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Why do you live in the Bitter Lake neighborhood?

- Inexpensive, affordable senior housing
- Close to shopping, hospital, doctors
- Close to lake and park
- Close to the bus
- Beautiful area
- Close to my family and churches
- Reasonable rent
- Recommended by friends (Four Freedoms House)
- HUD housing (Four Freedoms House)
- Have met some wonderful friends here
- Like the building (Four Freedoms House)
- Near the bus, shopping, Social Security office, fire & police, restaurants — all we need, can walk to everything
- Quick emergency response
- Good employees (Four Freedoms House)
- Nice to fish in the lake (Bitter Lake)

What positive changes would you like to see?

- More & better sidewalks
- More parking on Linden
- Better lighting on side streets off Aurora, especially N. 135th St.
- Bigger fish in the lake
- Improved curb cuts, better access to pedestrian signal buttons at Aurora & N. 130th and Aurora & N. 135th —
- Curb cuts need to be on both sides of a corner to facilitate travel in each direction, on both sides of the street,
- Pedestrian signal button is in inconvenient location because it is so far from the curb
- Bike lane on Linden
- Longer cycle for pedestrian signal to accommodate slow walkers & those using walkers or wheelchairs
- Speed indicator electronic signs (Your speed is ...), speed bumps on Linden
- Sidewalk surface should be designed to accommodate small wheels (wheelchairs, walkers, strollers) so it is a
- Smooth ride rather than a series of bumps
- A bakery

What type of housing would you like to see in the future?

- Don't need more, traffic is already clogged
- More senior housing with adequate parking
- Need a local looping bus route

Broadview, Bitter Lake, Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Senior Members BBH at Four Freedoms House

- Wonder where you would put new buildings?
- Mixed-use with 1st floor retail, housing above, parking below or above, not surface parking

Commercial district

- Aurora between N 130th and N 135th
- Also Aurora between N 135th and 145th -- don't feel as safe in this area, no sidewalks on east side

Goods & Services important to us

- Laundromats, dry cleaners
- Restaurants
- Movie theater
- Bowling alley
- Bakery
- More senior activities at the Bitter Lake community center
- Entertainment complex -- could include theater, bowling alley, etc.
- Low-income medical clinic
- Off-lease park for small dogs only
- Groceries, Kmart
- Espresso café

Rapid Ride & bus service

- Yes, we'd take Rapid Ride
- Use # 345 to Northgate then transfer to #41 to go downtown
- Use #358 to go to downtown, church, veterinarian's office, doctor
- Bus service is good, can go many places
- Walk to bus stop
- #358 should loop over to here (Four Freedoms House) on its way downtown

Park & Recreation program improvements

- Schedule more baseball games -- love to watch them
- Senior computer classes that are affordable
- A senior center in the Bitter Lake Community Center
- Affordable classes and workshops

Infrastructure improvements

- Currently the potholes fill with water

Misc. Comments

- Public safety concerns — car prowls in our area, drug activity, prostitution, teenagers
- N. 135th between Linden and Aurora needs sidewalks