

## Seattle Neighborhood Workshops

### SUMMARY THEMES

#### Mount Baker/North Rainier

*\*\* Please also see map of potential zoning changes discussed at the workshop and table notes*

**Assets** – One of the two tables addressed this topic. Participants said they valued:

- Transit/light rail station
- Commercial activity, commercial center on Rainier
- Single family ambiance
- Historic preservation, Olmsted park and boulevard, walkability, trail from I-90 to José Rizal Park

**Proposed zoning changes** – Participants liked some of the ideas in the MHA proposal and made suggestions. They also had a number of areas of concern.

- Favorable:
  - More intense development along Rainier is welcome, and more commercial/retail options
  - Increase density (Low-Rise) south of I-90 light rail station
  - Transitions along Rainier make sense
- Concerns:
  - Don't expand the Urban Village boundary; develop commercial areas first
  - Consider pockets between Beacon Hill and North Rainier that could be included in one of the urban villages
  - Differing views on core:
    - Core of Urban Village is difficult to develop; opportunities are on perimeter
    - Support for recent rezone (Mt. Baker Light Rail Town Center), with its new vision for Urban Village core
  - Don't want to lose single family character; don't change single family to RSL or LR1 in the southwest of Urban Village
  - Don't upzone by Cheasty Blvd; support for current community effort to restore and enhance greenbelt adjacent to Cheasty Blvd.
  - RSL transitions on east side don't make sense
  - Traffic and parking challenges; walking on south part of Rainier feels unsafe
  - Increase commercial/retail options on Rainier that serve local residents
  - MLK Park is underutilized – renovate or sell and create a new park in the SM zone on Rainier
  - Add incentives for green features in buildings
  - Set a goal for affordable units in North Rainier Urban Village, but also for market rate housing
  - People at or below 60% AMI need a property tax exemption
  - Notification for meeting was poor