What we heard at Celebrate Little Saigon
August 24, 2014

The following are comments that were written on two interactive boards at our booth by people visiting Little Saigon on the day of Celebrate Little Saigon.

Here’s what’s great about Little Saigon:

- The people!
- Vietnamese pride
- My home away from home
- Good location, good food, community
- Culture, restaurants, community, Little Saigon festival
- Celebrate Little Saigon
- Love the lion dance at the CLS festival
- Love to be part of the lion dance team

- Food (x6)
- Great food!
- Food and grocery shopping
- Restaurants
- Tamarind Tree
- Traditional food
- Lam Seafood. Hue ky mi gia.
- Groceries

- Many stores in the same place. That is good for us to shop. Thanks.
- Small mom-and-pop business
- Small ethnic owned business
- Small businesses (keep it affordable)

- Nguoi Viet Today News
- The Che Icy Bowl is so good!
- Bahn mi
- I love New Saigon banh mi. I love hue ky mi gia.
- Toi thich banh mi. Ta thich ky mi gia
- bun bo Hue. Cha gio so mit
- bun bo hue so I. bun mang vit Viet Nam hao
- Bel-za

My dream for Little Saigon is...

- A nice, clean and safe community for businesses and customers, a place that everyone can come together to enjoy and have a good cultural experience as well. Outdoor seating for businesses would be great!
• A place for us, our children and beyond to come together, united, whether you’re Vietnamese or not.
• Vietnamese Cultural Center (second this) – Somewhere where we know all the events will happen – plaza, building, etc. + parking
• Vietnamese Community Center – hang out place for kids to learn Vietnamese culture
• I wish to have a community center that can help people to have a chance to meet together, share some fun things and have fun!
• Focal point

• Farmer’s market where little old ladies can sell produce and food – like in Vietnam (second this too!)
• More local shops
• Outdoor seating at restaurants and pet friendly places. We love Little Saigon!
• Pedestrian zones with Vietnamese style cafes
• More promotion of Seattle’s best markets and restaurants

• Better public transport
• Street parking
• Better parking
• Nicer, cleaner, more parking
• More garage parking, thanks.
• Cheaper parking so everyone can come here
• Need more parking lots

• Cultural preservation activities, housing for residents
• Affordable residences and retail spaces

• Kid friendly park (second this)
• Lots of green and clean spaces. (Agreed)
• More trees! Better, nicer dumpsters! (Yes, second this)

• Stay international, everybody has a voice, mix of cultures
• Helping to build a brighter future together
• Keep up the good cultures
• Culture, diversity-inspired local artwork
• Bring back the Vietnamese Catholic Church
• More fests – People love them.
• Wishing each day more vibrant living in peace
• We’ll love Little Saigon
• Safe from crime for visitors and pedestrians
• Toi tai Vancouver, BC. Mong hoi V.N. tai. Seattle Phat Trien Mong hon. (Andrew Vu)
Where people were visiting from today:

- 12th Avenue
- Beacon Hill
- Bellevue
- Burien
- Des Moines, WA
- Federal Way
- First Hill
- Issaquah
- Jackson Place
- Lynnwood
- Renton
- Squire Park
- Tukwila
- Yesler Terrace

- Japan
- Los Angeles
- Philadelphia
- Vancouver, BC