

Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

Summary of the Capitol Hill 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?

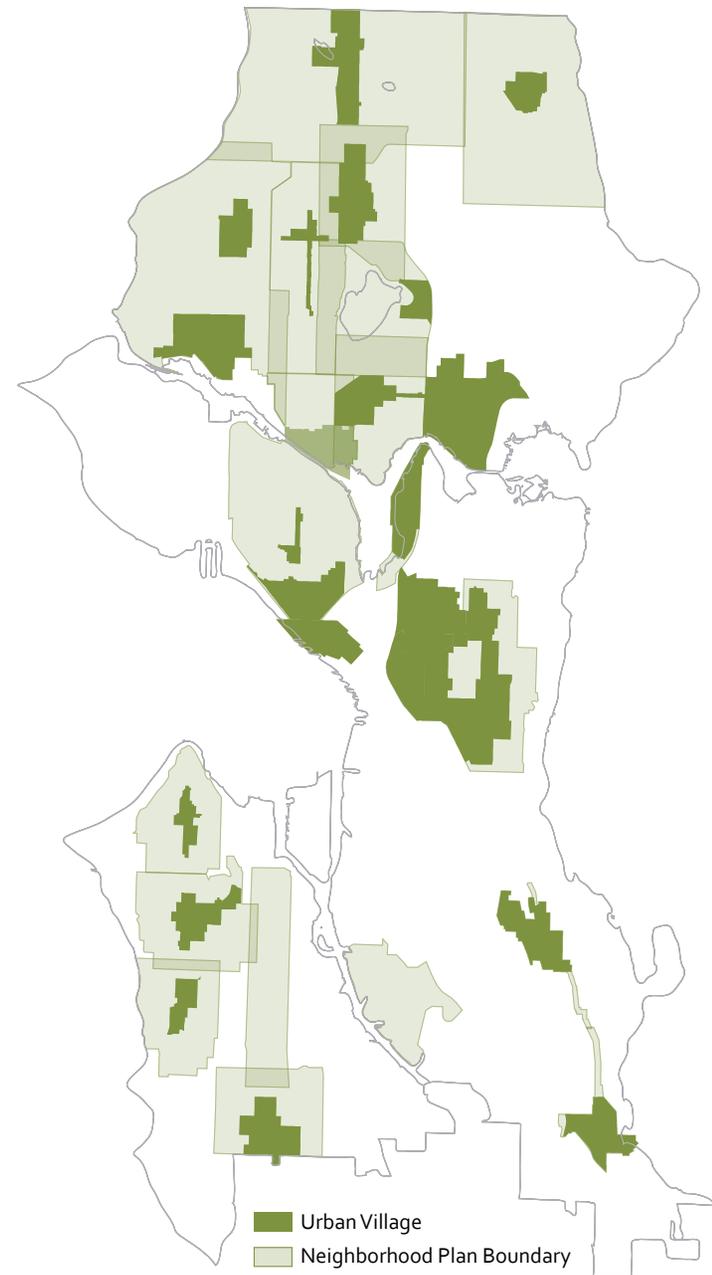
Summary of one of 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009

Admiral	Georgetown
Aurora/Licton Springs	Green Lake
Belltown	Greenwood/Phinney Ridge
Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake	Lake City
Capitol Hill	Morgan Junction
Central Area	Pike/Pine
Columbia City /Hillman City/Genesee	Queen Anne
Crown Hill & Ballard	Rainier Beach
Delridge	University Community
Eastlake	Wallingford
First Hill	West Seattle Junction
Fremont	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

Attendance at the neighborhood discussion included approximately 15-20 people, excluding the NPAC facilitator and the Planning Commission note-taker. Most participants lived on the western side of the Hill between 15th and the freeway. A few lived on Capitol Hill outside the planning area boundary, but because they frequented businesses and used resources inside the area, they felt it was important to contribute to the discussion. There were several members of the community who worked in the architecture, urban design and planning fields. There were two members from the neighborhood's Stewardship Committee. There were two business owners whose business (they did not mention what it was) was just outside the planning area boundary near 18th Ave and Madison. There were many comments about good + bad things in the Pike/Pine neighborhood, and it seemed that many people were cloudy on the boundaries of the two urban villages. While many topics were covered in discussing the survey questions, the conversation repeatedly returned to the physical nature of development in the area. Most participants were in their twenties and thirties; a handful were older.



Highlights

- Capitol Hill has seen a tremendous amount of change and development since the last Neighborhood Plan was adopted, including many new mixed-use infill buildings, new businesses, a major new urban park, and a significant increase in activity in the adjacent Pike/Pine area. Also, the future LINK transit station at Broadway and John has caused a shift in the way residents perceive their neighborhood and a sense of anticipation and anxiety about new development on the currently vacant construction staging areas.
- There was a strong desire to receive more information from the City about the Capitol Hill area. Many residents expressed concern that they knew little about the upcoming streetcar. Others wanted data about the City's progress implementing the current Neighborhood Plan. Still others were curious about planning practices being deployed in other cities and their applicability to Seattle.
- There is a concern that the design guidelines included in the current Neighborhood Plan are either unenforceable or are not enforced.
- Because many area residents commute and move about the City by means other than a car, the pedestrian and bicycle environment is a key component to the area's character. Participants commented repeatedly that the City should take this into account when determining future streetscape improvements, bike lanes, and the manner in which LINK light rail and the streetcar will be integrated. Several residents suggested that green streets and a demonstrable prioritization of the pedestrian over the automobile be central to future area planning efforts.
- There is a strong perception that neighborhood-specific programs, amenities, and meeting spaces are being, or have been, lost to new development.
- Future planning efforts should seek to enhance the fine-grained development pattern and eclectic nature of the area, understanding that there are several distinct neighborhoods within the Capitol Hill planning boundary.

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)?

The discussion was dominated by a select few citizens, for whom building bulk and zoning were the primary areas of concern. Others were curious about whether the City had data that compares the state of the neighborhood 10 years ago, to the state of the neighborhood now. Some notable exchanges and points:

- **Buildings and Zoning:**

- "Bigger and bigger" buildings are an example of change – the "behemoths." The proposed building at Pine and Belmont is example of a building that is too big, if it ever gets built.
- Many new buildings are "faking diversity" by varying the types of siding.
- Zoning works with height but not with width. Denny has several "bad" examples. "Width is really the issue, not height. The buildings that take up a whole block are the problem." "We wanted the developer to split the building between Pine and Summit into two buildings."
- Good examples of recent development are:
 - » Agnes Lofts.
 - » Trace lofts - because they preserved the exterior. Aesthetics vs. bulk.
- More development along 18th & Madison has made parking a big issue.
- Walgreens on 15th has created a backlash because it displaced City People's.
- Safeway on 15th is "awful."

- **Neighborhood Character:**

- **The CODAC effort in the Pike Pine neighborhood could be a model for Capitol Hill.**
- Capitol Hill Neighborhood is finely grained – eclectic.
- Need more sensitive development:
 - » Use incentives such as lot coverage increases to encourage developers to work with neighbors.
 - » Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) to encourage preservation.

Capitol Hill Plan should be "neighborhood area specific."

- **Amenities:**

- Cancellation of North Broadway rail station.
- "[Cal Anderson] park has been implemented. Yeah!"
- Cal Anderson Park has no community center.
- Community needs more program spaces.
- Trader Joes.

- "Drastic weakening of Department of Neighborhoods."

- David Goldberg, from the City, responded that the City is monitoring growth. The development along the Pike Pine is one of the biggest changes to the neighborhood – now it is a "burgeoning mixed-use corridor."
- Parks are important and in-demand. There is a two-year waiting list for the Pea Patches.

- "What data is available that we can look at?"

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

- North Broadway “Top Pot and the Hideout.”
- Pedestrian Master Plan uses “a very creative method” to prioritize areas for funding or pedestrian improvements. The fault, however, is that it uses existing data [to determine areas of priority] instead of anticipating/planning “where you want to be.”
- Development along 12th Avenue.

Most dissatisfied about?

- **Pedestrians and Biking:**
 - “[The City has a] lack of understanding of the pedestrian experience.” “Zoning is a vestige of the auto era – not conducive to pedestrians.”
 - Pedestrian Master Plan should be included in the Neighborhood Plan Updates.
 - Bike lanes of 12th and 15th are too narrow and “harry.”
 - “More holistic thinking.”
 - “Please work on Pine.” Narrow the street down at the crossings.
 - “Olive and Denny is starting to get some life, but there are too many trucks.”
- **Streetcar**
 - Most attendees were unclear about the state of the Streetcar alignment, and suggested that it needs to be considered in any future neighborhood Plan. **The City needs to publish more information about the trolley project.**
 - “12th avenue streetcar would be great.” “Broadway is too tough.”
 - A loop on Broadway AND 12th Avenue would be preferred.
 - Many constituencies at play for the streetcar and they must be considered when deciding the alignment:
 - » Hospitals.
 - » “The people on First Hill were promised the streetcar in return for losing the light rail station.”

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

- Third paragraph from the flyer is completely outdated.
- Vision and Strategies are progressing “somewhat poorly.” But, “some priorities have changed, some haven’t”
- Keystone building was “a real letdown – really too bad.”
- “Planning matrix has seen little action.”

Parking

- In SF, the City lifted parking requirements on some development, making parking “too scarce and too expensive – I’m afraid that will happen here.”
- “Affordable Housing should have fewer/lower parking requirements.”
- But, “it’s impossible to get around by bus.” “You have to consider that we you’re talking about lowering parking requirements?”
- “Broadway needs more parking for businesses.”
- “I think that [more customer parking] is a ‘shtick’ of business owners – they don’t realize what the impact of light rail will be.”
- “There should be less residential parking.”
- “Implement bike parking regulations like Portland – bike escalators.”
- “Too much emphasis on parking.”

Transportation:

- “Mass transit must be done in the right order.”
- “The most efficient means of transit is by foot.”
- “We should have congestion pricing like London.”
- “We are going to need so much more money for transit.”
- “Bike lanes are too small and narrow – not enough space.”
- “Flip the bike lane with [parallel] parking.”

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?

Focus more on:

- Implementing the existing Plan – “Go through the matrix line by line.”
- Fixing the problems indicated by the “City Auditor’s Report.”
- Enforcing the existing design guidelines. “They are not enforced.” “Architectural interest is what makes the neighborhood.”
- The TOD Sites
 - Include requirements for community spaces, such as flea/ farmer’s markets.
- Green Streets – track the progress of these types of projects in other areas of the City, such as Belltown.

Needs:

- More information about the streetcar/trolley.
- More information about how other cities “do things.” What are the tools they use “to keep [small] businesses around?”
- More outreach to under-represented members of the community.
- “City should have a bicycle tax, like the car excise tax, to increase accountability for bicycle accidents.”

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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?
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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 Houghton	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

HPAC/PLANNING COMMISSION MTH

1. Bigger & bigger bldgs is one example of change.

Beckwith's.

Time of Belmont is example of building that is too big, it
it ever gets built.

Neighborhood is finely grained, "eclectic"
"taking" diversity w/ siding.

zoning works w/ height but not width.

Denny has several bad examples

Aesthetics vs. bulk

Height is not issue — width is issue — full block bldgs are
problem.

Agnes Lotts are good

Trace Lotts are preserving exterior — ~~the~~ nice bldgs

Pike/Pine Neighborhood could be a model
Capital Hill should be "neighborhood-area-specific".

Ideas for framework that would encourage more sensitive development

TDR

lot area coverage increases

} incentives for working
w/ neighborhoods

Pine b/t Belmont & Summit

wanted developer to split into 2 bldgs.

What data is available that people can look at?

calculation of North rail station

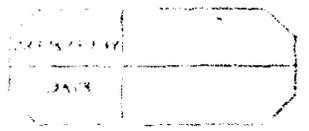
park has been implemented. Yeah!

"Practice weakening of Dept. of Neighborhoods"

David Goldberg — City is monitoring growth

Pike/Pine corridor is one of biggest changes, now it
is becoming mixed-use corridor.

Parks → 2 year writing list for Pen Patch



Cal Anderson Park has no comm. center.
Needs for more program spaces for community
What has changed that was not anticipated?

Trader Joes

More development on 18th of Madison → "parking is issue."
"kind of good" - "more vibrant"

Status of streets & transportation.

Walgreens on 15th & backdash b/c of it → removal of city trees

~~Salway~~ on 15th is "aweful."

2. Disatisfied

Lack of understanding of pedestrian experience.

Zoning is vestige of auto-era - not conducive to pedestrians

Pedestrian transportation should be included in NP update

12th & 15th bike lane are too narrow & "hairy".

More "holistic" thinking

Please w/ work on Pine - narrowing the street down at the crossing distances.

putting buses out of traffic
"Finally"

Red MP. → very creative way to delineate areas of priority.
fault is that it uses existing data instead of
"where you want to be"



Oliver of penny is starting to get some life, but "too many trucks"
12th is getting better development

4. Broadway — "Top Pot" — good anchor
alignment "hidout"

"12th streetcar" would be nice to know about in order to plan
"12th ave streetcar would be great."

"Broadway is too tough"

Many constituencies at play for 12th streetcar
Hospitals

First Hill constituencies were "promised" the streetcar in return for losing the Link station.

"City is going to decide in one month, or so I heard."

[alignment]

CITY NEEDS TO ADD INFO ABOUT TROLLEY PROJECT.

3. 3rd is completely outdated.

2 parts to question. "somewhat poorly" "some have changed some haven't"

Keystone bldg was a real "letdown."
really too bad.

"Planning matrix has seen little action."

Parking management plan

SE example of parking restrictions lifted & parking becoming too scarce & too expensive.

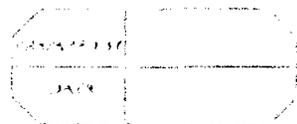
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- mass transit must be done right in order
- "the most efficient means of transit is by foot"
- "too much emphasis on parking"
- we should have "congestion pricing" like London
- we are going to need so much more money for transit.
- I think it's a "schtick" of business owners but they don't know what the impact of light rail will be. ^{means}
- bike parking, like ~~parking~~ Portland
- bike escalators
- "ideal would be that we not only have drivers watching out for you but also enough space."
- wider lanes
- flipping the bike lane w/ parking



4. Focus on implementing existing plan
- "fixing the problems indicated in city auditor's report"
 - We have guidelines but they are not well enforced.
 - Architectural interest is what makes the neighborhoods.
 - TOP ~~do~~ bldgs should be interesting
 - community space would be ideal on the TOP sites.
 - Food markets on Sundays
 - change food vending rules.
 - The most perfectly situated public space.
 - "go to the ST meetings"

What do we need?



more info about the Trolley

pedestrian streetscapes

go through matrix line by line

info about how other cities do things.

business side

what are the tools to keep them around

~~what~~ who are the people who wrote the original plan?

get them involved in the status check.

How to get in touch w/ under represented members of community?

Belton is greening/vacating streets

use this as an example → track the progress of these closing off of streets at night to minimize conflict w/ people & traffic.

city should have a bicycle tax to level the playing field w/ cars.