

# Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

*Summary of the Fremont Neighborhood Discussion*



**Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?**

Prepared by  
**Seattle Planning Commission**  
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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?

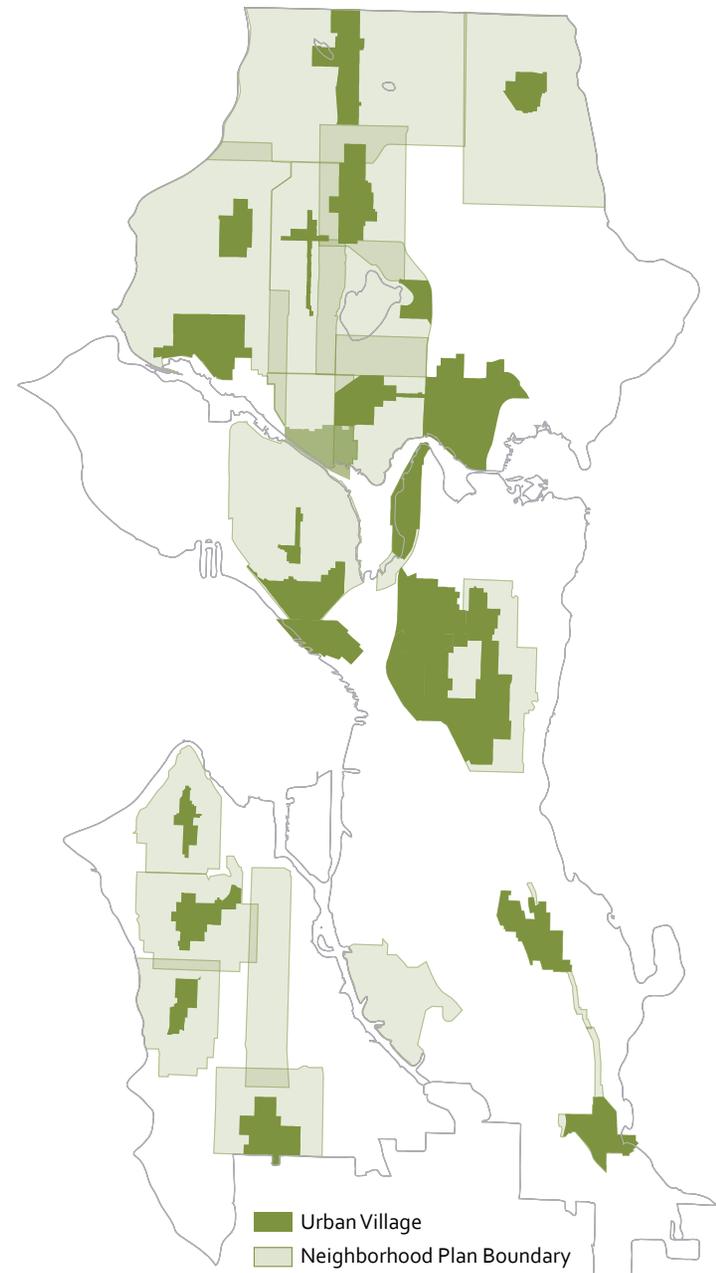
*Summary of one of 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009*

Admiral	Georgetown
Aurora/Licton Springs	Green Lake
Belltown	Greenwood/Phinney Ridge
Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake	Lake City
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Columbia City /Hillman City/Genesee	Queen Anne
Crown Hill & Ballard	Rainier Beach
Delridge	University Community
Eastlake	Wallingford
First Hill	West Seattle Junction
<b>Fremont</b>	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*



# FREMONT

## General Summary

Attendance at the neighborhood discussion included about 10 people, including the facilitator and note-taker. Most people at the table had been involved in neighborhood planning in Fremont in the past. The group could be characterized as a group as having a very strong grasp of historic developments in Fremont's neighborhood plan. Although we did not poll the group, the majority seemed to reside in the neighborhood.

## Highlights

- It is suspected but not confirmed (due to lack of data) that both population and employment are significantly higher than the Plan targets. Data needs to be acquired that compares baseline numbers to the most current numbers for both population and employment.
- Changes have occurred in Fremont since the neighborhood plan was implemented. Some of these changes were for the better (more vibrant business district and better parks) and some for the worse (many of the new buildings' design).
- The participants recognized that the City has been responsive to the Neighborhood plan in terms of transportation improvements and park improvements, but all agreed that much more work needs to be done, especially regarding transportation improvements.
- Parking – specifically pay stations - is a contentious issue where there does not seem to be consensus between the residents and businesses, with residents reported to be more generally supportive of the pay stations than the businesses.
- Improved coordination with adjacent neighborhoods on issues such as Design Review, the North Recycling and Disposal Station rebuild, and transportation was a key issue.



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

- **Population and employment**—Both are significantly higher than the Plan targets. It is suspected that employment growth may be twice as high as was projected over the entire planning period. As an example, almost 3,000 employees are located in the office campus along the canal. Household growth is perceived to be well above the Plan target.
- **More visitors, restaurants and bars.**
- **Lost historic structures**—Albion sub-station is one example of a structure that has been demolished. The Fremont Plan has a number of history-oriented elements. Carol Tobin's survey of Fremont buildings was cited a reference that could be consulted when planning for future historic preservation efforts.
- **Three new parks**—Three new parks have been created in Fremont, and improvements have been made to the Rose Garden. The City should more methodically document progress that has been made in public open spaces, and include a summary of the Comp Plan/Open Space & Parks analyses regarding future service needs (e.g., Fremont and Wallingford are lacking in a number of important community center functions). The City's "Gap Report" is also a useful resource that can be used in future planning efforts.
- **Parking Pay Stations introduced**—This was a controversial action in Fremont. Residents are happy they got their RPZ, but the business community not does like the pay parking.

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

- Circulation plan—(see question #3, below).
- Stronger, more economically vibrant business district—However, additional support is needed (e.g., changes to parking policies and code changes to protect/favor commercial uses over residential ones). Zoning and land use is a major issue. Many residents of Fremont appreciate a vibrant business district. On the other hand, many activities associated with an active community business center need mitigation: bars and nightlife, arterial crossings by pedestrians, traffic generally.
- Parks and Open space have been improved—However, open space and community center functions both need improvement.

## Most dissatisfied about?

- **Design of new buildings**—the consensus at the table was that many of the new structures in Fremont are ugly, in large part due to the avoidance of design review, and a not very effective design review and environmental impact review process. More work needs to be done by the City via code changes, new design guidelines and enforcement of existing design guidelines by the Design Review Boards. The SEPA review process for large projects, such as the NRDS and the Aurora Bridge Suicide Fence, needs to engage all affected communities and neighborhoods. That did not happen with either of those projects.
- **Safety**—perceived to be much more safety concerns than in the past. However, serious public safety problems continue with certain motels on Aurora, and generally along that corridor.
- **Design Review Boards**—there are two design review boards that review projects in different parts of the neighborhood, and the application of the standards does not seem consistent between the two. One preference would be for the boundaries of the review boards to be adjusted so all of Fremont is in one district. If this is not possible (as this would put Wallingford in two districts), then greater coordination between the two boards is needed. There was expression of desire for stronger guidelines and fewer exemptions from coverage, such as many of the townhouse developments.
- **Residential squeezing out commercial**—An expressed perception at the table was that residential uses are outbidding commercial uses for space, and, as such, more protection for commercial uses is needed in the land use code. A shortage of neighborhood retail (i.e., Bartells) was cited as an example of a type of use that is having difficulty finding adequate, affordable space in Fremont.
- **Pay Stations**—The consensus perception of the business community at the table was that the pay stations were implemented by the City against the will of the business district. The pay stations adversely affect business traffic, require parking enforcement at the expense of beat cops or other “real” policing, and puts local shops at a disadvantage to chain stores. To make matters worse, the funds are not reinvested back into the neighborhood but are instead dumped into the City’s general fund.
- **NRDS Rebuild**—The rebuild of the North Recycling and Disposal Station is inconsistent with the City Comp Plan and the two neighborhood plans. SPU needs to measure the impacts that such as station would have. City has so far gotten away with avoidance of complete environmental review, including alternatives. Two major rezones and a City Council street vacation are needed; it is time for the Council to have an open and publicly engaged discussion about the NRDS rebuild project.
- **Community Center**—The community center was described by one member of the group as a “gigantic hole,” which was thought to be appropriate description by several others.
- There is an increasing gap between subsidized and market-rate housing – First hill is a bellwether for an emerging citywide trend.

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

#### Good/Generally Good

- **Circulation plan**—Capital projects were completed to aid circulation since the original Plan was created. There was general agreement that the changes helped circulation but there was also general consensus that more improvements need to be made. In particular, several areas suggested for improvements include:
  - 36th between Stone Way and Leary is challenging (pedestrian and car conflicts in particular).
  - Traffic incursion into neighborhood streets due to the dislocation from Stone Way since the “road diet” occurred.
  - Need light under Aurora on 34th, 35th, 36th, as well as improvements along 39th to Leary, to ease ped/auto conflicts
  - Transit and pedestrian planning need work; an example is the back-up behind busses as they enter Fremont from the bridge. Some parking could be removed to help accommodate buses.
  - Even a greater use of “flags in the bucket” approach to pedestrian safety would be helpful.
  - Bicycle routes need to be improved, including completion of the bike lane on 34th between Evanston and Phinney included in the original Plan.
- **Troll Way**—The Troll Way street name change occurred.

#### Poor/Needs Improvement

- **Pay Station Implementation**—For reasons previously mentioned; this implementation ran counter to the neighborhood plan.
- **Community Center.**
- **CSOs**—Additional services from CSOs (Community Support Officers) are needed.

**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?**

- Geographic Definition of Data—Data needs to be available for both the urban village and the neighborhood as a whole. The main concern expressed by a number of people was the lack of clearly defined baselines and changes in numbers over time (chronological data) to conduct more detailed analyses. The geographical scope of the various tables and figures needs to be specific.
- Baseline v. Current Data—The data as presented was difficult to interpret because there was no baseline data with which to compare it.
- Block-by-block tabulation of population—This would be useful data to use in analysis of change over the planning period.
- Fremont-Wallingford Overlap—The overlap in adjoining neighborhood planning areas does not seem to be accounted for in the status report. Looking ahead, the planning for these neighborhoods should address potential conflicts and opportunities for cooperation (e.g., transportation and design guidelines) The City needs to specifically address the need for real joint planning engaging all affected communities. The Fremont Hub Urban Village borders South Wallingford, which relies on Fremont for much of its business and service needs.
- Outreach—All people formerly involved in the original plan development need to be invited to participate, and additional outreach made to insure a valid process.
- Interface with Other Initiatives—The status report work needs to better interface with other initiatives, so that people are aware that of initiatives such as the Multi-Family Code work and Pedestrian Master Plan and understand how they are interrelated. And the current consideration of industrially zone lands; Fremont has much of the remaining I-zone land outside of the two MICs. And the NRDS site is another.
- Allocation of Demographic Data—The report needs more emphasis on changes in jobs and housing relative to baseline and less emphasis on language and place of birth. The question was posed: how is information about ethnicity and language relevant to neighborhood planning, other than for outreach reasons?

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Five Open Houses, 24 neighborhood discussions

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

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

## Neighborhood Open House

*June 22, 2009 - 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

*South Lake Union Armory – 860 Terry Ave. N.*

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

#### 1. Opening Session – 20 minutes

Introduction & Welcome – Josh Brower, NPAC Co-Chair

Opening Remarks – Councilmember Sally Clark

Orientation Video

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

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

##### Presentation by SPC table host (5-7 minutes)

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

##### Facilitated discussion of question led by NPAC table host

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

#### 3. Closing Remarks and Next Steps – 5 minutes

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

## Appendix B – List of attendees from five open house meetings

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

# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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

Which neighborhood are you commenting on? (Fremont?)

For how long have you...	less than 5 years	5-10 years	more than 10 years	does not apply
lived in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
owned a business in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
regularly visited this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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RETIRED IN NEIGHBORHOOD

## 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)?

- ADDED EMPLOYMENT
- CHANGED RETAIL BUSINESS (MORE EAT & TRUCKS)
- LOSS HISTORICAL STRUCTURES
- DURABLE CHANGES
- NEW PARKS + (3X)
- LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

- DISREGARD PROBLEMS 35<sup>TH</sup> & FREMONT.

### 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*

### 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...

- *DO MORE STATS ON CRIME ALONG ROADS.*

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

- *IMPROVE COMPARISON DATA FROM PLAN TO NOW*

Please return this questionnaire by **Thursday, August 6, 2009** to:

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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)?

Density increased

## 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?

Justify NRDS with Urban Village compatibility.

Envelope houses!

### Question 3

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*Circulation Plan*

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*Housing Affordability*

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

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- Yes (please describe)

*Baseline stats!*

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- DESIGN OF NEW MULTI-FAMILY has diminished character & identity of neighborhood
- LOSS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES
- TRANSPORTATION - INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT GROWTH
- AURORA - WORSE (MORE CRIME - LESS NEIGHBOR SENSITIVE)
- MORE PARKS - RPE IS POSITIVE
- Three new parks - positive
- LIBRARY IS IMPROVED

## Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you

most pleased about?

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

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation TRANSIT PED TO
- housing DESIGN OF MULTIFAMILY HERE ISN'T ONE
- safety - AURORA / PED
- parks and open space
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing DESIGN REBUILT
- other (please specify) PLANS FOR NRDS

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

The proposed re-build of NRDS is inconsistent w/ the Fremont Urban Village which it borders - SPU has refused to follow SEPA which would appropriately measure the impacts.

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please describe

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PEDESTRIAN CIRC  
HAS DECLINED

- NO MOSAIC TOOL BOX - OR NOT YET PLANNED
- NO COMMUNITY CENTER
- TROLL FARM EAST/WEST SB REDEVELOPED WITH NATIVE SPECIES
- TRANSPORTATION IS SOME WAY FOR PARKS

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There should be more focus on... METRICS SPECIFIC TO PLAN

There should be less focus on... NONE

- Accurate comparisons using Census data & City GIS data block by block.
- Neighborhood specific design guidelines

- RESOLVING CONFLICTS & POTENTIAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS IN OVERLAPPING AREAS SUCH AS FREMONT & WALKING FORD - MUST BE A MECHANISM TO FORCE RESOLUTION

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

(Need a baseline)

- NO BASE LINE DATA for Plan for Implementation
- DATA NOT CLEAR FOR URBAN VILLAGE AND WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD
- METRICS FOR EVALUATING NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC PLAN NOT CLEAR

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LESS FOCUS: MEANINGLESS DEMOGRAPHIC

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only been in the neighborhood (living/working) for 1 1/2 years, but lived in QA for last 11 years. Fremont has become much more developed, the focus of the industry has changed from manufacturing/marine to a bigger mix of those and office type industry. The re-circulation has lead to a more walkable neighborhood, but there are still areas that need improvements to finish that work. Other issues: "Road Diet" hurting truck circulation, No Design Guidelines, split DRB, loss of single family homes

Question 2: Safety due to being in Area...  
What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you...

most pleased about?

- transportation
- housing
- safety
- parks and open space — still improving too. Around Trail new park P. Parks potential
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants) thriving
- buildings - new and existing
- other (please specify)

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation (transit # Parking)
- 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)

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Fremont is on a great trajectory, but little tweaks need to be made. One of the big disappointments is the addition of Parking Meters — This does not, at all, match the 2002 transit study needs. The NBS "Dump" needs to be addressed — since there is a call for more density, thus more waste we need a transfer station that can actually accommodate.

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*please describe*

We still need a traffic light at Troll Way + N 34th St. and We really need to review and revisit the need for Parking kiosks - the streets are now empty where the meters have been installed - The installation of meters does not seem in line w/ 2002 N.P. transit study - Need better definition of the Boundary between

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Need more stats on where crime is happening to see where development can help solve crime issues.

There should be less focus on...

How does our plan fit in w/ larger, cross-city Projects/ordinances?

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There should be less focus on...

— why do we need racial, all demographics  
 — more focus on making changes friendly + settle in.

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