

Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

Summary of the Belltown Neighborhood Discussion



Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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What is this report?

This report contains summaries prepared by members of the Seattle Planning Commission. These summaries document discussions co-facilitated by members of the Planning Commission and the Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) at a series of neighborhood meetings held in June and July of 2009.¹ The Commission and NPAC co-hosted five open house workshops that included 24 neighborhood specific breakout sessions.² In all, about 350 people participated in the five open house meetings.

The Commission was asked to provide a summary for each of the 24 neighborhood specific breakout sessions. The summaries will help City staff to complete the Status Reports and will be a part of the "State of the Neighborhood Report" that goes to the Mayor and Council at the end of the year.

The Commission and NPAC developed four questions so that we could gather information from the people who live, work, attend school and have businesses in the neighborhood to better understand perceptions about the neighborhoods and how well the neighborhood plan is doing. Participants at the meetings were grouped by neighborhood and asked these four questions by the NPAC co-host while the Commission co-host worked to capture the sentiments of the participants. Participants were also provided questionnaires that contained the same four questions and were encouraged to fill them out and return them to be included in the record. All of the original questionnaires returned from the open house workshops are contained in the appendix of this report.

Outreach and Interpretation

The City of Seattle's neighborhood planning team arranged for interpretation services to the communities often under-represented because of language barriers. Spanish interpretation was available at 14, Chinese interpretation was available at 4; Vietnamese interpretation was available at 6; and Tagalog interpretation was available at 3 of the neighborhood community discussions. Interpretation services were used at 4 of the neighborhood community discussions: Columbia City, Georgetown, Rainier Beach, and the West Seattle Junction.

Virtual Meeting

In an attempt to broaden participation, the Planning Commission also created and hosted a virtual on-line meeting from June through August. The virtual on-line meeting included a questionnaire that asked the same four questions that participants at the open houses were asked. The on-line questionnaire had a total of 4,576 participants. The Commission has provided a companion piece to this report that includes the responses to the on-line questionnaires for each of the 24 neighborhoods.

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1. The Seattle Planning Commission (SPC) was adopted into the City Charter in 1946. The Commission is an independent and objective group that advises the Mayor and City Council on Urban Planning issues such as land use, zoning, transportation and housing issues.
 2. The Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) was formed in 2008. NPAC is a committee of Seattle residents and business-people that advises the Department of Neighborhoods and the Department of Planning and Development on conducting the neighborhood updates and neighborhood status reports.

What is included in this report?

Summaries of one of the 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009

Admiral

Aurora/Licton Springs

Belltown

Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake

Capitol Hill

Central Area

Columbia City /Hillman City/Genesee

Crown Hill & Ballard

Delridge

Eastlake

First Hill

Fremont

Georgetown

Green Lake

Greenwood/Phinney Ridge

Lake City

Morgan Junction

Pike/Pine

Queen Anne

Rainier Beach

University Community

Wallingford

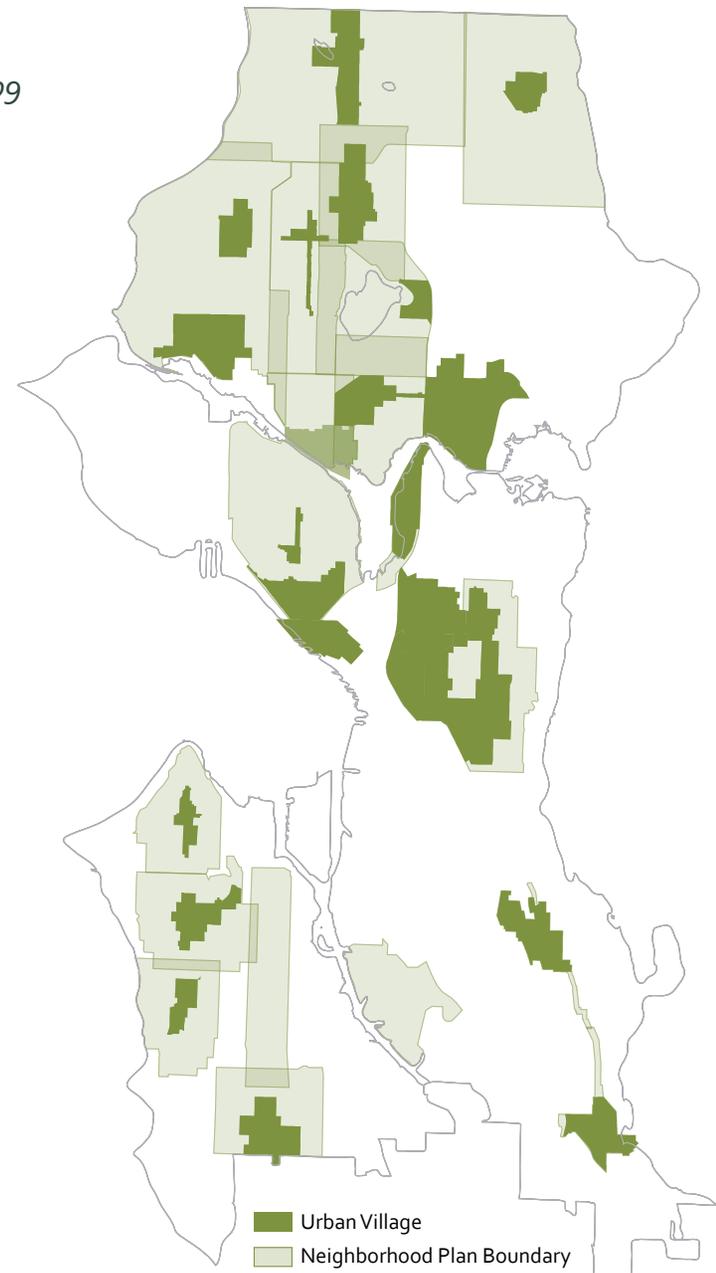
West Seattle Junction

Westwood/Highland Park

Appendix A – Sample agenda

Appendix B – List of attendees from five open house meetings

Appendix C – Notes and questionnaires submitted at meetings



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General Summary

Participation at the neighborhood discussion varied from 5-8 people most of whom were residents who have been actively engaged in the Belltown Community Council. Most participants indicated they have been residents for more than 5 years.

Highlights

- While a Community Center was identified in the Neighborhood Plan as a top priority, one has not been realized but remains a top priority.
- Public safety remains an outstanding issue; the area needs to be consistently safe. Social services are a constant source of abrasion and conflict.
- Loss of parking impacts retail business and is an issue for those businesses that require support from consumers outside the immediate neighborhood. Participants felt that in general the City's parking policies are inconsistent.
- Open Space is increasingly important as population doubles in Belltown; there is a lack of multi-use green space. Pocket parks in combination with Green Streets are needed. Adjacent open spaces such as Seattle Center, Waterfront and Sculpture Park are assets.
- Participants felt that civic investment is lacking for such things as lighting and public safety and is needed to serve the large increase in residential population. Participants felt that the character of "Belltown has gone from funky to swanky" with a thriving restaurant and bar scene geared to attracting young people however the retail environment for residents has withered as retail stores have been replaced. In addition safety and noise have become an increasing issue.
- Participants feel that effective design review and active community representation has preserved iconic and legacy buildings contributing to a sense of history of the area and that newer buildings generally have good design.
- There is a sense among participants that Belltown is neighborhood of haves and have nots and lacks workforce housing as well as amenities and policies that draw and keep families downtown.
- Future Focus: A civic improvements plan is needed as a base to create a rich living environment. Once a plan for schools, parks, open space, social services is in place, the housing/development projects can be added as infill.



1. Most of the neighborhood plans were adopted about 10 years ago and are in their mid-life. How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted, (or since you've been there)?

- Population increased by 50% since Plan's inception, exceeding targets, but this has not been accompanied by civic investment in amenities.
- Comp Plan implemented a Tower Spacing policy which altered the neighborhood plan.
- Top priority in the Neighborhood Plan is a community center, but it has not materialized.
- Public safety remains a sporadic, outstanding issue; the area needs to be consistently safe.
- The bar scene is geared to young, non-residents who invade area, create a carnival environment. Noise has become an issue.
- A card shop and other retail stores disappeared to be replaced by bars, with fewer establishments serving residents.
- The Green Street program has been a total failure due to lack of coordination between public and private market investment.

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

- Buildings new and existing: Iconic and legacy buildings have been maintained and newer buildings have good design. The area has had effective design review and active community representation.
- Transportation: 3rd Ave is a major transportation corridor.
- Public facilities: Creation of the dog park is a welcome open space. Adjacent open spaces such as Seattle Center, Waterfront and Sculpture Park are assets. Sidewalk design and landscaping has improved as City cooperates with investment from City Light and SDPT.
- A restaurant scene has developed which is an employment source as well as an attraction.

Most dissatisfied about?

- Open Space: Belltown lacks multi-use green space and lacks parity with other city neighborhoods in terms of open space and public investments.
- Affordable housing hasn't happened; Belltown is neighborhood of haves and have-nots.
Belltown accepted social service agencies, but needs mitigation for the social cost of programs.
Belltown is a transitory community with a lack of roots and residential amenities due to safety concerns, lack of community improvements or a strong sense of community.
- It is difficult to create a community because there are opposing views of what it is.
- The amount of growth in Belltown plus the Tower Spacing policy and no schools in area has created an environment that says children are not welcome in downtown...unless they are under six years of age or the family can afford private schools.
- Retail environment has suffered/withered as retail stores have been replaced by bars.

3. How well are your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies being achieved? Are they still the priority?

- Belltown met Growth Management goals but nothing else happens. The City needs to connect the plan with action and implementation. “The City has Attention Deficit Disorder when it comes to fulfilling plans.”
- Green streets and open space strategy is a failure; progress has been glacial.
- Sustain Character
 - The neighborhood plans have not guided improvement in Belltown; the City acts independent of the wants, needs or wishes of residents.
 - “Belltown has gone from funky to swanky.”
 - Want to preserve iconic sense of history of the area.
 - “Social services are source of abrasion and conflict.”
- Parking Supply
 - Businesses fail due to no-parking policies. Loss of parking impacts retail business and is an issue for those businesses that require support from consumers outside the immediate neighborhood. “Parking has become a lost cause.”
 - City has conflicting policies regarding parking. It is anti-car, forcing a policy of mass transit, reducing dependency on parking. This is not in the best interest of the City and its businesses and tax revenues.
 - Belltown has a competitive edge for its retail core because parking is provided; parking lots are ugly but effective economically.

4. The city is completing neighborhood plan status reports focusing on demographics, development patterns, housing affordability, public amenities and transportation networks. What should there be more focus on (or less focus on) as the neighborhood status reports are completed in the coming months? Are there any important gaps in the draft status report?

- Parking policies need to be revised to include more taxi stands, ways to get people in and out of neighborhood, extend hours of parking meters, and shift to 90 minutes during day, but 2-3 hours in evening.
- Green Streets on east/west street remains a priority since they are quiet with smaller right of ways. Plan and implementation needs to be refined. The problem of public/private cooperation may require City back-charge costs of implementation to developers.
- Open Space is increasingly important as population doubles. "Dogs are better taken care of in Belltown than the humans." Pocket parks in combination with green streets are needed.
- Character is reflected in the diversity of the community, but diversity has lots of meanings. Is this a place to raise children? Most families move to Queen Anne or Magnolia or out of the City.
- City plans are done backwards; national models are done differently. A civic improvements plan is needed as a base to create a rich living environment. Once a plan for schools, parks, open space, social services is in place, the housing/development projects can be added as infill.
- Building a community center in Belltown is a high priority.
- Accomplishments mentioned in the status report required the stewardship of people in the community. City needs to provide staff to fulfill the goals plus the resources to carry out the desired projects. A City staffer/advocate/steward is needed in the neighborhood.

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Five Open Houses, 24 neighborhood discussions

1. June 22 at the South lake Union Armory; Uptown/ Queen Anne; Belltown; Eastlake; Capitol Hill; First Hill; Pike/Pine
2. July 8 Northgate Community Center Lake City, Aurora/Licton Springs, Broadview - Bitter Lake - Haller Lake, University Community (University District NW, Ravenna)
3. July 23 Phinney Neighborhood Center Greenwood/Phinney Ridge, Crown Hill & Ballard, Fremont, Wallingford, Green Lake
4. July 27 Rainier Community Center Central Area (Madison-Miller, 23rd & Union - Jackson and 12th Avenue), Columbia City - Hillman City - Genesee, Rainier Beach
5. July 28 Delridge Community Center Admiral, West Seattle Junction, Morgan Junction, Delridge, Westwood/Highland Park, Georgetown

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Neighborhood	Planning Commission Host	NPAC Member Host
Admiral	Catherine Benotto	Mark Wainwright
Aurora/Licton Springs	Michelle Zeidman	Sharonn Meeks (Mark Wainwright unable to attend)
Belltown	Kay Knapton	Catherine Stanford
Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake	Linda Amato	Craig Benjamin
Capitol Hill	David Cutler	Heidi Oien
Central Area	Mark Johnson	Kate Stineback (Adrienne Bailey did not attend)
Crown Hill & Ballard	Leslie Miller	Ashley Harris
Columbia City/Hillman City/Genesee	Leslie Miller	Linda Amato of the SPC (Eddie Hill unable to attend)
Delridge	Chris Persons	Boaz Ashkenazy
Eastlake	Martin Kaplan	Brian Ramey
First Hill	Kevin McDonald	Sharonn Meeks
Fremont	Chris Fiori	Toby Thaler
Georgetown	Amalia Leighton	Judith Edwards
Green Lake	Jerry Finrow	Kate Joncas
Greenwood/Phinney Ridge	Linda Amato	Kate Stineback
Lake City	Colie Hough-Beck	Renee Staton
Morgan Junction	Jerry Finrow	Cindi Barker
Pike/Pine	Josh Brower	Dennis Saxman
Queen Anne	Matt Roewe	John Coney
Rainier Beach	Chris Persons	Christie Coxley
University Community	Mark Johnson	Jeannie Hale
Wallingford	Amalia Leighton	Irene Wall
West Seattle Junction	Kay Knapton	Sharon Meeks
Westwood/Highland Park	Kevin McDonald	Christie Coxley

Neighborhood Open House

June 22, 2009 - 6:00 – 8:00 pm

South Lake Union Armory – 860 Terry Ave. N.

Hosted by the Seattle Planning Commission & Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee Agenda

1. Opening Session – 20 minutes

Introduction & Welcome – Josh Brower, NPAC Co-Chair

Opening Remarks – Councilmember Sally Clark

Orientation Video

2. Six (6) Neighborhood Breakout Sessions – 75 minutes

Breakout sessions for Queen Anne, Belltown, Eastlake, Capitol Hill, First Hill, Pike/Pine

Presentation by SPC table host (5-7 minutes)

- Goals of the breakout session
- Presentation of background information on neighborhood plan and status update
- How to provide input (discussion, written questionnaire, easel pad, on-line questionnaire)
- Additional resources available

Facilitated discussion of question led by NPAC table host

1. Most of the neighborhood plans were adopted about 10 years ago and are in their mid-life. How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted, (or since you've been there)?
2. What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most pleased about? Most dissatisfied about?
3. How well are your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies being achieved? Are they still the priority?
4. The city is completing neighborhood plan status reports focusing on demographics, development patterns, housing affordability, public amenities and transportation networks. What should there be more focus on (or less focus on) as the neighborhood status reports are completed in the coming months? Are there any important gaps in the draft status report?

3. Closing Remarks and Next Steps – 5 minutes

Closing Remarks & Next Steps – Josh Brower, NPAC Co-Chair

Appendix B – List of attendees from five open house meetings

Tim Ahlers	Kara Ceriello	Patty Foley	Jim Jensen	Phil Mocek
Joy Anderson	Jose Cervantes	Nancy Folsom	Dale Johnson	Rob Mohn
Jennifer Anderson	Gordon Clowers	Becca Fona	Blair Johnson	Dave Montoure
Aurora Anunicacion	Clarice Coker	Tony Fragada	Matt Johnston	Jesse Moore
Katheryn Armstrong	Rene Commons	Eric Friedli	Giff Jones	Patti Muller
Jill Arnow	John Coney	Bill Fuzekas	Mary Jones	Lisa Muller
Boaz Ashkenazy	Colleen Cooke	Dennis Galvin	Roger Jones	Dan Mullins
Joanne Auterjung	Dorene Cornel	Herbert Getchell	Alan Justad	Mars Mure
Maris Avots	Michael Cornell	Lucille Getchell	Laura Kalleb	Jessica Nguyen
Emi Baldwin	George Counts	Joseph Gockowski	Erica Karlovits	Tri Nguyen
John Barbee	Stuart Crandall	Daniel Goddard	Elias Kass	Hong Nguyen
Scott Barkan	Sally Crone	John Golobiec	Narom Khath	Dan Nolte
Tod Barker	Web Crowell	Kirsten Graham	Phoeun Khim	Richard Nordstrom
Deb Barker	Michael Cuadra	Lynn Graves	Melanee King	John Nuler
Catherine Barker	Mike Dady	Matt Gray	Wesley Kirkman	Karen O'Brien
Rick Barrett	MJ Davidson	Elizabeth Guenara	Cheryl Klinker	Jeannie O'Brien
Zander Batchelder	Susan Davis	Justina Guyott	Chris Knapp	Dara O'Bryne
Vicki Baucom	DeEtte Day	Julia Hadley	Kay Knapton	Susan O'Connell
Ellen Beck	Christo de Klerk	Jeannie Hale	Amber Knox	Kristy O'Donnell
Craig Benjamin	William Decherd	Craig Hanway	Sam Knoz	Pennie O'Grady
Cory Bergman	Jim Del Cielo	Susan Harmon	Sybil Knudson	Sokunthea OK
Jane Bigby	Jon deLeeves	Kathy Harper	Karen Ko	Kenneth Olsen
Derek Birnie	Rory Denovan	Michael harthorne	Diane Kremingk	Vlad Oustimoritch
John Bito	Donn Devore	Ralph Heitt	Tom Lee	Chris Pasco
Allina Black	Brian Dougherty	Tom Henry	Dorothy Lengye	Betty Pata
Neel Blair	Lloyd Douglas	Eva Hermesmyer	Jeff Libby	Nina Pata
Mark Bloudek	Nancy Driver	Hai Hoffman	Ref Lindmark	Bert Patrick
Anna Bowers	Chanta Dumas	Dick Hogan	Peter Locke	Jeffrey Pelletier
Dave Boyd	Christa Dumpys	Charles Hogg	Julie Lubre	Andrea Petzel
Sheila Brown	Shannon Dunn	K Beth Hollingsworth	Wendy Luker	Beth Pflug
Jan Brucker	Tim Durkan	Raft Hollingsworth	Andrew M	Boyd Pickerell
Susie Burke	Ruth Dyksterhais	John Hoole	Matt Ma	Erik Pihl
Janice Burnell	Sherell Ehlers	Bert Hopkins	Glenn MacGilvra	Jeff Pittman
Gloria Butts	David Ellinger	Ron Hornuns	John Magnenat	Ed Pottharst
Priscilla Call	Julie Enevoldsen	Megan Horst	Mike Mariano	Jen Power
Pablo Cambinico	John Enger	Serin Houpton	Velma Maye	Tim Pretare
Leon Capelo	Alicia Fadul	Ryan Hughes	Vivian McLean	Susie Prets
Kevin Carrabine	David Fansler	Wendy Jans	Douglas McNutt	Mary Quackenbush
Eudora Lowery Carter	Abdy Farid	Joan Jeffery	Sandra Melo	Brian Ramey
Susan Casey	Bill Farmer	Sarah Jenkes	Susan Melrose	Craig Rankin
Chris Caster	Andrea Faste	Susan Jensen	Richard Min	Jordan Rash

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Matt Rehder
Mike Reinhardt
Diane & Bob Rhea
Marjorie Rhodes
Scott Ringgold
Amelia River
Kirk Robbins
Joan Robbins
Delight Roberts
Lee Roberts
Ray Robinson
Donna Roseveark
Dennis Ross
Jon Rudical
Dennis Saxman
Sue Scharff
Dena Schule
Shirley Schurman
Deanise Schwarz
Sharon Scully
Rita Selin
Dic Selin
Philip Shach
Sarah Shoup
Sam Simone
Steve Sindiong
Susan Sisson
Cindy Small
Tamra Smilanich
Marty Spiegel
Catherine Stanford
Catherine Stengord
Kate Stineburk
Ruth Stinton
Conan Storlie
Mike Stringer
Adam Strutynski
Christine Stuffels
Jean Sundrorg
Jeff Taylor
Nicole Taylor

Tony To
Viet Tran
Alexandra Tu
Ron Turner
Cathy Tuttle
Sarah Valenta
Diana Vergis Vinh
Jessica Vets
Roger Wagoner
Forrest Wald
Irene Wall
William Walsh
Ed Wecloires
Stuart Weiss
Catherine Wentbrook
Al Werner
Julien Wheeler
Patty Whisler
Scott White
Mary Whitmore
Stephen Whitmore
Thomas Whittemore
Adrienne Wicks
Kraig Wilhelmsin
Adrian Wilkenson
Vivian Williams
Terry Williams
Betty Williams
Laura Wing-Whitebear
Greg Winterstea
Laura Wong-Whitebear
Mikala Woodward
Jason Woycke
Sara Wysocki

belltown

Ron Turner, gender based killer, Richard Nordstrom
Sara Thyascki, Glenn Mae Hilora, Alan Jested

Meet + exceed pop. targets

Retail enviro suffered/withered

retail store replaced by bars

Public safety remains issue - sporadic
needs to be consistently safe

Safety fluctuates - doesn't feel safe

esp. week-ends from non-residents

Carnival enviro

diff for local residents to go out after 10:30 PM

card shop disappear, replaced by bars

jewel est serving residents

top request in NP was comm center -
not there

City cherry picks what they want to do

doesn't feel invest is planned around

Plan, but reflects what City wants

Comp Plan signif changed, affect belltown -
mkt to elderly or young

bar scene is geared to young

Policy Change - Tower spacing

should be listed - alters plan

Increase by 50%

Look at double growth when mkt returns

Green Street program total failure

due to implementation + lack of

private
mkt
invest

Growth = Towers = non-family
No schools, no

In Seattle policy to say childless
No families downtown?
- under six
- affordable to private schools

High growth but lacking civic investment -
poor lighting
Pop doubled but City support not followed.

Happy -

Iconic bldgs maintained

Neo - good design

Had effective design review

Active community representation

Good transp - 3 Ave major trans corridor

Destination restaurants - employment source

Sidewalk design - cooperation w/city

modest imp for sidewalks & landscaping

City light/SDOT

City ^{major} ^{contributes} value in Belltown -

in fact has been underused, expect to see imp

Creating dog park - Soc Center, Waterfront, ^{Sculpture} Park

Lack of multi-use green space

Turn-over is very high - ^{Policy} dormitory vs community

50% of condos are rentals - 1 bldg - Tower

Transitory community

safety, improvements, sense of comm
lack of roots & residential identities

Afford housing hasn't happened -

mix of haves & have nots

diff to create community cuz have
opposing views of what it is

Downtown good place for low income but
lack of resources

Belltown accepted soc services agencies -
no reward/benefit for that

expect to see
budget change in
new demographics

Need to mitigate soc services
social costs of program but no benefit
help support transient nature of Econ
Soc Serv need to be distributed -
difficult to walk some streets

(3)

Green Streets + Open Space

Failure - glacial

Not GMA but nothing else happens
City has ADD disorder when it comes to
fulfilling plans

City cherry picked what sign off on Nei Plan
then do only what they want

Need to connect plan w/ action + imple

Sustain Character

Character changed - gone from funky
to swanky

compare to Pearl + West End - but not safety
glad not Yalton

can't put nei in bottle to avoid change
want to preserve iconic sense of
history

Soc Service - abrasion + conflict

Parking Supply

Businesses fail due to no parking
loss of pkg impacted ^{retail} businesses

pkg issue for businesses that require
outside support

Conflict in City policy
reduce dependency on pkg
anti-car, city forcing policy of mass
transit - not in best interest of city
Belleval has competitive edge for retail core
city provide pkg - ugly but effective
econ

Pkg no longer relevant priority - ^{need} changes
walk, bike or
mass transit

Review pkg policies -
more tax stands
get people in + out of nei
instead, pkg hrs of meters
shift to evening hours
90 min in day
2-3 hr in evening

Green Streets -
east/west priorities - quiet
smaller right of way
needs to be refined
implementation needs to be refined -
problem of public/private cooperation
need to reach charge level

Open Space

Pop doubles but green space
hasn't increased

Dogs better taken care of in built-up

Pocket parks in combination w/ green
streets needed

Character

Diversity has lots of meaning -

raise kids? move to QA/Magnolia or
out of City

Focus

Community Center raised - needed

Parks - Open space, location for Com Center & school

Civic improvement plan needed as a base

Housing develop in in-fill

How to create rich env? ?

City plans done blends

State models done differently

People took stewardship to accomplish
the investments

Need to provide staff to fulfill goals plus
resources

need City staffer advocate / stewards

Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

Please provide the following information and attach additional sheets if necessary.

Which neighborhood are you commenting on? Belltown

For how long have you...	less than 5 years	5-10 years	more than 10 years	does not apply
lived in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
owned a business in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
regularly visited this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
worked in this neighborhood?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
attended school in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
other (please describe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Name:

Email Address:

Question 1

Most of the neighborhood plans were adopted about 10 years ago and are in their mid-life. How has your neighborhood changed in the last decade since the plan was adopted (or since you've been there)?

Belltown has met and exceeded it's target for population. The retail sector has ~~not~~ also declined & shops have been replaced bars. Public safety remains an outstanding issue. Noise has become a greater issue.

Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you...

most pleased about?

- transportation
- housing
- safety
- parks and open space
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify)

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation
- housing
- safety
- parks and open space
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify)

Do you have any comments related to what you are pleased or dissatisfied about?

Some legacy and icon buildings have been maintained. Belltown has developed a restaurant scene. Belltown, like Seattle, still lacks adequate affordable housing. Belltown also lacks parity with other city neighborhoods in terms of open space and public investments.

Question 3

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

- very well
- somewhat well
- somewhat poorly
- very poorly
- don't know/neutral

Are they still the priority?

- yes, very much so
- some priorities have changed, some haven't
- no, not at all
- don't know/neutral

please describe
The neighborhood plan was not really been used as an active guideline for the neighborhood. The city has developed improvements in Belltown independently of the wants, needs or wishes of residents parking has become a lost cause. There was never a battle plan to achieve neighborhood plans. nor did the city ever designate serious champions for these plans.

Question 4

The City is completing neighborhood plan status reports focusing on demographics, development patterns, housing affordability, public amenities and transportation networks.

What should there be more focus on (or less focus on) as the neighborhood status reports are completed in the coming months?

There should be more focus on...

Building a community center for Belltown.

There should be less focus on...

Parking.

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

No

Yes (please describe)

The status report city efforts in the last decade not objectives or preferences of the Belltown plan or Belltowners.

Please return this questionnaire by **Monday, July 6, 2009** to:

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Seattle, WA 98124

You can also fill out the questionnaire on-line at:
http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/StatusReports/default.asp