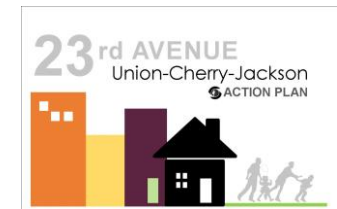


23rd Avenue Action Plan: Union – Cherry – Jackson

Phase 1 Consolidated Community Comments (April community workshop, online surveys, in-person interviews, POEL workshops)



Great Business Destinations

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| Shops and Services | | | |
| <p>Where do you go for goods and services, and why? How do you get there? What goods and services are missing as your neighborhood grows?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I go to the hair store on Jackson and the Safeway on Madison. I drive my car. I frequent those businesses often because the parking is very convenient and free. Fremont (PCC), Madison Park (hardware store, Pharmaca, Bert's) Montlake (Mont's, Jay's, library). I go to 23rd and Jackson for most everything. I like to walk to Red Apple or Taco del Mar. I travel to the 15th Avenue core or Rainier Valley by car. Capitol Hill--QFC, Trader Joes, Madison Market; get there by driving; Local markets for the diverse food, convenience, and affordability We walk/bus to The Twilight Exit. We walk to Chef Cafe and Judkins Street Cafe. We walk/bus/bike to Union Street for haircuts, Central Cinema and the Neighbor Lady. We take Zipcar or Car2Go to Madison Market for groceries. We take Metro or car share to Capitol Hill for entertainment. We take Metro downtown to shop (clothes, food, housewares). There is a new bar/restaurant that has opened up, but it doesn't have a homey, hanging out atmosphere. There are plenty of Ethiopian (and a few Asian) restaurants in this neighborhood, I like that I go to other neighborhoods for goods but. I usually use public transit to the neighboring communities and I feel that getting a bus line that travels through the CD more directly to Pike/Pine and Broadway would be well used. bike, walk and drive I go to Grocery Outlet and all three 23rd Ave cores. I get there by bike or by walking. Usually out of the central area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | <p>Where do you go for goods and services, and why? How do you get there? What goods and services are missing as your neighborhood grows?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown or Bellevue, history of shopping and convenience. Drive or bus. Capitol Hill, Sodo, U-district by bicycle or car. I have to travel to either Factoria or Northgate. Cap hill, first hill, Renton, Sodo. Downtown, Capitol Hill and the rainier Valley. I get there by bus and car. Missing services- drugstore in union/cherry. Bakery. Capitol Hill, more variety. Mostly car. There isn't much that we walk to and we like to walk. Columbia city is a favourite. Go to dinner check out some shops and go see a movie and then grab some ice cream. Occasionally meet people for a beer down there. It has a pedestrian atmosphere that is not automobile oriented. This is how Jackson should be. I shop various places around town and I normally drive--often shopping in the course of other trips. I take the bus downtown and the bus/car share occasionally. There just aren't that many shops in this area that have what I need or that are attractive to me as a shopper. I would sooner drive to the QFC on Rainier or the Safeway on Capitol Hill than shop at the Red Apple. It just feels like it's not someplace that I belong and I've only shopped there a handful of times in over a decade. I was willing to pay more to patronize a local shop that was welcoming to my demographic. I still get the feeling that in some parts of these core areas that if you're not black you aren't welcome. We go outside of our community for most of our goods and services (ID, Capitol Hill, Columbia City). We drive. We are missing a good mix of family restaurants and a variety of shops and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More kid friendly places/commercial locations |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The supermarket. Nothing grown here is sold • Columbia city, rainier beach, RB coalition for community empowerment Walking district, night life for all ages, culture, community, high quality gathering spaces • Cooperative housing cooperative businesses • I ride my bike and drive. • Library, post office, grocery store I drive • Cap Hill and goodwill. Walk, bike, car. • A mix between chains (Trader Joes) and small businesses (taco truck on union and 2oth). • I do most of my shopping at Grocery Outlet and Trader Joes. I go to the bars The Neighbor Lady and Twilight Exit. I eat at all the Ethiopian restaurants along Cherry. I get gas at the Arco. I get chai at Dur Dur. I occasionally go to Ezell's, Catfish Corner, Med Mix, Golden Grain Bakery, and the car wash. I take my niece to Nora's Woods and Powell Burnett park. • Rainier Valley QFC & Safeway. Chinatown for Uwajamya (don't like the Promenade Red Apple). Madrona for restaurants • Walk to Safeway and Trader Joe's, Group Health, bookstores and downtown. Drive to cleaners, events, etc. Other types of services would be great: pet stores, bakeries, produce stands, replacement of post office. • I use Walgreens at 23rd and Union. We go to the new Standard Brewery, Judkins Cafe, Cheeky Cafe, Med Mix, & Broadcast Coffee. I think the response to Standard Brewery certainly suggests that there is a shortage of adult meeting areas in this neighborhood. • Groceries and pharmacy - Safeway at 15th and E. John. Bartells at Harvard Market - everything BUT pharmacy! Gym at UW because I'm UW retiree. Doctors - on first hill and U. District. Some "old-timey" services are missing - shoe repair shop, small hardware store (like Ace) to avoid trips to big box stores. • More grocery stores, restaurants, shops, businesses. Look at Columbia City as a model. • Any where but in the CD, nothing to offer of value. • Safeway, against my will. I hate going there but I have no choice. It seems like they have a monopoly here in Seattle. That leads to no price | | <p>services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We often drive to Capitol Hill, Beacon Hill or the International District for restaurants and groceries, Madison Valley for restaurants and clothing (consignment store), and downtown for other needs. • I head to the Jackson core, but more often head to either Capitol Hill or ID to shop. We drive. We are missing a variety of shops and restaurants that appeal to a wide range of people. • There are no large home stores or grocery stores within walking distance (Fred Meyer, Safeway). Also more price point variety in terms of restaurants and bars. • I often have to go out of neighborhood because not enough options -- especially small locally/owned. • Cap Hill for food and restaurants, downtown, U district. Most goods and services that I use are missing from these core neighborhoods. • I go to the Ballard area for groceries, etc. The North end is simpler to get to and park. There are also many more options for shopping. Some of these options are available downtown and along Madison, • I have no serious challenge at this point, but I would love to see many more new businesses to attract many new customers to the area. • Preserve the diversity of the area since I'm losing most of my customers (African Americans) due to some demographic changes • We need more customers. Developing a variety of other businesses can attract additional customers to us <p>What goods and services are missing as your neighborhood grows?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wish there was more convenient restaurants. I wish the drive-thru at the Med-mix was available • Need more coffee shops and a book store. • I'd love to have a PCC closer. • We need more so I don't have to drive. • Would like to see a return of smaller boutique shops that sell cards, ethnic goods, books. • Things that are lacking are nearby drugstores, hardware, bakeries. • Would like to see more local businesses and fewer chain stores | |

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| <p>competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd and Jackson core for groceries, drug store, coffee, fast food • Capitol Hill, and international district. I go on foot or by car. • I primarily go to Capitol Hill for goods and services, UNLESS I have an option to shop locally (e.g., Tougo Coffee). • I walk to nearby grocery stores and walk or bus downtown to buy clothes. Whatever we're lacking isn't far away. • Madison Market - bus, walking and driving. Post office - walking Tougo Coffee - walking MedMix - walking Gas station at 23rd and E. Union - car Central Cinema - walking Katie's - walking Gold's Gym on Broadway - bus and walking Downtown retail and Capitol Hill retail and QFC - bus walking. Roosevelt Whole Foods - bus and car Northgate retail - car Queen Anne ballet, opera, movies -bus Downtown movies - bus University District Bookstore and retail - bus University Village - bus and car. Better mass transit connection needed. Pet supplies - Madison Valley- car • Food – grocery outlet, promenade red apple (prices have been up a lot, not affordable anymore since December last year probably due to new ownership), safeway, Walgreen, starbucks neighborhood service center • Walmart; Costco • COSTCO, Restaurant Depot, Cash & Carry • Don't grocery shop here. Will go to QFC outside of Central Area. • I go out of the area for groceries & drug store. Red Apple is expensive and produce is not good. • Our food is mostly provided for us where we live (all POEL senior workshop participants) <p>Where do you find the goods and services necessary to sustain your cultural identity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to Mount Baker for services • I used to, now I go out of the area for services • No East African cultural center • Need one cultural center – now we go everywhere • Example – Center for East African Community Affairs (CEACA) • Ethiopian store | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more independent, small businesses • We need a good bank, better grocery stores, garden supplies, taco trucks, noodle houses, a few good bars at night, outdoor farmers markets • We could use a small dry goods store like target or Fred Myer. • A pet food store. We need a good book store. There are 2 in capital Hill but it would be a great place for people to gather. • How about having a big grocery store like Safeway? We need a grocery store that has more products and low prices. • but no place that sells a good burger or Pizza near 23rd. There's a lot of fast food near 23rd and Jackson, but we don't eat any of that. We really need a postal outlet near 23rd and Jackson. It would be nice to have a *small* Fred Meyer, or other store that sold housewares. The Red Apple and Walgreens are typically terrible at that sort of thing. • Would love to see more nightlife options. • We need a pharmacy/drug store! • We would like to see more retail stores (local, small - NOT target!). • I would like a better/closer grocery store or fresh foods market • I was really sorry to lose The Immortal Dog, the pet supply store on Jackson. • we need small local merchandize shops • Boutiques, better quality food restaurants, organic food shop, you name it! • We are missing a dry cleaner in the Cherry/Union area. We have no boutiques. We have no higher-end restaurants like on 34th (St. Clouds etc). We have no live music venues (the jazz history of the neighborhood is completely gone). We have no restaurants with sidewalk seating. We have few events which bring people out into the streets to form community. • We lack quality groceries, bars, restaurants, and generally most retail. What we have is way to spread out. Things are far flung, necessitating a long walk to shops spread over a mile apart. • Very little dining, retail, nightlife, entertainment options. Capitol Hill is the closest area for pedestrian-friendly retail, shopping, dining options. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haircuts, Post Office, Loews, Dollar Store, Madison Valley • Often walk to do my shopping to City People Gardening • I go in the community • East African Imports, • | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The businesses were thriving – now people have to leave this area to get to their needs, it didn't use to be that way – we did everything here • Would like to see smaller market • More shops • No Dry Cleaners! • More Culturally specific stores • Restaurants & bars (close/walkable locations) • Pubs • Never find what I want at Red Apple • Red Apple is expensive • Safeway, • Trader Joes • Convenient – faster food • Pharmacy is needed • More gathering places • Reason to walk • Hardware store • More Park • Laundry mat • Flower shop • Shoe repair • Larger stores – Urban Target • Target • Fred Meyer • Stores – clothing – garden • Hardware stores • Do not want big box (Fred Myer, etc) • No UPS office • Increase affordable housing in this area • Housing • “nothing stops a bullet like a job” • No night life: more activities • Parks, community centers • Neighborhood Service Center • Senior services (in health also) • Community halls for marriage • Banquet halls (large capacity 1000 people!) • Need more community festivals • Infrastructure to help people be familiar with organizations and resources • Community Pea Patch • P-patches • Care for parks • Library • Educational • Fitness center | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public library • Faith based institutions • Temple, Church • City doesn't get \$\$ out of developers in general, which leads to increased prices, e.g. Yesler Terrace, Pac Med Bldg 150 year lease • Missing in Jackson node – parking (underground?) • Designed to be pedestrian friendly • Art gallery • Inter action • Seward Park • Bike Routes: 23rd Ave • Movie Night • Garden Tour: Social activities • Gas Stations • Covered/shades bus stops (fixed glass) • Nutrition classes • Organized beatification projects • Permanent parking • Depends on where you live • At Jackson at cusp of 4/5 neighborhoods • Missing: ice cream business, i.e. Dairy Queen; Full Scale BBQ Restaurants; vitamin center; large scale, Black-owned restaurant; Black Community Resource Center -i.e. Black Dollar Day Task Force should be in that center. Partner with SP&R Garfield CC and increase senior programs and inform the neighborhood. Need some place where information is found / reviewed / i.e. increase hours of library or community centers for computer access; identify place for p • don't need more of shops and restaurants, already have a lot, need to give existing businesses more chance to thrive • Definitely a change. Used to have primarily EBT customers, now higher income residents we're trying to appeal to..... • Clothing stores, not necessarily Ross but need a place where we can buy some clothing items; more diverse restaurants because that's what bring more people and money into the neighborhood; this is a nice area, but could be a weekend shopping/one-stop location for folks; maybe a small theater, not a big chain, but a small independent theater. • Different businesses & recreational places • Youth recreation centers, restaurants and movie | |

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| | | theaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New businesses and recreational centers. • Balance people's needs- jobs, stores, but also pollution • No big business will create more traffic • We should have more businesses that benefit the entire community. • Need a grocery store with fresh produce • Need places that cater to this neighborhood — WinCo, Dollar Tree, Safeway, Fred Meyer/Target • Need restaurants, the sit-down kind, places with healthy food, soul food • fast foods, fresh food/produce, Fred Meyers or other stores where everything is under one roof | |
| Jackson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping • Red Apple • Starbucks • E African Imports • Ethnic Foods and Goods • Jackson Stores (food and goods) • Bakery • Banking • Money transfer • Walgreens • Red Apple • Starbucks • Church (on 27th) • Seattle Vocational School • WA Middle School • Library • Community Center (27th & Spruce) • DSHS • City of Seattle Services • Gym & playground • No Wal-Mart • Lots of people when school gets out • How do we address Yesler – It feels left out. • Community meeting places – How important • Inclusive places, but need more • Hospitals to be closer • Latino cultural center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smell of bread factory • Good design of tech school • Diversity very important • Like the crosswalk flags/ could use flags on Union • There's a lot there in the Promenade development. It's just that the arrangement is awfully ugly and not at all pedestrian-oriented. No urban identity. • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see more restaurants • Concerned about empty store fronts • Concerned about the economic opportunity development • Concerned about people being priced out of their homes • Parking lot in front of prominent on 23rd is large, dark and intimidating • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural places? We need them to build a sense of community, to share and more cultural events. |
| Cherry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping • Transit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Cherry & Union are the heart of the CD neighborhood (there are more shoppers here) • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage Clean up on Cherry • Crime activity at the Arco 23rd & Cherry • Not a feeling of safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve landscaping on west side of community center |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work • Restaurants • Gas station • Community center • Pool/Medger Everest • DSHS • Elny Park • Catfish Corner • Ezell's • Garfield High School • Arts Community / Community Center • Old brick apartment building • Recess parking in front of pool • Restaurants on MLK | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better lighting needed • Prostitution in area • Abandoned properties | |
| Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tougo (food) • Movie • Food • Central Cinema • Post office • Post Office • Gas station • Yoga • Transit • Mana's hair products • Med Mix • Med-mix has made difference • 20/20 cycle shop • Neighbor lady • Liquor • 99 cent store • Katy's coffee • Café cortona • (22nd & U) Ethiopian restaurant • Real estate company (work) • Melting Pot • Transportation • Creative area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st & Union store good but no parking • Walking/Driving to post office can be dangerous • Cut out parking on Union is good • 23rd is dangerous to walk on • Uncertain about Beer store on 23rd and Union | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dead zones on MLK & Union (not enough going on) • E. Cherry & Union are the heart of the CD neighborhood (there are more shoppers here) • | |
| Access to Healthy Food | | | |
| Where do you buy food? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitol Hill/Roosevelt for grocery stores that I like. Wish there was a higher quality grocery store/food coop closer to us • Mostly downtown, Capitol Hill, groceries at Trader Joe's on Madison. • We shop at the Promenade Red Apple for | Why do you go to these places to buy food? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenient, close, parking • Close to residence • Easy Access and it's on my way home (walking distance) • Price is cheaper • Convenience (grocery outlet, can walk there) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of food and selection at the Promenade Red Apple, is not very good. Especially the produce. It would be nice to have a better grocery store, or farmer's market near 23rd Jackson. Jackson needs a neighborhood pub. • But there is NO decent grocery store in the central area. Yes, there is Safeway on Madison | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |

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| <p>groceries, because it is a short walk. We walk to the ID for restaurants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I usually drive to grocery shopping but occasionally walk or drive to Red Apple- but more expensive. • I go to the Grocery Outlet a lot for food and the Twilight Exit and Neighbor Lady for food and drinks. I generally walk to these places. • A co-op type grocery, better coffee shops, offices, more restaurants, boutiques. We go to Trader Joe's, Central Co-op, Safeway and Grocery outlet (only sometimes). • Natural Foods store or co-op. I drive to Trader Joe's in Madison Valley and Safeway at Madison. Natural Foods store or co-op. We need more restaurants and coffee shops and diverse store front shops. • I shop here for food but all other shopping I do downtown. • I walk to Safeway, Trader Joe's and Central Co-Op. • Red Apple, Walgreen. Convenience and location. More choices for retail. • Groceries we go to the Red Apple, the Grocery Outlet or the Friday Farmer's Market. We normally drive. • Groceries at Central Coop, usually via car from Montlake. • I shop at the Promenade, the Friday market at MLK and Union and at the central coop on cap hill. Madrona Grocery Outlet, • Grocery Outlet • Madrona Grocery Outlet, • Trader Joe's, • Trader Joe's, • Trader Joes, • Trader Joes • Safeway • Safeway, • Safeway, • Red Apple, • Red Apple, • Lam Seafood, • Lam Seafood, • Viet Wah, • Farmer's Market, • Uwajimaya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality food • Support food bank, great deli • grocery outlet is awesome • Cultural food items • Coop – bulks and organics • There are good places to eat around Cherry Ave, but there could be more | <p>and down on Rainer, but one is too far and the other feels more like a convenience store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need a farmer's market, more neighbor restaurants and shops. • Better farmer's market - I end up at U. District market because of the range of fresh veg/fruit available. • Can't get what I need at the grocery stores closer to home • Central area was black listed by PCC; wouldn't compete with Central Market • No gas station, many choices for food outside of the three core • Increased size of farmers market • Farmer's market • Farmers markets • Food Shopping • Lots of markets; food • A grocery store at 23rd/Union • Access to healthy food (NOT Whole Foods) • Central co-op (additional) • Bakery – more food stores • Bakery • Fish market • Food trucks • Butcher shop • Affordable fresh fruits and produce; farmer's markets. Red Apple prices are exorbitant. • No p-patches in Jackson area, wish there will be one and it will provide opportunities | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food band (on 20th between Lane and Weller), • Fatima Grocery, | | | |
| Business Organization and Entrepreneurial Development | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe that the central area is Good to do business. • It is a good location for business & a good location to serve the community. • I have many customers around here • Very diverse customers | <p>Do you see a need for a business organization in the neighborhood? How could a business organization help your business?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for business organization. It can help bring businesses together in a cohesive way, and for businesses to communicate and support each other, and work together to provide service to the community and improve community. <p>Jackson commons is a good group/ organization built by residents. To build a successful organization like that with businesses and residents collectively will be the best for the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is a Chamber then it should be beneficial. • You'll see resistance to anything that would decrease the income for business owners. It would be an uphill battle unless you can demonstrate that businesses can have a financial gain in something like this. It's all about the bottom line. • We looked at expanding promotion, but rely primarily on word-of-mouth and auto and foot traffic. • That needs to be on a higher level than me. The last thing I need is to sit in a meeting. That's not my cup of tea. • Yes! If there is a business organization, there would be sharing of ideas and opinions among different business owners. The organization might play its role in attracting customers. Our business might be more accountable. • Yes! It would help me facilitate my business • Yes! It may help me improve my business activities and accountability. Our business may also be known to other customers through the organization. • I don't know if it is going to help? Maybe and association would work. Please put more money towards the police department so they can protect the business patrons. Hire more cops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep co-op, not sold to business > re-zone for increase height on top floor, community space, cooking, computers, living space, gardens on roofs, living buildings, apartments; co-op that have apprenticeships for young people; continuous increase nurturing increase thriving neighborhood; put SHA include affordable housing, increase roots, increase people dedicated to providing affordable housing in the neighborhood • Local First/ hire people from the neighborhood (even during construction of new buildings) • Entrepreneurial businesses in all nodes • Co-op businesses & co-op housing nurture neighborhood • Attract major employer to neighborhood e.g. Microsoft or Amazon • Carve out space for incubator businesses • State banks – credit union – loans for businesses • Apprentice opportunities now and when redevelopment occurs • Places for young people to work, including apprenticeships and internships • Business: Help Small Business |

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| | | <p>What are the major challenges of the business community/district? What neighborhood improvements can help your business be more successful?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic situation, I guess it's getting better. Banks are not willing to lend money; should invest more; more incentives to build here. • Safety remains an issue. If it is not safe people do not want to come to the area. It is not beneficial for businesses too. • It would be nice to create an image of a safer environment. • Jackson street corridor has been improved a lot with recent beautification effort including street lights and cleanup. It is in a comparative good shape but still need many improvements. The area hasn't been paid enough attention as other areas in Seattle. <p>A lot of the history in the area should be told, for example the building the current business is in has been there since 1895. It evolves over times and change different uses.</p> <p>In term of physical improvement, people should take pride and take care of buildings. There is a lot of gang tagging and graffiti mostly took place on commercial buildings. Businesses can't get rid of them fast enough. There should be resources and support available to business to fix them.</p> | |

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| Community Character & Identity | | | |
| <p>General How would you describe the importance of these community cores to you and your families?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live/work | <p>Why did you choose to live, work, shop, play, own a business, etc in the Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centrally located | <p>What isn't working well in the community cores?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Node intersections be improved for pedestrian/walkable city (Cherry-Union) – Greater pedestrian experience via art, etc. | <p>What would encourage you to visit businesses in these community cores (Union, Cherry, and Jackson) more often?</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live/shop/post office • Live/drive thru • Each are different • Single family character should be maintained • Diverse housing stock /easy to destroy and how to replace? • The hubs are the focus • Transitions and edges • Most ppl of our culture live here • Communities are very different from each other • Crucial, since this is the "walkability" that drew me here. • Seattle's diversity is important to me. • The character of the core is hugely important to the identity of the community. It's got to have all elements mentioned: meeting places, shopping, etc. • Having more places that serve cultural needs - ethnic bookstores, etc., that would also be of interest to more people who once lived here to find it pleasing to visit and interact in a more welcoming fashion. • Wonderfully inspiring ethnic diversity and affordable places to eat out when we choose to do that. • It's important to me to have places of business (grocery shopping, restaurants/coffee, etc.) w/in walking distance of home. • Shopping and dining • Work/shop • Lot of African cultural shops • Ethiopian tax café • Dining • Source of food and entertainment • We like to spend time in the park and eat/drink out. Thriving street life (people walking, shops) are important to quality of life. We don't own a car, so walking to grocery, restaurant, entertainment, transit is very important. Although it's on Madison, we use the YMCA for fitness sometimes. • The options are pretty limited in the CD. It is a very do-it-yourself type of neighborhood which I like. Most of the businesses are little independent upstarts scattered around. There is no center of the CD. I love the neighbors and the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to action • Close to service • Proximity • Close to everything • Central • Shopping is close – most don't drive • Convenient (parks, shop, close to town, etc) • Convenience of the post office; location of daughter's school (Garfield). • Easy access • Close to downtown – new growth/development • Convenience, walk to work, good place for families • Convenient proximity, culturally diverse ½ Chinese • The community to centrally located near other neighborhoods that I also frequent. • Centrally located and compact. Integrated, connected to rest of city by bus and beautiful. Don't have car and great place to walk • Close to downtown and Capitol Hill • Close to freeways and access to work. • Close to everything, downtown, freeways, reasonable transit, though needs improvement • No car, and convenient walking distance to downtown and Capitol Hill • Convenient, used to be multicultural, • Proximity to downtown, ethnic mix, affordability • Central location; diverse population in terms of race, ethnicity and socio-economic status; non-homogeneous mix of businesses, housing, etc. • It's close to where I live and there are good businesses there (Central Cinema, Twilight Exit / Neighbor Lady, BBQ Pit, etc) • Access to downtown and interstate. • The closeness to many large business hubs and downtown paired with the friendly neighborhood feel and space. • Location, location, location • Best place to transport to any other part of the City; residence of elders • Within walking distance of Seattle University. Housing was available and affordable. • Location • Location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquor store – attracts bad activity • Dollar store – attracts bad activity • Center 23rd/Union poorly maintained • Red Apple – expensive/poor selection • Zoning doesn't support cohesive business concentration • Economic resources needed for young adults in particular • Most ethnic stores are closing because of slow economy/recession • Fruit/veggie stand • Farmer's Market • No bus access/route (Jefferson) • No public space as you move south away from Capitol Hill • Good, but demographic change brings tensions • More places for youth – Douglass Truth overfull • Availability of alcohol to young people problematic (spirits now sold in grocery stores) • Traffic safety • Historic classes/alt. education • Cloud 9 Hookah Lounge (too close to Garfield) • More restaurants, shopping – small, locally owned biz • CMU • Bike ease down • Clothing shops • Welcome Wagon- Community Block Watch <p>What do you consider the characters of each community core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people, jobs, markets, housing • Major bus change places • Need things to do related to that • Unless there are subsidies to help developers, nothing will get developed • Do have CDC developers are looking [at area] • Business-oriented • Most ppl of color live in this area • coming to Starbucks) – other areas the same/not unique • The three nodes are very different from each other. Makes it difficult to answer the questions: • African American *MECCA* Black American • Don't see difference in union, cherry, Jackson, all nodes need improvements, but represent same identify of Central Area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-corporate, affordable, sustainable, and culturally sensitive • Stay the same • Safer bike route, safer streets, appealing storefronts • More businesses catering to a broader community. • 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 make sense - also I put homes on # 6 but affordable housing is the answer that is accurate for what is most needed • More shops generally. They don't need to be ethnic. • A mix of retail and restaurant uses, with better pedestrian and bike access • I already do • Better quality service businesses. • Good food and quality products • More family businesses, more appealing storefronts, and safer streets would all equally encourage me. • Bring in market rate housing and relocate the social services and eliminate the criminals and also bring in higher end retail • Higher quality shops, so I don't have to leave the CD to get what I want/need • We already do visit lots of retail and restaurants in the area <p>What improvement would you like to see in these community cores to enhance community identify?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like some business support for three nodes • Entrepreneurial start-up centers: Process, Education, On-site resources • Spaces for people to open small business • More ethnic stores – East African • More businesses that bring people together like Starbucks • More local jobs • Identity of cores – enhance • Give Union & Cherry cores more neighborhood feel; Jackson more "suburban like" • Cores should have neighborhood identity (Union-Cherry) – become neighborhood destinations • East African cultural center where immigrants/refugees can get services • Uniformity of lighting • Street lights (more) • Good urban design to control parking |

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| <p>neighborhood streets but the core does not exist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't like to travel long distances for activities and services. I would like more available closer to home. If they were all inclusive and diverse they would reflect a better vision of what Seattle claims to want and be. Important, need more development, things are improving. I feel like there is some effort to create community among neighbors and a real interest in improving the cores. For now, these cores are mostly "pass throughs" for me, with the exception of a few businesses/restaurants I patronize. Very important need but the neighbor is gentrifying and there is no stopping it. It's v. important that opportunities are available to residents of the Central Area. Farmer's market at MLK and Union-pretty important Parks- pretty important Recreation, shopping Schools, safety, storefronts - pubs, bars, cafes and shops with transparent windows. Café seating so we can take back the streets. They are extremely important, but could be a lot better with more spaces available for small businesses and events. Very important Limited Pretty important, albeit I am in the so called working class, I feel there is an either or mentality. Government services for low income or private shops for special interests. No high quality family opportunities for families with youth to go out, gather or join together, particularly if a person of color (African American or other urban natives to the Central area). Live work school on and on They provide the background to my life. I think they are very important. Union core not never because not much going on except med mix and neighbor lady-which we go to and tougo coffee up the street. Have to shop and it would be more convenient to do it close to home. Support the community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central location; Potential up-and-coming neighborhood Close to downtown/UW, diverse/progressive community, affordable (at the time) The accessibility, the relative affordability, the diversity of ethnicity, age, and income. We chose to buy a home in this area because of the convenience to many neighborhoods of Seattle and the public transit to the UW. It's central right next to great shopping, transit and really has a neighborhood feel to it. I like the location, the diversity of the neighborhood, and the sense of community. The CD is close to everything - downtown, shopping with 1 mile, my friends, close to I-90 and 520, the UW, good libraries, lovely parks. Walkability, proximity to downtown, diversity It was affordable, convenient to other parts of town, and walkable. & school hub. These would be where a march would be Accessible bus routes are key Easy bus access Lights by bus stops 25th/union Public transportation Free parking Walkable Bikable Easy transportation Originally I came for an affordable house. I also saw strong potential for redevelopment into a solid neighborhood commercial node at 23rd and Jackson, with apartments and offices in support of ground-floor shops and restaurants. It has character and it used to have a lot of diversity. I like the diversity and it's close to the city. I live near my business, & I grew up nearby Work here The program we're in is located here (all participants) I would love to live here because of the diversity, many services here, beautiful old homes I really like the social and cultural diversity It's unique | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Desired in Cores</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of this & a strong community Respect by police Vibrant streetscape – flowers, gardens, good scenery Government services – post office Parks full of children Security Low crime Bus stops (open) – bus schedule + benches Great food Cleanliness Good lighting Garfield High School Storefronts are more like main street than strip malls Gathering space to talk, know each other Fully-used buildings (for all public) Serve the homeless Affordable housing Public art Services for children – tutoring Festivals Potholes fixed No violence Active stores Opportunities for diverse groups to gather Avoid segregation among students Shopping is important. No reason to go if there is nothing to do. Need a good anchor like Safeway on Jackson. The apple is nice but expensive and I don't like family members going there by themselves. I'd love to see more retail, restaurants and pubs in these areas. Something that would make people hang out here. There is no reason why we shouldn't grow like Capitol Hill has grown. The three cores outlined are scarcely used by me. I visit the union core mostly for the post office only. I would visit more often if there were more successful shops/restaurants. I use the Cherry core mostly for the park and of the three is probably my most used. As for the Jackson core I do some grocery shopping there but fear that the area may lose the Red Apple without gaining a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking spaces at core areas Improve sidewalk environment (safety, lighting) Community should have more cohesive urban design strategy down 23rd to tie these cores together Street trees that are chosen correctly not too large Sidewalk improvements More art (publically) Jazz Clubs Visual and performance arts 23rd & Union art piece was loved and was removed Use art to make spaces welcoming More of a destination area – no walkable Make community cultural resources more available to youth We don't want to stop development. Not stop development, need good planning and stop pollution good, safe and quiet neighborhood Good planning is needed to not damage the environment. Community should help clean up <p>What opportunities can new development bring? How would it work for the community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership with agencies to connect developers to community needs. Having intention about multi-generation, cultural Community say in design Opportunity of young and old shouldn't be monotonous housing style New development needs to be set back from street (Broadway has stop lights; Traffic isn't going through) 23rd has a long way to go to be active. Don't know bus b/c I can't see them from the street Canyon can be high 65 could be good. Need to allow for growth Every block seems to have a church. When I walk I hear music on Sundays More ppl of color and immigrants coming here Businesses would flourish Cultural center will make ppl happy, change perception of area New housing and job opportunity Habitat housing – more in this area |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These cores have great potential, but I am concerned that new development will make cost per sq ft rents too expensive for local businesses. We already have quizno and taco del mar at 23rd/Jax. chain stores should be banned. • Pretty important. I currently do more shopping in Cap Hill than the Central Area and would love to support more businesses in the Central Area - fresh food, restaurants, etc. • These are nexuses with a lot of potential for businesses serving the local neighborhood • Shopping; OK, need more restaurants & bars • Allowing for culturally inclusive places to meet, shop, and have business enriches the community • Important to have services and businesses within walking distance. We have a car, but use as little as possible. • We shop in the Jackson core, but would like to shop and eat in all of the cores more often. • We live within walking distance of the Jackson core so we would like to see more shops and restaurants that we can walk to. • The cherry core is hugely important to me. Creating a safe and fun area for all ages, and focusing on improving the draw for young adults is important. • These cores were very important in past decades, but now sort of depressing and neglected. • Shopping and business districts in easy walking distance are very important • We frequent restaurants, bars, theater, post office, coffee shops because they are local. • A nice variety of restaurants and a few good bars nearby. • Very important • Question too vague and leading • Very important. Specifically for people to be able to walk to them and feel safe. • They're important in the sense that they are proximity to where I live and provide access to certain amenities in a more "neighborhood"-y scale than a place like Capitol Hill. To me this means more low-key yet still active mixed-use areas that provide shopping, dining, and bar/lounge type of uses. It's also great to have small-scale yet important retails and other uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was raised in the area. It's my home! • It was once the core of Black businesses. I wanted to live among Black people, aka African Americans. • Diversity, work nearby • It is diverse and dynamic. • Grew up here. • 2nd generation • Born & raised in CD • Diversity, affordability, proximity to central city • I live in the CD and want to work in my community. • Diversity • Diversity and affordability • Friends, diversity, proximity to downtown, affordability. • Most of my social group lives in the area. Often visit homes, stores, cafes, and parks in the CD. • I married someone who owned a house in the area and we've stayed. • I rented here and, when it came time, I bought a home here. I believe in this neighborhood and love it's community feel. We stick together in the CD. • Character of the community, residents, history, proximity to downtown and UW. • Wanted to be part of Cohousing- Jackson Place Cohousing • Jackson Place Cohousing • It's affordable, it's casual, it's central, it's diverse, it wonderful trees. • We could afford a house here and it is close to everywhere else in the city but still an escape from the hustle. • Housing costs are reasonable, nearby to friends, ok commute. Great access to parks and bike trails. Lots of families. • Affordable housing • Affordability • Price, proximity to transit • Prices and location. • Affordable, growing nicer, proximity to downtown and Capitol Hill • I was able to buy my first home here 13 years ago. It was affordable and central to downtown. | <p>strong anchor store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three core areas are underdeveloped as retail shopping, dining, entertainment, and housing centers. They need more storefront businesses, more height & density, more pedestrian traffic for a livable street life. • I live in the Cherry core, but when I want to do anything I have to leave the CD. • I wish they were meeting places. There's not much in the way of family-friendly meeting places other than the highly successful Starbucks at 23rd and Jackson or the library. • This area is desperate for meeting places for youth and adults, together and separately. Right now the area • Lots of culture, parks. this is a historic neighborhood and organizations can help preserve it that way • We can help keep the culture of the neighborhood, not dramatic changes that could make the culture to be lost <p>What needs to be preserved or improved that can present the identity of Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More affordable single family homes for people earning less than \$40,000. • Cooperative housing would be an improvement. Cooperative businesses would be an improvement • Diversity of stores • Maintain historical / funded aspect for CA history, i.e. A-A Museum; • Black-owned and ethnic businesses are important to each of the areas. • Again, anything to decrease crime rate. New mix use buildings are terrific as long as current residents can afford the rents. I would love to see many more improvements for pedestrians down MLK and 23rd if possible. Green belt down middle of MLK would be great. • I know gentrification has been hard for the African Americans who have lived in this community for 40+ years. I like diversity. I just want to be safe in my community. And I know my African American neighbors want the same. I envision something like Alberta St in Portland which is a community like the CD. There are great | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools need to be an integrated part of the community; community use and cross dialogue between schools • Better transport connections – transit connectivity • Circulator bus to major neighborhood destinations • Group process must be inclusive • Youth activities – broad range to cover multiple interests • Jobs • Housing – affordable • Low-income (CHHIP) • Homeless vets • Info on where to find housing <p>What needs the most improvement on Union, Cherry and Jackson?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police response time for incidents involving drugs/lewd acts • Needed (street improvements) especially on E Cherry neighborhood • Cherry corridor • Focus on east-west if aren't willing to fix 23rd • Ditto • Greenway • Health inequity • What type of development makes for a healthy community? • There are places nearby that we want to share with people who are important to us • Increase garage spaces for businesses : incubator businesses / make "storefronts" • Rezone to NC1 delicate balance keep character of shorter buildings • Increase flexibility for existing buildings • Don't incentivize replacement • More wide streets – too narrow (for cars), accidents • More lighting • Business that reflect the Community and are here for the long run • Better internet service • Museum • Ease of movement: Transportation • Bikes • Trolley Tracks are bad for bikes • There is more traffic around Garfield and |

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| <p>(medical, library, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It feels good to be connected to a community -- the local stores, staff, shoppers • We love this community of people. We love the families on our street (24th/Marion) and have weekly potlucks, an annual camping trip together. We have many places to walk to but generally they are in Madrona and Capitol Hill. We love the Ethiopian restaurants, med mix, Ezell's, Tougo coffee...I feel the landowners at 24th/Union are greedy. They only want excessive rent from the post office, not to develop the corner. • It used to be Jewish living on the view properties, Blacks in the neighborhoods • Rising property values & new buildings that are unaffordable for many • Diversity is good for a neighborhood but not a necessity. What's more important is a sense of community. • Long term residents feel alienated & pushed out by the City or government • We've heard "The neighborhood is for whites now." <p>What do you consider to be the characteristics of each community core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity in people, businesses, kinds of activities. • Again, the CD has lost so much of its soul and has become a white enclave with fences, traffic circles, and dog amenities. This area needs to be a preserved center of rhythm & soul! Not the new Brooklyn. • Each has some wonderful buildings, restaurants, shops, and pocket parks that create a vibrancy that is worth celebrating and building upon. • It needs to remain the culturally diverse area that it is • I don't see much worth preserving. • Sense of community is improving, needs more improvement. • Too many vacant spaces / underdevelopment in the commercial corridors • A diversity of ideas, businesses and opinions. • In transition. • I love the cultural diversity and funkiness (e.g., the Umojo mural) of the community and don't | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood feel/walking • Lovely older home that I could afford, great transit, diversity, schools (elementary choices proved to be less desirable than I had hoped 20 years ago.) We still need better access to more good elementary schools. • 1st AME • Calvary • Mt. Zion • Mt. Zion • Mt Zion can walk to church • Goodwill • C.A.M.P. • Odessa Brown • Greater Mt. Baker Church • Tabernacle Church • New Hope Church • Langston Hughes • Urban League • African-American museum • legacy museum • ACT • Church in the area • Catholic charity • Garfield Community Center • Community gardens bring people together • Good clean parks • Use Public resources • Douglass Truth • Horace Mann • Bailey-Gassert • School/Library • Schools are close to homes • Community Center/Park • Garfield H.S. & C.C. "Superblock" • Relocated to Seattle. Found a space in CD, and have fallen in love with convenience to work/fun, etc. • Less riff/raff trouble makers • Crime – decrease more • Decrease in crime; less gang activity • Feeling more safe, more lighting • Safety • New shops attract more people • Untapped potential | <p>restaurants and a lot of diversity. Preserved - AA businesses and churches. Improved - safety, walkability, biking, development of empty lots, creating perhaps a business district not unlike some of the development in Fremont.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many empty lots that I wish could be filled with good businesses that provide jobs and healthy resources for the community, without overrunning the traditional African & African-American and other ethnic businesses that have defined this area. • Maximum two story building height is very nice. I prefer not to have the sky blocked with huge buildings. • New design should reflect the design of an older neighborhood with a rich history. The history of the various groups who have built the community should be woven into the design. It should not look like a new suburban community. The look and feel should basically in some way reflect that this as an older part of the city with a rich history. Parks need to be added. • It is crucial to change the negative perception of the area and present positive identify. For example, the Quincy Jones Performance Center at Garfield is a great asset. Central Area has diverse culture and races all come together. It should have banner to express cultural identify, community identify such as Chinatown/ID, capitol hill, Fremont etc. • The central core has been an African American community. However it has been changing. Income level is growing, new buildings are emerging, more people come which is nice for my business. • From what I understand, there wasn't much to preserve. People say, oh the CD, that used to be gang territory. But not anymore. It's gotten better. It's undergoing gentrification, and it's more diverse now. • Walkability needs to be preserved. A lot of people walk around here and have no cars. People can walk and get a lot of their needs taken care of around here. • Garfield Community Center and some churches • Population diversity. I personally observed that African Americans are leaving the area. | <p>Washington making it less safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would Like small office spaces/retail too • Encourage an active re-use of Nova School site • Would like movie Theater at Fire Station (23rd & Yesler) • Improved zoning between 24th and 26th on Cherry to accommodate neighborhood uses • Development in vacant lots • Pedestrian-focused retail • Improve facades of storefronts • Put vacant storefronts to good use • Finish construction • Priorities (same for Union, Cherry & Jackson) • Green space • Continued bus service • Better Communication (news etc)including Squire News & Leschi News, Central districtnews.com • More printing locations • Better advertising for other community events • Better Communication amongst city departments • City should sponsor community newsletter • Nora's woods • It's safer walking because of street improvements, but we need more! • It's safe to walk to Madrona and Leschi, but kids walk with the parents • Keep single family units – okay with density • Would like community festival at Garfield CC • Draw people from entire circle from Madison to Yesler • Maybe not so much need more parks/green space but need to make greater use of and convince people they are save/create the perception of family safe. • Safe city: People on the street: walking, shopping; Lighting; Restaurants; Must make it attractive to merchants so they invest • Blight. Loitering is a problem. People just hanging out makes me not want to stop. I just keep driving. <p>What needs to be preserved or improved that can present the identity of Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Area plan which designated a specific function to the cores should be updated to ensure that each core is relatively complete such the |

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| <p>want to lose that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd & Cherry is more white, cleaner, more built-up • Not much difference between the core areas • 23rd & Union is fancier • 23rd & Jackson is livelier, more people on the street | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shops – businesses • Catfish Corner • Fran’s • Promenade 23 (Red Apple, etc.) • Starbucks • Promenade – Ezeus • Business • Property/Business • Work with Coyote Central • 11th/34th Ave Paper (the Facts) • More Businesses/Development (Union/Cherry) • Farmers market • 23rd/24th at E Union and E Spring Street owned by neighborhood is a cooperative with affordable housing and ground-level co-op retail: • need HUD loans; national coop bank loans • Historical Support • Walking to bus/Stores • Safety • Aside from the crime and drug use, it is a pretty nice area. • Live: Schools Business: Good opportunities • Up and coming neighborhood with great potential • Nice houses. Walkable to downtown. Affordable • I've lived here for 8 years and love it. I work from home. <p>What is working well in the community cores (Union, Cherry, and Jackson)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater density in commercial areas • Options • Essentials – shoe repair, dry cleaner, blue jeans • Cannabis shopping? • Starbucks • Catholic Community Services • Neighborhood Service Center • 23rd Ave bus access • Transportation • Library • Parks have improved • Community Group Participation • Merchants Group: CDA; Union Groups • Katie’s Café • Central Cinema • Madison Valley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diversity of the community • Our vision = everyone who wants to live here could (live here) and feels wanted • Would like improvement to happen without property values rising and forcing long-term resident out <p>What isn't working well in the community cores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic diversity is not going well. • Stores and housing. • Need more independent businesses, fewer national chains. Need restaurants and bars (like Twilight Exit) Get rid of Auto Parts store. • Neighborhood griots are missing - those people who hold the history of the neighborhood and share it. • Traffic patterns and parking is congested now. • I guess increased property values IS working but to the detriment of middle class residents who might otherwise find this an attractive place to live - in single family homes. • Great-Judkins Park, Garfield Not so great-- Washington Middle School, Promenade Sq • Poor roads for bike infrastructure, personal safety issues, and deferred maintenance on buildings are among items not working. • There are too many people hanging out with nothing to do. • Not enough multifamily housing to justify better retail. More affordable town houses would lead to more public school parents/kids • Auto oriented shopping, high crime/perception of crime, dirty, nowhere to go and sit or make u stay for a couple of hours. • Larger scale business that can allow smaller shops to survive by approximation of location. • We walk up 21st when going between Jackson, Cherry and Union. Many of the businesses have unfriendly storefronts that don't show what's inside them or welcome new customers. • I'm looking forward to having larger buildings developed here. • Need street improvements and other traffic safety options and better lighting, employment opportunities for youth of color and more home ownership. | <p>surrounding community can have reasonably complete services and products nearby (grocery, restaurants, childcare, etc). quick access along 23rd will allow complimentary services to be established.</p> <p>What needs the most improvement on Union, Cherry, and Jackson?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting rid of vacant buildings. • More of everything, except national chain retail stores. No Whole Foods. Yes, apartments, offices, bars, restaurants, small businesses. • Good restaurants with affordable food, traffic calming keep the post offices jobs for kids in the community housing & shops shoe repair, farmers market • Improved retail opportunities as well as restaurants • More commerce -> more people -> more safety • Retail development. • Shops and storefront design • Infill development, wider sidewalks, narrower streets. • More shops and restaurants and housing to support them. • More housing = more people to support shops, and create community. • Old buildings need to be torn down and mixed use, affordable buildings need to go in. Pedestrian friendly sidewalks, & blvd type main roads. More traffic circles, speed bumps, and park fences. • More businesses houses and people. • We need re-investment. Quality, fine-grained development, with smallish (10,000sf or less) footprints. We want Wallingford, not Ballard. Make the intersections more ped friendly, get rid of auto oriented businesses (gas), and encourage small scale mixed use. • More restrictions on parking that inhibits sight lines and fewer availability for people who drive into the neighborhood and park for free and catch the bus. Residents should always have on-street parking priority. • On street parking, Storefront appearance, street and yard maintenance. • Do not need Late hour clubs and restaurants. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Others (see Map – Table 11) • Arts education in public schools • Services/amenities: culturally-specific restaurants (rents are high) and retail • Stationery store • Cherry is cool • The public transportation is working very well. It is extremely convenient. • Union has great potential thanks to pattern set by old buildings up and down Union. • Strong sense of pride and community plus above mentioned diversity, including areas of worship and food are among those working. • Garfield community center is great. • Gentrification is working well. • Safety, nice coffee shops • Buses are pretty good, could always be better lack of affordable housing • Community spaces, mostly thoughtful (or no) development is working for now. I'm grateful this process is under way and is being carefully considered. • Like Jackson & Union. • Too Africans and others gathering at Starbucks; no intermingling - gathering place - for different races to learn about one another - NEED A RACE CONFERENCE FOR THE CENTRAL AREA • What is working is there is energy of change. • There are a number of great East African restaurants (Meskel, Assimba) and the Twilight Exit is doing well on Cherry. • The parks do a nice job of highlighting the contributions of African-American leaders of the area (Flo Ware, Pratt, Powell Barnett, etc). The Douglas-Truth library is great. • Sense of safety, attractive storefronts, and sense of place need to be strengthened. • Jackson - Starbucks is an important community gathering place. Recent redevelopment of former CCS parking lot has created more urban feel. • Cherry • Locating social service agencies there, no real retail and the sequestering of criminals in the area that no one in Seattle wants in their neighborhood. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income housing is nonexistent, and it is very expensive to live in this neighborhood. • There are a lot of underutilized areas--vast expanses of wasted frontage along Jackson. • Transit service to the neighborhood keeps getting cut. We need expanded service on the 27 route and reliable service on the 48 route. • Too much of the space around 23rd and Jackson is dedicated to cars. The huge parking lots are a waste of space that could be more stores, green space or pedestrian space. • Panhandlers bothering people. There are a number of boarded up businesses. • Better walkability. • DPD following written rules and applying them to everyone would be a good start. DPD isn't properly following laws. • Bad sidewalks and little room for bikes makes it an area people drive straight through • The fact that nobody but you sees them as a "core". If a red apple and a Walgreen's on Jackson/23rd constitutes a core... well I find the title lacking to begin with. • There are several dying shopping centers in both the Union and Jackson cores. I could see that increasing the living/business density and pedestrian connection between the cores would help strengthen the community in the area. • Litter, vandalism and drug use is too prevalent. • Crime and shootings are a big obvious problem. I think parks are something that works very well. • However, the Catholic Community Center [at Yesler] creates a dead zone for development on the other side of the street. There's nothing friendly or interesting in that spot. Just a lot of closed blinds and concrete walls. • The old fire station could be a really neat community center or pub. It would make an excellent pedestrian gathering space in front because of the large open area. • Safety/gangs are a huge problem -- worse than 20 years ago • Too few spaces for new businesses, jobs, affordable homes and general social gathering. • There aren't enough restaurants or shops. • Storefronts are old, not attractive. Many stores do not appeal to local residents. | <p>Most will cause problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed of traffic, lack of street life b/c of poor sidewalk / ROW area and few shops of diverse interests. • Better traffic control. It is not easy for pedestrians, particularly at 23rd and Jackson. There are lots of kids on the streets when schools let out and I fear an accident someday. • Street surfaces. • 23rd is a small highway • Pedestrian access on 23rd. Commercial development in the form of independent businesses providing a variety of services/entertainment. • Blighting. auto-centricity... • Traffic patterns, safe ped/bike/transit and thoughtful retail and housing development. • Street parking on 23rd, CPTED on all new construction. Don't allow banks on corners at Union and Jackson. • I think more community events would be a good start. • More community events • Community events • More flowers, less litter, vandalism and crime • Graffiti and trash removal. Some landscaping would help. More green, less concrete. • Green and open space that feels friendly. A feeling of connectivity between the nodes. Destinations in each node. Destinations that might fit together in each node. Places to explore. A variety of retail and dining in any one of the spots. • Visual presentation - make the places look inviting! Brighten things up and remove the barred windows and doors! • Crime and beautification. • Safety, landscaping, coffee shops • Feel safe • Affordable housing cooperative housing cooperative businesses • Informational area / gathering of races / racism classes • Toss-up here -- need more businesses and rehabs to storefronts. It would be great to have a low-cost produce stand, like the ones in the ID or the new-ish one at 23rd and Rainier |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity is terrific. I LOVE the new or renewed parks and would highly encourage more pedestrian friendly walk ways down main streets. i.e.) The scale works right now, but I would like to see these areas grow to support additional residential and mixed-use capacity. 23rd is a major person-moving street and already accommodates relatively high-frequency transit, so it should be primed to accept more people living along the corridor. We love our electric powered buses The businesses that have developed in the area are so nice to see. Tougo is good. I am sorry to see Key Bank go, but the Capital Hill Housing project will probably be good. MedMix is good. Central Cinema, Pilates Studio and Katie's are good. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These cores have largely been underdeveloped, and have not received the attention that other business areas in the city have received. No on-street parking. Hate the Arco station, Auto Zone & Walgreens. Need more restaurants like Judkins Street Café. Need more frequent east-west transit. Need stop consolidation on the 48. Need more restaurants and goods to purchase. They are too utilitarian, and show too many signs of age. We need to brighten up storefronts, REMOVE BARS FROM WINDOWS, maybe convert a few houses to little restaurants, and open a community music venue. What isn't working is the perception of safety is still low due to crime. Businesses are dirty and uninviting around post office as well as Cherry. Ethiopian stores and restaurants are too prevalent. Safety (perceptions of safety) is still an issue. All three cores have substantial unused or under-used storefronts. It would be great to see more businesses or organizations on the streets. This area needs 23rd to be less of a thoroughfare and more conducive to a sense of neighborhood. I.e. it needs to support walking and biking better, it needs to feel safer and there needs to be some destination locations at each of these intersections. They just feel like car-oriented drive-by locations. Community members do not feel safe. Fear of crime and/or actual criminal activity is a deterrent to walking around the neighborhood sometimes. A green belt in middle of a number of stretches down MLK, specifically anywhere possible between Jackson & Madison. Would drastically improve the beauty and slow down speeding drivers in this area of parks and schools. Gunfire & crime rate is still extreme although better over the years. That said, 23rd can function as a barrier and isn't very person-scaled--it's much more auto-oriented than I would like it to be. We detest the fact that they [buses] are taken off | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Particularly important services (a clinic?), attractive storefronts, and retaining a certain amount of green/planting space to draw people in by attractiveness. Gas stations at union & cherry are nuisance properties that attract loiterers and drug dealers. New store fronts. MLK w/grass Blvd in middle. Question too vague and leading The plaza and the lot across from the gas station and key bank, vacant lot area. Probably the economy as a whole. |

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| | | <p>the electric lines on the weekends when we're actually home. They're loud and pollute and it's such a shame to have the quiet smashed by a diesel engine going up and down hills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are not well connected from a walkability standpoint. Zoning on 23rd leaves a lot of "dead space" that does not make it appealing to walk • No critical mass. There's one business I want to go to in each of the cores. It's hardly worth the walk when there is so little in each place. • Better street lighting would help. • The most important thing for attracting non-residents is more appealing storefronts that sell products people want to buy (e.g., organic food). • Also lots of park & riders fill up the area regularly. I'd like most streets to have restricted parking to discourage this. • There seems to be an inordinate amount of traffic cutting through the neighborhood to and from downtown; especially huge trucks. Where are they coming from and going to? 23rd is a thoroughfare but the whole area shouldn't be. • It seems like it should attract a good bakery. I have not been in the recently opened bakery yet. It sounds too sweet. • A small copy shop or hardware store might work. | |
| <p>Jackson What is the main way you use the Jackson core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starbucks and friends house • Langston Hughes • Rarely go there • Seldom use • I visit • Shopping and live in Judkins Park area • I don't • Pratt • No use, it is a social service ghetto without any useful retail <p>What do you consider to be the characteristics of each community core? What needs to be preserved or improved that can present the identity of Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd and Jackson seems to serve a broader CD , • Jackson = The ID meets the CD. Continue changing the old industrial Jackson to the newer Neighborhood Commercial Jackson. Better connect 23rd to 14th with better walking/biking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always people at 23rd/Jackson; lacking at others • Unique character at 23rd & Jackson • More developed • Commercial core of commercial core • Commerce • Larger buildings • Under utilized • Art • Transit hub • Jackson has the potential for being a neighbourhood gathering place. • The Yesler intersection has the library, which is a beautiful building with a nice open space around it. • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Promenade complex on Jackson could use broader mix of businesses- more appealing store fronts and look less like a strip mall. • Jackson has more going on commercially but the Promenade focused on its parking lots instead of its stores. It is the worst kind of strip mall with the parking in your face and all of the business hidden way at the back. Some of the newer development has been institutions upgrading their buildings so a solid block with no businesses tends to block activity rather than invite it. • Jackson & 23rd is depressing. It's all parking lots, or underdeveloped store fronts. Lots of litter, not enough trees. Chef Cafe has a beautiful mural on it, which is nice, but the rest of that side of the street and across the street is unfriendly to peds. Sidewalks are super narrow with poles in the way of walking. • Not enough pedestrian-orientation to development at 23rd and Jackson. It's obvious when you see someone drive from the lot north of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New fire station at MLK & Jackson – good location • Preserve the library – 23rd/Yesler • Get pedestrian grid back – more walkable vs. huge parking lots • Need to keep streets not speeding • How important is it that there is a place to live here? • -Absolutely important • - Need more elementary schools close to residential areas • - If you want diversity, you need support for the merchants • - *Need engagement/support groups for youths(teens) • - *Parks/recreation for teens • Bring back some elementary schools • Cultural diversity is VIP • Missing daycare and more schools • Jackson seemed to have a beginning and again I thank Starbucks for building on the corner at |

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| <p>to encourage that foot traffic that makes retail work. Reorient Promenade 23 away from the parking lots to more infill businesses with living spaces above similar to what is happening around Pratt park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the red apple at Jackson and 23rd but it could use a makeover and more produce, less processed food. • Jackson: The Starbucks is a nice gathering spot. Lots of pedestrian use. I'd love to see this expanded, instead of all the parking. There are lots of housing units in this area, but most businesses focus on auto access. Would really like to see more pedestrian development here. • Judkins Park, Langston Hughes. • Jackson, most developed, and improving with better storefronts, housing, and pedestrian improvements. • Jackson - It's a mess... education, jobs, shopping. • Hope the that the new Promenade is good. Like to see local businesses, not national chains • Jackson looks good, but doesn't appeal as far as services or businesses. • Jackson core - Starbucks is the anchor. This is a gathering place and there should be other places like this in this core. • 23rd and Jackson seems like it is sort of the shopping district for the CD, but there isn't anything there that invites people to spend time here. Jackson Street actually seems the problem to me. between 23rd and MLK should be prime real estate yet it is run down useless business, that I don't think anyone really thinks provide any sense of history of the area. How to encourage that 3 blocks to change in tone is the real challenge. One thing I think the city can do is increase the safety and experience of walking and biking in this area to increase engagement within the community and then I think business will respond to the obvious market opportunities. • I think the best thing about Union and Jackson St. cores is their struggle to keep diversity on the corners. Africans and African Americans dominate Starbucks customers, as well as employees at Walgreens and some businesses in the Promenade. But other than Starbucks, I don't really have a vision of 23rd and Jackson corners as | | <p>Jackson to the lot south of Jackson to run errands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson-still feels unsafe to me. took the bus to a Sounders game and there were a lot of foul mouthed kids on the bus who seemed aggressive. I'm hesitant to take that route again with my 8 y/o son. | <p>Jackson. The community should be more united in supporting and celebrating the good schools and in ensuring that all are good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson is my frame of reference. I don't know enough of the different needs at the other areas to in good conscience weigh them against what I know best • Jackson Street needs to be turned from a collection of poorly run businesses, vacant lots and churches to a group of business that engages the community on many levels • Jackson: Retail upgrade. • Jackson needs to get away from its car culture and embrace the neighbors that can walk or bike over. Also the gang culture south of Jackson in Judkins needs to be routed out. • |

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| <p>welcoming places....they seem to have walls to the streets that feel like barriers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson - improving! • 23rd and Jackson is the primary core for me. The heart of that is the Starbucks store with a great mix of people there -- staff and patrons alike. We need more places like that at all hours throughout the neighborhood • I see Jackson as a major-ish (or at least the potential for being a major) retail node. It is also well-served by transit, so could likely accommodate a higher amount of uses and people. • Jackson needs a quality mixed use development to replace the Promenade. Promenade is a suburban typology. Look to PDC's Vanport Square in PDX for a precedent. This node will set the tone for the central CD for a generation or two. • The Starbucks at 23rd and S. Jackson is great, and that store keeps me from ever feeling too critical of Starbucks. Is there room for another movie theater? • Jackson and 23rd seems the largest where a great grocery (organic) store or fairly substantial hardware store or even small theater could be located. • Jackson seems to be good Starbucks, Walgreens reason to go there. | | | |
| <p>Cherry What is the main way you use the Cherry core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting friends • Don't spend specific time in this core • friends live there • visit • don't use • don't use it and crime is high • Catching the 48 Bus • I commute through this area. • 1 and 4 above • I don't • gas station • No involvement on this corridor • need more options to answer for correct information • Drive through | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Cherry & Union are the heart of the CD neighborhood (there are more shoppers here) • Restaurants • Younger People • Sports (pool, gym) • Education • Cultural • 23rd/Cherry – center of community • There is more foot traffic around the E Cherry corridor • Cherry- safer to walk - especially for kids. <p>What needs to be preserved or improved that can present the identity of Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love Central Cinema and the Post Office. Key Bank was good too. Central Coop is a bit far away for walking but is not too out of the way. The good programs at Washington and Garfield were | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry isn't as much of a hub as it could be • Union & Cherry cores - still haunted by crime, drugs. • Cherry St, is the worst to cross, especially west of 23rd. 23rd needs street and sidewalk design to make it feel safe and separated from the traffic. • Parking of taxis on Cherry/22nd is an annoyance. • Loitering, tagging and littering are a major problem around Cherry. • Cherry - very dangerous AM/PM, with gatherings of unsupervised youths sometimes assaulting vehicles in the lot. Union - too much vacant parking lot, not enough street life. • Twilight is isolated and not family friendly. • Cherry needs more variety of restaurants. • Cherry- I don't stop in that area much. • Cherry is either residential or institutional neither of which provide an interactive streetscape for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slower traffic, helped by on-street parallel parking on 23rd at each of the 3 nodes would do much to enhance pedestrian comfort. No matter what anyone says, there is no traffic problem on 23rd. On-street parking cannot worsen non-existent traffic problems. • Support and promote and improve what's there • Muslim school and re-opened Nova school are good. • Weekend and evening events for kids and families could really make this a hub for school activities. More sports games and tournaments. Day camp activities. Street fairs. Adult softball. Bike Polo. Skate park. • Consider wrapping the NW corner with retail to create a double-loaded retail strip at the intersection. Central space can upgrade garage facades to aluminum storefront systems for all |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive through • Nothing • I don't. Too much crime • no use it is a social service ghetto without any useful retail • I work and/or operate a business here • Shopping and/or dining • Shopping and services: Shopping and/or dining (Autozone, Walgreens, beauty supply, bike shop, the Neighborhood Center where I can pay bills, etc; Red Apple if pressed for time and against my will, banking.) <p>What do you consider to be the characteristics of each community core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garfield HS & community center, Catfish Corner, Flowers Just 4U, • Union and Cherry seem more serving of their local surroundings. • Encourage small business. • Cherry = Schools. • Cherry, improving, Garfield helps the pedestrian environment. • Cherry: Community Center - keep this! • Cherry: music history • Parnell's & Arco = drug dealing. • Cherry core - Youth programs. This should maintain a youth focus. • 23rd and Cherry is trying to be the area for youth in the CD. • I associate Cherry pretty strongly with Garfield High and I also think that Cherry is pretty unattractive as a pedestrian area. • Cherry is the weakest. The Garfield CC creates a border vacuum. • Cherry has potential, but needs a great deal of cleaning up; | <p>very important</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve fine-grain character fronting sidewalk where it exists and make new development contribute to it. • We should encourage that [youth focus], again creating a safer walking and biking area would be a clear step in this direction. • Preserve the ethnic restaurants, and the Twilight Exit. • | <p>the foot traffic needed in a commercial area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afraid to go to Cherry, • Cherry, have to get rid of AM-PM. Nothing good will happen there as long as that's there. • Cherry - no on street parking, vacant buildings and storefronts, street and sidewalk maintenance. • 23rd and Cherry (west side) is not good for pedestrians because of the gas station & narrow sidewalks. However, it's good across the street at the community center. • Cherry - too much loitering, prostitution, and drug dealing. • 23rd/Cherry is somewhat blighted. There's a certain element there; people loitering and hanging outside on the sidewalks, and they're not waiting for the bus! It looks seedy. There's pan-handling. It's a huge problem. | <p>flex/work space and create a much less hostile environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A larger organic market would be nice. The older businesses that are being successful should be supported. Parks, green space and good schools would go a long way toward supporting our youth. • Cherry needs more mixed use and small storefronts/restaurants. MLK & Cherry needs desperate update/upgrade in buildings • Cherry needs to embrace it's schools and become a kids & families place day and night. Reopen the Mann bldg. and the Islamic school bldg. as pre-schools, day-care, etc. like the way Coyote is going. • Cherry: Community activates at the Comm Center • |
| <p>Union</p> <p>What is the main way you use the Union core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA • Visiting friends • Use the post office, also have friends there • main travel route to school • Travel through, frequent the local businesses... • post office • to visit friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Cherry & Union are the heart of the CD neighborhood (there are more shoppers here) • Business TBD • Small business • Live/work • 23rd/Union – businesses, restaurants, food <p>In these community cores, what unique characteristics present Central Area's identity, and what would you like to preserve or remain in the neighborhood?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend boundary east to 29th (yes & no) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union = vacant lot. We need to build new things here asap. • Union, needs a character, very poor pedestrian environment. • To the extent that 23rd and Union is identified as one of the few areas in the city where cannabis-related businesses are allowed under the state laws, uses near that core should be compatible with that allowance. Beyond that, I would favor retail uses and restaurants that cater to the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd and Union should be the priority. And it should absolutely NOT be one of the first marijuana dispensary sites in the city. Why this is even being considered is beyond reason. This is not the kind of development a corner (previously plagued by drug problems) needs. The gas station on Union is an eyesore and not well kept up. The corner is begging for real, modern development and that won't happen until the entire block where the post office is housed - is demolished |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't use it. There is nothing there and crime is high. • Post Office • Post Office • I commute through this area. • banking, postal • Kids school • Shopping • shopping • one answer does not answer question 'fully' • Go the post office and take-out place. • no use it is a social service ghetto without any useful retail • worship • I work and/or operate a business here • I use the parks, community center, library, or school <p>What do you consider to be the characteristics of each community core?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union and Cherry seem more serving of their local surroundings. • Union - small shops Cherry - Ethiopian restaurants • Union is good, on a roll. • Union is the more up-and-coming; • Union core - entertainment. I see jazz clubs here. • 23rd and Union is the farthest from me and this intersection is always going to struggle with competing with cap hill businesses 10 blocks away. • I think the best thing about Union and Jackson St. cores is their struggle to keep diversity on the corners. There are many African Americans at the post office, the small restaurant south of it and some of the tiny businesses. • The bones of 23rd and union are the strongest. The scale and granularity of existing development could lead to a real "place" when sites are redeveloped. • It was sad to see the brick facade on the Southwest corner of 23rd and E. Union go. Some of the development at 14th and Union with Skillet restaurant seems nice. • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More retail for community use – difference of opinion regarding grocery store • Small neighborhood business that "sell stuff", e.g. Madrona Deli <p>What needs to be preserved or improved that can present the identity of Central Area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love the public art that celebrates the diversity of the community. • Preserve the garden at Union. It's going to become a hotspot for eating and drinking in the next few years. I'm really hoping this goes well. It's too far for a casual walk, but there's some good small business momentum here. • Earl's barbershop, NeighborLady (aka Thompson's Point of View) • Preserve fine-grain character fronting sidewalk where it exists and make new development contribute to it. • Union - the post office is good. • The garden at 23rd and Union is a great space. Helps bring a human scale to the area. • | <p>diverse populations in the neighborhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union & Cherry cores - still haunted by crime, drugs. • The Neighbor Lady works for some, but is not family friendly. We need a better variety of dining places that welcome families or singles. Make sure that the design is not for drive through for all areas. A gym also seems like it could exist here or the YMCA should consider expanding a bit. The Medger Evers Pool should be more visible in the community. • 23rd and Union needs to be developed. Where do we want our auto garages and gas stations? • A Bartell's would be welcome in the mix around 23rd and E. Union. A great bakery that bakes real bread would be welcome. A park is needed in the 23rd and E. Union area. More green space for pleasant walking or playing. Well designed green space. Union could use a Bartells. Casey Family Programs building does little to add to vibrancy of neighborhood and may not be such a great fit for 23rd Avenue. • Well, look at 23rd and Union - 1 vacant lot, 1 high priced service station, 1 new restaurant, and one building I've never related to other than that there is a hair salon at the rear. I don't identify that building with any strong, stable business except the liquor store, which is now unstable and also has a lower profile. I hate to think of another set of apartments going in on the SW corner of 23rd with the usual rack of small businesses trapped below that don't seem to relate to the apt dwellers needs. • 23rd and Union is not really a nice intersection. The liquor store and associated businesses are too far away from the side walk, and it's just bare concrete. There could be more trees or planters to draw people into the space. The Med Mix and Neighbor Lady are great new additions. The Med Mix is too close to the street to have outdoor seating, but that would really help the corner come alive. The gas station is okay, since the sidewalks around it feel wider. • Union doesn't have much reason and will be worse when the post office closes. • Storefronts at Union are too far from the street, mostly not stores of interest to me. City should | <p>and redeveloped.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union is probably the most ripe for rapid change and based on developments that are currently planned may already be changing. I think the orientation of these nodes needs to change from an auto-oriented urban form to one that benefits, accommodates, and prioritizes a human-scaled urban form. This means that gas stations should not be major landmarks of these intersections. • Traffic calming on all the corridors seems necessary. • Encourage small business. • Slower traffic, helped by on-street parallel parking on 23rd at each of the 3 nodes would do much to enhance pedestrian comfort. No matter what anyone says, there is no traffic problem on 23rd. On-street parking cannot worsen non-existent traffic problems. • Union: Filling empty lots, businesses that have variety and better quality. Cherry: Cleaning up and renovating. Jackson: No recommendation as I rarely use the area. • 23rd/Union - sound development of empty lots. • Union: Development of vacant lot, housing, grocery store and other retail. • Union needs to stop dithering and build something already. • |

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| | | <p>consider removing the Pedestrian overlay to the north of Union so the restaurant on the corner can use its drive-through lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union- Too much of a strip-mall look by the post office. • On Union the property owners have been too timid to build anything for decades. The demand is there and spaces would be filled if there were any spaces worth filling. | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of Police • Safety • Crime spot at 25th & Jefferson (Map) • Public safety/crime/break-ins • Not safe to walk in the area • not safe (Map comments) • Lack of lighting at night/police presence • Need more police patrol in the area • Gun violence in the area • Frequent gunshots at night throughout 23rd corridor & surrounding streets. • Most of the time I feel safe, but I am also watchful. I avoid a couple places that I suspect has drug/gang activity. • 27th & Spring: regular shootings; drive-bys, drugs; streets are blocked, double-parked • Kids and young people hanging out in the parking lot working on cars and other (non-legal) activities. They also hang out at Starbucks. <p>Jackson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets not safe for kids to walk to school • Don't need more liquor outlets/stores in area • 23rd & Jackson doesn't feel safe for taking bus at night <p>Union</p> <p>Cherry</p> <p>23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd & King: drug dealers • Jackson & King (2 blocks): unsafe, empty lots, outdoor parking; people hanging around • 23rd & Union (SW corner): empty lot; presence of cops- unsafe • 23rd & Cherry: bus stop + gas station; bad people loitering | <p>Aside from less crime, what would a safe community be like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More neighborly interactions • Neighbors walk/bike a lot and interact w/ each other while walking, shopping, etc. • Plenty of street life • More people on the street • Slower moving traffic with narrow lanes for traffic and wider areas for bike and ped movement • The sound of bullets would be shocking and surprising rather than background noise. • A place where there was enough business and activity to keep people in the neighborhood so that they could meet and interact with their neighbors. • Comfortable and pleasant ways to walk and bike. • One where biased policing doesn't exist and false reporting is prosecuted. • Successful small businesses, people walking and biking, • Walkable, clean, friendly, well lit. • less litter, more shops, more transit, more housing. • Slower traffic, more trees, more public art. Kids playing in public. More people walking around. • The CD would maintain an African American majority, economic parity for Blacks and other people of color. • Fewer vacant lots, cleaner streets, more neighborhood feeling • More talkative. • safer • People know each other better • Lots of community activities. I would love to see one of the cores shut down for a street market like Ballard has. Think about moving the farmer's |

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| | | | <p>market from Grocery Outlet to the street. The local businesses benefit from the increased foot traffic, and the community all get to see each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bustling business corridor where there are lots of people. • Lots of people on the sidewalks at all times of day or night. • Lots of people out and about without fear of traffic or each other. • Everyone would know each other and greet each other. It would be well-lit, and clearly marked with signage for cars, pedestrians & bikes. • Neighbors know neighbors • People know each other and watch out for each other. • Neighbors knowing neighbors. • Neighborliness -- people watching out and helping one another; also the characteristics at http://www.pps.org/reference/grplacefeat/ • It would be active and vibrant. In many ways the CD has grown to feeling safe and vibrant. Safe communities feel friendly with a variety of gathering places including parks. Public schools located so most elementary children can walk to school. • Neighbors on the street • More people walking around • People out either commuting or shopping. • Lots of people outside, in their yards, in parks, and on the streets. • Community interaction • Feel safe • More trust among neighbors • Less profiling among people • Participation with events/activities neighborhood/community • More interaction with police (events) • More police around • Right now less gunfire, fewer murders a good start. Beyond that, more people living, working and shopping and populating the sidewalks • I don't think crime is a major issue. Being in an area where there are more people like myself makes me feel safer. • Active and healthy businesses – people on and around the streets in the evening |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good jobs and economic opportunity • Bringing in employers who can provide jobs and prosperity to the community • Bringing jobs and opportunities to the community is more important than increasing the number of police officers patrolling, though the SPD have done a great job and I don't mean to diminish their work in any way. It's just not a long term solution. • Youth engagement • Need to preserve close-knit community values • Social and economic capital must be shared with the community • City must better communicate what resources for social/eco develop • More PC availability for adults • Need to preserve the cultural resources in the community • Need public – private partnership • Mix of businesses: movie theaters, restaurants, cafes, grocery stores. • open, free and easy • Comfortable walking, biking • Mini-parks w/ play areas & other facilities for children. Traffic-calming. Curb-bulbs. Gun control. Emphasis on anti-gang, anti-drug dealing. Close Parnell's, have private security at Arco • Enrichment activities / • Feeling comfortable in all areas of the community. Now we feel as if we have to stick to the main thoroughfares at night when walking. • Better lighting, wider sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks with lights. • Cars that do not speed and or do other reckless things • Less traffic, better arterial routes and more lanes. Better lit sidewalks. More shops and nightlife that keep people around. • Alive. It would have more controlled traffic patterns and streets/centers that are more inviting to pedestrians. • Easier to cross streets - traffic calming on arterials. Reduce traffic, slow it down. Make it harder, slower, more expensive and more unpleasant to drive. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One where people felt comfortable walking around in the evening and felt that they could get the amenities they need. • Slower traffic, especially on the main streets. • Lit cross walks especially the one on Cherry to get to the CC. It is crazy to me that it is not lit with so many kids in the area. There is too much traffic on 24th between union and cherry - ways to slow people down beyond traffic circles - rerouting, signposts.. vibrant businesses, many eyes on the street. development of more neighborhood watch groups maybe. I was also hoping they would have the bullet tracker devices installed (not sure what they are called). And again no pot dispensary on 23rd and Union! • Safety implies good community wellness programs, and ways to create community itself, whether it be potluck groups, senior groups, play groups for children - an overlapping of groups that makes everyone feel vested in their neighbors. • Question too vague and leading • More destinations. More eyes on the street. • Well lit streets • Clean, wide sidewalks • Parks, especially family-friendly parks • A sense of community where people look out for their neighbors/each other. Where if I'm out of town, I know the neighbors will keep an eye on my house. • You could walk wherever you wanted and feel safe • More crosswalks • More lighting, bike storage, sidewalks, bike lanes, driver's ed (for drivers in regard to bikes) • More communication with neighbors • More gathering places, block parties, neighborhood BBQs • More free things to do |
| Parks & Open Spaces | | | |
| | <p>Which parks, community centers, or playgrounds do you regularly visit? What activities do you do there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pratt Park, • Pratt Park • Pratt Park, the park near Judkins off Massachusetts Street. It's got this beautiful open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String of parks (Judkin, Pratt, Dr. Blanche Lavizzo, & community center), good walk, need better connections • Security in park – not good • Fence needed around park • We need parks with sports areas. | |

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| | <p>space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HzO Park • Leschi Park • Homer Harris Park • Judkins • Madison Valley/Arboretum • Madrona Beach • Washington Park • Tennis court • Library, • Powell Barnett Park, • Garfield Community Center, • Garfield High School, Pool, • Powell Barnett Park during day • TT Minor Playfield • Arboretum • Judkins, watch sports football & baseball. GHS, exercise Homer Harris play w/ kids Garfield CC-keep up with neighborhood news • I visit the YMCA and the parks in Madrona. • Montlake: run, walk. • Garfield Park, Garfield Community Center, Judkins Park, Frink Park, Coleman Park • Walk through the Judkins Park trail to connecting parks and trails. • Medgar Evers Pool. (Swim) • Judkins park (not sure if it's in this core) • Judkins Park-walk the dog • Garfield for the community meetings. • Powell-Barnett playground Garfield tennis courts Miller tennis courts Cal Anderson playground • Starbucks Park, Pratt Park, Judson park. Walk and have children that play . • Judkins park • Judkins, run and walk. Nice park. • Garfield, Pratt, generally just for walking to and through. • Pratt, Lavizzo, Judkins • Seward Park, Mt. Baker Beach, Judkins Garfield CC recreation, exercise, socialize, community meetings • Powell-Barnett • We live across the street from Powell Barnett. • Garfield, Judkins, volunteer, cal Anderson. I visit many parks in the area mostly just to soak up the sun and toss a ball or Frisbee. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some neighborhoods that on the weekend people go and work p-patches, it'd be good to have some of those in this area. <p>Where do you seek opportunity for recreational activities and social gathering in the community cores (Union, Cherry, and Jackson)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starbucks, there needs to be a location to gather that's off the street and sheltered from the elements, and well-lit. Like the park on 20th and Main [Pratt Park], there's a sheltered park; need a walking trail to Pratt Park though. Need a place where you can gather outside in the summer. It's beautiful in Seattle during the summer. It rivals Santa Monica in CA. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pratt Park, Nora's Wood, Spruce Park, the little park in Madrona • Garfield Community center, Senior Center, Library Usually for meetings. • None • Garfield Community Center Plum Tree Park Homer Harris Park Y Madrona Park • TTminor and Garfield for kids sports and playing with kids in the park. • Garfield, Miller, • Pratt, judkins, powell Barnett, Garfield cc, peppis, Douglas truth • TT Minor • Powell Burnett Nora's Woods Madrona Park Take my niece to play • Blue Dog, Judkins Park, Sam Smith Park, Medgar Evers Pool, Garfield school yard • Paul b; Garfield; Yesler; Jefferson - walk, relax; social gatherings • Garfield–yoga classes. • Floe Ware, Volunteer Park, the big park on MLK btwn Cherry and Yesler. • Garfield parks and CC • Frink, Powell Barnett - walking/jogging • Pratt Park for children's play area • Judkins Park, I walk there and play softball • CAMP Fire station park, MLK park south of Cherry, and Cal Anderson park when my grandsons visit. • Pratt park, powell Barnett, fink park • Question too vague and leading • Powell Barnett • several in the CD, Mt Baker, Seward Park -- we have young children so it's the ones with good playgrounds • Madrona park, swim in the lake. • Madrona Park, Garfield CC - play soccer, run around, play tennis • Douglass Truth library • Tt Minor watch the dogs play, bike through watch the sunset. More often cut through the neighborhood on bike to Volunteer park or toward Myrtle Edwards. • Douglass Truth, Capitol Hill Library, Downtown libraries all for materials and events and | | |

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| | <p>meetings. Garfield Community Center for meetings. Volunteer Park and Cal Anderson for walking and recreation. Madrona and Leschi stair walks. TT Minor playground and basketball hoops.</p> <p>Where do you seek opportunity for recreational activities and social gathering in the community cores (Union, Cherry, and Jackson)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union- cafe; Cherry- Garfield HS; Jackson- cafe, Red Apple • Medgar Evars Pool • Don't usually go FOR social gathering, just to get coffee to go, etc. • None ...not much to choose • All of the above and also the Y • I don't participate in recreational or social gatherings here • Take classes at community center, but that's all. • Why oh why can't we select multiple options? Parks and library, local shops, and on the streets. • Parks and library • neighbors • Question too vague and leading no chance for multiple choices • Terrible question. • it really is a mix of all of these • place of worship | | |
| Housing Choices | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | | <p>What type of housing would you like to see in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning for multi-dwellings with single lot • Cooperatives • Anything as long as they provide parking for the housing no apotments • More family size units. • Multi-family or townhouse with required open and permeable space. • multi • Preserve the Craftsman and other traditional homes. Control the addition of cheap hi-density stuff. • Mixed use, less on-site parking, higher density, Tiny Houses, artist lofts, high-rise, single-family, townhouses, the works. • Better homes; less in cost; funds to maintain |

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| | | | <p>current 'aged' homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of obviously old, sub-standard housing stock with a variety of types. Not huge high-rises with no street life, but a mixture of single-family and multi-family. • At the core of the cores, 6 to 10 story mixed use buildings that have community spaces. As you move away from the cores, town homes and condos. • Single- and small multi-family in-fill -- more accessory dwelling units, easier process to get mother-in-law apartments permitted. • Village-style single and multi-family • More density, up to 6 story apts would be fine with me. • Co-housing sounds interesting. As a senior, I'm always interested in new options for seniors. Housing that inspires community, rather than anonymous looking apartment blocks would be refreshing (the two buildings at 18th and Jackson are not particularly imaginative). • Dense, high, urban, mixed-income development to bring a diversity of people to live in the neighborhood and create demand for a wide variety of goods and services, an active pedestrian culture and street life. All three of these cores should be urban villages. • Mixed income Market rate to high end multifamily • Mixed use • A mix of housing. • A healthy mix in the variety of housing stock -- where residences don't all look the same and are not all single family • Affordable, family friendly multifamily. And by affordable, I don't mean income contingent or subsidized. I mean affordable market rate housing. • Apartment complex • Townhouses and apartments that still have yards. Move the living units closer together to save energy and materials but also to keep some soil available to people. • Townhomes generally as opposed to high rises • A mix of single family homes and small 2 story dwellings. • A mix with market rate is necessary. Single |

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| | | | <p>family is very popular here. Apartment/condo complexes should consider including some unit that can accommodate families with children. The CD probably has its share of low income housing as it is, so more should market rate. Capitol Hill Housing will probably provide affordable housing. Apartments seem popular with developers at the moment, but from what I can tell single family homes/townhouses are in demand and short supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townhomes • Well-built and "green" and diverse: apts and single-family homes. • Apartments, condos, WELL-designed townhouses (not those awful 4- or 6-paks, more like at Rainier Vista • Mixed • Mixed use • We should increase density given how close this area is to downtown while still allowing for diverse neighborhood scales behind the main commercial cores. • Market-driven affordable, e.g. apodments • Multifamily, townhouses • Not condos. • Multi family. A range of 1br, 2br and 3br units. Things that families can afford. But also 1brs for young folks. The more the merrier. • Higher density residential with shops at street level. • Multi family, and smaller single family • We have beautiful housing in the CD. Don't change it. At least no more of those "modern" boxes that are smashed in 3 to a lot. • I'd like to see more condos with business space in them. • Affordable Attractive and affordable • Apartments that support a mix of incomes • Affordable apartments • Apartments and condominiums • housing. • Mixed income. • Affordable • Low income • Affordable housing to prevent displacement • Smaller affordable place to live • More low-income housing, more density. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing for a variety of income levels • Economic diversity, rent • Affordable, low-income • Less low income housing • Better parking per dwelling • Ease parking rules for own property • Next time map low income housing locations** • Family housing • Green built housing • It's good • Home ownership • Green, open spaces between houses and housing developments • Gardens • Single family homes, a few, not too many large condos/apartments, more well maintained homes. • Single-family homes • Single family homes. The CD has already accepted what appears to be more than its share of multi-family housing density. • I would like to see plans for more single family type homes/townhouses in residential development. • More single family homes with yards. • Single family market rate • More single-family units • Traditional single family homes, in a variety of income levels • Homes with yards. • I would like to see the single family housing stock maintained. I don't think that high rises foster community. I don't think housing density is a good idea if you don't have the businesses and services around to service those residents. I also think many of these high density projects are designed to profit the developers rather than the community. • Housing with parking. It is very ridiculous for apartments to not provide parking for residents. It just fills up the side-streets with overflow cars. I am done with multi-unit housing being developed from old-houses (duplexes?) I would like there to be a driveway for new construction and yards • Craftsman style homes, less corrugated metal, usable/functional architecture. I like brick, and glass. Like a mixture of condos, high density |

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| | | | <p>apartments, single family homes. New stuff is too cookie-cutter, too tall and narrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing should also be designed for families in mind, some of us have many children and need 3 bedrooms not small apartments, and if there is going to be affordable housing the city should make sure that these are in good condition not like some cheap apartments that are full of mold and in bad conditions. There should be accessible, affordable housing for people like us. More single family homes because they create a sense of community and can be passed down to the kids. That doesn't happen with apartments & condos. More of affordable housing Including pod-ments (those very small studios with communal kitchens) |

Stable and Connected Community

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| Livable Streets for All (safe, and connect people with places) | | | |
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| <p>How do you get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus on: Union Get to places by bus (#8, #7, #48 to Rainier Beach) Walk on: Union, 18th, 12th, Columbia, 23rd Bike on: 27th, 18th, 12th, 20th 23rd, Yesler, MLK, Union Use "Core" places via foot Walk: for exercise along 19th Bus: 43, 7 Drive Cherry – 23rd→25th | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy in [to get around] daytime Grid is easy to navigate 16th & Madison: Central co-op 23rd & Madison: Safeway Safe to take bus: goes downtown everyday; pretty good; don't reduce it Yes. There are a lot of side-streets to travel by bike and walking is very safe on the sidewalks provided. Yes--there are sidewalks Not comfortable crossing 23rd anywhere. Cars going to fast! Yes--inconvenience is the steep hill from 18th to 23rd Yes Yes Yes Yes | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congestion, signal delay Street car const. impacts Uneven sidewalks: difficult for wheelchairs; no ramps Need better x-walk features Removal of GP lanes for bike facilities lots of kids, not well connected (map) Concern with streetcar vs. pedestrian crossing Repair street pavement on 31st Ave vicinity of Sr. Ctr. Sidewalks uplifted due to trees Jefferson/23rd to Cherry Road-sidewalk maintenance Parking garage @ Swedish/Providence Hospital Neighborhood parking. no multi condo w/o parking! Need parking – business, free/lots | <p>What would make it easier for you to choose to walk, bike, or take transit more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better sidewalks/weather More pleasant walking routes More marked bike routes & real sidewalks. more pleasant walking environment, 23rd is not a pedestrian friendly sidewalk. Pleasant well maintained streets and sidewalks designed with pedestrian safety in mind. Greater Pedestrian experience in business cores Increase pedestrian friendly features Increase pedestrian safety, cross walks, curb ramps, crossing signals, signage for speed, slow traffic/traffic calming features, circle, curb bulbs Wider sidewalks (safer, healthy – encourage walking) Wider sidewalks Wider sidewalks, trees and flowers There's just not enough room for sidewalk widening around here. There needs to be barriers to protect pedestrians if there's a way to build a |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yup. • Yes • It is as safe as and as unsafe as any city neighborhood • Safe enough, tend to walk on the better streets. • We bike on neighborhood streets as they are pleasant and easy. The main streets have fast traffic and lousy bike lanes. • Generally, during the day it is safe • For the most part. It's easy to get to • Sometimes. There are some scary spots. • I bike and walk on 21st, which feels safe and easy. • Yes, in daylight with dog. • Yes - walking - I know the area • By day, certainly (though that's me). some of my neighbors feel otherwise • Yes, with the caveat that I want to go to Capitol Hill because there's nothing to do here. • Mostly. I've developed my own best routes. • It doesn't feel dangerous during the day, though I know that drug crime still occurs during weekdays. I see tons of dodgy characters and behaviors at night, but usually drive then. • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more parking • Existing no parking limits leads to vehicles that stay very long on street limits parking for businesses • Remove junk cars off street, • Too many cars • No critical mass at businesses nodes • Is this nodes or corridors? Corridors come later. • Will use/visit what exists • Spend most time on Cherry/Union/Jackson vs. 23rd • Keep dollars in the neighborhood • Hard to bike/walk along Rainier • No- no limited bike routes and sidewalks on fast roads • There are not enough people on the street, a lot of times just a few lone men hanging out or "dealing". We need to populate our storefronts and sidewalks. • No. • No. The area is often not safe to walk. • Question too vague and leading • No. Walkways are narrow and often covered in weeds. Not lit well. • Walking at night is not safe in either the Union or Cherry core. • Too far. • I take the bus or walk everywhere now, not nec. safe to walk, esp. at night, though. A lot of intersections with no street lights in the neighborhood. • It's not easy because there are hills in all directions! • Broken sidewalks on 21st • Feel safe walk around day and night. Use cautious mindset and it will be ok. • It is safe to walk and work. I didn't see any serious safety issues especially the last 4 years • It is safe to walk and work. No problem compared to the past few years • Transportation is critical for all, if we have lots of business but no good transportation • "Lavizzo park does feel safe, has poor lighting • Yes for the most part • Yes, it's safe & easy to get around • There are a decent number of buses | <p>multi-use sidewalk; path for walkers and bikers. These streets are dangerous. There's a lot of schools and children in this neighborhood, and I see people nearly getting run over trying to cross these streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility on sidewalks • Need buffer between people and traffic • Already primarily biking and using transit. But I would like to see a route that better connects to the business centers or Capitol Hill. • Less drug traffic and shoot outs in the hood. • Safer streets -- lower speeds! make it happen! • Better traffic control and less traffic (which I don't see happening... I already mostly walk, bike and scoot. • Better lighting at night, nicer streetscape • Improve street lights, too many dark spots, mainly along Jackson and cherry. • already am • Green Corridor down MLK or better maintained and well lit sidewalks • Traffic lights that are not so long. Crossing major intersections takes forever. Better transit information. One Bus Away is really lacking. Unless one knows the bus route number, getting information is impossible. Schedules posted at stops would be helpful. • Safer intersections, on street parking. • Safer streets • Well-lit, well-populated wider sidewalks. • People on the streets in the evening. Walking police officers. • Elimination of crime. • More people out on foot, wider sidewalks on 23rd. More frequent bus service. • Better stuff within walking distance. • Destinations that aren't as sketchy. • More stores, more amenities, lining our streets • More dense options of worthwhile destinations. • More things to walk to! We need more shops & restaurants here. • More destinations AND safer streets (the two go together) • More destinations AND safer walking environment • Destinations, safety and calmed traffic. all three are closely intertwined |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An improvement would be more bus service, meaning greater frequency • Crosswalks need restripping • Need more speed bumps on streets by schools and daycares • Need more wheelchair ramps/curb cuts because they are also useful for parents with strollers or bicyclists, especially parents towing a bike trailer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More destinations would help with safety. Eyes on the street. Also, shut down known gang houses. • I'd walk if there were more shops and restaurants close by. • More pedestrians out and about who may see crime or more police presence. Better street lighting, • More destinations to walk to. • Increase business density • Development of commercial uses, a less hostile, car-centric streetscape, opportunities to ride a bike without being in traffic e.g., cycle track etc. Also, things worth walking to that are closer than Capitol Hill. • I already walk and take transit. And while I support bicycling, I don't think that should be a priority unless all employers support adequate facilities for storage/cleaning up. Until then, it is a too much of a privileged activity that takes up time and resources • Street cameras (security system) • Blanch Lavizzo needs more activities • Powell Barnett needs Crosswalk • new recreational centers • Farmers Market at all nodes [different days during the week?] • Dedicated place that can be used for: Farmer's Markets; Meeting Space; Basketball/skateboard; multipurpose space; ideally lively 24 hours • Tame traffic at the three nodes • Car-to-go access in CD • Less hills! • Grading? • Fewer hills :) • Weather • Better weather, less steep hills, later work shift. • I don't find this restrictive at all. • Nothing • Nothing • Retirement or winning the lottery. • Question too vague and leading • Trusting relationships with my neighbors • CPTED (look it up) • Better transportation. How about a transportation center? Taxis lot? Etc. in these |

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| Bus | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by transit? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit on 23rd is pretty good now. • Public transit • I ride the bus to/from work, and it is easy enough, but walking to local businesses isn't great because decent ones are so far apart. There are few you would have reason to visit in the same trip. An exception could be MedMix/Neighbor Lady. • | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by transit? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge > 3 buses to get around • #7 bus too crowded challenging with a walker • Primary mode to recreate (blue dots) – drive • Cutting Rainier Bus service • Bus stops are too far apart • The bus stop at 21st & Jefferson (near the Cherry core but outside of the proposed lines) is especially problematic. • For the most part. The bus stops could use updating. The streets could also use new paint. • Commuting can be difficult in this neighborhood. Bus service downtown needs more frequency, #48 needs more reliability. • No, I hardly ever use the bus anymore because I have been out on the street on the night of a shooting. • | <p>What would make it easier for you to choose to take transit more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bus routes/more frequent • More busses • Lighting at bus stops • Bring streetcar up 23rd • #14 needs larger buses – alleviate crowding in rush hour • More frequent buses • More covered bus stops • Affordable fare on buses • If transit came more frequently. The buses are always very full and stop at every bus stop. It takes longer to arrive at a destination when we have to stop every 1.5 blocks. • More frequent busses. • Transit could use bigger buses at rush hour • More frequent bus service, • More transit routes. Safer streets/busses. • I would take transit more if the bus to Westlake took the same amount of time driving (15 minutes or less) than on the bus - 1.5 hours. • More seating and shelters at bus stops. Seattle is a pretty tough place for a senior to stand out in the rain or without seating for 10-20 minutes. • Bus shelters also need light to make people feel safer • |
| Bike | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I cycle mostly and feel the safest on the neighborhood streets but often take more arterial routes because it's faster. It also feels slightly safer on the arterial routes because the cars entering the roadway have stop signs. • Culturally - - don't bike • | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No bike lanes - walking is fine • Biking would scare me. Walking feels safe just about everywhere now in the daytime. • Depends on the distance. Biking to downtown seems scary because of the hills and traffic. Prefer walking or bus/walk. • Not by biking along the major thoroughfares. Walking is okay, not along 23rd • I bike by myself, but typically don't take the kids. I bike with the 9 yr old to school, but the 6 yr old takes the bus - too unsafe by bike for her. • Mostly - walking is safe, but biking always faces challenges with cars. I don't like biking on busy streets (MLK) but the side-streets are dangerous because intersections lack stop signs. | <p>What would make it easier for you to choose to bike more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, low availability of bikes • Wider bike lanes • Bike lanes space between sidewalk and street on 23rd av cars should stop for pedestrians at intersections on 23rd av cars should stop for pedestrians at all intersections • More bike paths • Grade separated bike infrastructure. • Smoother roads (for biking) • Wider sidewalks, bike racks at destinations, bike only boulevards (greenways) • Grade separated cycle tracks • I would be very much in support of a bicycle friendly boulevard that actually has stop signs at the intersections. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bike lane, narrow sidewalks not separated from the street in places. Biking is not great - no grade separation, fast moving traffic, etc. On Cherry the bike lanes are too narrow and on Union the street is so wide that cars will pass in the bike lane. Put bicycles and bicyclist of the main streets or off all city streets and put them on trails and bike paths that do not interact with vehicle traffic. I'm an avid biker, but streets are dangerous around here for bikers, no stop signs and drivers just fly through here | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |
| 23 rd Avenue | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of safe sidewalks 23rd/Cherry ped/vehicle traffic needs better control signal 23rd – hostile environment for anything other than driving 23rd Ave: bikers – unsafe to bike; fast cars Jackson: need for lighting; too much construction Lights on side streets east of 23rd Biking not safe on 23rd – traffic, cars too fast I lot of these intersections (23rd and union, 23rd and Jackson, Cherry b/n 23rd and MLK) do not feel safe. Pedestrian access on 23rd is horrible. The sidewalks are narrow, the traffic is too fast. We need more businesses next to the sidewalk for friendly pedestrian/bike access. Yes, though 23rd creates a perception of a lack of safety because of its traffic speeds and volume. It is somewhat safe, but 23rd Ave is by far the biggest impediment. Once you get across, it's easy, but 23rd is a dangerous street that must be fixed before more people get hurt. Crossing 23rd isn't as easy as it should be the walk sign at 23rd and Dearborn takes so long to turn that all of us in the neighborhood routinely press it and then cross before it turns to a walk sign, making that useless. Walking is always hazardous. Crossing 23rd Avenue is dangerous. Since most of our destinations are west of it, we avoid it when | <p>What would make it easier for you to choose to walk, bike, or take transit more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banners – identify Lighting – community Flower baskets Crosswalks and intersection Special paving and furnishing to identify place and character Landscaping Seating Wider sidewalks →lose a lane on 23rd, and slow traffic – 25 mph (maybe not 25) Way finding (see 23rd/Jackson map) Art at intersections Statue Light fixtures that identify community Potholes/pavement Make sure there is enough parking in new buildings Curbside parking would help make businesses viable More residents = more customers Beautiful rain gardens with seating, See Chinatown example – Nihonmachi Terrace Inviting, for kids Fix fountain at 23rd/Union (Designer = Washington) Requirements/guidelines for store fronts Walk on 23rd Slow 23rd traffic down Keep bikes off 23rd!! Need crosswalk at 23rd & Marion 23rd is a pathetic arterial, Sink it, other ways are |

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| | | <p>possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing 23rd except at Union, Cherry or Jackson is difficult and traffic is heavy and fast moving. That's a safety issue. Biking on 23rd is also treacherous. I generally bike on back roads and that's safer. • Crossing 23rd on foot is unsafe because drivers respect neither the speed limit nor pedestrian right-of-way. • | <p>speed bumps, crossings; Look at California in West Seattle; Repaving road dict, bike lanes could be beneficial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamed traffic on 23rd. • More pedestrian/bike crossings for both 23rd and Madison • There needs to be a turn-light on 23rd & Cherry. The East/West direction is very precarious for cars turning left. The bus is also in danger in that intersection. • More appealing streets (landscape, art) • More destinations (shops, dining, services, etc) • Safer streets (more people, lighting, wider sidewalks, safer crossing) <p>What feature of 23rd Avenue needs the most improvement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus cut-ins, better maintained thoroughfares. • Repaving • Everything! • ALL OF IT • All of the above, except for parking. I seriously am having a hard time believing that you wouldn't allow people to select more than one answer! • Community-run art • Safety • Public safety. At least the perception that it's not a gang run area and you're not in danger just passing through. • Bicycle and parking • Include on –street parking on 23rd for businesses, which would help tame traffic • Traffic needs to be slowed and lanes need to be narrowed • Will always have more cars on 23rd than pedestrians, so make it safe for both. • #19 last choice says bus where it should say bike • All of the above, except parking • The street needs to be repaved, and there needs to be more "there" there. • The damn pavement! So many areas between 24th and Boyer and 23rd and Weller are just so beaten up in the right lanes on either side from the buses. • More large apartment & condo complexes to bring people to the neighborhood & create demand for shops & services, plus more eyes on |

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| | | | <p>the street to deter crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question too vague and leading no chance for multiple choices • There is a lot of dead space/storefronts that makes it not as appealing to walk • street trees, landscaping, public art • The intersection to be redone. • On street parking in the community cores • Walking environment • If there is any transit construction, the work should happen at night so there is less traffic during the day. • Roller skating rink • Fitness center/gym • Better grocery stores and services/shopping • Public restrooms designed to be "semi-private" so they don't become havens for drug use, similar to those in Europe designed in a Z shape where people can see in a bit but still provide enough privacy for their intended use. |
| <p>Jackson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson improved for walkability, increase storefronts, increase street trees, increase lighting | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> | |
| <p>Cherry</p> | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic on E. Cherry does not make crossing it easy. The autos don't care that pedestrians have the right of way at intersections. • Cherry is not safe. Too much criminal activity • Seems like it but our friend was killed at corner of Cherry and MLK so while I feel safe (mostly) that is always in the back of my mind. • Walking on Cherry at night does not feel safe. | |
| <p>Union</p> | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Union is a little better, but not much. | <p>Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go (to work, shopping, to a park) by walking or biking? Why or why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLK and E. Union crossings need to be improved. I avoid walking along 23rd due to the lack of separation between pedestrians and traffic. Many streets are pleasant. • Does not feel safe at night walking home from union corridor. | |
| Connected People & Community (socially and culturally) | | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <p>What is working well?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry is cool • Greater density in commercial areas • Options • Essentials – shoe repair, dry cleaner, blue jeans • Cannabis shopping? • Starbucks • Catholic Community Services • Neighborhood Service Center • 23rd Ave bus access • Transportation • Library • Parks have improved • Community Group Participation • Merchants Group: CDA; Union Groups • Katie’s Café • Central Cinema • Madison Valley • Others (see Map – Table 11) • Arts education in public schools • Services/amenities: culturally-specific restaurants (rents are high) and retail • Stationery store <p>Are there places in the neighborhood where you go to meet friends or gather?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamlin Robinson School (18th & Union) • Starbucks • 23rd & Jackson fish place – Chef Café • New Hope • Mt. Zion • Mt. Calvary • CAMP • Community Center • Sanctuary Arts • Tabernacle • Goodwill • People Institution • → SEE THE MAP • Need a movie theater • Family-friendly environs – coffee, books, to get together • Plazas with seating • Mini-golf • Music in the park • Church • Union Gospel program (all participants) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need places for youth to hang out, museums, community Centers • Youth Activities: arts • Youth programs • Volunteer opportunities • Now parking a huge problem – paying for parking in your neighborhood should be – it limits the amount of time you spend with people • Negative: things are lost; lost jazz; vacant store fronts • Don’t want to lose important thing diverse, kids, block party • It’s [cultural heritage and diversity] gone • Jobs and supportive services • No more apartments, more employment: housekeeping, care for the elderly, manufacturing • If development begins we could have jobs- especially in the construction area and landscape. • We need jobs that don’t pollute, and we should be considered for those job opportunities. • How about having small factories or shops that hire locally so we can combat unemployment? Retail storage or that sort of small businesses to generate employment • We all need to improve English so we can get jobs, good jobs for us, especially those of us coming from different countries. • We need to be documented to be able to get those good jobs. • Latino organizations to help find more jobs • Maybe more ideas, with more people from Casa, use Casa throughout. Our input can contribute to the changes in this area. We can impact the process • I want to learn more about – I can participate as volunteer, we have our laborers group. Need more opinions- come back to gather more opinions | <p>What does cultural heritage and diversity mean for this community now and in the future? How would you know that your community is thriving?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would hear about numerous cultural events going on in area that welcomed the whole neighborhood and beyond. • Cultural heritage is diverse. I look to my family to support my cultural diversity, not my neighborhood or the city. Although we share some things in common, my cultural past is different from even my cousin’s. • Families able to live in the community. People being able to safely walk and drive. Businesses, activities, parks and services available and utilized. • This community would thrive without a highway like 23rd dividing it- hopefully the culture can remain in this neighborhood after these changes • It’s important to keep the cd unique • It’s beginning to thrive but it won’t be as diverse as prices rise and Black people and others people of color get priced out and pushed out. • The CD is important because we have a variety of generations, ethnic origins and financial types. If there were more places where we could join and speak to each other, the better it would be. Not just parks and community meetings. • The community diversity is a huge part of why I love and continue to live in the central district. I think that seeing a more active business core might be a sign of a thriving community but I also think that holding onto and expanding organizations and areas like the community center and Coyote Central are integral to a healthy community. • I enjoy the ethnic diversity. • This community has a rich, developed cultural heritage. You can feel it everywhere you go. However, when the traditional make-up of this community is not respected and preserved, there is division between differing cultures. I would know this community is thriving when there is more sharing of cultures and measures in place to maintain the traditional culture, as well as embracing the newer cultural influx. • I value community/cultural heritage but the perpetrators of violence need to be forced out. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise at YMCA | | <p>Strong schools and parental involvement in schools would help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If anyone with a good business idea has a fair shot at making it happen. If anyone can find work that can pay for their living expenses in the CD. Inclusion Cooperative housing cooperative businesses schools libraries parks buses bicycle lanes community centers movies plays concerts museums art exhibits dance companies Means a lot to me. It is constantly changing. See more people walking places, speaking to each other The CD is quite culturally diverse. We need acknowledge and respect the black community (and prevent further gentrification) but this is not culturally "Africa town" as some want to designate it. Very good question. I would love to see cultural heritage and diversity preserved and celebrated, but I don't know how to propose to do that. I would love to see a thriving black community, one where black-owned businesses are strong. The Jewish, black and Asian histories and past and current diversity are really a nice part of the community. They should be respected and preserved. Appealing to immigrants and refugees, racial diversity. Income diversity = good. Cultural Heritage is very important - shows from where we have come from. Must keep the African-American history that gave the 'central' in central area - despite the red-lining and other racist acts. Cultural heritage here is important, although it is not my heritage. Communities thrive when there is work and play available in the area. If community members feel safe and people who live here can afford to run businesses here, the community is thriving. Obviously there is a strong history in the Central District and reflecting and honoring that history is important. However, places change and it's best to acknowledge this up front and try to shepherd this change in a way that can produce meaningful and positive outcomes. It's very much in flux right now with a mix of old |

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| | | | <p>timers, gangs and newer younger families. safety is still a concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our diversity is an artifact of legal discrimination/redlining. The post civil rights diaspora has been a double edged sword. I want people to have the opportunity to stay close to history if they chose, and also to have a sense of solidarity that only face to face contact can give. • I don't know about cultural heritage (I know what you're referring to but can't claim any of it) but to me the community is thriving when abandoned properties are cleaned up and trash and graffiti are removed showing that people care about their surroundings. • Positive: integrated diversity; multiracial, multi-religious; ethnic foods • A diverse community is very important to me: it's the sign of a healthy community, in my opinion. • Cultural heritage and diversity (social, economic and ethnic) make Seattle different from the suburbs. A community is thriving when that diversity is not forced. • I would feel much more like the community is thriving if there were a greater presence of African American families. The CD is losing its soul. It should be a thriving place for middle class African American families. • I enjoy living in a diverse neighborhood where there is racial and ethnic diversity and lesbian/gay people have an established presence. I know the community is thriving when I see these diverse people walking, shopping, recreating and interacting in public spaces. • Black and Asian heritage important but dwindling; strong diversity should be preserved • The culture and diversity is unique to Seattle and special as a result. We need to improve the neighborhood's services, infrastructure and safety but not at the expense of this diversity. • Diversity means that other people think and live differently than you and you get to have your mental boundaries enlarges by meeting others every day. A lot of people tend to get stuck in their own belief structure and are wary of outsiders doing things differently. The only way to realize other cultures are ok is to interact personally. You don't get that by hearing about |

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| | | | <p>things or reading it, you have to experience meeting other people first hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to a wide variety of cultures • Opportunity to interact with other cultures – Social • Where all cultures, regardless of origin, are entertained • Most important thing about diversity is integration – sharing • When I was growing up it was a Jewish community and now more African American, Asian and White – it has always been diverse. • It means diversity in worship, families who live in the community, the types of food that is available in restaurants and shops, and locally-owned businesses. • You would see people hanging out together • Long-living parents & grandparents live next to one another • Age variety • Seniors and children • Elderly, low income, long time community members • Families (Told story of Chinese and Japanese families that were neighbors who didn't like each other. But the kids ended up marrying • Stories – putting faces and story to place • Take care of each other • Create opportunity to include all people • History and Vision • Improve identity create more: • Welcome signs to identify neighborhoods • More art work to identify community • Info to identify history of community • Community info board for flyers • Community website – police, businesses, events, more contributors • Events for kids, Garfield High School more involved in community • Activities for youth • More community festivals, events, fairs, parades • Places are comfortable for people to come together • More parks, good schools, nice store fronts, volunteer groups working together on schools, transit, parks and building design. A nice mix of restaurants and cafes. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more welcoming spaces • There are spaces that are not welcoming that could be • Lots of change • Arts/Culture: exposure • Music • 23rd is no-man's land • Walkability between hubs • It is important for this part of the City to maintain strong cultural diversity. I will know my community is thriving when I see my neighbors walking to shops and eating in the core. • I'll know it is thriving when I see my neighbors walking to the Jackson core to eat and shop. • More people walking the neighborhood actually going somewhere, a continued increase in density that supports local area businesses. • Well maintained ethnic restaurants, people walking on the street, maintaining unused buildings • Having people in the community being out and about in these corridors and frequenting the shops. • Financial diversity • Needs to be a balance between large and small businesses • Restaurants: varied • I have to go to other areas because I can't leave my car in one location for very long. • If there are better ways to get around than by car it would be better for everyone • Safety • Safe, friendly, community atmosphere • Safety, vibrant public spaces with thriving businesses. • Less violence. To have the cultural diversity represented equally in local businesses. • Crime would be down. There would be some affordable housing (as opposed to section 8) so it could continue to be diverse. It would be walkable. We currently feel hemmed in by the too fast traffic on 23rd and MLK. African American churches and businesses would thrive alongside new comers. Madrona school would be a better school. Currently most of us opt out and send our kids to private schools. |

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| | | | <p>What does cultural heritage and diversity mean for this community now and in the future? How would you know that your community is thriving?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change is good. History is nice, but the city should be dynamic, every-changing, and appealing to those without history in the community. • Why does everything have to revolve around heritage? Just provide a clean and safe area with useful shops. We really need to stop over thinking this. • Change occurs constantly, though it's good to recognize the multiple and diverse histories of the area. • The community is thriving at the expense of the cultural heritage and diversity. This community has a lot of history for a very specific margin our city. Those people no longer live in this neighborhood. The reputation of this community will change because the community members have changed. It is not a negative context, all communities change. • I think that the cultural heritage has been somewhat eclipsed by increasing diversity and that needs to be taken into account in planning. It's a diverse area and trying to hang on to what it was 20 or 30 years ago isn't going to work. • The CD has changed dominant cultures many times since Seattle started. Not always for the right reasons. I think cultural diversity is important, but I also think economic diversity is important. Seattle needs more neighborhoods where different classes can live together, and benefit from each others' priorities. I think it's important to respect the desires of all the different groups of residents to create a place we all feel welcome. • The CD has changed over time - from being native land prior to European settlers, to heavily Italian, to Asian and Jewish, to African-America, and now has increasing white, East African and Latino populations. I would think the community is thriving with a mix of ethnic groups and some awareness of the history. I'm concerned about maintaining middle class housing and economic |

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| | | | diversity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I think there is still difficulty understanding how gentrification and the original population can mesh and how we can create community and sub-communities for cohesion of neighbors. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | Is there an active cultural, faith-based or other community organization or association in the Central District that you participate in? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherry-Ethiopian restaurants Kings Deli – Best Chicken Catfish Grill MedMix Barber Shop Madrona Library – Douglas Central Cinema Langston Hughes Community Center Coyote Central Douglas Truth Library New Hope Church – Food, outreach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members of the organization need to work equally to improve the neighborhood There should be more community organizations and these could give more opportunities Organizations need more leaders Racism and discrimination, organizations can help fight those | What is the best way for you to get involved in community activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community center Example – Oromo Community Center Center for East African Community Affairs |

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