

# Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

*Summary of the Columbia City/Hillman City/Genesee 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.<sup>1</sup> The Commission and NPAC co-hosted five open house workshops that included 24 neighborhood specific breakout sessions.<sup>2</sup> 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?

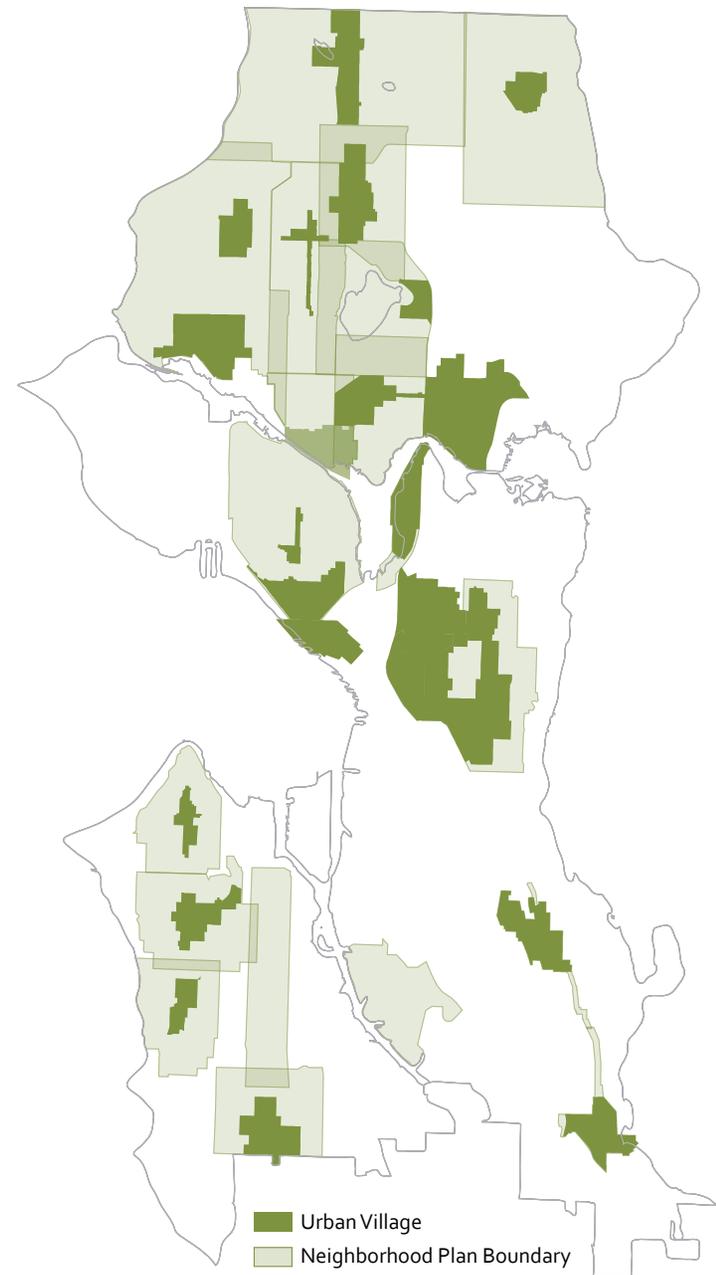
*Summary of one of 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009*

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Fremont	Westwood/Highland Park

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*Appendix C – Notes and questionnaires submitted at meetings*



# COLUMBIA CITY- HILLMAN CITY- GENESEEE

## General Summary

Attendance ranged from 14 to nearly 30 participants at the neighborhood discussion, excluding facilitator and note-taker. Of information shared, participants ranged from single people in their twenties to younger parents to seniors, and included both people whose families had lived in the Valley for 100+ years to one participant who had moved to Columbia City a month prior. Several participants lived outside the plan area in Seward Park and along Lake Washington Blvd. but used the business areas and transit frequently and expressed a desire to connect to a neighborhood plan lacking their own. Participants included residents and business and property owners.

## Highlights

- Columbia City's town center is moving in a positive direction, with new and diverse development and good design and walkability.
- Hillman City and Genesee's town centers do not enjoy the same amenities, design, nor walkability.
- Light rail is an asset but needs to be better connected to neighborhoods.
- Traffic volume and speed on Rainier is a public safety and livability issue and literally divides the community.
- Desire to redraft neighborhood plan based on smart growth policies and changes that have occurred in Columbia City, Hillman, and Genesee.



**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)?**

Columbia City has enjoyed a bit of a renaissance in terms of new and diverse businesses, business stability, and good pedestrian flow. This constitutes a big change since fifteen years ago when the area was viewed as dangerous and most storefronts were boarded up. In downtown Columbia City, Orca school is now vacant and its future use is uncertain, the farmers' market's location is up in the air, Columbia Plaza and St. Gobain sites have been purchased and have large-scale development planned. There appear to be more children and young families in the area and lots of seniors as well. Light rail station did not go in downtown Columbia City but on Edmunds and MLK instead.

Hillman City and Genesee business districts are lagging far behind, however, and have not seen much private or public investment. There are more vacant storefronts and houses/apartments for sale in those two areas despite interest by residents in seeing diverse, pedestrian-friendly business centers there. Traffic flow is heavy and dangerous and seems an impediment to growth for those two business districts. Also, east-west connections in some neighborhoods have not kept pace with north-south flow; in terms of business districts the opposite seems true in that east-west connections are favored and there is little or no flow between Columbia City and Hillman City and Genesee, respectively.

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

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**Most dissatisfied about?**

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### **3. 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)?**

In addition to reiterating many of the points made answering the first two questions, especially regarding the disparity in development, safety, and neighborhood feel of Columbia City versus Hillman City and Genesee, participants questioned whether the framework of the past plan provided a useful way to discuss and plan the future of the plan area. Many participants questioned whether Hillman and Genesee might be better served by having plans of their own, and felt that City attention was greatly lacking in these two neighborhoods. Connection was also stressed, from connection between people in the neighborhoods to connection of different areas of adjacent neighborhoods (like Rainier Vista and Columbia City) to connection between development of nearby properties (Orca, St. Gobain, Rainier Vista, etc.). Would like to reframe conversation in terms of pedestrian and design strategies, as well as discuss general zoning recommendations, rather than focus on specific streets or areas.

### **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?**

There was concern that this status report was done with such dated census information. Overall, participants wanted to see a status report that more accurately captured with statistical information the changes that had occurred in the neighborhoods over the last ten years rather than providing a snapshot. They felt that seeing a trajectory would be more helpful in revisiting the plan and figuring out what and how to make changes. In addition, they felt that simply pulling the vision and strategy statements from the plan did not allow participants enough information about the plan to suggest framework changes. As an example, the current plan predicates many of its suggestions on the siting of the rail station in downtown Columbia City, and also makes very specific zoning recommendations plat by plat, none of which is conveyed in the information on the front cover of the wrapper.

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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 Ciello	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

Notes:

Question One:

A lot more dense housing has appeared in Seward Park just outside CC. (Orcas)

Live and work in Columbia city, more businesses in the center.

True of cc, not really true of Hillman city, it struggles with its business district, not as much housing as the plan says it should have.

Genesee and Hillman haven't caught up with cc but 15 years ago 70 percent of the storefronts were vacant there so there is still possibility.

Live two blocks away from the community center, read the plan and note that the organizing principle in the plan was the siting of the light rail station in Columbia city at rainier and Edmunds, as an organizing principle it's a powerful tool, so many of the assumptions about how people would be drawn in are now moot because it was sited elsewhere, one way flow between the corridors, east / west with transit and because of that it makes it harder for genesee and Hillman City.

Neighborhood school is now shuttered that is centered in the planning area and its fate is uncertain

Live slightly outside plan area; my block has improved, new crosswalks, looks better because of light rail, a lot more rental units, houses and businesses that are vacant

Live in Columbia city, more affordable housing and options for senior citizens

Known drug house in my neighborhood and hard to do anything about it without fear of retaliation

In last six years things seem quite stable in Columbia city, housing and businesses, Hillman and genesee also seem stable, i.e. unchanged, which is unfortunate perhaps for most people, transportation issues need to be addressed in order to help those districts, not sure this old plan addresses smart growth and walkable, livable neighborhoods

Live on 35<sup>th</sup> and Edmunds, vested interest in light rail, feel like a lot is predicated on what will happen with orca (school)

Business owner and live in CC, as a resident before a business owner, development of hitts hill park rather than housing development was a positive, less turn over with businesses

Shawn representing developer in the neighborhood (St. Gobain), how to do appropriate growth, tie in light rail and make it functional and usable for residents

Come from a family that has lived in the Rainier Valley since 1892. hillman city and genesee, how can we get them to the point that cc is at now, shopped in cc as a child, then all boarded up now there is a renaissance, how do you move people up and down to the other business districts and to light rail, maybe shuttles, however you get people there

Traffic has gotten scarier since the light rail was put in, traffic moved to rainier, then moved over to lake Washington blvd which is where I reside, wish there was some way for rainier not to look like aurora, when the safeway moved out they promised they would rent to another grocery store and they broke that promise (furniture store and Chinese restaurant, large parking lot), all because the light rail is above ground, if it were underground the problem somehow wouldn't be as bad

Less rentals, more owner-occupied, more children, bus. district in Hillman city hasn't changed at all

Columbia plaza site has changed hands and st. gobain property has changed hands, both of those were somehow missed in the original zoning mentions in the plan, and both are going to be developed at greater density than surrounding businesses, interesting thing that landmarks board is reviewing development rather than design review and it's less rigorous

Second to the above comment

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Question Two:

Traffic is very very bad in our neighborhood; love to be a new business owner in Columbia city

Most pleased about cc, would like to be a business owner there; most displeased with re-entry program on rainier and orcas in Hillman city and loitering that goes along with it

Pleased by light rail

Love the green spaces, love to walk from Columbia park up through genesee to the lake , like that there are a lot of business owners who are also residents, speed of traffic is concerning and an issue, parking and lack of parking around light rail, safety issues taking light rail at night

Diversity of businesses in Columbia city, disappointed that road diet on rainier didn't go through, not an open process about what's happening with Orca, portables on valuable land that is not being utilized

Super excited about light rail and the possibility, challenge is how to capitalize on those developments.

Live in diverse neighborhood a plus; walkability from Othello to Kenyon to Henderson hard for senior citizens, long blocks and desolate streets

MLK now deserves the name blvd! like the trees on MLK

Live between rainier and mlk, can see lots of issues on the corners, hugely pleased by light rail, dreams about parking and park and rides are not warranted, disappointed that east-west connections with buses or shuttles aren't better, very pleased with redevelop of rainier vista however displeased that fully half of it is not on schedule and not yet finished, disappointed with ped. Amenities outside of downtown cc; continue to be ongoing safety issues in the area

Like the light rail and hope that it is successful, displeased with state of public safety and especially youth violence issue would like to see community support rather than city support to deal with youth violence and inmates

Park and library developments are a huge plus; sidewalk maintenance lacking, continue to ask for traffic calming and hasn't happened (another agreement from a participant "BIG TIME") lack of involvement and cooperation of school district regarding Orca site, farmers market does not have a permanent home big concern

Pos: light rail is great, lived in Chicago for seven years and never owned a car and it was awesome, moved to within a half mile of a light rail station on purpose and love it, proponent of density and new urbanism, how you develop that density is incredibly important, right next to community center, light rail etc.; deeply concerned about safety, has been awakened by gunshots within a block twice in the last month. Great success with plaza and st. gobain, school site is a giant vacant property right in the heart of the neighborhood, need to coordinate between developers to achieve a cohesive vision, needs to be thought re low income housing, need subsidized low income storefronts to keep local businesses there, traffic calming on rainier is necessary for health of people and businesses

Seattle public wifi great, expand it, useless in Columbia city and broken all the time

Wife's family farmed in Bellevue then moved to beacon hill, those older Japanese Americans are now coming to have breakfast in cc which is a great sign, need to make them feel comfortable to come for dinner!

Disagree that traffic calming on rainier is going to be possible considering the road diet did not go through. Also, businesses like Darigold and Mondo in Genesee need ease of transportation because of the type of business they do. Instead, need better mix of zoning on both sides of rainier to tie neighborhoods into Hillman and Genesee and see improvements.

SEED arts is amazing, nonprofits like bike works are awesome, businesses are a pedestrian event and that's a success in itself, surplus of kids, public schools need better support, opportunities for rental housing are squandered, need a road diet and need to preserve farmers market where it is now, love to walk and bike to everything

I can walk east or west and get almost everything I need (cc resident/work there too); love the light rail and mixed development in terms of types of housing, brings in a more diverse group of people, moving the licensing station out of Hillman city which won't help the business district, like the diversity of options for kids in terms of daycare, library, etc.

live in seward park and would like to use pub transport but east-west connections are iffy; love the cc center and use it a lot, also love seward park itself, an incredible amenity

empty bldgs and storefronts concerning in Hillman/Gen.

love light rail, Hillman city bus district needs major pub and private investment, need eggs in more than one basket--cc has success and Hillman and genesee aren't getting any of it, sidewalks and bulbs in downtown cc help define that as a pedestrian space and would help with Hillman and genesee

Invitation from a resident for everyone—Columbia city, genesee, Hillman, to come and join a newly re-forming group used to be the Columbia city community council, they meet the first Monday of the month at library at 6 pm in the basement

Question Three:

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numbers in notebook, discussion follows.

Most people gave very high marks for Columbia city, low for genesee and hillman

difficult to lump all three of these neighborhoods together, and in doing so genesee gets really shortchanged. is it worth breaking out the three neighborhoods and not lumping them together in one neighborhood plan?

part of the problem of genesee is a use mix that is very different from cc, darigold, mondo meats using rainier as a corridor but neighbors might have a different view of how they want to see their neighborhood

traffic is horrific; there are no places where you can ride your bike to the train station without a head injury. vision and key strategies for transportation are the same and haven't been achieved, won't use businesses on the other side of rainier because of the traffic

stronger link between rainier vista and cc—that connection, mental and geographic, just not there, Columbia city community council had a map that specifically excluded rainier vista, connection not there

Awkward physical arrangement, dense housing, train station, business district, need to figure out how to make them work together

needs to be specific focus on zoning discussion, pedestrian strategy, design strategy, doesn't neatly fit into visions and goals, maybe make them broader and not focus on geographical boundaries need to be addressed

is mlk corridor improvement as strategy still necessary with light rail improvements?

Live between rainier and mlk, closer to mlk and bike and walk everywhere. Long stretches of mlk abandoned by peds for hours at a time, take kid to daycare on bike via mlk and rainier and it's scary, have to ride on sidewalks (maybe it's good then that they're empty?!); not really a business district on MLK and despite sound transit improvement it's an ugly place for peds with nothing really to walk to

Maybe this is considered a given, but diversity and neighborhood connection are listed in vision statement of plan but are lacking in the strategy section; would like to see empowerment and input and ownership and communication and specifics of how to achieve that listed there; would love to see renter/ownership breakdown shift towards more ownership in demographics

Breakdown and framework, as well as the actual strategies, are antiquated; pedestrian, design and zoning seem like better framework for discussion

Question Four:

Broad breakdown of visions and strategies does not hint at list of more specific strategies (for example in the cc plan there are specific parcels marked for zoning changes, etc)

Seems more cart before the horse because census data is old

Want to see the degree of change in terms of demographics and stats instead of just a snapshot, don't depend on anecdotal information to measure change but instead use stats

Advocate for shuttles in other areas to get people to the trains, plenty of people in seaward park who would ride the rail if they could get some sort of transportation. No one asked people if they would take the rail if they had access, would like to see survey to see viability of ridership outside of immediate area

Tricky to get into a discussion about changing zoning without tracking change patterns and development patterns

# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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

Which neighborhood are you commenting on? Columbia City

For how long have you...

less than 5 years    5-10 years    more than 10 years    does not apply

Name:

lived in this neighborhood?

owned a business in this neighborhood?

regularly visited this neighborhood?

worked in this neighborhood?

attended school in this neighborhood?

other (please describe)

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)?

It's population is denser & more diverse, more shops and more types of businesses. It is safer with less drug & prostitution activity. Less litter. More expensive to live here, light rail now accessible to me.

## 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?

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

### 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

*please describe*

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*

So many new residents & businesses that the Plan is in dire need of an update

### 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...

- △ Housing affordability
- △ Business space affordability
- △ ↑ density
- △ ↑ light rail stops & public transit
- △ Gentrification mitigation
- △ Safety

There should be less focus on...

- △ decreasing growth

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

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# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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worked in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Name:

Email Address:

kids in school here

## 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)?

Columbia City completely transformed  
 - vibrant (though sometimes precarious)  
 Denser, younger, whiter, lots of babies, energy.

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

- transportation *I think - I'm excited about*
- housing *high cost but good*
- safety *in some areas*
- 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?

Columbia school needs to be something -

### 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

*please describe*

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*

Columbia City is a great success, I think.  
Would be great to see similar success (+ investment)  
in other hoods - Hillman, Genessee, etc.

### Question 4

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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...

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (*please describe*)

I know the schools aren't under city control, but they are a huge piece of the puzzle for young families living here or thinking of living here. Our public schools really need help!

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Also, Empty Columbia School scares me

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## Question 1

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Businesses are more stable - less turn over.  
 Traffic on Rainier is worse.  
 The launch of light rail provides both opportunities (destination neighborhoods) and challenges (parking).

## 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) free wifi

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) diversion of both residents + business owners

Do you have any comments related to what you are pleased or dissatisfied about? w/ school District re: Columbia School

### 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

please describe

Columbia City much better  
Muk - much better, but harder  
to cross.

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

Genesee & Hillman City need  
attention.  
would like to see a renter/owner  
breakdown that better matches  
the citywide stats. (more  
home owners.)

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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...

- retaining small biz owners
- communication to & from city  
& residents

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

Not sure what this means.

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other (please describe)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

had children in neighb. schools

## 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)?

Not much new housing, but projects are proposed (excepting Rainier Vista I!). Many new businesses with a local + area draw, light rail! Hillman City business district struggles, needs a deeper multifamily + commercial hub. updated + expanded library. More families with young kids.

## Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you

most pleased about?

- transportation (light rail)
- 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 (road diet not implemented)
- 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) schools

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

We have such great civic + human infrastructure. SEED Arts is a boon, businesses are a pedestrian event, bike days are a local favorite. Parks + youth sports programs are great. Public schools need better support. Opportunities for rental housing are squandered. That I can walk/bike to anything.

(road diet) - need it!

(farmers market) - preserve it!

### Question 3

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

please describe

economic stab. l. t.  
community uses are well served.  
(library, community centers, parks)  
bike safety could be improved.

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

small-scale, locally owned businesses - yes.  
ethnic divers. l. t. - yes.  
Rainier Ave road diet - yes

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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...

pedestrian scale, block by block along  
Rainier.  
re-zoning opportunities  
commercial scale → needs to be  
small.

There should be less focus on...

Things that are beyond the control  
of planning. (home values, rents,  
racial diversity). These are important,  
but I doubt that we'll influence it.

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

Not clear what "Development Capacity" is @ bottom left.  
Only 275 jobs?

~~Urban Design strategy. Pedestrian strategy. Rezoning discussion.~~  
Development review alternatives → consider giving jurisdiction to the  
Design Review Board.

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## 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)?

Columbia city is now a vibrant, exciting neighborhood  
 It still needs a few essential businesses.  
 Biggest need is safety - especially traffic!

## 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 - traffic esp.
- 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?

### Question 3

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

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

*please describe*

Are they still the priority?

- yes, very much so
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- no, not at all
- don't know/neutral

*please describe*

### Question 4

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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...

*safety + transportation*

*Shuttle so people in surrounding neighborhoods can use light rail.*

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (*please describe*)

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Name:

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owned a business in this neighborhood?

regularly visited this neighborhood?

worked in this neighborhood?

attended school in this neighborhood?

other (please describe)

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Commercial property owner

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Not much the first 5 years but a lot in the last 5 years. Vacant storefronts all occupied w/ good mix of commercial + retail - business activity from morning to night now + also weekends. Used to be only on Farmers Market day or beach walk night.

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

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most dissatisfied about?

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- safety
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- 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?

Not enough density + mix zoning to allow more commercial + residential in the heart of Columbia City. Good projects are in the works though.

### 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

please describe

Vision being well due to efforts of residents & businesses & some property owners. Good partnership w/ city depts but traffic is big issue.

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

zoning & better physical connection between Hillman City & Columbia City would be great. Eight industrial overacts of Queen should be preserved for jobs.

### Question 4

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There should be more focus on...

land use, zoning, & transportation & how they complement each other.

There should be less focus on...

People who think the neighborhood is their private back yard.

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

Cultural diversity & character of neighborhood being threatened by growth.

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other (please describe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Question 1

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More ~~de~~ dense housing (apts, & town houses) replacing less dense housing; ↑ affordable housing especially. Increase in children & <sup>long</sup> schools are needed. Not all development was anticipated in planning process.

## Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you

most pleased about?

- transportation *Light rail on periphery &*
- housing
- safety
- parks and open space
- public facilities *libraries, community centers* & new
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants) *stable now*
- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify)

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation *bus service* & *traffic increased on Rainier.*
- 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) *schools closing*

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

Industrial Dairy block seems misplaced now.  
Farmers Market a plus, but where will it be relocated? Here, please  
Empty storefronts in Hillman City need help =

**Question 3**

See below

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

1-5 (high) scale

- 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 Overall

please describe

Hillman City, no improvement in recent years; 2 perhaps  
 Columbia City, looking good, 4 perhaps.  
 Genesee, 3

Strategies need to be modified

Where is Hillman City <sup>mentioned</sup>

Urban Design

Zoning is an issue

Traffic patterns not achieved

**Question 4**

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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...

There should be less focus on...

Pedestrian walkways need to be improved; also bike traffic is hazardous at best for local use - how to get to light rail is a problem for almost everyone.

MLK is much more attractive, but not pedestrian friendly.

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

Need mass trans ridership information -

How many vacancies are in our neighborhoods -

- single family
- apts
- condos.

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## Question 1

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Traffic patterns have shifted drastically since MLK began building light rail. Changes in traffic lights, lanes + curbing have added 10+ minutes to every cross town commute. Light rail did not reduce traffic, it increased it on

## 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)
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- other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation
- housing
- safety
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- 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?

Crime has increased and has added to my family's state of insecurity in our home.

### 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

*please describe*

Rainier Corridor  
needs to be  
contiguous, not  
segmented.

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*

Need to refocus  
on accessing  
light rail by  
alternate modes  
(non-car)

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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...

Where people live  
and where they  
work and ~~where~~  
how they would like to get to work.

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

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### Question 3

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*please describe*

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| 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"/>            |

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## Question 1

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

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*please describe*

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There should be more focus on...

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (*please describe*)

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+ Light Rail  
 + New Rainier Vista  
 + Library Expansion  
 +

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

LINK RAIL +++  
 Biz ~~area~~ mix good  
 walkability of downtown CC.

Pedestrian environment in Genessee is terrible & scary  
 E-West feeders to Link are needed.  
 Youth Violence a problem.  
 Genessee & Hillman city  
 STILL MORIBUND.

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*please describe*

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*please describe*

MLK Jr. Way Corridor  
 should organize strategies by  
 • Transportation analysis  
 • Zoning  
 • Pedestrian

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There should be more focus on...

transportation networks  
 housing affordability

There should be less focus on...

public amenities

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

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THE CENTER OF THE PLANNING AREA, COLUMBIA CITY, HAS SEEN SUBSTANTIAL REVITALIZATION. RAINIER VISTA HAS PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL NEW RESIDENTS. LIGHT RAIL HAS ARRIVED.

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

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

ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION:

- FUTURE OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL
- ~~CALLAN~~ TRAFFIC CALMING + PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON RAINIER AVENUE
- INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

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please describe

HILLMAN CITY + GEWISSE  
REDEVELOPMENT HAS STALLED  
IMPROVING RAVEN AVENUE (OUR  
MAIN STREET) HASN'T HAPPENED  
COLUMBIA SCHOOL IS VACANT WITH NO  
PLAN.

Are they still the priority?

- yes, very much so
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- no, not at all
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please describe

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There should be more focus on...

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

There should be less focus on...

HOUSING / ZONING

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## Question 1

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Light Rail Routed on MLK not Rainier  
 No increased housing density in some areas  
 Increase in Social Services, non-profit, and subsidized housing properties

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

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most dissatisfied about?

- transportation
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- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify) economic development

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

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*please describe*

Zoning + Transportation goals are being met, but in places and in ways that were never included in the 1999 plan.

Are they still the priority?

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*please describe*

We desperately need a NEW comprehensive plan given the major changes since 1999 most dramatically the light rail right-of-way, which has effects for ALL other priorities

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There should be more focus on...

Economic Development  
Traffic Calming, pedestrian infrastructure  
Public Safety  
Mundane Infrastructure - curbs, sidewalks, street trees, drainage, gutters

There should be less focus on...

Raw Housing Units

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Fewer rental houses - many have converted to owner occupied housing

Light rail is open & bus routes have changed. There appear to be more families with children. Whitworth Elem. has changed to Orcas Elem.

DESC has been constructed & is now open.

## Question 2

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

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- other (please specify) friendliness & community connectivity

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation
- housing
- safety - traffic & property crime
- parks and open space
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- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify)

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

The Hillman City business district needs major public & private investment. The business district is in terrible condition & does not serve residents well. Connection to the light rail station via Metro could be better - I am very happy that light rail is finally open.

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please describe

I am not familiar enough with the plan to comment. However, it is clear that the success of Col. City has not yet spread to Genessee or Hillman City.

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Success of Hillman City & Genessee, east/west Metro connection to light rail. HIGH DENSITY development adjacent to light rail station calming traffic on Rainier good bike routes through the area

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
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There should be less focus on...

success of Col. City to the exclusion of other areas, NIMBY resistance to upzoning at the light rail station, uses at specific sites (focus on big picture),

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