

03/03/2011 BBH Renter Workshop Report

1st question: "Why do you live, work, shop, play, own a business, etc. in the BBH Neighborhoods?"

- Responses:
- Bought my 1st house
 - Close to mosque
 - Diverse neighborhood
 - Good bus service
 - Close to shopping

2nd question: "What positive changes would you like to see in the BBH Neighborhoods as it grows in population?"

- Responses:
- More pedestrian-friendly
 - Improve existing sidewalks
 - Better street lighting
 - Improve traffic safety with an eye towards seniors and children
 - Maintain the natural beauty (trees, lakes, etc.) of the neighborhood

3rd question: "What type of housing would you like to see in the future? Do you believe this will affect current residents in BBH? How?"

- Responses:
- Smaller multi-family housing
 - Mother-in-law apartments
 - Maintain single-family zoning
 - Requirements for green space
 - More esthetics in developments

4th question: Does your neighborhood have a commercial district? If so, where is it? If not, do you need one? And where in your urban village do you think it should be?"

Responses: -Starts at Midvale & Aurora
-Ends at 143rd & Stone Way N

5th question: "What goods and services are important to you now, and as the BBH Neighborhood grows?"

Responses: -Culturally appropriate grocery stores (Halal foods, etc.)
-Everything I need is here already
-More gathering spots (pubs, cafes, etc.)
-More attractions for teens (skate park, movie theater, etc.)

6th question: "Is it safe and easy for you to get where you want to go in BBH by walking? Why or why not?"

Responses: -Not safe/Need to be constantly vigilant
-Lack of sidewalks prevents walking
-Poor lighting/visibility
-Campaign for pedestrian safety
-Less money for bike lanes on streets/Not realistic to bike Seattle

7th question: "Will you be using the new Rapid ride or other bus service? If yes, how do you get to the bus stop?"

Responses: -Yes!
-More East/West bus service

8th question: "Is it safe and easy to get where you want to go in BBH by biking? Why or why not?"

Responses: -Not safe
-Too much "warrior" mentality in Seattle cyclists
-Don't feel safe biking on the road
-Existing infrastructure too half-assed

9th question: "What improvements would you like to see in BBH Neighborhoods/Community Parks and recreation programs?"

- Responses:
- Farmer's markets
 - More adult/family-oriented classes/hobby classes
 - More winter programs
 - Gatherings to promote the neighborhood (Art, music, food fairs, etc.)

10th question: "What is working well in your neighborhood with regard to drinking water, solid waste collection, flood control and sewer systems? What isn't working well, and where specifically are the problems? What specific improvements would you like to see?"

- Responses:
- Costs too much for water/sewer/garbage
 - Standing water on Stone Way
 - Garbage/branches in sewer grates

- Parking lot:
- More/better lighting
 - Developers bear too much of the burden in building in infrastructure improvements
 - McGinn's Seattle stops at Phinney Ridge && 25th