to lighten up the traffic on the non-arterial streets and to lighten up traffic on Wallingford Ave (an arterial street where people speed a lot since there isn't usually stoplights to slow them down).

Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

Bringing families into Wallingford, increasing the % of home owners, maintaining the single unit structures in Wallingford - keep the condo conversions out of our neighborhood!, increasing the diversity of the population that lives in Wallingford to build a richer community

Transportation networks and public amenities.

Zoning to ensure new development fits with the character of the neighborhood

Bike safety and home security

Assisting the transient population

Assuring that no upzoning takes place without substantial analysis and public review. There is still lots of area to increase density already zoned.

how many people do we want to cram into a limited space? how can we transport the people that are already crammed into the existing space?

I'd like to see crime stats. What, when, where.

Stopping new development. Already the multi-use on 45th and Stone Way has had business vacancies for months.

Having more of a family environment and less of a transient one. If we are an "Urban Village" then have businesses close by 10PM - like a village. If people want nightlife, Fremont is just down the hill.

Giving back the sidewalks to pedestrians.

views and land use
controlling parking along our streets
redirecting through-traffic away from the residential areas

Quality of life issues--housing, traffic, parking, safety.

Safety

Crosswalks/pedestrian access, parks, libraries,

Traffic control, affordable housing. I'm definitely concerned about the number of townhomes squeezed into small plots.

Urban tree both street trees, not allowing to cut down trees, planting more trees in yards and in public areas.

Removing the transfer station and any contaminated soils that surround facility the adjoining properties. Creating programs that encourage the residents of Wallingford to spend locally within the community. Crime prevention, ...

adequate parking in land use planning

Creating businesses that draw people to the neighborhood. Community center. Maintaining parks and open spaces.

Preservation of marine activity and business uses on Lake Union. Traffic safety. Enforcement of land use regulations.

Increasing housing density, especially in the business district where 3 & 4 story buildings could replace current 2 story structures, probably without tremendous impact on views or on traffic.

Reducing significant obstacles to achieving enhancement of the "urban village" character of the Wallingford Community.

Transportation and affordability

(1) Integrity on the process; i.e., when there are multiple points of view expressed on an issue, those should be reported as diverse, not distilled to the preferred option of a powerful minority group.

(2) Recognition of economic realities. It's embarrassing to me that the City of Seattle has to limit the hours of community centers in the Central Area...while people in Wallingford want the City to build something new HERE.

(3) The increasing vibrancy of higher densities, and the way we can attract more business, light industry, and services.

(4) Strategies for more bus service and bike lanes instead of automobile-fixated transportation.

adapting to the changing demographics,
alternative transportation plans (outside of bus routes) for the future.

Zoning for housing. While it's appropriate for Wallingford to have multi-house units, most of the ones being built are the poorly planned and ugly type...one behind the other with ridiculous parking. These do not enhance the neighborhood. Case in point...they are for sale OFTEN and take a long time to sell. Also, we need to keep planting trees. Wallingford is pretty barren. Also, I hope the new buildings stay at 5 stories (maximum) and below.

Q4: Status reports should focus more on...

building community

Supporting the small businesses on 45th and Stone Way.

Safety and businesses in Wallingford that are affordable and useful to the residents

Limiting housing density, limiting commercial development

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, better traffic flow (it takes me as long to get from 45th and Stoneway to the freeway as from the 45th street onramp to Redmond). Services that match the population and take into account the aging of the residents.

Business-friendly environment

Urban planning and safety.

Transportation and public amenities

Continuing to support small businesses, restaurants and access to the lake for the public.

Bicycle transportation
Safety

Improvements on 50th to reduce accidents at 50th and Meridian

more light rail lines in to neighborhoods.

Safety

Community access to parks and low- cost activities for families

traffic congestion

Getting people out of their cars and onto buses, bikes and their feet.

Community center, design guidelines for multi-family dwellings. Parking needs of multi-family units. Keeping Wallingford a residential neighborhood.

Increased public transit.

Pedestrian and bike safety.

what to do about the transfer station...

Safety, public transportation

Transportation - why are routes being cut when we are trying to encourage people to use public transportation more?

Availability of space in neighborhood public schools for school-age children.

Conversion of land use over time, i.e., industrial (marine, light manufacturing, etc.) to multifamily; and single-family to multifamily.

providing food and shelter for those who need it

continuing to support businesses and foot traffic on 45th street; doing something about the gaping hole in the ground at 40th and Stone Way

Housing affordability

Safety, affordability, fewer filing cabinets for people, more houses

Zoning... what beautiful craftsman homes are being turned into ugly town homes.

Schools

Making it more energy efficient having a green neighborhood.

community

traffic movement/flow, monitoring drug use in the area single family homes

Public transit -- especially east-west options.

affordable housing, more office and employment in the neighborhood

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

parking

Protecting single family areas.

Higher housing density. There seem to be enough condos and town houses in Seattle by now. Or at least there should be a call for more green spaces when either is being built. Just a little bit of set back for apartment and business buildings to allow for somewhat of a front yard would help to make these building feel less obtrusive.

increasing density

fluff

n/a

increasing density

Upscale developments, density without infrastructure

increasing housing density (it's already happening with large growth of condos)

Pie charts which don't have a lot of relevance to us and the the Link Light Rail Map. It's good to have the urban village and overall plan area map but there were other maps like Zoning Class map (page 4 in the Specific Neighborhood Data) which provide better information.

New construction of whatever kind.

n/a

Nothing

Demographics and development.

Growth for growth sake (i.e., density for tax revenue). "Urban Village" shouldn't mean packed like clams.

Accommodating bicyclists who seem to have the right of way on sidewalks and in the street.

Adding more people to the neighborhood.

park beautification (job well done...let's move on now)

traffic. I am getting to the point that if the traffic gets bad enough people will get out of their cars

Not clear what the point is of the pages with the pie charts. And why "Information provided for Greenlake"??? The data is interesting, but it's not at all clear how it relates to the plan, or the status of the neighborhood with respect to the plan...

Cleaning up the streets. Discouraging irresponsible citizen stewardship.

gentrification

An entitlement philosophy; i.e., expecting City government to provide new facilities and services at no cost. Again, it's embarrassing to me to hear some of my neighbors and their want-want-want attitude when there are budget cuts happening in social services.

Forcing more density

Forcing commercial development

bikes, and the businesses on 45th. Honestly they should have moved the business district to 46th or tangeltown and been nicer to our neighbors in ballard by opening up traffic not slowing it down on both 45th and now Stoneway.. It can take 4 cycles of the light to get through 40th and stoneway and 15 minutes on 45th..

Affordable housing

While neighborhood solidarity is an admirable trait, it's not something that is a measurable activity. I'd like to see more emphasis on enacting measurable change that can have an impact on the neighborhood, like crime reduction.

Building condos.

Jobs. No information was presented on Wallingford jobs (2002). This does not help meaningful comparison - it is very difficult to correlate neighborhood plan metrics to jobs.

Condos

more development of high rise buildings

Conversion of arterials to local streets. There need to be some car thoroughfares otherwise that traffic just moves to streets not designed to take the additional cars.

bikes in major streets. GET THEM OFF 45TH

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

It is ironic that all "Long-Term" Strategic Vision Plans like these definitely have a short shelf life. We wrote a good neighborhood plan 10 years ago but forgot to mention the word sustainability.

One thing I'm not seeing in any of these new plan updates is the reality of a local, low energy, low resource future. It is pretty clear the City won't have the resources to put in much neighborhood stimulus money in the future. Let's make plans that reflect that reality.

There is no actionable substance in the draft plan. Is this by design?

plans for south wallingford

The census statistics are based on census tracts that are not all of Wallingford. Yes the tract boundaries don't match the neighborhood boundaries but the published data are so skewed that the data are useless. The rest of the data are not particularly useful either.

There are no benchmarks or historical data to compare the stats that you do have...

i knew that my neighbor somehow was lost "in the middle" between Wallingford and Green Lake but reading the two plans makes it abundantly clear that NO ONE cares about the area north of 50th and south of 60th. PLEASE, care about my neighborhood! And, PLEASE, care about my neighborhood park - Woodland Park.

Connecting to light rail in U. Dist or Northgate.

i'm not really sure how the census statistics support or otherwise relate to the goals stated in the plan. it seems like the status report should include the targets for those statistics (I don't recall if that was part of the neighborhood plan...it's been a while since I've read it).

Doesn't address crime, which is funny because part of the vision involves people feeling safe

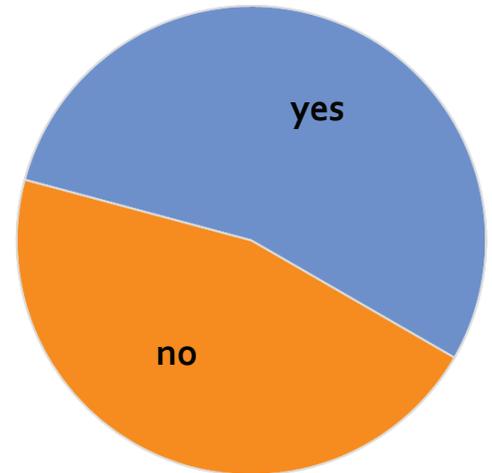
See above

Crime. Safety.

I found it to be concise and informative.

Addressing traffic congestion and parking

Again, I think waterfront access is a priority because it something so unique to Wallingford and Seattle and could be such an asset for our community. I have heard about a project called the Northlake Community Wharf and I love the idea of a site at the water's edge where the community can gather, drink coffee, rent a boat, see a historic ship, become familiar with ship maintenance and our maritime history and a place where the community can be creative about what we want to see there! I think it sounds great!



It might address what is going to be done with some underused publicly owned land like the corner of Interlake and N. 35th St.

No details are given regarding the South Wallingford Amendment. It was part of the plan to protect the neighborhood from the expansion of the NRDS and changing of Zoning to IC45, yet it is being currently completely ignored.

The draft status report was so sketchy in terms of what had been proposed in the Neighborhood Plan and so heavy on pie charts that it was hard for me as someone who came after the Plan was developed to get a sense of the entire plan. As someone who helped in a minor capacity on the very significant Wallingford Park remodel it is hard for me to see how that relates to the Neighborhood Plan key strategies and yet it had a big impact on the community.

Not sure

I don't see a lot of discussion about transportation.

The census data doesn't track with the City's other reports on Wallingford. Here's a link to one that covers a subset of the plan area and reports a population of over 14K. http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/cms/groups/pan/@pan/documents/web_informational/dpds_007827.pdf

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

crime statistics

The report focuses on “hard” projects, e.g. Wallingford Steps. It omits the way the Neighborhood Plan has directed development to create an environment that encourages walking and spending time within the neighborhood. This is what has really made the neighborhood a more livable place and is true accomplishment of the plan.

don't know

Just crime stats.

The status reports made no mention of views and land use along the lake.

While I noticed the plan provides verbiage for safety issues, I'm unclear what has been done to address them.

crosswalks/pedestrian issues. This is one of the most walkable neighborhoods in the city, yet it is still difficult to cross 45th except where there are stoplights or crosswalks. This should be addressed.

Are all the data current? It looked like it said the median house price was in the high 200Ks and I would have guessed it to be more like 400K from what I have seen as I started looking to buy a house in the neighborhood.

mention of need to plant trees in yards, parking strips and public areas

Employment Growth targets, Housing and Employment information provided for... Wallingford, Most of the information is old and needs to be updated, Crime Data, ...

Strategies are a little thin... isn't there more that can be done?

The status reports are too generic. They do not adequately contain the goals and policies of the Neighborhood Plan or most recent South Wallingford Amendment

While the report talks about building community, the projects don't include a community center?

substance about status (not just a list of what's been done, though that's useful info).

Too many ot list.

I'd like to see these plans have more sensitivity to three things: (1) recognition that Wallingford is only one neighborhood. We are part of Seattle, we have a responsibility to the impacts of our (often excessive) “wish list” on citywide planning. Sure, we want good things for our own neighborhood, but I don't want that to come at the expense of short-changing someone else. (2) More neighborhood planning based on willingness-to-pay. If Wallingford residents want a community center or--my own fantasy, a maritime heritage museum--I'd like that discussion to begin with an exploration of whether they're willing to pay the full cost via increased taxes to build and operate it. (3) Increased participation by residents to make the plan work. For example, there's talk in the plan about people feeling comfortable walking...and yet some residents insist on planting their gardens well beyond their yards or the planting strips. As a result, my friend who is in a wheelchair can't even use some of the sidewalks: this speaks volumes about the insensitivity (and selfishness) of some of the people who live here. So as the planning continues, I hope we can all do a better job of celebrating that Wallingford is about ALL of us, and that we're part of an entire city with big needs and a big budget problem.

mostly in the frequency with which the plan is updated. Much has changed since 2004 (housing prices, population, owner/renter ratio) and the plan would do well to have those changed reflected in it.

The emphasis is on 45th and 35th...there is much of the neighborhood in between.

Adequate parking for commercial development.

Reality is---the status report gives us little to no meaningful information as a resident.

Manage transient population better.

I see no mention in these reports of any crime statistics, and I don't think a neighborhood plan is complete without an honest assessment of area safety. I'd also appreciate more commentary on all of the statistics as to what are considered desirable/sustainable levels.

it does not address housing density

Using 10-year-old census data dates the report significantly.

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

We don't seem to be planning with the needs of the adjacent neighborhoods in mind, There is little thought given to the singles in the area (40% of the population), there is little attempt to bring in new service oriented employers (the buildign on 45th and stoneway has sat empty for years) there is little arts or theater locally (movies dont' count). The plan should start from the position that we no longer have families here and not try to be something we are not. Unfortunately 3 or 4 very vocal people in the neighborhood are defining what the rest of us want to live like. There is a huge demand for example for gardening space, a real need for public spaces that appeal to adults, strong demand for more zoning for small restraurants and a huge disconnect between traffic and business goals. just move things a block here or there and we can have both.

how about that transfer station?

Demographics for Green Lake (census tract) are not readily applicable to Wallingford or south Wallingford.

Tree canopy cover (categorized as public tracts, rights of way, and private properties)

Sustainability issues. How well are we positioned to reduce our use of fossil fuels, deal with future big economic turbulence and the increase in crime that it could bring, heat our water and buildings, produce food and support local agriculture.

Zoning, for business, multi-family, sing family homes.

Trees and vegitation in parks and lining the streets be native to the north west.

transportation and community-centeredness (community center?)

No public transit.

there isnt' any plan to bring families back in the city