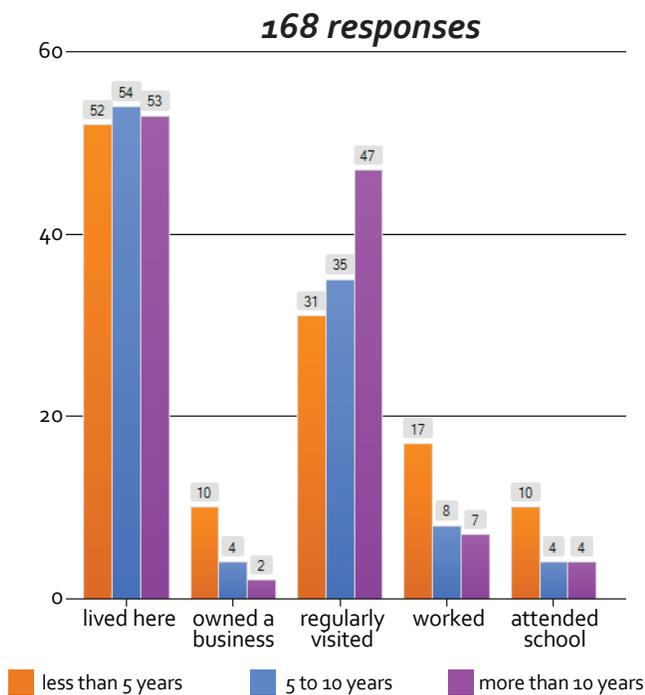


# Status Check

## Transcript of Westwood/Highland Park Questionnaire Responses

The Westwood / Highland Park Neighborhood Plan was adopted in 1999 and includes the Westwood-Highland Park 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.



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

*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.**



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

More homes are owned by people who take care of how they look. The messy rental homes are fewer. Neighbors are more friendly than the past. Less gunshot noise. More involvement in the Highland Park Improvement Club.

There has been a lot of development of higher density housing.. more owner occupied units and the neighborhood seems safer.

It is more densely populated and has some huge McMansions scattered throughout it. Traffic is heavier. The SW Library was remodeled nicely but hours of operation could be in jeopardy of cuts. It's still a walkable neighborhood as long as you're an alert walker who can avoid being run over!

The biggest changes since we've been here (since 12/06) is all the construction. More (unnecessary) apartment complexes went up around 2500 SW Holden Street and green space was removed for this purpose. Additionally, the Denny-Sealth merged site construction is under way. We find that merger to be completely ludicrous and poorly planned. More apartment complexes/condos have gone up around Westwood Village as well. Westwood Village has filled up with more stores, which is a good thing. It just seems like more green space is being destroyed for development, and that is a sad change. :(

More families w/ small children have moved in.

yes, new businesses and housing

Neighborhood plans have not been a priority for 8 years so most of us really are unaware of what the existing plans are looking for.

Longfellow Creek development has been a positive change, and Westwood Village has upgraded considerably in the past five years. Live not far from Westcrest Park and have used off leash dog area. Tree plantings and street landscaping have improved neighborhood visuals. However, bad economy has resulted in some abandoned homes, less park upkeep, and crime is always a concern. Hard to enjoy neighborhood improvements if you are worried about becoming a crime victim.

Other than a bunch of really poorly designed town homes taking the place of single family craftsman style houses (especially along 9th ave), it doesn't seem to have changed much since i've been here.

Much more population growth, more traffic & noise, better quality of services/retail spaces.

Ten years ago Westwood Village was just about dried up. It's a nice area now with lots of shopping and activities. With it has brought more traffic and more teenagers hanging out with nothing to do. The Arbor Heights area has also seen a lot of gentrification which has brought some nice families fixing up older homes and setting up nice neighborhoods. On the flip side, we have a lot of new townhouses jammed into alleys making traffic and parking on neighborhood streets a bit of an issue.

I've only lived here about a year, but I have been visiting for several years to get good quality Latin and Asian foods that I couldn't find elsewhere. I think there are more businesses than there used to be, more good places to eat, and a somewhat cleaner landscape.

While the Delridge area has improved with the construction of better housing, the specific blocks around where I live have not changed much. I think the maintenance of the public areas has gone downhill a little bit, specifically the area around Sealth High School and around the SW Community Center. I also think crime has increased in this neighborhood.

Originally it seemed that Highland Park area was cleaning up, but over the last 2-3 years it seems crime and the "unsavory element" are on the rise again.

yes the neighborhood has changed - more population changes so quickly into this neighborhood and affects our comfortable knowledge, by building new homes into townhouses in white center, delridge, and crime has changed as it has increased rapidly

Westwood Village has expanded and the type of stores present there have changed for the better.

I've been living here for 3 years, and I believe it has gotten safer. I feel better walking around than I did when we first moved here. I do think there needs to be better roads - the potholes are HORRIBLE.

Neighborhood continues to improve. Original owners are dying and new owners are updating homes. More longterm nonresident Vashon Ferry parking happening, may need to think about permit parking. I see more graffiti in the past six months.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Massive upgrading to Westwood Village. In general, the neighborhood feels safer than it did when we moved here in 1998. There were more "questionable" houses that seemed dangerous or neglected than there were at that time as well. Even in the midst of this economic downturn, things seem better than they were 10 years ago. The late night racing down 35th is the worst of it, and I think that may be improved by the cameras at 35th and Thistle

I have not seen change in the last 3 years that we've owned our home in Westwood.

DNDA is on the scene now. More development on Delridge. Gentrification of some neighborhoods.

My personal expericne includes a decrease in crime - seemed to coincide with improvement to SW community center, Cheif Sealth HS, and Westwood Town Center.

Increase in multi-family housing, especially in the Urban Village Zone. Upgraded the Southwest Athletic Complex, Denny/Sealth Schools, Southwest Branch of Seattle Public Library, Westwood Village Shopping Center.

It is getting denser. On my block it has become hard to park on my street due to density. White center appears to be sloooowly becoming more friendly. Buisnesses are investing in white center. Hot spots of drug crime seem to be on the decline.

More condos and townhouses near Westwood Village, improvements to Southwest Library and the community center

Many townhomes have sprung up replacing run down single family homes. The homes they replaced looked terrible, but the new townhomes look even worse! The area around Delridge/Roxbury has really been cleaning up too.

There is an effort to have lots of trees along the street and watering them this summer. The Westcrest Park is wonderful, I use it daily for the dog park. There have been increased home burglaries and car break ins.

This neighborhood has had new housing development. The library was updated. New stores opened at Westwood Village. More people who had lived in more central areas of Seattle moved into the neighborhood.

Yes. What I have noticed most is the Southwest library improvements. It has been a wonderful place for my entire family to enjoy. The Westwood Town Village has improved. There has been positive neighborhood housing development. The addition of a Southwest Police Precinct has increased police presence and I think has decreased the amount of crime in my immediate neighborhood.

Our crime rate seem to get worse and worse. I trust my neighborhood less and less every day.

This neighborhood is really in flux. We welcome and appreciate the low-income housing and senior facilities that are developing here. One important change for us is the Southwest Seattle Public Library branch. We read a lot of books and use this library quite a lot, especially since Seattle decided not to recompense the KCLS (King County Library System) for the services KCLS had been providing for Seattle residents, forcing KCLS to suspend service to Seattle residents. SPL is very good, but KCLS has fantastic holdings, so we regularly feel the loss.

Westwood is definitely more of an urban village and a modern center for retail business. Southwest Library has been remodeled and is much more user friendly. The park across the street from Westwood Village now includes beautiful wetlands. Westcrest Park includes a dog park now.

- there is a surplus of over-priced townhouses - Westwood Town Center improvement - the improvement of Westwood Town Center attracted businesses

more condo development,

SW sports complex was built and we lost access it that space. Westwood Village has grown - positive change. See more people walking and bicycling in our neighborhood. The Southwest branch library was greatly improved. Denny Middle School & Chief Sealth High School have become more desirable schools. Traffic seems to have increased.

lots of transition when real estate market was hot, this was one of the fastest rising areas. Concerned about housing staying affordable and accessible. Commercial development in Westwood Village Shopping Center has been strong.

Westwood mall has been renovated. We got new trees on our street this year. I have been watering them more this summer since they were just plant in the spring.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Since I have arrived the density has increased, especially with the increase in townhomes of various sorts. Also we are seeing more of the older blue collar folks retiring and selling out to newly arriving families with children, single folks, domestic partnership households. Basically buyers at the lower end of the price range for city housing are attracted to the area due to affordability.

It has become a lot more crowded, and parking is becoming a much larger issue. There has been a huge increase in the "yuppification" of my neighborhood and I hate it.

I have not noticed any changes I do not go to parks or libraries in my neighborhood. I go to other areas that are nicer

Great redevelopment at Westwood Village, beautiful new library, Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.

Yes, it seems like petty crime is back up in the west seattle area to levels 20 years ago even with the SW station just down the street. Transportation is still an issue that needs to be addressed and Seattle needs to put the jail in another community WS has enough dumping projects from the mayor.

Road work was done on Barton Street & 35th & Trenton. (A light has been installed on 35 & Trenton S.W. - really appreciate this. And the cross street of 35th & Thistle, has also had light improvements (& I think a camera). Although, within this time, my car has been hit while parked in front of my home twice. Appreciate the "speed sensor signage" further North on 35th NEAR - High Point, as this was a MUCH needed addition. \_ it seems to encourage some slow-down to posted speed of 35 and slowing to 30.

Westwood Village opened. Construction on the reservoir Cap at WestCrest began. Some new businesses started up.

Cars on our arterial are driving faster. We have more pedestrian traffic too. People are generally happy with Westwood as a shopping destination. There are lots of folks happy about the lighted play fields between Sealth HS and SW Trenton.

The revitalization of the Roxhill park and daylighting of Longfellow Creek has been a huge improvement. Westwood Village is also greatly improved.

It has changed for the better. I've noticed a lot of 'pride of ownership' in homes along the corridors I drive (Highland Park Way/9th Ave, Holden, 16th), as well as a lot of money being invested in improvements of both businesses and private residences. There have been new construction projects continuing, and our local businesses have seemed to pick up. We've had the addition of a new burger joint (Zippy's) that people all over Seattle rave about, and the reputation of the neighborhood has been improving.

Commercial center now much more lively, better stores. The Denny/Sealth field used to be a wonderful place to jog/walk/push a stroller around the track, but now that is cut off from the neighborhood. Nice remodels going on in some places, HOWEVER a serious loss of trees, and no one is protecting them in our neighborhood like in other neighborhoods. And the cookie cutter developments are happening so fast, no one is slowing them down and checking their design like in other neighborhoods...some are nice, but so many are just how much can they stash on the property with no regard to the neighborhood. Good work with the Longfellow creek project.

There has been a fair amount of new home construction, which increases the property values, density, and interest in the neighborhood. But along with that, the houses that have been marginally occupied or in a state of disrepair have sunk lower in terms of repair, coexistence with the neighborhood, and stable occupancy. Crime has increased a great deal, with my block between 16th and 17th, Holden and Kenyan being hit very hard recently. There's a lot more trash accumulating along 16th, and a lot more kids loitering about with nothing constructive to do.

West Crest Dog run, West Crest Lid, SW CC developed with a teen center, new gym, pool up grades, Triangle business area being developed, long fellow creek / highland park connections being developed. GREAT JOB!!

The neighborhood has continued to harbour dangerous folks. The park has been upkept to a minimum. Police responses are quicker, but crime has not decreased. Gang activity is very abundant. It seems that minimal resources have been used to upkeep this neighborhood.

there is definite evidence of things being spruced up/ growth (i.e. many new condos) it seems as if there is a push to visit westwood village (i.e. carnivals)

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

More density from building of townhomes all over area. Most of the townhomes are eyesores as they have no character to them and the up-keep of the public spaces seems to be an after thought on many. I have witnessed a lot more traffic with the increase in density. No additional public transportation seems to have been added or no additional incentive for people to use. There have been some nice park projects undertaken or in progress in the area.

There is increased traffic with dog park use and townhome development has changed the look/feel of some areas.

Some things have improved such as increased development in the area, more owner occupied residences. Although I don't like the homogeneous development of town homes that seem to have been the focus for awhile. There seems to be increased care that folks have to improving the neighborhood. The development of the LongFellow Creek walking trail and the saving and up keep of the Duwamish Greenbelt have also been big pluses. The one area that I have seen little change in is in the level of community engagement. I think there are alot of people who are trying but there is so much lack of trust due to things that happened in the earlier years (I've lived here for 20 years) that many are wary of the efforts.

More street traffic, younger more affluent homeowners, Mosque closed

Improvements in Riverview Park. Half mile trail through Riverview Park. Soundways property SAVED! Some Sharrows along the road, although I have mixed feelings, as a bicyclist, about these. Safety is a huge concern, esp at night. Some additional sidewalks. Huge improvements and progress on trail on Long Fellow Creek Trail. NEW LIBRARY on Delridge! Yea! Along with great ideas for affordable housing. DNDA has been fantastic for this neighborhood! Also the Youngstown Culture Center. Nature Consortium has done a fantastic job engaging youth and cleaning out invasive species in the Duwamish Greenbelt in our area. I am sure there are more!

A lot of condos built and more stores built as well

Not much

Increased perceived drug activity and neighborhood disturbances.

There had been a lot more development from the high point neighborhood and then they stopped leaving empty lots on our street. I'm hoping they will either continue to build or replant vegetation.

Seems to be improving -- more young families with children moving here. Seems safer. I don't mind telling people where I live quite as much. I'm proud.

I've lived her just under 10 years but I've already seen a good bit of new construction in the neighborhood. My house was brand new. It's a great neighborhood- lots of conveniences of the city without the traffic and HOMELESS problem of the city (I moved from downtown). Homelessness and pan handling drives me crazy and sickens me- I'm happy to not see it anymore!

Much more traffic.

More cheaply and quickly built condos/townhomes, loss of affordable housing especially on Delridge

More young families moving in. More owner occupied houses becoming rentals.

Southwest Community Center and the athletic fields are used MUCH more than when we first moved into the neighborhood. Parking is spilling over into the neighborhoods between 12-20 times a year, when it used to be once a year (Chief Sealth Graduation Ceremony). Density is increasing, more cars are parked on the streets, more cars are driving fast down residential streets. This will become a larger problem when the Denny/Sealth co-location is complete. The neighborhood is bisected by the ugly security fence surrounding the athletic complex. The one thing that has changed the least is the local metro #22 bus. Not changed one bit.

more traffic, more crime

Gentrification of Westwood Village which has been nice in attracting some upscale stores. However, it seems like the rentals outnumber the owned homes on many blocks and there aren't as many long time residents. I've also noticed an uptick in gang related graffiti and other activities in this area.

My neighborhood has not changed much, I remember large plans being made for westwood, but it seems not all of the planned improvements or additions were made. Slow growth.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Denser housing

Neighborhood has continued to improve and look better.

Density and traffic have increased

I live on 18th AVE - moved in in Dec 2003. At that time, there were still prostitutes and drug dealers on the streets on a daily basis and there were no townhomes on my block. Now I am one of the last houses on the block, and there are no prostitutes walking the streets. The overall neighborhood feeling of safety has improved, but the parking is HORRIBLE. the zoning for the townhomes forced the developers into cookie cutter designs with garages that are too small for a car and not accessible. Thus, of the new development on my block (over 60 units in the past 4 years) almost EVERY single one of those units has put a car on my block. This is crazy. There is no where for my guests to park when they come see me.

More involvement in community organizations. More townhouses built.

More businesses have moved into the Westwood village area and the shopping area has been upgraded and redesigned.

Increase in traffic. Increase in density. Crime seems constant, but it seems like there is more of an effort to keep crime down.

A lot of houses have been fixed up, and several new properties (townhouses mostly) were built.

Perhaps a little bit less crime than when I lived here '97-'01.

More housing and more young people and young families have moved in. Improvements in school buildings.

New Library, updated westwood village, a traffic island at the intersection near my house, the city planted trees along the sidewalk.

Very very slowly white center is trying to change - I wish it'd be a safer place to be - especially in the evening.

I have only lived there less than two years and have not noticed much of a change.

Income levels have risen, number of rentals is down, and Longfellow Creek Trail has been implemented.

SW Library has opened. Westcrest has a dog park. Many, many houses have been torn down and ugly condos/ townhouses have gone up in their wake. This is especially true along Delridge.

I've only lived in the neighborhood for a little over a year but have visited frequently for many years prior. The most significant change I've seen is the addition/ upgrading of Westwood Village. Very nice to have it there, be well maintained, and have good anchor stores. Since moving there I notice high-speed traffic on non-arterial roads to be a significant problem.

We have noticed that since the Police Station has gone in, the neighborhood has settled down...

more housing developments, but very little retail to accommodate

For the better; it seems redevelopment has been very organic and less developer-led.

only lived here a month...but I've heard that crime has decreased and neighborhood has stabilized in last 6 or so years. I do know that Westwood shopping area has become a more useful hub than when I lived near it 8 or so years ago.

Westwood Village has gained shops and gotten busier, Southwest Library has been remodeled (fantastic!), SIGNIFICANT boom in building two sets of town homes on one single property previously home to a single, stand alone home.

Westwood Village is more vibrant -

More is available to allow for walking and biking rather than driving

In the immediate neighborhood, it seems like there have been more young, professional couples moving in as they've realized the neighborhood is a good starter neighborhood.

Wetlands at Roxhill park, Westwood Village has improved quite a bit, trail is nice. More crime, however.

The re-development of Westwood Village has greatly increased the desirability of this neighborhood. Everything is very conveniently located.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I've noticed that more young professionals and couples are moving here.

Some schools, parks and Westwood village have all been "redone"

Higher density, more businesses, better traffic control.

There are now a lot more town houses and condos. More people, more traffic, more bicyclists.

I live in the Riverview/Highland Park neighborhood. Riverview Park was refurbished with irrigation, some new trees and regulation ballfields, with a 5-foot track behind them representing the Riverview Trail. The Riverview Trail Improvement Project was begun and remains in limbo. The Soundway Property was saved from development and is almost through the process of becoming an official part of the West Duwamish Greenbelt, under Parks, with stewardship by the Nature Consortium. Much more housing has been built (mostly townhomes crowded onto former single-family lots). Some new retail has popped up in walking distance: Zippy's, SeaMart, JoJo's Espresso. (7-11 remains). The Highland Park Improvement Club is having a resurgence, hosting and collaborating with the Highland Park Action Committee, planning neighborhood events and offering classes such as yoga and dance.

My comments are specific to the Delridge Triangle: Crime has been reduced, most especially in the Delridge Triangle. DON, the Mayor's office and SPD all played a significant role in crime reduction. Then, multi-family, low income property owners sold off some of their housing, which allowed for either better property management by a new owner, or complete tear-down and rebuild of more desirable housing. However, what was built was not necessarily "affordable". A few more businesses have come to the Triangle, some of which have been a real asset - a coffee house; the WCCDA moving into the Seattle/City side of White Center.

some bike lines, more town homes.

Large demographic shift as the original settlers have moved on and been replaced by young families. A very significant local baby boom is under way. Many new multi-family housing developments that are not oriented toward creating community. They aren't walkable to stores other than Home Depot. Buses are more crowded.

Because Highland park is one of the last affordable neighborhoods in Seattle there has been a huge amount of first time home buyers, usually young families moving in. Our civic pride is growing and we have an increasing amount of community involvement. Although we are known for a neighborhood blessed with lots of great parks and green-spaces, I feel that the Denny Sealth Recreation Complex Master plan is not functioning well at all. I know that the new construction of the school seems to be moving along on the North side of the street, but the facility on the south-side of the street is fenced off like a prison and the pool/com. center are uninviting. With the success of the Westcrest Park Off-leash area there are a series of issues that must be dealt with including better parking, lighting, etc. The Highland park Action Committee has a complete list of what the people in the neighborhood want for the park. The gateway at the Triangle commercial core is nice and I'm pleased with Rozella's success and the revitalization of the Triangle Pub, but that area needs a lot more help. it's a start but we need more incentives for small and successful businesses to move in and to thrive. We also need to realize that our community has more than one major gateway, and we need to make them special places that bring pride and focus to the area. Longfellow creek trail is a great thing but getting around the community on foot or by bike is a joke. We need much more focus on pedestrian routes, bike lanes, crosswalks, properly maintained and safe paths through the greenbelt, etc. I could go on and on about things in the neighborhood that need improving, but I also want to say that it is a growing and caring neighborhood and I'm happy to live here.

The decision was made to integrate Denny and Sealth instead of just upgrading Sealth.

Highpoint housing development was rebuilt. It certainly looks nicer.

several things i would like to see: 1). plant more trees 2). implement guidelines to mandate front street presence for all townhouses 3). enhance pedestrian experiences, build more sidewalks 4) build more east-west connections, esp. kenyon street SW becomes a dead end at 14th ave SW. it'll be nice to build stairs there with new landscaping

The area of the Duamish greenbelt by Riverview playfields has been greatly improved--it now feels more safe to walk through there on the main path. Several businesses have opened at the corner of Holden and 16th.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

Many unattractive and unoccupied townhomes were built on lots too small for them that don't have adequate space, landscaping or parking. The density of new residential units along Delridge Way and along 16th and 17th has not been managed with corresponding crosswalks and traffic circles. There are more cars and people without pedestrian safety being addressed. Crossing Delridge to go to the Westwood Village should be easier for pedestrians- ie a crosswalk at Barton and Delridge- There is a bus shelter and garden area but no crosswalk or light to safely cross from bus stop to Westwood Village route. There is a ton of good change that has occurred such as the Salvation Army remodel, the Roxhill Park/wetlands project, but again the pedestrian access to Westwood Village from the south side is dangerous and poorly laid out. It is very hard to enter Westwood safely on foot anywhere on the south west side to go to Target, or Chase or Barnes and Noble. The dogpark and play area at Westcrest have been wonderful but with the obvious sexual activity occurring in the wooded areas and in the parking lot next to the play area, a great resource doesn't feel safe for kids. Having the police department built by Home Depot has increased police patrols and presence. Yet I see drug dealing on a weekly basis still on the same corners by the same dealers. This puzzles me. I was beginning to feel safer as neighborhood improvements have occurred but then my neighbor and his wife were attacked on Cambridge and 14th walking from the bus stop on Roxbury. Until 15th ave from Roxbury to Mclendon's gets policed so that vagrants, street drinking, and sleeping on the street (during the day!) get cleaned up, the criminal activity is going to negatively effect things on the edge of the city from Roxbury ave to Riverview. Putting the DSHS office on 15th has definitely increased the lack of personal safety around Bartells, the Dollar Store, the liquor store, etc. The Night Out Block watch activity along with the Highland Park Action Committee have been great in increasing community cohesiveness. Ethnic diversity continues to be a great great great strength of this neighborhood. There is good diversity in sexual orientation as well. There seems to be more young people and fewer retirees living in Highland Park.

The price of homes has risen dramatically since the neighborhood plans were adopted. The rental prices have also increased. I have seen the changes to the WestCrest Park, as described by the plan. There have been an increase in local businesses. All of which are moves in the right direction.

A great deal of density has resulted from the developments at Highpoint, in the Delridge Valley, and near White Center. Improvements to the Westwood shopping center, and a new police building on Delridge for the SW Precinct. Substantial improvements have been made to Parks. DNDA has made big changes in the neighborhood as well. It seems very few substantive transit improvements have been made... this is very disappointing

Not much. Roads are bad. A park was added at the end of 35th Ave. S.W. and Marine View Dr. which seems to be a place for teens to hang out and smoke pot. The Vashion Ferry traffic is absolutely ridiculous. The ferry needs to be moved to the Seattle waterfront. As far as Westwood (Westwood Village) goes I like it. Highland Park looks like a lot of tax payer dollars were spent. Not much on the positive end for me.

To my knowledge, very little has changed without local involvement and initiative. We worked with the city to have street lights installed in our neighborhood. We have active block watch groups, and have disaster teams organized in our neighborhood. Beyond that, I am not sure the city knows we exist as anything other than the ugly stepchild sent to live with you. The city has allowed townhouses to be constructed in the backyards of existing houses; a true eyesore to the area. Traffic has increased significantly since we have lived here, with no additional traffic light to move traffic. Highland Parkway and Holden needs a traffic light and crosswalk for people using the bus system, who live east of HPW.

There has been a change in housing that has drove the people who cant afford the new housing out.

Since I've lived here, more families have moved onto the block and more elderly folks have moved on (in multiple interpretations of the phrase). There are a lot of properties being fixed up and it seems like there are always a lot of homes for sale. I meet more people interested in urban agriculture--most of our block has an edible garden of some kind, and we have 3 chickens, two goats and a duck within a block of our house. The community seems more ethnically diverse (I think due to High Point) but segregated.

Yes - development to Westwood Ctr. A few buildings reused, but not a lot of significant change that I can tell.

Yes. Investment in affordable housing and natural wetlands rehabilitation.

## Q1: How has your neighborhood changed?

I am primary home bound and by looking from my porch and window I've noticed little has changed on my block. There seems to be more people walking and riding their bicycles past my house daily.

Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail has been established, Roxhill Bog has been restored, Chief Sealth High School and Denny Middle School are merging and being rebuilt, the old Cooper school is now the fabulous Youngstown Cultural Arts Center (yes, out of our neighborhood, but a nearby resource, nevertheless), the SW Athletic field complex has been renovated, West Seattle now has its own police precinct located on the edge of Westwood, and Westwood Town Center was recently redeveloped. Delridge inches along toward gentrification, with all of the good and the bad that that entails. Some goals in the Neighborhood Plan have been achieved; others are more elusive. The recession seems to threaten some long-range goals, but may also provide opportunities that would otherwise have been unfeasible, had the economic trajectory continued unabated. (These would include making property more affordable for a range of projects that would otherwise have been snapped up for speculation and development). High Point and Delridge still need an affordable grocery store.

In the eight years we've lived in Highland Park we've seen a lot of improvements in the neighborhood--- homeowners (like us) investing and improving their houses, the renovations at Westwood Village, Southwest Library and Longfellow Creek Trail. We have also discovered, since having children, the several amazing parks within walking distance. However, there still remain several run down and ignored properties that continue to keep the neighborhood rough around the edges. In addition, we are also seeing more and more building of high-density properties in areas where it doesn't seem appropriate.

I feel that there is a greater police presence since the establishment of the SW precinct. I also feel that there is some grass-roots, small businesses that are just now coming to the area, ones that are needed amenities in the neighborhood. Westwood Village has updated their offerings, though there is still a significant need for a movie theatre in the area other than the Admiral. I'd like to see more neighborhood pubs and destinations w/in walking distance of our homes; there are several small business hubs along the arterial streets that could and should be developed (Zippy's Burgers is a good example). Some very ugly townhomes have been placed in the backyards of otherwise decent little houses.

We have lived in the neighborhood for two years, and in that time we haven't seen huge changes. There is definitely more townhouse/condo construction taking place on Delridge SW. There are also new businesses in the community which seem to be thriving, like Zippy's Burgers. Overall, it seems to be a healthy neighborhood.

More multi-family housing units, increase in high density housing, recent increase in crime such as car prowls and home burglaries, upgrade of Westwood Village mall.

The police and city have done some work on livability and addressing blight (abandoned homes, crime magnets etc.) Some of the challenges from White Center's alcohol and drug issues are spilling over. Community leaders like Ricardo from Cafe Rozella are helping and should be encouraged.

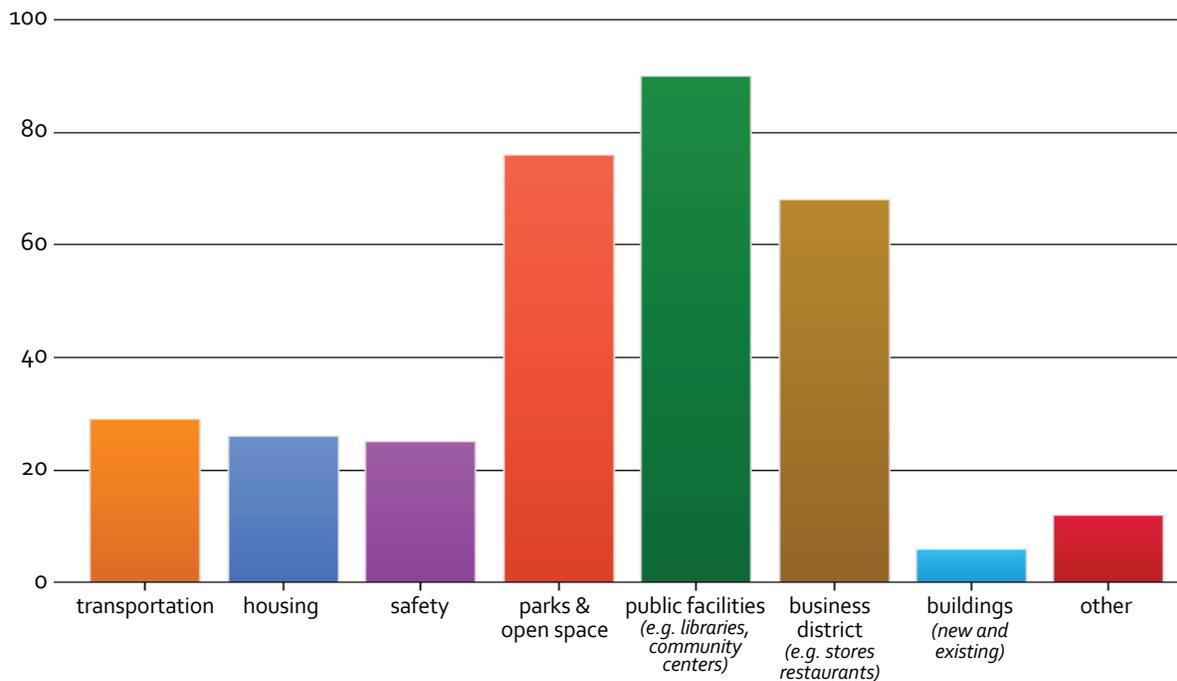
School District properties re-configured. Westwood Town Center remodel. Library remodel. More residential density in the Delridge corridor.

Single-family housing is being replaced with higher-density alternatives (townhomes, condos, apartments) which for the most part are an improvement over neglected properties; however, I am concerned about the number of high-rise buildings in the shopping core of the West Seattle Junction. It is good to see new businesses opening and the revitalization of Westwood Village - great shops and good parking options.

Things that have changed for the better: The redesign and construction at Westwood Village mall The re-boggification of Roxhill park Tony's market on the corner of Barton and 35th (love that place!) Rebuild of SW Library (yay!) Not so great: Loss of grocery stores (3 Safeway markets on Roxbury consolidated into one) --would have loved to see a new grocery store rather than a church at the corner of Roxbury and 35th. The turnover of the Payday loans space from 3 different restaurants in 3 years to a Payday loans (ugh!!!)

SW Roxbury Street has become too noisy.

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



Westwood Town Center improvement had positive impact in raising livability and economic vitality.

Westwood Shopping Center is an improvement... the improvements along Longfellow Creek and thru Highpoint greenspaces are great. Highpoint housing seems to have been developed with an eye towards sustainability/ quality.

Westwood Village people did a very good job in revitalizing our area. HOWEVER, we still need a family general restaurant here (like when the Keg was here, or something similar)

When we don't have a lot of snow, bus routes function okay. I wonder why there aren't more options and when light rail/streetscars might reach this area again, like it did just a few decades ago. Wondering what's up w/ the cover of the reservoir; I'm hoping for more park space and community gathering areas. Maybe a stage for outdoor theatre?

We live near Roxhill. It is a nice park and the attached walking trail is nice.

I like the parks (Westcrest and Roxbury Playground) and the close proximity to Lincoln Park. It is almost a walking neighborhood, if it weren't for the safety concerns.

Delridge Library and the new Greenbridge Libraries (which is King County) Both are wonderful additions. DNDA's work on housing is exemplary.

### Other things respondents are pleased about:

- I have friendly neighbors
- Highland Park Improvement Club - a community center owned by a non-profit club
- Highland Park Improvement Club - a community center owned by a non-profit club, much of whose membership lives in the neighborhood.
- Longfellow Creek Trail
- the library renovation
- Lots of people go out walking and are generally friendly!
- good ethnic diversity
- General overall better feeling about neighborhood.
- diversity
- The community of neighbors.
- New Cop shop
- mixing pot cultural demographics

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

Nice improvements to Southwest community center

I feel that our neighborhood is a hidden gem within West Seattle that has so many great resources such as several great parks, a variety of shopping choices and the renovated library.

I really enjoy the green spaces and would like to see them expanded improved. Trails should run from West Crest park all the way to Highland Park Way and beyond through the green belt.

What moved me to invest in a home here in Highland Park was, and still is, the potential of this neighborhood. It's proximity to downtown is great, but is still affordable. There are a lot of open spaces, and the westcrest park improvements are encouraging.

\*I love how well connected the area is with bus to downtown and the airport. \*I do wish bus would go directly from here to my place of work Boeing instead of requiring a transfer downtown. \*I like that businesses are within walking distance. \*I love westcrest park!! The dog park is a huge deal. \*Love longfellow creek trail

I love Westwood Village! There's a great mix of shops!

The new library is nice. The new stores in Westwood Village are generally assets.

I like the diversity of food available in local joints and Westwood Village has decent shopping.

Despite its somewhat negative reputation even still, I feel pretty safe in my neighborhood

Love the mix of economic and racial diversity, small businesses

west seattle needs more viable transportation options. it should not take an hour and a half to take a bus to the university.

The new library is great. It is an excellent community resource. It would be wonderful to have the library open for more hours during the week.

We have great parks, quiet street.

housing seems more affordable for Seattle

Great libraries!!

More facilities available withing walking distance of my home.

Increased police presence in the neighborhood with the new SW Precinct. Great work on the Riverview Playfields (not technically Highland Park according to your map but very much part of our lives).

The crime reduction over the last decade has allowed for more positive interest in the area

Library!!!!

SW Library and other new ones in the City are great. Westwood used to be a ghost town, now is vibrant with a great mix of businesses. Work towards Longfellow Creek has been a great asset for the community

Remodeling Westwood Village and the Southwest branch library was a good thing.

Our family regularly utilizes the SW Library, now our favorite library we frequent. Often utilize the SW Community Center/swimming pool but area seems pretty run down and at times downright seedy.

Riverview Park is very well maintained, as well as Box Hill Park, and Westcrest Park- Highland Park (at Highland Park elementary) could use an update.

Nice to have a Library In South Park (where I work). Love, my Southwest Branch. Like the "Strides" taken to make communities more walkable for everyone, HOWEVER, Need to keep Safety of Neighborhoods also as a High consideration.

This is a very tight neighborhood in terms of community. We are banded together, perhaps since there is a feeling we are removed from, and/or neglected by the city.

LOVE the libraries, so many close by. Happy to see more small businesses like Eats Cafe and Full Tilt doing well. Overall (since I am fit enough to walk a mile or two) I am happy with the diversity of choices in buses (regularly take the 21 and 120, sometimes the 54, 22, 128).

A vital business base brings in shopping dollars and encourages residents to shop locally.

I am happy that there are so many new local businesses and the beautification of parks is splendid! There has been an decrease in violent crimes, as well.

## Q2: What are you pleased about?

There is a park down the street, although I don't frequent, has been improved and become more visible. I have to get used to the fact there is now a library blocks from my house so I don't have to go to Burien. I do go to Burien a lot for my needs so it is convenient there also.

Although I mention safety because our neighborhood is somewhat safe - there are some aspects that remain concerns such as the lack of sidewalks in a number of areas within the neighborhood.

Westwood has a good balance of parks and open space. I've heard rumors that a spray park may be going in up at Highland Park next year and this would be GREAT! That park needs a facelift and this would be a step in the right direction. I love the SW Library. Open, airy, convenient, friendly, great book/DVD selection.

Westwood has turned around nicely and is widely utilized. The new SW Branch of the library is also very nice.

The new libraries are wonderful and I feel blessed that there are 3 libraries within a short drive of my house.

The bus stop is near our house and runs directly down town, which is nice. I LOVE the Longfellow Creek Trail and am on it at least 4 times per week. The SW Community Center is AWESOME and affordable, and Westwood Village has most of what we need: groceries (QFC), house stuff (BB&B, Target), food (Vatsana Thai, Eats Market Cafe), natural products (Fresh Vitamins), shoe stores (Famous Footwear), office supplies (Staples).....

Added traffic circle with matching funds at 37th and Cloverdale. No monorail in West Seattle...hooray!

I would mark "parks and open spaces" but I feel that so much more can be done. I am pleased that the buildings/parks/houses that were intact in this area 10+ years ago are still around today.

Glad to have a police precinct in West Seattle.

The new libraries are lovely and the parks are great

Seattle's portion of White Center is more attractive. What happens when the rest of White Center is annexed?

Westcrest Park is a gem, with a very active volunteer coordinator and COLA member population. Glad to see the improvements at WestWood Village.

New businesses are opening up near our home which reinforces the neighborly aspect of our area

it seems as if someone is trying to draw people here...

I believe it really serves the community to have the Westwood Village commercial area, as the neighborhood otherwise has very few choices for where to buy clothing, food, and furnishings. I am pleased that more housing is available in the neighborhood, as it seems to be encouraging diversity.

I come from NYC and my wife is from SF. Seattle is so WHITE! but not this area. It's reassuring to be in a place where the American cultural experiment is afoot.

Good bus transportation

We really appreciate being close to Westcrest Park, and look forward to having the reservoir covered.

I love my neighborhood and feel fortunate that there are 2 parks that are family friendly and within walking distance. I love that there is a dog park in the neighborhood. I really like the updates to the library and southwest community center.

The library is fantastic and having it open 7 days a week has been truly a gift.

Excited about the reservoir cap and the new green space it will open up as a park.

Some nice new businesses in Westwood Town Center compared to when we moved in in 2001. This has probably been the biggest area of improvement.

I've seen some nicer low income homes go in - and improvement in the SW Library. Westwood ctr. is nicer with new shops after its redevelopment.

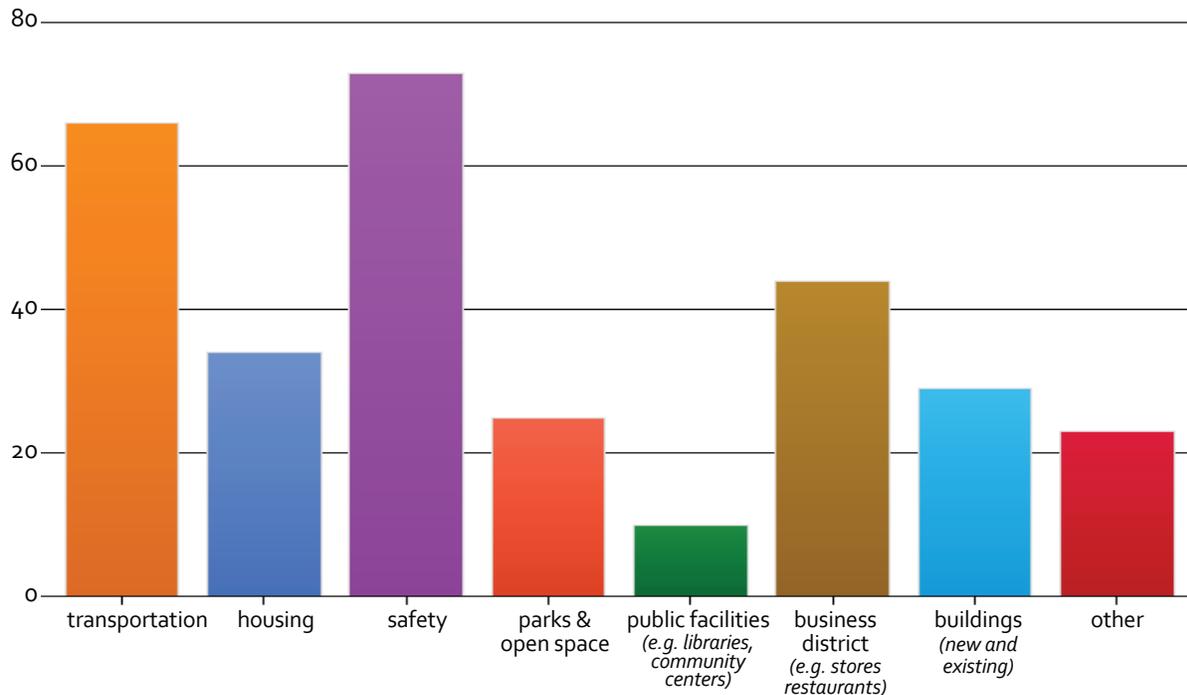
none to be pleased!

Need more restaurants/bars that people can WALK to.

The 2 libraries (Southwest and High Point) are wonderful additions.

The availability of a regular bus route is nice, but on the flip side the city should consider measures to reduce the amount of noise produced by buses and the like in our neighborhoods.

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



### Other things respondents are dissatisfied about:

- *traffic safety*
- *trees and the "cookie cutter" housing developments*
- *gang activity*
- *Parking*
- *"nuisance properties" along henderson and 9th.*
- *Lack of parking*
- *the SW Community Center is still neglected*
- *Dangerous drivers!*
- *traffic*
- *traffic speeds, noise*
- *Architecture of new town homes are poorly designed.*
- *WE NEED SIDEWALKS!!*
- *Vashion Ferry*
- *School District Facilities locked and gated*
- *townhouses*
- *Combining Denny and Sealth*
- *Housing, but no improvements to the roads*
- *gang graffiti*
- *Sidewalks and crosswalks.*
- *roads - pot holes, and other "rough" roads*
- *Street maintenance*
- *vacant homes in need of repair/resale*

Need to address safety issues - there seems to be increased petty crimes like auto break-ins, burglaries, etc. Stop building ugly town houses.

I cannot emphasize the following point enough: Peak Oil is not far from now. Our transportation system is no-where near ready to handle moving people thru the city when gas is 6-8 dollars a gallon.

Do not like all the condos being built in a half lot.

Ugly condos must have better community standards. Encourage small successful businesses to move in.

I see in the news the neighborhoods getting up in arms because of the trees being cut down, or because lack of design considerations with the housing development, and it just feels like we dont have a voice in this

townhouses and condos are takig over the single-family areas

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Need more restaurants/family-friendly pubs w/in walking distance of homes. Don't feel particularly safe walking at night when not in a group; many street lights out and some ruffians in the general area. No libraries or community centers in Highland Park. Need a movie theatre in the area.

Many of the houses are seemingly not well cared for. There is a lot of graffiti and no one ever cleans it up. There has been a large patch of graffiti in the alley by our home that no one has ever cleaned up.

There are quite a few abandoned residences and businesses right around our address, with the broken windows and graffiti that comes with that. Our neighborhood has also experienced several break-ins and car prowls last year.

We have fairly good bus service out here, although it is severely impacted by weather (windstorm, snow). Also they are not consistently on-time. We need more public transportation, in the form of more connections. How do I get to the Eastside. How do I get to Renton, Everett, Tacoma. How do I get to the ferr(ies), the light rail, the train, the airport. What about other modes of transportation: boat, cable car, small van... Also, I want to bicycle more but we need more safe bike routes, even dedicated to pedestrian/bicycles.

We have fairly good bus service here, though it has been severely impacted by weather on occasion (windstorm, snow). I am worried about the impact of county budget cuts to bus service as well. I would like to see more connections to other types of transportation (ferries, light rail, train, airport). I would like to see safer bicycle/pedestrian routes (more than "sharrows") with real separation from motor traffic. I would like to see more useful retail within walking distance of my home.

The development restrictions on multifamily housing have made it impossible for developers to be creative with their parking. Thus the streets are packed with parked cars. Also, the corner of 18th and Henderson is now completely blocked with parked cars, and with no light and a 30 mph speed limit - its dangerous.

While our neighborhood has come a long way in the eight years we've lived here the frequent police helicopters, loose pit bulls and run down properties are a daily reminder on how far it has to go.

I would like to see more small businesses outside of Westwood Village, which feels very "mall-ish".

Yes. WAY TOO MUCH green space is being eaten up by housing development. THIS is VERY shortsighted. I do not want to look like Ballard! Naked! No parks! Please, we need green spaces. The mayor talks about planting trees, then he bulldozes over green spaces to get more tax dollars. This is not wise. When I worked on the Riverview Trail, I felt that sometimes the city was helpful, but often but roadblocks in our way. This is also detrimental to everyone.

Traffic Lights need to be modified to allow for better traffic flow (ie: left turn lanes and intersections like 35th SW & SW Barton and also at SW Henderson & Delridge Way SW). Roads in general have too many potholes/ rough areas, especially on Delridge Way.

Traffic continues to increase. Holden Street is now being used by other communities as a short-cut to the 1st Ave S bridge. Speed is way too high on Holden, 9th Ave SW, & especially Highland Park Way. Transit does not have enough frequent service (#23 only runs every 30 minutes and somewhat erratically at that). Large number of subdivided lots with awful townhomes built on half-lots.

With every improvement, more and more people move here and crowd into our existing infrastructure. Parking is becoming terrible like other parts of the city.

in highland park, there is still a lack of conveniences...i.e. close gas station, grocery store or restaraunts within walking distance. There are still nuisance properties along Henderson Ave and 9th Ave, that hinder the astetics of the neighborhood. Also, the potential of a jail facility being built in our fragile neighborhood has become a worry among local residents.

Transit service on Highway 35 may suffer cutbacks due to funding problems. It's not pleasant to wait for a bus when there is no bus shelter and noisy traffic speeds past you.

I think there needs to be an express 120 or something that goes quickly to downtown from Westwood Village. It takes 45 minutes to get downtown from less than 10 miles away. I almost always drive because it's faster and more convenient, but I'd really like to take public transportation if it was quicker.

I think there are a lot of erratic, speeding, cell phone talking drivers traveling on Delridge. There's a LOT of kids in the neighborhoods off these streets. It's only a matter of time until someone gets struck.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

\*It would be nice if Seattle would stop pretending that if a townhome complex replaces a couple houses and that somehow parking will not become atrocious. It would be nice if Seattle followed the White center way of dealing with parking in residential areas by removing curbs and allow angled parking to fit more cars. \*Seems like the city cares less about its border than more affluent areas. Roads are in horrible shape. In general it just seems like every department of Seattle pays less attention to the area near roxbury. I will extend this to South Park where Seattle does not seem interested in helping with the south park bridge despite it being a big deal for a westwood/highland park/south park \*I would like to see long fellow creek trail expanded and be one continuous conduit. \*I would like to see a shuttle that went from Westwood village to the morgan junction, alaska junction and then admiral junction of california.

High speed traffic and property crime.

Cycling to Downtown is dangerous. 34th Ave SW is cut off at High Point which cuts the best option for N-S biking. The new multifamily developments along Holden don't seem to create a neighborhood feel or enhance street life. EC Hughes School is an asset crying out to become a community resource.

I'm both pleased and displeased about park situation. Feel mostly positive about the parks, but am sorry Highland Park wading pool hasn't been kept open. I have seen signs of gang activity around Highland Park, but have also joined up with two Block Watch groups.

We need more quality rental housing and less hideous townhomes!

The 21 needs to run more frequently and there needs to be better communication about it for the reroutes after the Mariners games.

cheaply built huge housing pricing out the poor

Drivers speed on Thistle Street at all times of day and night, noise from cars on the roads (are there quieter road surfacing options?)

Developers are short changing the neighborhood by not spending adequate amount of time and/or money on design/architecture. Removal of existing housing stock must be stopped.

Crime, there is still many break-ins.

I would like to see better restaurants and large business franchises.

would be nice to have transportation options to other neighborhoods besides downtown. safety- I do not feel safe walking alone in my own neighborhood parks- the Westcrest park is the closest, and it is not safe. many drug deals and other criminal activity on the trails next to park. parking lot is completely hidden from view of the street- do not feel safe there, so I don't go.

Unhappy with proposal to put city jail adjacent to our neighborhood.

Metro service from my neighborhood to downtown Seattle unreliable.

Crime rate in the area is worrisome - my car, which was parked on the street in front of my house, has been broken into three times in the past three years.

Unhappy about the shift to rental homes away from owner-occupied. Also, we were excited to hopefully see SW Holden between Highland Park Way and 16th become more business oriented. I would love to see the crumbling apartments replaced with neighborhood oriented businesses like a coffee house, a restaurant, etc. Right now, we have only Zippy's and it cannot contain its customer capacity needs.

Much too difficult to get around on public transport. Too many different things that don't work together easily - bus, light rail, water taxi

There are very few/limited community resources available, unless one was to leave their neighborhood and travel several miles.

Ahem, I happen to have a long-term deserted house on my block that serves as a rodent, raccoon, and opossum haven - not to mention the occasional stolen and left car and an abundance of litter. Also, living near a community center, middle school and highschool, where there is a great deal of foot traffic, we really do need to have sidewalks. It just isn't safe for kids and families to be walking and jogging on the street.

It takes me up to 45 minutes to get to downtown Seattle. Why? Couldn't we have some sort of transportation running north/south along 35th every 15 minutes and then buses running to Seattle from Avalon at same time.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

Would like another food option, diner style.

Lighting and sidewalks. The plan area should extend to parts of Arbor Heights, particularly the area in the City that is South of Roxbury. We are kind of isolated down there. Barton needs bicycle lanes Westwood mall and Safeway lack adequate bicycle parking

what parks? Need more ! would be nice to see more lcl businesses in the westwood shopping center rather than national chains

The park at the end of 35th Ave. S.W. and Marine View Dr. seems to be a place for teens to hang out and smoke pot. The Vashion Ferry traffic is absolutely ridiculous. The ferry needs to be moved to the Seattle waterfront. Highland Park looks like a lot of tax payer dollars were spent.

The eastern side of Highland Park feels pretty cutoff and the commute could be easier. Bus service to the bus tunnel light rail area should be expanded. I'd love to see a few more businesses, restaurants etc.

Pedestrian needs for those living near greenbelt (ex: the neighborhood off Highland Park Way between Othello and Austin) are ignored. No crosswalks across this very busy area for those getting off the bus or needing to cross over Highland Park Way.

The town homes being built in this area should not be allowed- they are very poorly designed and are contributing to an overall negative feel to our neighborhood. Allowing more and more driveway curb cuts should also be reconsidered as they take away so much from the pedestrian and neighborly feel of a streetscape. Taking the bus to downtown is really easy. We could use more bike lanes (on Holden, along 9th and HP Drive) and crosswalks (Holden and 11th for example). The sidewalk going up HP Drive has been eaten by the forest and should be redone. We could use more businesses within walkable distances- Westwood Village is great if you live over there. Zippie's on 16th and Holden is a great addition, but that's it- fewer "ghetto marts" would be nice- small market/grocery stores (with fresh produce) or a sit down cafe would be nice to try to encourage to come to our neighborhood.

Highland Park is a scary area to live, especially with a young child. I plan on moving elsewhere as soon as I can afford it.

Would like more interesting business nearby & walkable. More coffee options.

Neighborhoods .....all looking the same, loosing what makes them unique. (Building designs and some improvements) Some begin to loose their character

The Seattle School District is the largest property owner in the area. They lock the SW Athletic complex to keep the neighbors out.

Transportation is a plus and a minus for me. I commute to the Montlake area for work and it is NOT a well served corridor, taking up to 1.5 hours to travel via public transport. On the other hand, service to downtown is great. Also we need more neighborhood restaurants, coffeshops, etc., not just at Westwood Village area, but further north as well along the Holden & Henderson corridors.

Very concerned about the major increase in burgaries this year; my neighbor has been broken into twice. The 120 bus on Delridge is always overcrowded at rush hour but at least it's frequent. The 21 on 35th Ave SW is too infrequent. I am very concerned about long-term public transportation options to this neighborhood. No monorail, and nothing on the long-term Sound Transit plan to connect us by anything but bus. Have they put bike sharrows on Delridge yet? They're needed.

Right now we have great bus service and the Water Taxi is wonderful - but it would be great to have a spur of the light rail system to West Seattle.

I'd love a grocery store on the corner of Holden and 16th (but I realize the city can push that). I'd also LOVE light rail to come down 509.

I don't understand why the government wastes so much money on the housing projects. They were just resided not long ago, now they are all being torn down and completely rebuilt. I'm tired of my tax dollars being wasted in such big ways.

more frequent bus service would be an improvement - currently every 1/2 hour

It seems as if the problems that are usually confined to Delridge and now moving West into some of the neighborhoods in the form of burglary and car prowls.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

There is limited bus transportation unless you are going to a specific location, there is always increased need for more park space as there never seem to be enough athletic fields for both youth and adults and the number and accessibility of grocery stores has decreased unless you have a car to get to them. Lack of sidewalks in some areas and lack of crosswalk lights at busy intersections without traffic lights remain a big concern especially on busy arterials where drivers tend to speed.

I'm very concerned about the future of West Seattle when it comes to public transportation. While it is quite easy to get downtown on a bus from the Westwood area, we seemed to be the forgotten peninsula when it comes to light rail. I've seen it mentioned elsewhere that a park-n-ride at the Junction would be extremely beneficial to our area and I have to agree. Why DOESN'T West Seattle have a park-n-ride? There is an enormous amount of property at the Junction with the closure of Huling and this seems to be an opportunity ripe for the picking for the city. I love the Water Taxi, and while I know it isn't city run, I would hate to see it disappear. I think it's a vital link for many commuters. I feel that crime in terms of petty theft/car break-ins is on the rise. While I don't know if this is true according to the stats, I don't feel as safe in my home when going for a quick walk. I always close everything up now, not trusting that being gone for a mere 10 minutes won't result in a my home being invaded. Westwood Village is a mixed-bag for me. I use it for much of my shopping (Target, quick trips to QFC, Barnes and Noble, pizza), but I also feel that it could be so much better. I would love to see more local places there. It's wonderful that Eats and Gianonni's have set up shop, but we need more of that. A movie theater there would be the best!!! Lastly, I am deeply concerned about the "Townhousification" of Delridge. I'm afraid it's going to be creeping farther into the neighborhoods, with me winding up with a three story structure on the lot next door. This policy is destroying the feel of neighborhoods by hailing density over the single-family home.

The SW library was considered a cooling station during the heat. My neighbor said she went down there and there was no air conditioning.

Safety is a huge concern in the Highland Park neighborhood. The park should continue to take on more attention and usefulness to the community. I like the idea of bringing more public facilities to this area. The closest store I can think of is the 7-11... Westwood Village is close, but the rest of the area is residential.

I would like to see better public transportation for this area. As it is, most buses seem to be routed through downtown which makes it very tedious to get over to the University district where my husband and I both work. I would like to see more businesses--such as restaurants, bakeries, etc nearer to my house so that I can walk to more places. Several of the businesses on the corner of 16th and Holden are eye-sores (the coffee shack, 7-11, and the other convenience store). Pedestrian safety crossing Holden street anywhere between 9th and 16th is really poor. It is very dangerous. In the very least, we need several official crosswalks with signage. Better would be, in addition to crosswalks, 1-2 traffic lights. People drive much too fast on this stretch of road and are not aware of pedestrians.

Transportation to downtown is great, but it's pretty difficult to get anywhere else via public transportation without going through downtown. There have been some serious bicycle accidents in the neighborhood in the past couple of years, so some better infrastructure for bicycles/pedestrians would be good. There are TOO MANY new apartment complexes going up. Part of what I love about this neighborhood is the open space. Much of that greenery is coming down for developers who don't live anywhere near this community. That's very sad. The locked fence on the Longfellow Creek Trail at the Sealth ("community" - ha ha) athletic field is frustrating. Again, too many new buildings.

Need more parks and park improvements. More policing and focus on livability issues.

New condos and mult housing structures are not appealing and there are still many many buildings and homes that are dilapiated and abandoned, adding to the "broken window" theory.

There are many vacant houses that need to be addressed. There is also a shortage of commercial services in the midst of the neighborhood as the churches are using all commercial zoned property. Our current plan is extremely limited when it comes to Highland Park.

High point development stall previously mentioned

The new housing is not affordable for the current residents and is leading to gentrification. The white center downtown business district is still filled with violence and remains an unsafe area to travel through, this spills over into the Seattle side as well.

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

I've been quite disappointed to see all the \$\$ put into transportation improvements such as light rail that have completely ignored our area. This seems particularly short-sighted when this area will be significantly impacted by the taking/falling down of the viaduct. Bus service seems to have been stable in terms of routes and number of busses, but they are packed full every commuter hour trip and that's not only uncomfortable but unsafe. There have been 5+ break-ins/robberies and one very violent home invasion in the houses directly around mine just in the last year. Police blame it on new hispanic gangs, but some suspect they're being tipped off by neighbors. I would like to see more community policing and outreach to help us organize for safety.

no parks for small children - big play structures are only possible with a toddler if no one else is around to run them over, thus to visit playgrounds we must get in the car and drive to another neighborhood.

Poor signage for the off leash area/dog park. 9th Ave SW cars speeding. Lack of left hand turn arrows at Henderson & Delridge causing traffic backups. Traffic around Westwood Village should be evaluated and changes made.

I wish that there were more infrastructure in place for small retail businesses, restaurants, and markets to root in this neighborhood. While small businesses would have to compete with Westwood Village, they would also provide people in the neighborhood with alternatives.

The worst thing about living where we do is we have to travel 6+ miles to the nearest organic food store. Even the awesome West Seattle Farmers' Market is a good 5 miles away. I wish there were more small businesses like the little groceries in White Center. More Town Commons-style zoning with scooter shops and copy places and internet cafes and grocery stores and bookstores.

Traffic concerns stated earlier. Police involvement in the area

Don't go to White Center much, as parking is limited and safety is a concern. Westwood village is fine.

There is a need for more traffic circles to slow traffic in the neighborhood - especially in intersections between Delridge and 16th ave SW. Also a concern about the seeming endless construction of townhouses/condos where single family homes used to be.

see above

I think that are issues with pockets of condensed poverty. There are areas where I feel unsafe. I have seen youth carrying guns. I don't feel safe in certain areas, such as 16th Ave. SW, 16th and Barton....I also do not believe that a jail site would bring any remedy to this situation. While there is a Southwest Precinct nearby, I still feel like there are people in the neighborhood who affiliated with gangs, violence, and burglaries. Also in Westcrest Park, there are some shady characters who seem to visit the park for sexual relations. Not exactly feel like taking my family or kids down the trails.

persistent tagging of neighbors' fences and retaining walls old islamic center has been for rent for several years and has cracked windows

I'm concerned about the long term impacts of having the town homes smooshed together on such a small property.

Excited about the reservoir cap and the new green space it will open up as a park, but concerned about how the new park will be left. It needs to be developed, not just left as an open field for blackberries and drug deals to come back to. Related: we need more sidewalks and crosswalks in the neighborhoods next to the WestCrest park/dog park. You'll bring higher traffic to the park, bringing crime down, by making it safer for neighborhood citizens to walk there.

Are kidding - buses sometimes don't even show, or are so late, you don't know what bus you're on. Westwood is still an asphalt oasis, and would love to see this more a walking, busing and biking destination, than more sq. feet allotted to parking cars, than for people to enjoy a shopping/resturaunt and social destination. howabout connect to longfellow creek and integrate green space at Westwood itself.

stop building more buildings such as townhouses. it is enough, why build new homes

the pot holes and rough roads that have only gotten worse of the years ... the worst probably falls under the Delridge area would like to see more parks/trails that would be safe for a single walker, a Trader Joe's, a Qdoba, and a Quiznos

## Q2: What are you dissatisfied about?

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Unfortunately the business district is auto-oriented and does not serve the surrounding neighborhood. School district properties are fenced to keep neighborhood people out.

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The side streets in my neighborhood are TERRIBLE. It seems as though there is attention all over the city and we are neglected. Street improvement priorities appear given to the north end of the city where there are more affluent citizens. I work up north in the Greenwood neighborhood and the streets are lovely. I come home and hit pot holes, see cracks and crumbling curbs, etc.

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I would be great to have a wide array of business scattered through out the community. I know that the city planners are in love with this urban center concept, but as a resident I would rather have a many smaller business throughout the community.

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Bus service is horrible to and from West Seattle in general. The crime makes me nervous, and we're tired of the blight from new multi-family housing; it's everywhere, and it has to stop.

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Need fewer box stores and more local shops and restaurants, reminiscent of the CA/AK Junction. Would be great to have more variety on our south end...a natural grocery store (PCC) would be wonderful as well.

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The 4-lane roads that neighbor our district are underutilized thus causing excessive speed. SW 35th and SW Roxbury. These should be converted to 2 lanes plus a turn lane and a bike lane. For a neighborhood that has good transit access to buses, the land use is underutilized and should be densified.

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The the population along delridge way has become increasingly more dense with the construction of new condos but the lack of planning to account for the extra traffic along delrgide. Keeping delridge a one lane with a bike lane is not going to solve the congestion .

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We need sidewalks!

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

Delridge carries a lot of traffic, yet it is poorly designed, ugly and dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Not involved in the original plan, but overall some progress has been made to make Highland Park a more livable neighborhood.

The improvements to the Longfellow Creek trail, SW Community Center/Complex and the SW Library have all added to the neighborhood. However, the link between Highland Park and Westwood doesn't seem all that strong and the improvements to the Triangle and Delridge areas have quite a way to go.

A. Longfellow Creek Trail-good. B. Integrate Denny/Sealth-bad. C. Triangle Commercial Core-bad D. Delridge Improvements-bad

Longfellow Creek plan seems implemented - but it wasn't the city that did this - so no credit there.

The Longfellow Creek trail is a fantastic asset, but it doesn't "connect" to anywhere I want to go, it's purely for recreation. The complex is great, but there is no signage (or calendar) to tell me what's going on--I've never felt welcome. I never visit the "commercial triangle core"--I use Westwood and White Center. Delridge is probably improved, I'm not sure. I bike it but avoid walking it. It needs a grocery store (can we add that to the list of priorities?)!

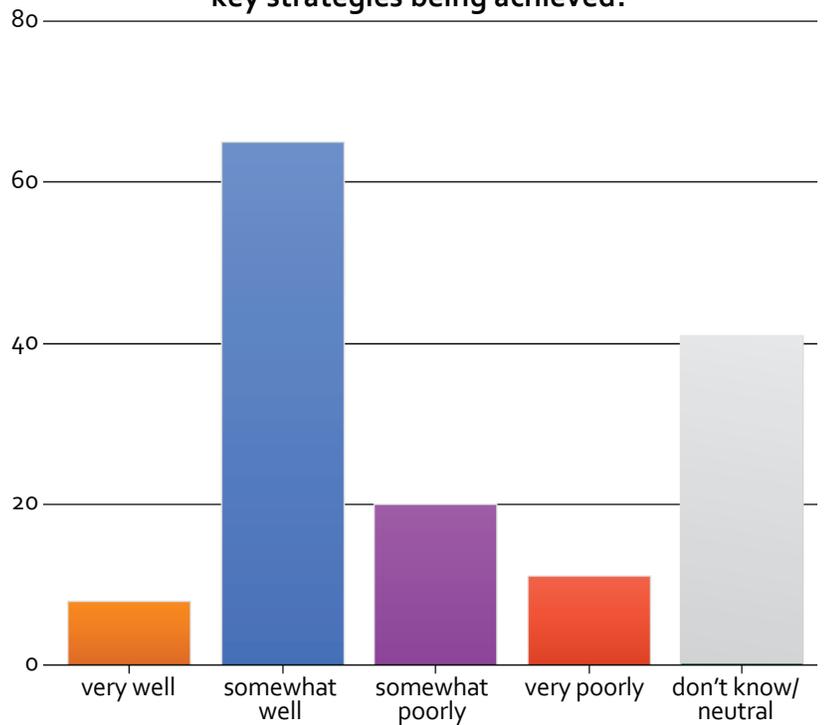
I've seen things change but the people are being driven out of the area which isn't fair. the real change we need is affordable housing and out reach to those who need it to make sure they get a hold of it.

I know of no pathway or trail improvement progress. What steps do you feel have been accomplished in the Revitalization of the Triangle Commercial Core, or did we miss something?

Is there a plan?

As I read them and understand them, we seem to be meeting them.

How well are your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies being achieved?



Longfellow Creek is great.

Delridge still needs lots of improvements.

Longfellow Creek went well. Building up the business district has not gone as well. Adding more housing/density has been accomplished.

The plan is so full of jargon that only planners can understand it

Still not exactly sure what the outcome is supposed to be.

The walkability from Highland Park to Westwood Village remains poor--no one seems to use the Longfellow Creek trail. The SW Athletic Complex and the Community Center to appear to anchor the neighborhood, along with Westwood Village.

The plan doesn't really address Highland park and the neighborhoods (Westwood & Highland Park) are still not well linked. The south civic center is not well implemented and the locked fences make it look/feel like a penitentiary. One gateway has been implemented. Gateways need to be implemented at all entrances to the neighborhood.

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

The Longfellow Creek trail system has progressed along Longfellow Creek which is great, though I don't see any new pedestrian/bicycle connections extending east-west from there. Perhaps this will be incorporated in the Delridge signalization project, although again I'd like to say that we need viable routes for bikes and pedestrians that are separated from motorized vehicles too, and not just a stripe on a busy street. There are opportunities for these, in particular the bike/pedestrian trail through the West Duwamish greenbelt at SSCC going down to West Marginal Way proposed by the Riverview Trail Improvement Project (Rtrip).

I'm hoping that the Denny/Sealth Southwest integration project will include public walking/bike trails through it and connecting to Westwood Village (which I also hope will redesign its pedestrian/bike and even car-unfriendly parking lot - what a lost opportunity) and connect with the Longfellow Creek trail in a much more identifiable way.

The triangle core continues to improve.

The summary I looked at didn't really seem to address the north end of Highland Park at all.

Traffic is too heavy for the roads, revitalization has been very slow in triangle area

I don't think enough affordable housing is being built.

Development seems to be the key driver on this - it remains to be seen whether certain less prominent aspects of the plan continue to generate action i.e. business development (and development period) in the triangle area.

Integrate the Denny/Sealth Southwest Recreation Complex Master Plan is the only positive change I can see.

My neighborhood seems to be a little ignored pocket of the larger neighborhood plan. We're not down at Westwood, not on Delridge, and not in White Center. But we have a lot of local teens who are not monitored or engaged in constructive activity, and we have a lot of marginally employed/substance abusers renting in the neighborhood. That's not a good mix.

There are things in our plan that I'm not as knowledgeable about, and things that I'm concerned about, that aren't included in our plan.

Delridge Way is a HUGE improvement! Longfellow creek is a work in progress...I feel that in theory it is a great plan, but it also unfortunately attracts the homeless and drug users to the wooded areas. In addition, things not mentioned in the report, but that have been occurring are: park improvements at westcrest, covering the reservoir and the potential for a spray park at the Highland Park playground. These are all wonderful projects that will positively impact the neighborhood. However, the potential jail site is a detriment to the neighborhood, as we are already struggling to improve the reputation of the area.

I think the city is doing well performing what the plan articulates.

Longfellow creek trail - has been completed and is nice. The Denny/Sealth recreation complex is not accessible to the public and restricts pedestrian access and flow. Delridge is in horrible shape and seems a hazardous corridor for bicycles.

The updated library and community centers are a great boon to the neighborhood, and well used. The addition of housing, including low-income housing has dramatically increased. Parks seem to be well-maintained.

I think the neighborhood plan needs to be revisited that current residents can have input in their visions of the neighborhood.

I very much appreciate the work on Longfellow Creek. I see that priorities as laid out are being achieved. But as in my previous comments, I would appreciate a greater emphasis on weaving small businesses into the human/pedestrian/bike/eco-friendly vision we are working to achieve for local residents. Meaningful local commerce is an essential aspect of any true neighborhood.

Revitalizing the SW Henderson, 15th SW, and Roxbury St. area does not seem to be that much better than it was a long while ago. The Walgreens on the corner does not invite pedestrian traffic with a back entrance and parking lot and lack of large windows. That is the only thing that seems to be "improved" in that area. There is a new ice cream shop in the area which is a nice community building kind of business. The signage and the crumbling buildings in the White Center area is a sad comment on the condition of the neighborhood.

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

It would be great to have the Longfellow Creek trail connect to bike / hike trails that avoid Delridge and other busy streets.

Parking is still a concern during events at the recreation complex.

The Triangle Commercial Area needs more family-friendly options. Full Tilt ice cream is a start. What about a farmer / craft market?

1) Longfellow creek trail stops at trenton and you have to find an alternate route, meanwhile "Linking Westwood and Highland park" implies a west/east corridor which does not exist.

2) I never use the denny sealth thing but my understanding is that its an asset so A+ rating for that

3) Revitalize Triangle Core, well there is a fancy park there now but other than that I don't see it. Props to Cafe Rozella for what they're doing.

4) Delridge Improvement....really? I don't think think I've seen once instance of improvement. Maybe the fact that the police station is there so "theoretically" I wouldn't be witnessing shootouts and drug deals on delridge.

In general the only thing positive that I can see is that numerous multi unit rentals were bulldozed and replaced with expensive town homes and these town homes were bought by "wealthier" people seeking an affordable place with good access to downtown. So the catalyst was really the overheated housing market which is gone for now.

Multi-Family developments seem to be popping up without much of an overall plan with respect to their design features (some are very ugly in my opinion). Also more people are parking on the street making most streets "one lane" with cars parked on both sides.

The denser housing is great, but adequate parking needs to be included. Cars are parked crookedly (because of no curbs/sidewalks) all over the place.

Again, the deprioritization of neighborhood planning in the last 8 years has left us in a state where we really need to start over.

There have been noticeable changes in the last 5 years. More to be done, but I applaud the start.

I don't believe the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail has been extended to link to Highland Park, but I may be wrong.... The trail does not seem to be patrolled and is not lit (which is fine, as it is a nature trail), so I don't know how safe I would feel running it alone. It is, however, very well maintained, which is much appreciated and noticed by its regular users. The fence around the Denny-Sealth Athletic Complex makes it feel more like private property not open to the public than a community athletic complex. Parking and crowd control seems fine, but the fact that the gate is often locked even on the part that is supposed to be the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail is irritating for those of us trying to use it. I don't spend much time in the triangle commercial core, but that reason is partly because there has not been anything that has a strong draw for me there. Not sure if that's because good draws (revitalized places) don't exist or just because I need to get out more. As I've already mentioned, Delridge has experienced some serious bicycle accidents lately. I don't know of any improvements that have been made to the road or to the sidewalks to make them safer for pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists.

I wish the city's status report showed the baseline demographic information from 1997. The 9 foot high fences around school property near Thistle SW makes it difficult for pedestrians/cyclists to traverse in that area. If the gate is locked, people must go around this school yard 'penitentiary.' Pedestrian safety and transit service need to be improved.

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

Better understanding and rules on where multi-family buildings can be built so that it doesn't dismantle the single-family residences that can grow the strength of a neighborhood. Safety issues---such as the loose dogs and gangs. And continuing to work on improving the business areas of the Triangle and Delridge.

Add: integrate Westwood Town Center into the surrounding neighborhood through pedestrian-oriented development, pedestrian travel-ways and residential uses on-site

Transportation is not even addressed, as far as I can tell, in the neighborhood plan... rapid ride, seems vapid ride right now... when is it coming? Just recently, I waited 1.5 hours for a 21 bus to go back home, after a day on Bainbridge Is. This is crazy! I was so tired and upset. This turns me off from using public transportation because it is sooooo inefficient.

They may be important to someone else, but they aren't for me. I think Delridge pedestrian improvements (and a grocery!) are important.

We need to address the increased traffic volume in the area

For me

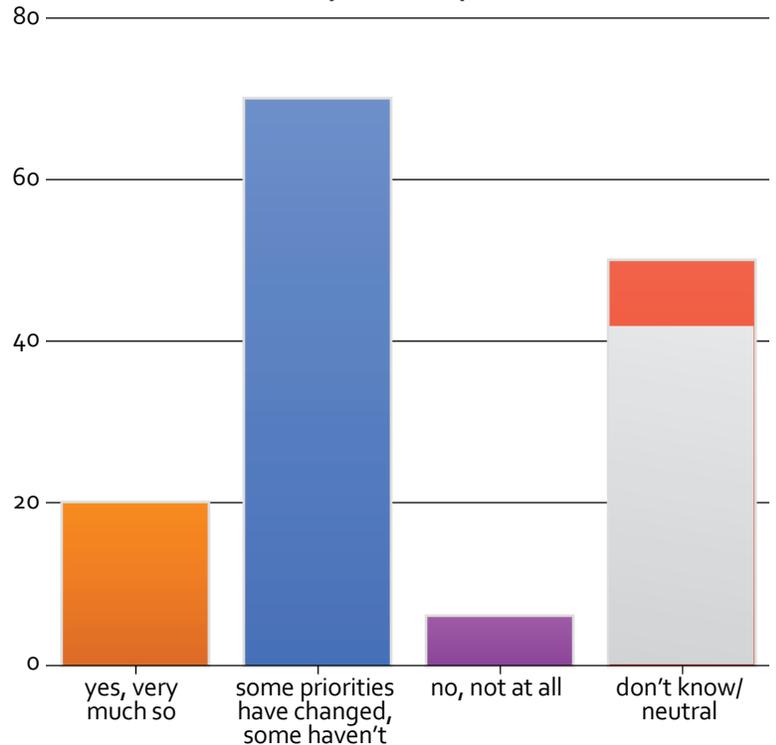
Transportation, Strengthening local economy, strong schools, and food security should be the focus of our neighborhood plans... I think we are headed towards a point where we are going to have to be more resilient and independent at the local community level.

Need to address crowd management at the SW Recreation complex. It is a nice facility.

The changing demographics and the associated philosophical shift are bringing to the front the need for safe walkable neighborhoods; meaning good schools, access to stores and restaurants without having to use a car, and the need for local entertainment, professional, and health services.

I'd like to see something on there about linking us up with the light rail system, improving transportation options, revitalizing 35th Ave SW. I'd love it if our neighborhood were more walkable in the north end of Westwood.

Are they still the priorities?



Hopefully the Delridge signalization project will somehow provide a safe and amenable walk/bike way, as well as streamlining traffic for cars.

Also, there is so much residential development happening on the east side of this district (Riverview/ Highland Park) with seemingly no thought to walkable infrastructure. We need stores and restaurants we can walk to! Bravo Zippies and Jo-Jo's for taking a first step.

Most of the strategies are important objectives, but they need to be expanded to include the Highland Park neighborhood.

Where are the goals for the neighborhood beyond Westwood Village?

Riverview Trail is a priority on the Neighborhood Plan, but I really do not think much has been done on it for the past 5 years . . . Why is this?

See answer to earlier question.

Transportation needs to be more of a priority. More housing density should also be a priority.

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

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Delridge still has a ways to go.

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We should focus more on increasing the number of good, sustainable, well paying jobs (ie not retail jobs) in our community. Maybe a couple of office buildings, with their own parking garages?

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The attack of density via poorly designed and built townhomes plagues us as it does most areas of the city. Some of the ones in our neighborhood are going to look awful in less than ten years and are creating canyons of looming buildings along our arterials. Creating some sort of overarching vision for this needed population growth capacity is paramount.

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Seems like Longfellow Creek is about handled. Let's move onto other things. Transportation into and out of West Seattle should be the priority, along with improving community in our rather large section of the city. We have a lot of cops here, and they give tickets for stupid things. Let's stop merely adding cops, and start focusing on improving community.

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The trail thing seems like Seattle BS... how many people actually use it? The lower income people in this neighborhood need a lot more important things than a walking trail.

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Connect the Westwood Village shopping center to the recreation complex - currently the path way between the two is not always reliably open. Develop better indoor and outdoor play areas for young children so that families of all ages can enjoy the space. More open play areas that are consistently open to the public (the Sealth fields are often locked). Consider using the Denny School site for a park. Traffic calming and better crosswalk options (near the bus stops because kids cut across the street to catch buses) on Thistle. This would also allow for better pedestrian flow from Westwood Village through to the Longfellow Creek trail.

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I've whined a lot about transit and connectivity so I guess I'd like to see that as a priority. I would also like to see some creative solutions to providing people something to do instead of drugs, alcohol. I think there also should be some more parks. The neighborhood kids near me really don't have an open space to play in nearby. The police always say that you need to clean up graffiti otherwise you'll get more. There is trash on our streets and our alleyway's look like the roads of a third world nation? Why doesn't the street sweeper come during the day?

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In this economy, local governments have no doubt had to scale back plans.

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Sure. I like trails, community, revitalization, and safety. :)

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A few neighbors were involved in the neighborhood plan many years ago; however, many more (like me) were not involved at that time. The city's status report was missing large amounts of information, so it would be good to have more citizen education and involvement on this. People in the neighbor would then be able to answer your question in an informed way.

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

reducing crime (car prowls and res burglary) and youth violence.

Public amenities and transportation networks.

Personal safety, crime reduction, business development, traffic control.

development patterns

Nice job on the reports thus far

Schools and Transportation

Transportation - Community gathering space - less asphalt and more permeable surfaces.

Local food, local businesses, alternative transportation.

affordable housing and getting the info to those who need it. Also on public safety in the white center business district which still is violent and dangerous, this affects the Seattle side as well.

Meetings in the area more than once to get input; and treat all the neighborhoods equally

Neighborhood road repair and due to the building of new condos and apartments in the West Seattle an overall plan on how to handle the traffic flow in and out of West Seattle, for example I-5, I-90 and hwy 99 connections. Moving the Vashion Ferry to the Seattle docks and adding Light Rail at the Alaska Junction or Admiral area. license and tax bike riders and use the money to build bike lanes away from the streets. Bikes are a road hazard and they hold up traffic.

continue with the plan

pedestrians

Transportation, Education, Business Districts

safety plan for the Denny and Sealth merge.

Pedestrian safety and accessibility

public amenities, housing affordability

Parks, Safety, business.

Designing for the transportation constrained city that Seattle is becoming. This means facilitating the growth of smaller neighborhood business districts (outside of White Center and Westwood Village) and improving pedestrian safety.

Environmental issues (keeping the stormwater system clean, planting/restoring/maintaining urban and street trees, removing invasives, caring for wildlife habitat, public education re toxics used on lawns and gardens)

Public transportation

Pedestrian/bike trails

Encouragement of cross-cultural/cross-generational engagement

Residential areas in the planning area and more specific projects

transportation hazards, such as the Holden/Highland Park Way intersection where there seem to be an abundance of accidents, for example.

Housing affordability

Safety

Transportation.

Increasing transportation options, revitalizing 35th ave SW, review the town home boom.

lessening automobile traffic (fewer roads where cars have priority and more places where bikes and peds can safely integrate with other forms of traffic)

safety, crime, drug enforcement

A better connection to community safety, crime watch, traffic control, policing, aggressive outreach to involve residents.

Transportation (park-n-ride at the Junction, light rail), development patterns

Safety and community building.

Safety and building businesses

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

transportation  
should look at White center - I live in White Center/  
shorewood and have many comments for my community  
-biggest is transportation-waiting for anexation.

crime. walkability. run down houses/vacant houses.

I would love to see a spray park at Highland park or at the  
new resevoir park/Westcrest park

Land use - keep & enlarge green spaces, reduce sub-lots  
with townhomes on them, specifically prohibit jails in  
neighborhood.

Boundary of neighborhood plan should be expanded to  
include area east to 1st Ave S bridge/Duwamish.  
Highland Park needs a business strategy (and business  
district).

Parks and Open Space and Issues of public safety

pedestrian connections, wayfinding

Quality development of multifamily homes; a mixture of  
single and multifamily residences.

I am not real sure if there should be more or less focus on  
anything in specific.

Traffic improvements and speed control measures  
on both Barton and Roxbury. Combating graffiti and  
vandalism.

allowing traffic through 25th ave sw behind the staples  
store or turning it into a small park

Development patterns. Transportation networks.

Safety, keeping small businesses afloat, support local  
diversity of ethnicity and economic status

Safety, community activities.

Transit and easy public transit, especially from Westwood  
to the Junction

crime prevention

business development, crime prevention/gang & drug  
activity

Pedestrian Safety

Taking steps to continue to grow the value of property

Stabilizing the housing market in the area and keeping  
the schools open and funded

safety, crime

Biking and walking safety! We REALLY need safe places  
to bike. A road, esp with cars parked on both sides can  
be SO dangerous.

Crime prevention

continued housing affordability, transportation networks  
and neighborhood demographics

transportation options - walkable communities where  
business districts are walkable to more residents -  
townhome regulations and lot use regulations.

cleaning up abandoned/trashed residences.  
parks for toddlers

Delridge SW way improvements ROADS, signal lights  
upgraded

Development of businesses and community efforts.  
Gang activity.

Getting teens positively engaged in community; working  
with owners of rundown rentals to fix them up and get  
better renters in. More transportation options that  
connect our neighborhood with areas beyond just the  
downtown area.

Revitalizing the Triangle commercial core and making  
that area feel safe. I enjoy some of the new restaurants  
but would never go there after dark.

completing the reservoir project and creating a clever,  
cost effective and well thought out plan for the use of  
space to positively draw people to the neighborhood. It  
is one of the best overlooks of the city and mountains in  
west seattle!

traffic control

getting community member involvement. how are the  
neighborhood groups run? Sometimes they seem run by  
a few people who are very capable, but there isn't much  
room for other voices or participation. Also more focus  
on tree protection.

Business revitalization in existing areas.

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

Focus on Maintaining a Communities "Flavor" and integrate Culture and Sustainability by getting more feedback from "Folks on the Streets" in the business districts about what is important to keep in their neighborhood. What brings them to where they are shopping. (How about? Survey's in stores....offering prizes for reply's ) Community based booths at Fairs and Festivals hearing from "Folks" attending community events??

open spaces and adding more round abouts in our neighborhoods as many place are seeing an influx of young people with young children and other continue to speed thru streets as there are no stop signs

safety

Increased parking, affordable housing, more local quality employment.

Expanding community access to neighborhood retail services.

The natural corridor of Longfellow Creek has been well served, this effort now needs to shift over to the Duwamish Green Belt area- a huge asset to the city that has yet to be fully realized. With the addition of the Soundway property, we could have trails that run all the way from Westcrest Park the West Seattle Bridge. The forest needs big help with invasives removal and restoration of sustainable forest.

Putting in mass transit like light rail.

Bike lanes and pedestrian walking.

affordable housing, targeted density by commercial areas, keeping single family housing focus

Transportation. Community. Theft and gang violence.

preserving open space, parks and forests, green building, density and mixed use buildings

transportation and safety

building communities through neighborhood events; classes and workshops for the community (at the library or the community centers, maybe) on issues of sustainability; development of safe low-income housing environments; safety for neighborhood inhabitants; infrastructure for small businesses; cultural diversity, and the celebration thereof

Resident input, particularly from individuals who have English as their Second language and citizens who may not have access to the internet or made it to the neighborhood planning event. Their should also be a focus on including support of small businesses, and public safety.

Safety

Weaving small businesses (Town Commons-style zoning with little grocery stores, scooter shops, copy places, internet cafes and bookstores) into the human/pedestrian/bike/eco-friendly vision we are working to achieve for local residents.

Infrastructure. I think that if the roads and the upkeep of public buildings/spaces/parks are not a focus there cannot be community pride. If there is no community pride then the pride in personal property deteriorates. I also think there should be a concentrated effort in revitalizing the 16th SW/roxbury area. This area attracts unsavory businesses and does not support family and community. XXX adult related retail does not make for nice neighbors.

Why isn't there a housing plan in place?

Many streets are in disrepair, and access by bicycle to the Junction should be easier.

More support for local businesses to beautify and revitalize their store fronts and properties. Many places have already done so, but there are quite a few old run down warehouses left still.

safety, especially traffic flow and traffic calming connecting resources - the shopping at Westwood Village, the recreation center, and the Longfellow Creek trail supporting revitalization in the triangle business area

\*Public Transit Connectivity (External and West Seattle Internal)

\*Bike/Walking Paths that are not on City Streets

\*Small Parks the size of yard lots. It would be nice (probably too nice) if one existed on every block.

\*Deter Property crimes and open drug dealing. Take a couple of the dedicated traffic cops that are always out during school season and increase the number of squad cars patrolling the streets.

\*Renewed Focus on Delridge Roxbury area.

\*Sustainable "Urban" Density

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

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Integrating new construction into an overall plan with respect to design of structures and providing infrastructure for the increase in density.

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Transportation, housing affordability, safety

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crime!!

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safety/ crime prevention

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reducing crime, cleaning up abandoned houses and vehicles on the street, keeping the sidewalks clean and weed free

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With all the good things (more housing, thriving business districts) come bad things too (like more traffic, less parking). I would like there to be an acknowledgement that a balance needs to be struck.

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Crime/gang activity  
Noise enforcement

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BIG trees in the "urban village", bike paths, pedestrian safety, police presence

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bicycle connectivity and parking. Transit, especially the ST 560 run to Seatac is important here.  
safety

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business development

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I notice street-scapes, landscapes, parks and shared outdoor spaces.

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neighborhood safety

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preservation of green space, protection of sensitive environmental areas (such as Longfellow Creek), improving public transportation as well as other infrastructure for non-car commuters (bikes and pedestrians), cleaning up -- litter, graffiti, etc.

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Effective and timely public outreach as well as authentic community dialogue-type open houses. (Not just fake window-dressing).

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

Less focus on doing nothing. (or very little)

improving walkability of the neighborhood

walk ways and pedestrian activity

Painting bike lanes on our roads and closing our parks and streets to have "Bicycle Sunday". Those sort of things.

stick with the plan- hold other accountable for their part in making change.

Providing Housing... I think this asset will continue to deflate in value, we may find we have overbuilt for the time being.

development patterns

less on policies and jargon

demographics

Demographics.

nothing on the list.

cars, driving, having ways to get places fast in cars. Screw cars.

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Beautification.

bike lanes

building massive amounts of cookie-cutter condos

Continuing to be charitable to those to make poor decisions and place themselves in less than ideal living situations.

Further/new residential development projects

condos

Development! Stop this crazy building 14 houses on every small corner of green space!

There should be less of a focus on the urban village at Westwood.

continued residential development of new, multi - unit buildings - develop and increase use of existing buildings that are currently empty.

I believe the safety issues in and around Delridge are more important than the sports complex. Before parents will let their kids go there it needs to be safe.

Retail, recreation, feel good projects. Also revising Sealth/Denny merger plans (eliminating their parking requirements) to dump more cars on the neighborhood streets (up to 500 of them) really sucks for the folks who live near the schools. It was also really shady how they did it too. Destroys trust, and makes folks like me not want to get involved.

Frivolous citations. Everything else needs a lot of focus.

development of middle-class townhomes; properties for lease which are only affordable to corporate chain-businesses

uniformity

I think the priorities that have been set are appropriate. There have been great improvements over the last 10 years. I just think that infrastructure should be at the top of the list.

Denny Sealth Recreation

buildings...

I don't use community centers and go online or to Barnes & Noble, not the library, like a lot of people in my neighborhood. However, that doesn't mean community centers and libraries are less important to other people. And I support what improves overall quality of life.

development! As in, eliminating green spaces to build more retail and housing units, when all the apartments have vacancy, there are several empty store fronts, and every block has a house for sale. If Seattle's population was absolutely skyrocketing right now, I could understand, but it just isn't the right thing to do in this present economy and when there are so many currently existing alternatives (for housing and retail space).

"Glossy"-style picture board open houses where neighbors do not have a chance to discuss issues with each other AND with city planners, etc.

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

B, C and D of the key priorities seems to be bearly touched by the city. Shameful - why have a neighborhood plan at all, if it is ignored. Bike lanes on Delridge, not on the southend - you take your life in your hands. I stay on the side streets when possible. When cars park on the side of the street - there is no safe passage for bikes. Parking and traffic mgmt. is mentioned - but I don't see improvements - and Transportation has to be a priority for this Urban Village.

Quality of new construction/major renovations to promote health, safety, and environmental responsibilty. Needs to be incentives or support for LEED, Built Green, or other green building rating systems or benchmarking.

public safety in the downtown White Center business district.

Addressing ethnic diversity concerns/options/opportunities in the areas

The neighborhood impact of hte Denny and Sealth merge. This looks like a huge safety problem for the kids, faculty and neighbors.

I don't understand this question.

The West Duwamish Greenbelt is not mentioned in the Neighborhood Plan, yet it is a very important resource not only for our neighborhoods, but for the entire city. The Greenbelt needs much restoration and care, and I think this should definitely be a Key Strategy for our neighborhood. This could be connected with Westcrest Park, and could become a focal point for many issues: involve people from all demographics and for all sorts of activities (planning strategies, planting trees, clearing invasives, birdwatching, walking, biking...and many more). The Greenbelt is a huge part of West Seattle that is seen from all over the City - please give it a place on the list.

West Duwamish Greenbelt , Riverview, White Center

Safety component (walking safety, more patrols, etc.

See above in increased focus box.

transportation -- how do people get around? Bikes? Public transport? Distance to jobs?

See above.

programming for youth, early learning

Addressing the concerns of gentrification

The plans for the resevoir park

It really focuses on Westwood and says little about Highland Park. Needs to take into account economic viability local jobs. Traffic safety

Economic development of northeastern Highland Park.



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

Open space, walkways and trails need more work. This area seems to be built around the car and making it easier and safer for other commuting methods would be nice.

##### Crime prevention

Not sure how this would be incorporated but, my experience of this neighborhood for the past 20 years, has shown that a huge gap exists in the overall engagement of the neighborhood as a community unit. There are pockets of involvement that don't transfer to other groups especially for groups of people of different ethnicities and races. It would be good to find a way to increase engagement and cohesiveness in that particular area.

see above

##### Transportation, community outreach and policing

see "more focus section" maybe I should have put that here.

Looks like most demographic info is from year 2000. That was almost 10 years ago. Updated demographics would provide us more information to target plans with.

I wonder what outreach has been done with communities that primarily speak "Languages other than English" at Home. (I wish the "Some Other Language" were worded in a more culturally sensitive manner. This representation of ....Primarily Speak English at home, I feel, is disrespectful to those speaking Languages other than English at Home, as the primary language. The numbers may be understated for those speaking other languages because, this survey is done in English? Suggest : Contract with Community Based Organizations, to reach a diverse representation which will better reflect the Diversity which is Seattle.

##### Transportation

Not enough talk about local quality jobs. It's all just feel good projects.

Perhaps in the way the neighborhoods are laid out. However that is a relative thing that might be too hard to address. Also in my neighborhood I wonder about how well you are doing outreach to the Hispanic population- a very active and communally focused constituency. Almost 20% of our neighborhood is identified as Hispanic. How can the city help to integrate this population with other groups in the area?

the status of community involvement in the next phase of the sports complex

I feel like I need more time to delve into the draft status reports. It would be nice to process this with other community members.

SPL lost its synergistic relationship with KCLS in the timeframe covered in the draft status report. This has adversely affected Seattle residents. It's wrong that SPL didn't repay KCLS for its longtime kindness to Seattle residents.

Not that I can think of

##### Arbor Heights

My notes on this are at home, sorry. (I'm at the downtown library trying to get this in by the deadline today.)