

# Status Check

Seattle Citizens Assess Their Communities and Neighborhood Plans

*Summary of the Greenwood/Phinney Ridge 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?

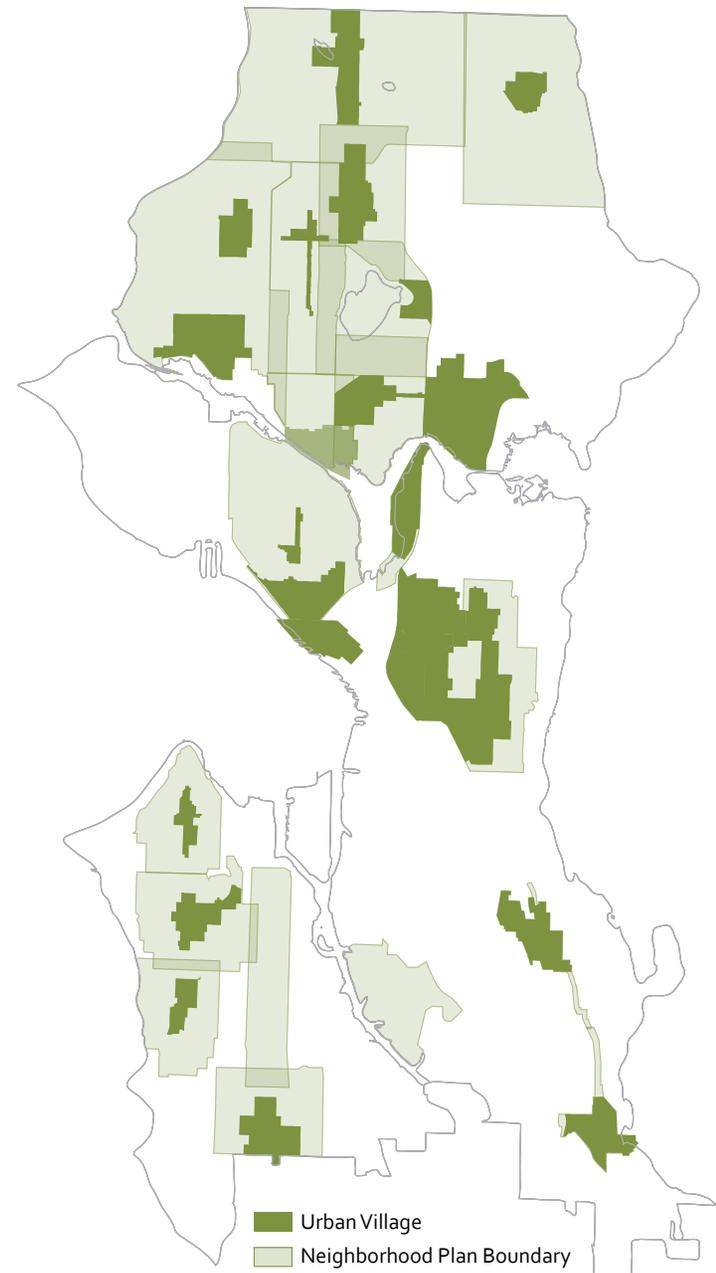
*Summary of one of 24 neighborhood discussions held in June and July 2009*

Admiral	Georgetown
Aurora/Licton Springs	Green Lake
Belltown	<b>Greenwood/Phinney Ridge</b>
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*



# GREENWOOD/ PHINNEY RIDGE

## General summary

Attendance ranged from 11 to about 15 participants at the neighborhood discussion, excluding facilitator and note-taker. Many attendees expressed that they had worked on the original planning effort. A majority of the attendees knew each other from the planning effort and through other community activities. Most participants were long time residents and home owners; a few recently moved to the area. In addition, at least one participant was a renter. Participants felt that the Status Report Summary should have included more important information such as traffic and transit data. They also felt the data should be for the whole neighborhood and not just the urban village.

## Highlights

- Overall, most participants felt that the key strategies have been achieved and their priorities are being accomplished.
- With new development, less focus has been on residential character. A new Key Strategy should be added to the Neighborhood Plan: Preserve Residential Character.
- Transportation infrastructure has not kept up with growth. Commercial activity has created a walkable community but has also resulted in traffic gridlock and safety concerns.



**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)?**

- Increased restaurant, bars, and café activity, but continued turn-over of retail establishments.
- Some traffic calming has been put into place to respond to growth.
- Traffic speeds along 3rd Avenue continue to be a problem, traffic congestion along Greenwood and 85th getting worse.
- Tree planting along many blocks.
- Crime around 85th and Aurora has decreased, safety has increased.
- Community amenities and activities now in place: Phinney Farmers Market, new library, Art Walk.

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

- Many of the Plan's strategies have been achieved: farmers market, library.
- More walkable, increased pedestrian activity.
- Continued community involvement.
- New commercial activities: bars, cafes, restaurants.

**Most dissatisfied about?**

- Traffic congestion and speeds.
- Blocked views resulting from new development.
- Zoo activities continue to be a problem: people parking in neighborhood.
- 80th and Greenwood (urban village) continues to have safety problems such as lack of crosswalks, increased traffic, wheelchair accessibility not convenient.

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

- Overall, they are being achieved, but Infrastructure Improvements (Strategy E) still needs work
- Strategy A, Create a Vital Greenwood has not fully taken shape. Some believe it has been a failure because there is not enough density to support the commercial activities.
- **Key Strategies and Priorities:**
  - Strategies still the same, but should be listed in reverse order.
  - Progress is still needed on Strategy E, Support Infrastructure Improvements. This should be number one.
  - Should add a new strategy/priority: sustainability.
  - Drainage should become a priority.
  - ADD NEW: Preserve Residential Character – consider neighborhoods, livability, attractiveness.

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

#### Focus more on:

- Growth in the entire neighborhood: has the neighborhood exceeded expectations based on the Plan?
- How many residential units have been added in the whole area?
- Transit ridership.
- Traffic counts (vehicular and bicycle).
- Number of community services related to existing population: food banks, etc. How many people are living in poverty and need assistance. Are community services adequate?
- Crime statistics and accident reports.
- Retail vacancy rates and business turn-overs.

#### Other comments:

- Focus on entire planning area, not just urban village.
- Must not lose sight of overall goals, Greenwood still needs attention. It is vital.

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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

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2. What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you most pleased about? Most dissatisfied about?
3. How well are your Neighborhood Plan vision and key strategies being achieved? Are they still the priority?
4. The city is completing neighborhood plan status reports focusing on demographics, development patterns, housing affordability, public amenities and transportation networks. What should there be more focus on (or less focus on) as the neighborhood status reports are completed in the coming months? Are there any important gaps in the draft status report?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neighborhood Planning 7-23-09 Ed Greenwood / Phinney

Started Meeting - Look@ 4 questions

Question #1

Ed Maderias: Main Street Plan, some things left out  
Heart of Phinney 67th + Phinney + Greenwood  
Park - implanted during process \$

Bill Farmer - 4 lanes to 3 lanes, traffic calming  
New park @ Greenwood + Phinney Ridge

MJ Davidson - Greenhouse Park - sidewalks + w  
- sidewalks to/from Sadel Park, 2 blocks west

Jane - Sidewalks @ Park not in NP

Traffic calming?

Marty - 1st Ave 84th to 90th for sidewalks

Dee - what is test?

John - 58th + Greenwood - demographics have changed

- less like neighborhood

\* need demographics Ed - more families w/ young children  
- demand for pre-school ↑ (Ed) both ends of spectrum

Δ - Greenwood Senior Center very active (MJ)

Bill - Greenwood higher density w/ condos, more people walking  
more restaurants + bars + activities

Dee - 77th + 1st, 10 years - Does Neighborhood Plan

Design Guidelines from Neighborhood book in 1990s

ZONING + TRANSITION

Ed - need to enforce guidelines that are there, design guidelines in  
the PLAN

Dee - ~~how~~ how do you keep things special?

- Pretty satisfied with Plan; doesn't want it to turn into Ballard
- develop where it makes sense. Put apts where they are needed
- Potential for budget in the neighborhood for density
- Look @ 65th developer should add stuff to neighborhood
- Developers taking advantage of neighborhood

Jeff - 79th + Greenwood - likes sidewalks + accessibility  
- services are accessible

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Marty  
talked  
about  
sidewalk  
plans

- Disabled - 80th + Greenwood traffic light dead which affects Greenwood + pedestrians (Matt agrees)
- safety problems - PRIORITY - urban village
  - no transportation infrastructure, no crosswalks
  - bus stops eliminated due to  $\Delta$  in traffic light
  - wheel chair ramps - safety - all along Greenwood
- Ed - didn't always have curb cuts
- Lynn - involved in NP process, gridlock on Greenwood
  - Pedestrian Safety addressed in Plan, NOT GOOD NOW
- walking character is amenity BUT now have  $\uparrow$  traffic than predicted
  - development has blocked views - First Condo - too close
- Mike - lives on 95th - become through to get to Ballard
  - crime + safety on 95th + Aurora improved over past few years
- Neighborhood Assoc. bought ~~Philly Center~~ <sup>Philly Center</sup>, it was in plan
- Zoo Society park use - not happy with crowding
  - causes parking + traffic issues, damage to animals
- Sarah - 75th + 6th - congested, people moving through
  - look @ roadway network re: zoo, ds - city studied
- Bill - shuttles - didn't work - only lasted 1 yr, few years ago
- MJ - more traffic calming + traffic circles  $\rightarrow$  grants
  - most blocks are really happy, lots of tree planting <sup>Greenwood</sup>
  - all was part of Plan - tree preservation platy
  - key strategies achieved
- Lynn - Philly Farmers Market good, some was in Plan <sup>Library</sup> <sup>Art</sup> <sup>WACK</sup>

- Question #3: urban village - business + walking - failure along <sup>Greenwood</sup> 80th
- Ed - stability in restaurant + cafe, not in retail need density?
  - Density would help so businesses can pay higher rent
  - Ed - Main Street Plan - vibrant - stable: True Value
  - Dee - businesses not getting business because not dense
  - Ed - antique stores have dwindled
  - Greenwood no longer antique Mecca  $\Delta$ 's dynamic of neighborhood
  - Ken's Market expanded, NP survey wanted supermarket, positive
    - will be used more
  - Jane - dewatering of the bog + its impact to residents

Strategies - Key - are they still the priority  
Any new ones → Marty - Carkeel Park + Drainage  
New → Sustainability, day light it, already there  
MJ - critical, don't lose trade up it  
Dee - Neighborhood, livability, attractiveness - nothing that gives  
residential neighborhood character  
\* Preserve Residential Character - strategy NEW  
didn't do too well with improve mobility

Ed - FAR EXCEEDED Growth what has occurred

- ① - how much has exceeded by based on plan  
- residential units
- ② Whole neighborhood demographics
- ③ bus usage equal w/ growth ridership related to services  
transportation not keeping up w/ growth, impact internally
- ④ traffic counts on streets - did study 2 yrs. ago 35k <sup>Greenwood</sup>
- ⑤ Numbers @ food bank + energy assistance - poverty  
→ how else would you know needs?  
→ get @ existing population
- ⑥ Crime statistics, accident reports, bike traffic
- ⑦ 3rd Avenue speeds, traffic calming
- ⑧ Business Turn-over, % in retail, vacancy rates

John Key Strategies - still the top ones but list them backwards  
sounds like INFRASTRUCTURE HIGH Priority

city has not done right thing - no cross transit  
Marty - reverse order of strategies, alot ongoing, don't lose sight  
- vital Greenwood

Ed - all still need to be addressed, priorities may shift  
what is being planned? Need to know, coordination

John - A, B, + C has seen progress D + E minor  
E - some progress but need is greatest, push to top

# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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

Which neighborhood are you commenting on? GREENWOOD/PHINNEY RIDGE

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"/>
<del>MANAGE</del> owned a business in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
regularly visited this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
worked in this neighborhood?	<input 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 type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

PLAN STEWARD / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Name: L.I. [unclear]

Email Address: [unclear]@com

## 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)?

MORE DENSITY / DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICS  
? RE-TRANSPORTATION CHANGES (ADDED TRAFFIC) NO NEW BUS SERVICE  
BETTER BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE / TRAFFIC SIGNAL REVISIONS?  
SIDEWALK & STREETSCAPE 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) WALKABILITY

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT)
- housing (LOW INCOME / AFFORDABLE)
- safety
- parks and open space
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing (TOWN HOUSES)
- other (please specify)

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

CITY STILL NEEDS TO STRESS AND GREENING PROGRAM FOR MORE STREET TREES

DPD NEEDS TO PETHINK ITS REGS RE: TOWNHOUSES VS MULTI FAMILY VS COTTAGES TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE USE & NEED DENSITY!

**Question:**

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
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**Question:**

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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...

TRANSPORTATIONS & MOBILITY ISSUES  
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (INCREASED AVAILABILITY)  
 TREES (MORE STREET TREES)

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

MORE STAKE HOLDERS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEYS AND DISCUSSIONS, THAT WAS THE PROBLEM WITH THE ORIGINAL PLANS.

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

The Seattle Planning Commission  
 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000  
 PO Box 34019  
 Seattle, WA 98124

You can also fill out the questionnaire on-line at:  
[http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood\\_Planning/StatusReports/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/StatusReports/default.asp)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
 Computer currently out of commission

## Question 1

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- In the past 5 years the "Greenwood Dog" area has had a major impact on properties with failure of any answers or resolutions for property owners. The areas around "urban village" have been repaired.
- Lack of addressing the area ~~to~~ north of 85th and west of Greenwood Ave. i.e. no improvements
- Most of the improvements over the past years have only been in "certain" sections of the neighborhood.

## Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you:

most pleased about?

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

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation Buses too full
- housing
- safety
- parks and open space
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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?

4. More low income housing  
 better improvements  
 the section 11.85 no comment of improvement

### Question 3

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

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There should be more focus on...

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Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
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### 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

Some have been well achieved  
However, there remain issues around  
excessive density  
Retail businesses are not stable, but <sup>coffee</sup> shops  
& restaurants seem to be.

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

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There should be more focus on... C, D, E.

public health & safety: sidewalks  
= safe exercising which = healthier  
& more stress-free people

Dewatering the Greenwood Bog!!!

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

The Greenwood Bog dewatering is not addressed.

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# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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Which neighborhood are you commenting on? GREENWOOD/PHINNEY RIDGE

For how long have you...

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

lived in this neighborhood?               

~~MANAGE~~ owned a business in this neighborhood?               

regularly visited this neighborhood?               

worked in this neighborhood?               

attended school in this neighborhood?               

other (please describe)               

PLAN STEWARD / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, 98103

\_\_\_\_\_.com

## Question 1

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MORE DENSITY / DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICS  
? RE-TRANSPORTATION CHANGES (ADDED TRAFFIC) NO NEW BUS SERVICE  
BETTER BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE / TRAFFIC SIGNAL REVISIONS?  
SIDEWALK & STREETSCAPE 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) WALKABILITY

most dissatisfied about?

- transportation (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT)
- housing (LOW INCOME / AFFORDABLE)
- safety
- parks and open space
- public facilities (e.g. libraries, community centers)
- business district (e.g. stores, restaurants)
- buildings - new and existing (TOWN HOUSES)
- other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY STILL NEEDS TO STRESS AND GREENING PROGRAM FOR MORE STREET TREES

DPD NEEDS TO RETHINK ITS REGS RE: "TOWN HOUSES" VS MULTI FAMILY VS COTTAGES TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE USE & NEED DENSITY!

### 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
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*please describe*

### Question 4

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There should be more focus on...

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY ISSUES  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING (INCREASED AVAILABILITY)  
TREES (MORE STREET TREES)

There should be less focus on...

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

MORE STAKE HOLDERS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEYS AND DISCUSSIONS, THAT WAS THE PROBLEM WITH THE ORIGINAL PLANS.

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# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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Which neighborhood are you commenting on? \_\_\_\_\_

Phinney Ridge

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)?

• More congestion on Greenwood, 85<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>. Bad for neighborhood movement (peds & bikes). Needs to be planned growth.

## Question 2

What changes or aspects of your neighborhood are you

most pleased about?

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

most dissatisfied about?

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

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

### Question 3

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

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- very poorly
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*please describe*

Are they still the priority?

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*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...

There should be less focus on...

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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Which neighborhood are you commenting on? Greenwood - Phinney Ridge

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

Name:

[Handwritten Name]

Email Address:

[Handwritten 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)?

*Extreme increase in density  
Reduced diversity - more concentration of ~~wealth~~ wealth  
Overcrowded buses*

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

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

most dissatisfied about?

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

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

### 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?

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- don't know/neutral

*please describe*

*strategies included  
mobility (D) and  
infrastructure (E)  
these have received  
inadequate funding*

### 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...

*Affordability  
transportation  
- specifically change  
in ridership commensurate  
with changes to service*

There should be less focus on...

*development patterns*

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe)

*Don't know*

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# Status Check: How is Your Neighborhood Doing?

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Which neighborhood are you commenting on? Phinney Ridge / Greenwood

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owned a business in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
regularly visited this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
worked in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
attended school in this neighborhood?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
other (please describe)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ *et*

## 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)?

Several large multifamily bldgs built in the urban village (65th - 87th)  
 Lots of new housing north of 90th St.  
 Severe traffic congestion at 80th & 85th traffic lights on GWD Ave, esp. northbound from afternoon rush hour on the plus side -  
 a great new library!  
 Phinney Farmers mkt.  
 One more thing - new construction going in is paving huge amounts of surface area. I am concerned that so much paving is being allowed in residential construction.

## 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) art walk & other neighborhood festivals

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) pedestrian safety

Do you have any comments related to what you are pleased or dissatisfied about?  
 very pleased w/ new library  
 displeased w/ Fini condo project at 68th & Greenwood. The building is very long north to south and is too massive when you look at it from the east side of GWD or up 68th street. It is out of scale & should have had a visual break in the facade near the center to keep ~~at the feet when you look up 68th to the west~~ a bit of the old feel when you look up 68th St. (west) *(to the west)*  
 Pedestrian safety is not where it should be on N. 80th & 85th St. as well as on Greenwood. Busses are congested I am familiar w the 358 but I hear the 5 is ~~could be better~~ *Along Fremont corridor on GWD if needed*

### 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

I think some goals have been met  
e.g. the library & new park  
but I can't speak to the whole  
plan.

Are they still the priority?

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

please describe

My impression is -  
when new developments are  
proposed/planned I don't believe  
the N.P. is seriously taken into account.  
Nor is the cumulative impact of a series  
of developments apparently being considered.

### 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...

I think there should be focus on  
quality of life issues for neighborhood  
residents - e.g. noise, safety, better bus service  
pedestrian safety, impacts from  
development, reducing traffic, open space  
parking impacts, cultural amenities, opportunities  
environment for running a healthy business

There should be less focus on...

demographics  
growth targets  
census-like statistics  
because they were not in our  
plan as targets or goals.

Are there any important gaps in the draft status reports?

- No
- Yes (please describe) We are getting lots of growth & very little infrastructure. You can't tell this  
from the report.  
The draft <sup>status report</sup> plan doesn't address the quality or character of the  
neighborhood & just appears to be census data. (at least the middle two pages)  
the draft plan is in such a different format from our neighborhood plan  
that it is <sup>status report</sup> extremely hard to relate it to the plan we worked on.

I would like to see a document that summarizes goals & strategies from the plan  
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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"/>

Name:

Email Address:

## Question 1

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- Socio-economics - becoming more professional, higher income
- Demographics - increasing number of young families
- Traffic - increasing congestion on Greenwood Ave, 85<sup>th</sup> St, 80<sup>th</sup> St.

## Question 2

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

most pleased about?

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

most dissatisfied about?

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

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

- New parks and library are great.
- Need more frequent buses and greater east-west mass transit connection
- Need more open space
- Need expanded sidewalks

### Question 3

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

please describe

*Improvements have been made, need to continue to build on that success.*

Are they still the priority?

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please describe

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There should be more focus on...

There should be less focus on...

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