

Comments Received on the South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan

	Policy/Strategy	Comment	From	Response
Community Character				
1	Strategy 1b	Require green and pedestrian-oriented uses along Harrison and John St.	Lloyd Douglas	Amend strategy to consider other streets where pedestrian-oriented uses would be required. Note Harrison and Thomas Streets in discussion section of the plan.
2	Strategy 2c	I strongly oppose lifting the height restrictions of buildings. Lake Union is one of the most beautiful landmarks in Seattle and the view of it should be kept open and unobstructed by buildings.	Survey	Note dissent in plan.
3	Strategy 2c	Significant height limit increases tethered to public benefits and bulk limits/tower spacing will be a welcome change to the current SM-85/125 zones which result in “bread loaf” boxes without public benefits.	Survey	Consistent with plan
4	Strategy 2c	Consider increased height and density for both residential and commercial uses in the SLU Urban Center.	Mackie, Phillips, Dinndorf, Wagner & Fujii (MPDWF)	Add discussion of considering both commercial and residential increases in discussion under this existing strategy.
5	Strategy 2c	Incentive for increased height and bulk (FAR) should be consistent for all “Urban Centers” including Downtown.	MPDWF	Do not change. It’s not clear what this means. There are different incentive programs in place for different parts of Downtown. To the extent that this would change/dictate programs in other neighborhoods, it’s not appropriate for the SLU neighborhood plan.
6	Strategy 2c	Housing is the only option for bonus programs. No menu of options for bonus programs will be available.	Lloyd Douglas	Consider requiring that housing will be required as part of the bonus program, but allow other features to be part of the bonus program as well.

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7	Strategy 3b	Change to: Recognize potential historic sites identified by the Department of Neighborhoods' "Historic Survey"	MPDWF	Change strategy to: "Recognize key historic sites identified in historic surveys for different parts of the neighborhood." (There have been multiple surveys done for the neighborhood including one for Cascade, one for the streetcar, one for the Mercer project, one for other parts of the neighborhood, etc.)
8	Strategy 3b	The above recommendation is not acceptable.	Lloyd Douglas	
9	Strategy 3c	Consider establishing a "brick district" design guideline for DRB with encouragement of the use of brick as a prime exterior material in certain areas.	Survey	Do not change. Too detailed for plan
10	Policy 4	Why hasn't the Fire Department been involved in this plan?	Survey	Add discussion of Fire facilities and monitoring response times under Strategy 4f
11	Policy 4	Concerned about lack of discussion of Fire station facilities in the plan.	Greg Anderson	
12	Strategy 4c	Community policing (particularly re homeless) will require organization, processing and outreach.	Survey	Do not change. Comment noted
13	Policy 6	Preserve historic/buildings with character!	Survey	Consistent with plan
14	Policy 6	Preserve existing older buildings good.	Survey	Consistent with plan
15	Strategy 6c	Change: "Provide incentives to maintain older buildings" to "Develop incentives for adaptive reuse of existing non-historic buildings, if a building has sufficient character."	MPDWF	Change to: "Provide incentives to support property owners who wish to maintain existing non-historic buildings." The idea is to allow existing property owners to continue to maintain their buildings in the face of increases in property values, in order to preserve a diversity of character. Limiting it to adaptive reuse would mean that existing property owners who want to continue existing uses of the property wouldn't be able to access the incentive.

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16	Policy 7	Would like more support mentioned for maritime organizations and their programming and stress community access to the water provided by organizations like the Center for Wooden Boats.	Survey	See additions related to Center for Wooden Boats under Policy 26
17	Policy 7	I'm looking for more acknowledgement and planning to incorporate arts and other non-profits into this plan.	Survey	Consistent with plan
18	Policy 8	Make the following edit: "Seek to maintain a diversity of uses in the neighborhood, including maritime, industrial and a diverse business community and downtown core service businesses traditionally occupying the neighborhood."	MPDWF	Do not change.
19	Policy 8	The above edits change the historical character of the neighborhood and are not acceptable.	Lloyd Douglas	
20	Policy 8	Provide more discussion under Policy 8 about both small businesses and major employers. Key issues to touch on are "attracting small businesses with a local feel," "supporting diversity of businesses," and "helping small businesses to sustain themselves."	SLU Chamber	Write a discussion section under Policy 8 that touches on these issues

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21	Strategy 8d	Add new strategy to replace the original 9c (which was proposed to be deleted): “Support neighborhood businesses by working with the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce to support economic development within the neighborhood, involve and educate businesses in City actions that could affect businesses and customers and explore actions to mitigate the impacts of development on businesses.”	SLU Chamber	Add a new strategy and discussion: "Strategy 8d: Work with neighborhood businesses to support economic development within the neighborhood." "In order to implement this strategy a number of different things will need to occur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City will need to work with the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce to collaborate on projects to help existing South Lake Union businesses and non-profit organizations sustain themselves. Of particular importance will be projects focused on supporting small businesses and non-profits. • The neighborhood should make efforts to attract new and diverse businesses, particularly into street-level spaces. • The City will need to work with the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, and other neighborhood organizations, to coordinate and communicate with neighborhood businesses regarding activities that can affect businesses and customers. • Finally, the City, working with neighborhood businesses, will need to identify opportunities to mitigate the impacts of projects in the neighborhood,"

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22	Policy 9	Policy 9 (supporting the growth of “innovative” industries) seems only designed to support Vulcan’s plans, not necessarily to serve the interests of the neighborhood. Biotechnology should be left off the list of industries to be supported.	Survey	Do not change. Supporting biotechnology is the City’s policy for South Lake Union. Dissent is already noted in the plan.
23	Policy 9	Biotech can not be built without a commitment to an incubator.	Survey	Consider adding idea to discussion.
24	Policy 9	There should be a community council of biotech already here and the UW and Children’s to see what can be done to promote the effort. In the 2 years that I have been here there has not been a single such meeting.	Survey	Do not change. Too specific for neighborhood plan.
25	Policy 9	There is a need for creative thinking about ways the neighborhood could be made attractive to biotech businesses. Amongst these are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provisions for affordable housing at levels relevant to staff and scientists. This should include fellow housing. • development of relevant commercial entities: a book store, tavern, internet café, exercise center. 	Survey	Do not change. Affordable housing is a goal of the neighborhood plan. Specific types of businesses are not identified in the plan, but there are taverns, internet cafes and gyms in SLU.
26	Strategy 9b	Delete strategy	Lloyd Douglas	Do not change.
27	Strategy 9d	Edit: Work with key industry groups to develop action agendas to support the growth of and diversity of innovative industries in the neighborhood such as the sustainable building and smart energy sectors.	Lloyd Douglas	Make first change proposed. The second change helps to tie strategy to the neighborhood.
28	Policy 10	I believe this is vitally important. I think this entire process shows the need for more diverse people to interact, and learn to interact in a collaborative way.	Tim Soerens	Consistent with plan

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29	Strategy 10c	Change strategy from: "In addition to existing community spaces, acquire or designate a site and build a new community recreation center that allows for interaction among diverse groups." to "Create and support spaces in and near South Lake Union that allow for a range of activities and interaction among diverse groups."	Parks Department	Change to: "Create and support additional spaces in and near South Lake Union that allow a range of community activities and interaction among diverse groups." In discussion, note that as density increases, the neighborhood will work with Parks and the Public Library to explore opportunities. Change ranking to High.
30	Policy 11	Increase priority for arts organizations from Medium to High	SLU Chamber	Consider increasing priority from medium to high.
31	Policy 11	I would like to see a stronger commitment to supporting the arts and other non-profit organizations in the neighborhood.	Survey	
32	Policy 11	Not enough support for local arts organizations in the neighborhood, no film center or screening facility for independent cinema.	Survey	
33	Policy 11	I enthusiastically support this policy.	Tim Soerens	
34	Policy 11b	I believe this should be switched from medium to high if the arts are going to have any presence at all in the neighborhood, which is mandatory for a healthy community	Tim Soerens	
35	Strategy 11c	Discuss some of the non-profit arts and cultural organizations in the neighborhood, and the types of facilities that could be supported by this strategy.	Cinema Seattle (SIFF)	Add to discussion
36	Strategy 12b	Add "live theaters and movie theaters" to the range of arts organizations listed under this strategy.	Cinema Seattle (SIFF)	Add to discussion
37	Strategy 13b	The Public Art Advisory Committee is up and running, and should be a "near-term and long-term" activity.	Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs	Update timeframe

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38	Strategy 13c	More film arts programming in the neighborhood, city support of outdoor summer screenings, evening film screenings in the neighborhood.	Survey	Add “outdoor movie screenings” to the discussion
39	Policy 14	Interface with schools required.	Survey	Consistent with plan.
Transportation				
40	Policy 17	The current transportation plans shown to us have very little to offer biotech. The streetcar e.g. goes to downtown, not to the UW. There are no provisions for transport to Fremont, the UW, AMGEN, or Bothell.	Survey	Consistent with plan – which recommends extending streetcar to UW and lower Queen Anne (close to AMGEN)
41	Policy 17	Lack of bus transportation is issue #1.	Survey	Consistent with plan
42	Policy 17	I think the streetcar is an expense not justified by the use. In other words, the buses could have been augmented, and at a cheaper cost – to do the same job.	Survey	Do not change. Too late to change the streetcar
43	Policy 17	There needs to be a full Metro Transit Center located in South Lake Union where bus routes can be centralized. This would be far more convenient and effective than individual bus stops scattered all over the neighborhood.	Survey	Do not change. This is debatable. Easy access from the different corners of the neighborhood may provide better service than a centralized transit center. Appropriate transit service for the neighborhood will need to be a discussion with Metro and other transit providers as service become available.
44	Strategy 17b	Additional investments in the Streetcar should be borne by taxpayers citywide – not just the SLU area.	Survey	Do not change. Funding of future streetcar extensions is outside the scope of this plan
45	Strategy 17b	Streetcar should be extended to U-District via Eastlake – I think this should be an explicit part of the transportation recommendation	Survey	Consistent with plan
46	Strategy 17b	Continue to work with SDOT and the Streetcar Alliance to map and support an East-West streetcar line from Uptown to Capitol Hill through SLU and Seattle Center via Harrison and Olive Way	Survey	Consistent with plan
47	Strategy 17d	Add “and other streets where appropriate”	MPDWF	Make change

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48	Strategy 17d	Delete recommendation for a transit priority street on Fairview Ave. N.	Lloyd Douglas	Do not change.
49	Strategy 17e	Change: "Create additional bus layover space" to "Work with transit providers to provide service to the neighborhood when they use South Lake Union streets."	SDOT	Change proposed after discussion of community goals.
50	Policy 18	Important that it be substantially pedestrian and biker-friendly	Survey	Consistent with plan
51	Policy 18	Need to address pedestrian/bike environment, which I know is underway, but I can't stress it enough.	Survey	Consistent with plan
52	Policy 18	Add: "green these pedestrian and bicycle routes with street trees and landscaping to create green corridors."	Parks Foundation	Consistent with existing plan strategies. Add "street trees" where appropriate.
53	Policy 18	Identify hazardous pedestrian crossings and encourage the City to make safety improvements	MPDWF	Consistent with plan (see Policies 4 and 18)
54	Policy 18	Encourage the City to fully implement the Bicycle Master Plan and the upcoming Pedestrian Master Plan in South Lake Union	MPDWF	Consistent with plan.
55	Strategy 18c	The bicycle route through the area will be too limited, even once Seattle's Master Bike Plan is fully implemented.	Survey	Do not change.
56	Strategy 19c	Update strategy to recognize existing Transportation Demand Management activities provided by the Urban Mobility Group and Downtown Transportation Alliance.	Metro	Change to: "Encourage individual businesses to participate in a neighborhood-wide Transportation Demand Management Organization activities:
57	Policy 20	Need more public parking provided to the parks. We want people to enjoy and use our improved and new parks, but need to make it easy for visitors to come to the area. Also, provide parking for Center for Wooden Boats visitors and volunteers.	Survey	Add strategy supporting shared parking: "Support efforts to share parking between businesses, residential buildings and public amenities." as a way to address this issue. Park design is

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58	Policy 20	I do not feel that parking for park visitors, CWB visitors, volunteers and employees has been sufficiently addressed. Also parking for visitors et al to whatever organizations occupies the formal Naval Armory. As the park is developed, demand for parking will increase. As for CWB, it is heavily reliant on volunteers. If it is difficult and/or expensive to park, CWB will suffer a loss of volunteers and its ability to serve the neighborhood will decline.	Survey	complete. A parking study has been done. There is an outstanding commitment to provide parking for park users between Valley and Mercer Streets
59	Policy 21	Too much of the street is given over to street parking. The only effective solution to stop people from using their private cars is to not provide parking for them, and to rigorously enforce ticketing and towing policies.	Survey	Do not change. Metered on-street parking provides a balance between this position and those who want free and accessible parking
60	Policy 22	Add new strategy: Support and develop the Lake Union Loop Trail as a vital multi-use connection for bicycles and pedestrians around Lake Union, linking South Lake Union with neighborhoods to the north.	Parks Foundation	Change parks policy 32g to transportation policy 22g
61	Strategy 22f	Delete this strategy	Lloyd Douglas	Do not change.
62	Policy 23	Increasing connections over Aurora is a very good idea.	Survey	Consistent with plan.
63	Policy 23	Find ways to access over or across Aurora to Seattle Center via stop light at Harrison or pedestrian overpass and a BRT station at Aurora.	Survey	Consistent with plan.
64	Policy 23	Add a new strategy: "Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to key cultural centers such as the Seattle Center and Olympic Sculpture Park."	Parks Foundation	Add discussion of connections to these sites.
65	Strategy 23a	Build additional east/west crossings of Aurora Avenue N to allow for improved access to Seattle Center and Uptown for <u>transit</u> , motor vehicles, pedestrians and bikes.	MPDWF	Make second change proposed.

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66	Policy 25	Bike/Ped access across/through Valley Street and Mercer Street are very important – not clear how this will be addressed.	Survey	Consistent with plan (see Mercer Street Project)
Parks and Open Space				
67	Policy 26	Align with the Center for Wooden Boats to get them some land/permanent or land office/exhibit space.	Survey	Do not change. CWB will be building space at Lake Union Park – providing spaces for specific organizations is outside the scope of this plan
68	Policy 26	More mention of the Center for Wooden Boats and its important role in the success of Lake Union Park, and more recognition of CWB’s role in implementing the maritime aspect of the park by providing educational opportunities, programs and access to the water. CWB is a “high” priority!	Survey	Add discussion of CWB.
69	Policy 26	There are multiple references to South Lake Union Park – change to Lake Union Park	Parks Foundation	Make change
70	Policy 26	Add a new strategy: “Work with the Center for Wooden Boats to continue and enhance its hands-on maritime heritage programs, events and activities.”	Center for Wooden Boats	Make change.
71	Strategy 26a	Add in the “history trail” to this strategy related to the Park design	Parks Foundation	Make change
72	Strategy 26b	Remove the “history trail” from this strategy related to MOHAI	Parks Foundation	Make change
73	Policy 29	Acquisition of public use and open space property of highest priority due to property appreciation	Survey	Consider increasing priority for Policy 29 from medium to high.
74	Policy 29	Look to utilize zoning changes to incentivize and reward private development to provide pocket parks, mid-block crossings, activated alleys, etc.	Survey	Consider adding strategy: “Consider incentives to encourage new public open space as part of development.”
75	Strategy 29a	Please keep this	Tim Soerens	Change to: “Identify new revenue sources to acquire and develop open

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76	Strategy 29a	Change: “Use revenue from impact fees to acquire and develop open space within or near South Lake Union.” To “Support potential revenue sources for use in acquiring and developing parks and public open space in the South Lake Union area.”	MPDWF	space within or near South Lake Union.” Mention impact fees as one potential source in the discussion.
77	Strategy 29a	Do not delete this	Lloyd Douglas	
78	Strategy 29e	Make edit: Consider open space and other community facilities identified by this plan as <u>the only</u> public benefits for granting right-of-way vacations.	Lloyd Douglas	Consider change
79	Strategy 29f	Clarify that Parks Department isn’t responsible for “coordinating with housing development projects to create <u>valuable open space for residents.</u> ”	Parks Department	Make change
80	Policy 30	How about lower and middle class recreation.	Survey	Do not change. Not sure what “lower and middle class recreation” is or how it is different from public recreation spaces, but public community and recreation facilities are in the plan.
81	Strategy 30b	Edit: <u>Use private or private/public partnerships for</u> Consider public -acquisition of a- <u>portions</u> of new development for community and/ <u>or</u> recreational <u>use facilities.</u>	Lloyd Douglas	“Encourage private actions, public project or public/private partnerships for the development of community and/or recreational facilities.”
82	Strategy 30d	Edit: Incorporate <u>Encourage</u> child-friendly design principles into all parks.	Lloyd Douglas	Make change
83	Strategy 31d	Edit: Plan for parks and open spaces to be adjacent to active uses such as shops, restaurants and community organizations, unless the park activities are incompatible with such uses.	Lloyd Douglas	Make change
84	Strategy 32a	Promote improvement of Street Ends and Public Waterways as points of public access to Lake Union, pocket parks, and enhanced wildlife habitat.	Parks Foundation	Change Strategy 32a: Consider public rights-of-way, <u>including street ends and public</u>

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85	Strategy 32a	Add “Seek to create maritime facilities, programs, and exhibits on the undeveloped South Lake Union street ends and waterways.” As a new strategy.	MPDWF	<u>waterways</u> , as potential places for open space, <u>wildlife habitat</u> , and <u>locations for pocket parks or maritime facilities and activities</u> , as appropriate.
86	Policy 32e	Change “Support the continued maritime training and education at the Center for Wooden Boats” to: “Work with the maritime heritage organizations to provide a wide variety of community-benefiting maritime activities, events and exhibits.”	MPDWF	Make change.
Housing				
87	Policy 33	Edit: Provide incentives to encourage housing for people across a range of incomes in a variety of housing types, particularly in mixed-income buildings.	MPDWF	Do not change. The idea of mixed-income buildings has been popular with many community members
88	Policy 33	Do not make the proposed edit above.	Lloyd Douglas	
89	Policy 33	New strategy: Support a city-wide “strategic housing plan” that integrates various levels of affordability (low-income to work-force to market-rate housing) and encourages a supply of housing and resident mobility.	MPDWF	Do not change. Too broad for a neighborhood plan. A “strategic housing plan” was developed for South Lake Union.
90	Policy 33	New strategy: Provide a number of program funding tools such as “Land Acquisition Fund,” “Growth Related Housing Fund” and others that support increasing both work force and low-income housing supply.	MPDWF	Change 33a to: “Provide programs and incentives that support the development of housing affordable to lower- and moderate-income households.” Discuss multiple options for implementation including inclusionary zoning, land acquisition funds, growth related housing funds, etc. under this strategy. The design of specific programs will be discussed outside of this process.
91	Policy 33	Include the proposed strategy above to Policy 37	Lloyd Douglas	
92	Strategy 33a	Edit: <u>Encourage programs and Provide incentives including public benefits for that support the development of affordable housing to lower- and moderate-income households.</u>	MPDWF	
93	Policy 33	Any incentive program must be required.	Lloyd Douglas	

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94	Policy 33	Add new strategy: Require the use of inclusionary zoning as an option for any upzone/public benefits discussion.	Lloyd Douglas	
95	Policy 33	All funds for workforce housing must be new funds. Reprogrammed funds do NOT count as new funds.	Lloyd Douglas	Do not change. This appears to be about disposition of citywide housing funding, which is outside the scope of this neighborhood plan.
96	Strategy 33d	I think housing at street-level is not desirable. Small office/retail at ground level is good.	Survey	Do not change. Plan provides for a range of uses at street level. Most neighborhoods in the City have some housing at street level that works well.
97	Policy 34	There is some concern that subsidized housing is over-represented already. Continue to encourage, but define appropriate target thresholds – not to exceed 20%-25% of all households.	Survey	Comment noted. Target has been set by the Comprehensive Plan for 37% of housing in the neighborhood to be affordable below 80% of median income.
98	Policy 34	There is no planning at all for affordable housing. By affordable, I mean 1 and 2 bedroom apartments that cost between 500 to 1000 dollars a month, respectively. Everything planned for SLU is far beyond anything a normal person could afford. When this issue is coupled with the lack of effective mass transit and the lack of community space and parks, the entire concept becomes a ludicrous case of myopic dystopia.	Survey	See policies 33 and 34.
99	Strategy 34b	Edit: Provide affordable and workforce housing units at the same time as other new units.	Lloyd Douglas	None – there is interest in middle-income housing being developed as well as lower-income housing
100	Strategy 34d	Acquisition of property [for affordable housing] is the highest priority.	Survey	Increase priority for Strategy 34d from Medium to High
101	Strategy 38a	Edit: <u>Consider</u> a <u>rezone of</u> the Industrial Commercial zone to the Seattle Mixed zone to allow housing.	Lloyd Douglas	None – stronger recommendation is appropriate given community interest in this recommendation

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102	Policy 40	Would like to see more work-live type housing in SLU and more housing in general. It is an area just off downtown so it could be an excellent residential opportunity.	Survey	Consistent with plan.
Sustainable Development				
103	Strategy 41d	Edit: “Provide <u>and service</u> trash receptacles in the neighborhood.	Lloyd Douglas	Make change – list community as an implementer because the City sometimes has agreements with adjacent property owners to provide trash cans when the property owner commits to emptying it. Add in recycling and food waste receptacles.
104	Strategy 42c	Change “evaluate the potential of vegetated swales...” to “encourage the use of vegetated swales to reduce pollutants in stormwater bound for Lake Union.”	Parks Foundation	Make change. Edit strategy 42c to be more understandable to the general public.
105	Policy 43	New strategy: “Encourage the City to move forward with design and construction of an electrical substation for South Lake Union. This will support continued development and investment in the neighborhood, but will also offset the demand on the Broad Street and University substations and benefit the City as a whole.	MPDWF	Edit Strategy 43b: Develop a utility infrastructure plan to address projected growth in load that: 1. identifies essential infrastructure, including a substation; and 2. evaluates a plan and financing for an underground network system to provide stability to the system; and 3. explores developing an underground ordinance area if an underground network is proposed. Note: other network systems were created decades ago using funding sources that are no longer available.
106	Policy 43	New strategy: “Encourage the City to invest in electrical infrastructure in the form of the proposed underground network that will support the growing power requirements of the neighborhood. Ask the City to follow funding precedent set in creation of the Downtown, First Hill and U-District networks.	MPDWF	
107	Strategy 45b	Consider returning strategy to original language: “Encourage designs that minimize impacts on City-protected view corridors.” Rather than proposed “Regulate designs to minimize impacts on City-protected view corridors.”	Lloyd Douglas	Consider change

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108	Strategy 45c	Edit: <u>Require</u> review <u>of</u> light and shadow impacts at the street when evaluating proposals to allow additional height.	Lloyd Douglas	None – meaning is substantially the same
109	Strategy 45c	Require shadow impact studies for any structure that would intrude on any portion of a green or pedestrian-oriented street.	Lloyd Douglas	None – this issue is considered during environmental review and design review, as appropriate.
110	Strategy 46d	Add the following: “Encourage the planting of street trees, landscaping, and linear parks to beautify the neighborhood and enhance its ecological value.”	Parks Foundation	Meld this with Strategy 46d. Create a new strategy that says: “Encourage street designs and plantings to increase canopy coverage, landscaping, native species beautify the neighborhood and enhance its ecological value.”

General comments/comments on issues not addressed in plan

Community Character

- Little concern for housing environment and even less concern for those already residents in South Lake Union
- I worked on the original SLU Plan, specifically Neighborhood Character committee along with Bob Grossman. There have been a lot of changes in the district since that time. We were concerned that there would be protection of the businesses in SLU and that there would be adequate parking and transportation improvements. Concerning residential development, we did not want it to become another Belltown, but rather have a balance of adequate affordable housing for residents to be close to their jobs. I am concerned that the small businesses in the area are not given enough voice in planning for zoning changes, affordable housing, parking and business loss due to construction and road closures and delays, etc. The SLU Chamber of Commerce should have a large part in making those decisions.
- If any community amenity or service is designed to be shared with other neighborhood(s), developer shares should go up with each additional neighborhood.

Transportation

- I have concerns that the strong emphasis on pedestrian and transit access will result in car access being further limited. Existing businesses draw from well outside the neighborhood and depend on customers who arrive by car. That should not be disregarded in favor of a rosy vision where everyone walks or bikes. Realistically, unless the goal is to drive existing business out and replace them with brew pubs and coffee houses, we need to maintain the current level of access for private vehicles. I see lots of discussion about residents and commuters, how about some recognition of the needs of shoppers and visitors.
- As a SLU business owner and currently living through the streetcar traffic situation, I am very concerned as to how the plan addresses the access to existing businesses.

- Very centered around Westlake and not at all responsive to those further north.
- Add priority for helping businesses survive major transportation projects.
- There is not enough emphasis on non-automobile methods of transport.
- How about an around the lake streetcar or bus?
- Add new strategy: Strict enforcement of over-site, over-weight, or over-weight regulations and transit corridors.

Parks

- I would like to see pet-specific areas and as much green space as possible. A SLU off-leash park would be fantastic.
- There is not enough emphasis on parks and community space in South Lake Union. With the exception of the Cascade Community Garden and the soon-to-be South Lake Union Park, the entire neighborhood is an ugly concrete jungle.
- My only concern here is that the Wood Boat Center is underfunded.
- Recognize that “given projected increases in population and density, the importance of parks and open space will increase over time.”
[Parks Foundation]
- Require shadow impacts for any structure that would intrude on any portion of a park or open space.

Housing

- Academic housing is a special niche. I have heard NO discussion of this issue.

Sustainable Development

- Be sure to list high-density housing as a sustainable benefit as described by LEED for neighborhood development.