

Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

Summary of the Crown Hill/Ballard 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?

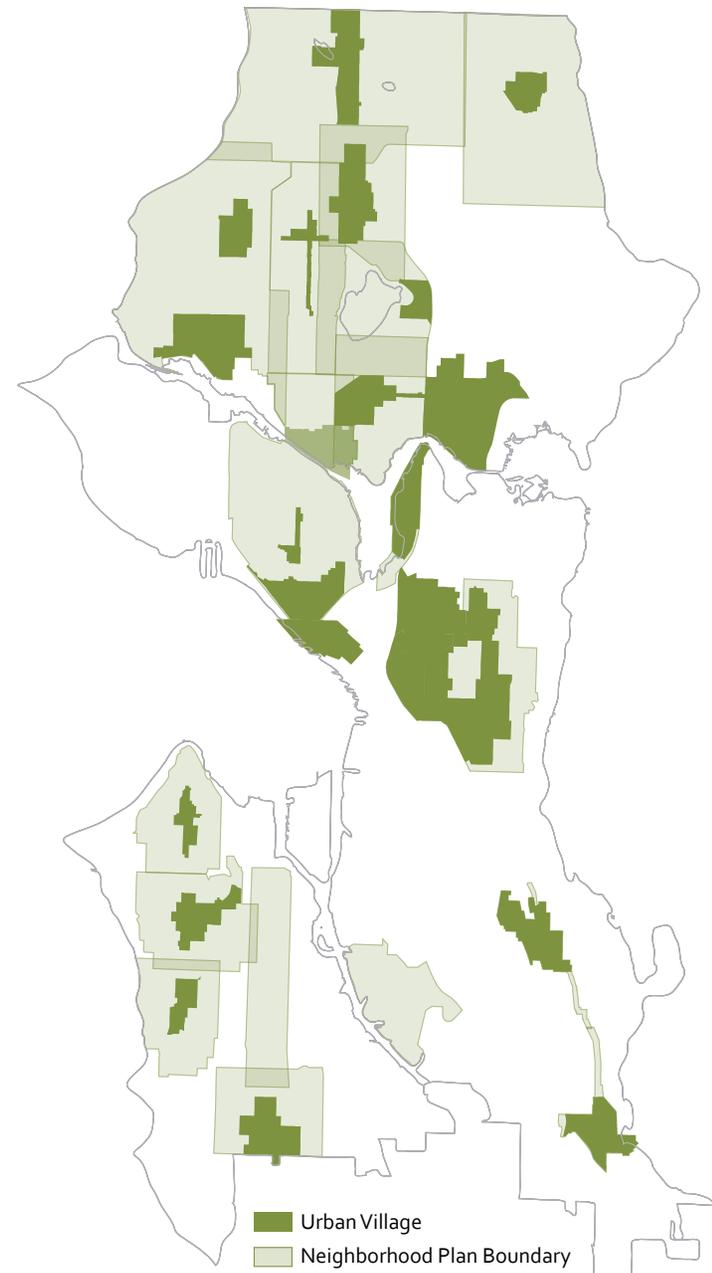
Summary of one of 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009

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



CROWN HILL / BALLARD

General Summary

Attendance ranged from 19 to about 22 participants at the neighborhood discussion, excluding facilitator and note-taker. Many attendees expressed that they had worked on the original planning effort, some as citizens and some as then City employees. A majority of the attendees met regularly together as the Ballard Plan Update Committee and seemed highly organized with good communication structure in place; many participated regularly with other community organizations such as the Ballard District Council. Some participants has recently moved to the area (five years ago or less), many self-identified as long-term residents, and as parents. Participants had recently reviewed the matrix with the district coordinator to assess what had been accomplished thus far.

Highlights

- Most of the goals related to developing Ballard's downtown core have been achieved successfully in the eyes of participants. Yet while downtown Ballard is seen as a success, Crown Hill has lagged behind and is perceived by many as the "red-headed stepchild."
- Growth has exceeded targets but infrastructure—including social services, open space, and especially transportation—has not kept pace.
- Concern that Ballard is becoming unaffordable, especially for families who may otherwise become stable, long-term residents.
- Feel that a plan update is sorely needed in Ballard/Crown Hill as objectives have been realized or have changed (monorail); want a more nimble plan that can capitalize on opportunity.



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)?

Ballard especially has realized tremendous growth and has exceeded GMA targets. The requested changes for the downtown core, including revisions to the library and community center have occurred. There has been lots of residential growth, especially in the form of condominiums, and business/retail in Ballard is booming. Since the plan was passed, the planned monorail expansion has fallen through and light rail has begun service (though not on the area). Affordability in the Ballard area has declined, with some participants expressing a need to move to Crown Hill in order to stay in the “neighborhood”. Several participants moved back to the area after some time away and were completely amazed by the change from a “sleepy Nordic fishing village” to a hip, urban core. Participants have noticed a concurrent lack of involvement on the part of many newer residents and business owners and societal shift toward big-city anonymity. They also expressed many of the same faces are and have been present at community meetings and organizations for years.

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

Participants expressed a favorable attitude toward growth in general, and liked the vibrancy, street life, and walkability of Market St. and the Ballard core. There was concern that social services had not only failed to keep up with population and need, but that they had lost some key stakeholders like the Ballard Family Center. In terms of transportation, it was the lack of change that was of concern. Crown Hill continues to be split by Holman Rd. and speeding traffic which impacts its ability to develop in a walkable framework. Participants hope for the development of Rapid Ride and a future light rail station, as well as the completion of the Burke-Gilman trail and currently feel at the “mercy” of Metro, which doesn’t necessarily coordinate effectively with the City. Lack of open space and a plan for open space is of great concern because Ballard is landlocked and has absorbed so much growth.

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

Overall, the vision and goals for Ballard, save in terms of transportation, have been achieved, while they have not yet been realized for Crown Hill. In terms of the Ballard portion of the plan, participants felt that the vision and goals need to be retooled and that a strong narrative was necessary as a framework for plan updates. Opportunity was a key word, with people feeling like the plan and plan structure needed to become more nimble and more able to respond to immediate opportunity (for open space development, for example) or to respond to policy changes as they arise (incorporating MF code update or backyard cottages into the plan). Participants, while currently well organized, expressed a desire for more consistent contact with the City on the plan, and for a specific liaison, and wish to work to involve new community members in the future process, figuring out how to meet them where they are.

- 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?**

Participants were generally dissatisfied with materials provided them, mainly because the pie charts and statistics a) did not provide a comparison with the rest of the city and therefore lacked a holistic context and b) most importantly, provided a “snapshot” of the neighborhoods now instead of tracking growth and putting those statistics in the context of the tremendous change the area has undergone. As with the plan itself, participants wanted to see more of a narrative—perhaps augmented with photographs—that could help tell the story of the area and where it has been in order to more accurately plan for its future. There was some discussion of the Urban Village model and if its use went beyond buzzword to providing an actual framework for discussion, i.e. more specifically what does an urban village look and feel like? Is there a generic model for its growth? Also, many of the achievements listed in the materials were in place before the plan was adopted, making it hard to ascertain which changes the plan actually helped guide and implement. There was also concern that many of the statistics in the materials were incorrect.

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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 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 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

Question one:

Done pretty well in terms of strategies; not sure of the status of the light rail station, Ballard has some sort of plan for the light rail station and perhaps that would help Ballard get a light rail connection sooner or before other areas

Lucky that we were able to do the urban core library, park in Ballard only thing that is noticeable feel of Ballard has changed, can't keep it as a little Nordic village on the edge of the water

Frustrating that human services need has greatly increased and NP did not address that

Overall whole exceeded GMA targets and have not built the infrastructure necessary to support that; increased density of housing and vehicles—can't support vehicles and don't have a good plan to get rid of them and you have to do one or the other

Landlocked and so open space is critical, haven't achieved goal of necessary open space; walkability and sustainability are so important. In Crown Hill the neighborhood is not that walkable, split by Holman Rd. cars zooming through, need to deal with transportation and open space infrastructure

Echo previous statement, basis of plan has changed so dramatically need to re-evaluate where you are going; transportation and open space are huge, want to look for opportunities rather than problems, focus on BINMIC. 14th ave nw personal issue for me, 9th nw example of taking advantage of an opportunity

Echo emphasis on transportation capacity, Ballard is not an island and trans between areas needs thought. Downtown Ballard development is opposite of creating living wage jobs within the urban village, good to create jobs so people don't have to commute at all but zoning emphasizes retail which is not a living wage, taken a lot of the growth and there is no tie between amount of growth and services we have received, Metro is primary means of transit disconnect with city planning and Metro services, need to be opportunistic and act on the fly to make changes

Metacomment about transportation: whole idea of urban village increases need for transportation; work where you live isn't the reality, change from hub and spoke model that is easy to plan for and now there is a network that connects our area with a multitude of areas; need more east-west connections for example; Crown Hill is always the red-headed stepchild of Ballard, downtown Ballard has been the focus but not Crown Hill

Appreciate comment about reframing for opportunity; next round of NP efforts want to talk about how to take advantage of opportunity horizon which is often quite short, ten years ago we were talking about 15th relative to the monorail then whole mindset completely shifted we didn't have any way of shifting priorities and plans, principles about how as we see these opportunities the city can act on them more nimbly, have city maintain connections with the neighborhoods so that the dialogue is ongoing and structured into how the city deals with neighborhoods—dpd, don, etc.—getting input from neighborhoods every ten years doesn't work well, lots of missed opportunities because of this model

Moved from Wedgewood 4 years ago. Ballard not affordable and need to move to Crown Hill in order to stay in the area

Involved in original NP city should invest more in affordable housing in Ballard haven't seen that happen what has changed in the last ten years in Ballard, agree that Crown Hill is lagging behind, Ballard hub is more walkable, more enjoyable, more vitality, more street life and that's a good thing, lagging on transportation amenities and want to focus on different trans options, got muni center, need more on trail, at least have provisional station for light rail, immediately after plans were adopted there was a person in each sector for DON responsible for implementing the plans, needs to be some focused attention from the city on a geographic basis

Grew up in broadview, came back in 1997, couldn't believe what happened in the interim—density, feel, buzz—haven't seen the concurrent transit improvements, basically old trolley service with lots of new people, hopefully rapid ride happens, get going on transportation Live on 65th across from Ballard high school, deadly that we have the greatest amount of growth with no real big plans for open space in the heart of Ballard, one of the ways we could engage people is to ask what the neighbors think the Crown Hill urban hub needs, changes in demographics in Ballard, exciting to see young families keeps Ballard stable and cohesive as a neighborhood, good change, more people out there strolling at night, on the negative side is much dirtier—is garbage picked up more often, are the fire dept numbers keeping up the with population growth, need to make sure that is happening concurrent with growth, overall changes are what I wanted to see and why I moved here from New York, housing affordability is problem, need housing affordable to young folks and big enough for when their kids age, why is one small part of the neighborhood being blighted while the other receives change Lived in Ballard for last twenty years and involved with original plan, shocked at the time the plan came out that the jobs projections and growth projections, nonbuilt environment where those jobs could be created seemed problematic at the time and seems to have been borne out; wife has been involved with the district council, same faces at the community meetings and district council, how can we engage new people coming in and getting them involved and not on the periphery? Social politics and politics in Ballard get in the way of new involvement.

Question four: (group felt questions two and three in part addressed above):

Too many pie charts

Personally very disappointed with effort, don't see a story in the pamphlet in how the neighborhood has changed in terms that people care about and really understand—this seems just like a bunch of numbers

Lack of comparison to previous neighborhood and to other areas of seattle; people who come in and aren't engaged in district council, people coming in to the apartments are less connected to the community and more connected to friends and work, how can we connect to the new folks and plan for the change that we knew was coming, knew it would be more urban but didn't understand how our everyday lives would differ in terms of people and environment

Add more pies and do a comparison of then and now—this is just a snapshot which isn't terribly helpful, photos would be helpful, market st. then, market st. now

This focuses a lot on statistics, trend information would be more helpful, going back ten years, even twenty years to really capture the progression overtime, business vacancies now

Not much of a plan inventory, go through more detailed bits at a very high level: twenty projects outlined in transportation, did a lot, in affordable housing we didn't do so well, etc. this effort trivializes what the neighborhood did by basing it in census data

Someone who worked with plan implementation, don't see a matrix (participant then given notebook with matrix)

Want to see trends, progress, milestones, and vision—story gives a vision, what do we want here, what drives the opportunities, what drives us forward, it's up to us to provide that, not the city, what do we want to do now—that's what's most important

An example, facilitated Haller Lake table, very different discussion with them because nothing has shifted or changed there, at our table everything has changed and shifted and so our plans need to change; for them it was about getting the stuff they already identified done

Community group has had this exact discussion (why they should go next in update process):

Specific plans and visions on paper

Amazing resource in Rob Mattson, effective use of DON and district council huge in terms of getting results

Communications are in place in Ballard, fierce level of existing communication

Update community

Already sent grad students out to research other hubs

Visible accomplishments

Didn't know anything about light rail station, but it being identified

Look at all of these as criteria for who goes next

Want to be an example of what works and doesn't work (Ballard)

Live in the city but feel "captive" to metro as the only transportation option and don't know what we can do as city and community activists to improve transportation options without getting some teeth in metro

Or maybe ferries or trolley which are under control of the city

Better east/west service, Wallingford also wants it, Fremont too, but haven't worked together to allocate for those improved connections, need cooperation between neighborhoods on this discussion

Went to Jackson presentation and Comm. Amato said that transportation is key, concerns about deep-bore tunnel going in that will effectively cut us off from the rest of the city, really not good the transportation situation, coordinate across the boundaries, hoping that the individual plans take into account as they are updated to work across plan boundaries

Layers and layers of plans—ped master plan, bikes, transportation—56 different plan layers, need to have a focused and appropriate methodology—look at final assessment to see what other communities are interested in the same areas so that we can reach out

Needs to be some mechanism to allow communities to update portions of their plans as necessary if it makes sense to work with other neighborhoods on the same issues, otherwise need to update all the plans at the same time and that won't work either

Idea was that these plans would be updated and tweaked on an annual basis, not in big chunks every ten years, re-establish some mechanism for some sort of continual touching base, needs to be moving and dynamic and then if you do it more often it's not as daunting, also takes into account neighbors—what does Queen Anne need and how do our changes affect them as well?

Also helps with engagement

Different departments involved in this, lots of the implementing departments are not that engaged in the process; sdot, city light, spu all need to be engaged, in previous efforts they didn't come into it into the very end, if you are looking at infrastructure you need to deal with planners and engineers

Comments from sdot "we don't really have anyone that deals with neighborhoods"; striking that there is no liaison that can work with neighborhoods to help advocate for changes and implementation, needs to go through seven layers up and seven layers down before there is any action

Sector teams used to manage neighborhood plan implementation, combination of Nickel's priorities and recession killed them off,

As a neighborhood we can instigate that instead of waiting for bureaucratic process, sdot has been very open to the 14th ave changes, someone in the community needs to take on that job, I will be the one who goes and talk to sdot from east ballard, for example, if it doesn't come citywide we should set up neighborhood liaisons, overall Seattle feels very accessible as a citizen

Want to see built in flexibility as a city council level, backyard cottages, multifamily code come, if we have to wait ten years to deal with impact of these changes it isn't effective, don't mean to say that density is a bad thing, can be a tremendous opportunity to concentrate services

What do we do about particular issues: Ballard food bank needs an issue closer to downtown, can city intervene in issues like this, acute issues? Too detailed to be part of the NP but a real need; Ballard family center went away through budget cuts, not real familiar with what has happened with the city but seems like funding has shrunk for services, when neighbors fall on tough times they can't sustain it

Policy issues all over this as well, we can say all we want to say but if there isn't a policy that backs up, say, affordable housing truly being affordable, if there isn't policy behind it our wishes don't matter, also developers plans

Private developers built low-income townhouse rooming houses on cap hill, seems innovative, something in-between that and regular working people needing housing they can afford

Someone needs one room, family with six kids also needs housing, struggling for a good model
Coordination issue that needs to be addressed, Ballard and BINMIC, more of liaison between those two groups, if they aren't doing their own planning need involvement from them with our group so that our plans don't conflict as much, could help provide greater numbers of living wage jobs, brings a lot of money into Ballard

Interesting topic, statistics don't tell the story about where people who live in Ballard are working, know that OED has this information, wages paid in the Ballard planning area, definitely useful as an additional pie chart! Interesting to see what; clarification on employment and other categories

Notion of urban village continues to feel dissident to me; don't hear it as an integrating policy tool, there is supposed to be a set of components of what makes a successful urban village and that would work well to provide a narrative for the status report; not so sure what these funky yellow polygons are supposed to do (refer to map), seem like abstractions and not like defined policy guidelines, why are we using urban villages as a model, we have really clear policies that allow for emergent development but don't have general policy statements that reflect the priorities of the community; allow us to jump on something or not according to a set of value statements, what we don't want in an annual or biannual planning meeting, never hear the urban village definition used in that capacity

Came in very, very late to the initial planning process, can we fix original errors like chopping business districts in half, Carkeek plaza got cut?, all of this dramatically affects how we deal with sdot,

Errors in document that she will hand in

Urban villages aren't little islands but are connected—greenwood, etc. urban villages are a reaction to traditional strip zoning, that sort of development doesn't create capacity

Mostly we were given the boundaries, get nervous about people adhering to the boundaries too strictly, boundary issues can become a big time sink, someone threw stuff at the map

Is there a way to mitigate urban village boundaries in the update process?

Question three:

Are key strategies being achieved?

Would be great if matrix could be better utilized and streamlined?

As someone who has gone through all of the plans and matrices Ballard and Crown Hill have achieved more of their goals than most; many were in place before plan was finalized, still very

concerned about social services and changing demographic, lots of growth so it made sense for changes and efforts to be concentrated there

Food bank has almost no government funding so when there were tough times in the budget it wasn't affected though the Ballard family center had most of its funding coming from the city and so it went away in 2004. Why doesn't the community support the one and not the other?

Some concerns about validity of matrix and what has been accomplished and not been accomplished

Went through with rob m. and did a fixed assessment

Stuff has happened in other neighborhoods, things happen what is community driven and what just happened?

Planning process worked really well in this community, in some others a process that is not as City-driven might be more effective, not sure if this is an effect of being white, middle-aged folks but we have done well with our efforts

New developments, condos, townhouses aren't involved in the plan process enough and they need to be involved and have buy-in or developers will build in opposition to our vision but people will come and we'll have different communities, in order to get buy in you need stability so that people know they will be able to stay, not only do I like it here but this is how I see staying here, good school system,

Downtown Ballard it seems like most people who are moving in to the condos are motivated to stay because they want to take the bus to work and are involved in their condo assoc, three have sent reps to the district council

Difference between appealing to owners and renters, not saying that it's not possible but someone needs to show up at the door

Outreach discussion with grad students, if apartment dwellers aren't communicating within the building itself need to find out where they hang out, need welcome wagons,

Need to acknowledge that one of the things that is attractive about urban life is anonymity, many people don't want to be bothered, so many people around that they need balance, because we have the density we are losing some of that connectivity and it's going to be difficult to maintain unless it's a front stoop kind of a place; if everyone is facing inside they won't be interacting with one another, use local businesses to draw people out and make sure they are involved in planning process

Went to New York when I was 19 and I was attracted to the anonymity but they're not necessarily mutually exclusive, can also foster safety, security,

Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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

Which neighborhood are you commenting on? Ballard / Crown Hill

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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
regularly visited this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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 type="radio"/>
other (please describe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

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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)?

The heart of Ballard has become a much more vibrant, vital, pedestrian-oriented community.

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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- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify) _____

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation
- housing
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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

Ballard Mini Ctr. is great.
Burke Gilman - good progress
big hurdle remains
Crown Hill - acquisition finally
done - development ahead
Commuter Rail - still a dream

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

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...

Telling the story of how
we've changed

There should be less focus on...

Pre charts, stats - use them,
but to tell the story

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

How are we doing on N'hood Plan Activities

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It's been completely transformed over the past ten years from a sleepy Nordic village to a high buzzing urban village. If Rapid Ride comes in this will help the transportation issues, but in general, a lot of new development has occurred w/ concurrent transit improvements.

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most dissatisfied about?

- transportation → Needs to improve
- housing
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we need more transit, bike facilities and parks

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Lots accomplished, like Municipal Center & Crown Hill School, but some not finished and we need transit

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Transit and walkability and meeting social services need.

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Preparing for and adapting to peak oil and climate change → indicators relating to these items
+ Tell a story of change

There should be less focus on...

Useless demographics.

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It does not look at indicators of what actually matter to people (Sustainability)

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