

March 25, 2009

Meeting held at the Van Asselt Community Center

**Question:** Why did you choose to live in this community (New Holly)?

- Well-equipped and relatively new facility
- Short distance from Chinatown
- Presence of many Chinese people
- Improvement in the following aspects will make it a better place for living:
  - Safety
  - Management of the SHA
  - Lower management fee
  - Street hygiene
  - Lack of choices.

**Question:** As the community grows, how may this affect the original and future residents?

- Property tax may increase
- Housing price and rent may increase
- More goods and services may be provided as population increase
- More new neighbors may cause the neighborhood more complications and problems

**Question:** What shops and services would you like to see preserved?

- Safeway, Viet Wah Supermarket
- International Community Health Service

They would like to see the following shops and services near the transit station:

- Chinese Dim Sum Restaurant
- Walmart
- Bank
- QFC
- Costco
- Post Office

Clinics, Daycare centers and Preschool are important as the community grows.

**Question:** How do you use the parks and community center?

- Exercise e.g. walking
- Take children to playgroup and biking
- The following improvement will make us use the parks/ community centers more often:
  - Providing more Chinese Cultural Activities
  - Having Table-tennis facility indoor or outdoor
  - Work out equipment
  - Information in Chinese/ having Chinese interpretation service
  - Extend service hours esp. weekends
  - Safety by having more frequent police patrols and pedestrian lightings
  - Swimming pool
  - Having a big fountain with fishes

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- Public Restroom
- Government funded not the management company

**Question:** How do you meet your daily needs in your neighborhood?

- take buses and drive our own cars to Chinatown mostly
- walk to Safeway
- We may walk to buy daily needs if the stores are nearby and within walking distance.

Important destinations in the neighborhood are Safeway, Clinic (International Community Health Service) and schools.

**Questions:** What challenges do you face when walking or biking in your neighborhood?

- Too hot during summer. Suggest to plant more tree along sidewalk
- Lack of Bike Lane
- Too dark at night

Traffic issues nearby include:

- Lack of road signs in the intersection
- People park their cars without discipline
- Long waiting time to cross the road e.g. Traffic light outside International Community Health Service in Othello
- Frequency of bus service is not enough e.g. Route 106, 32, and 36

**Question:** Do you plan on using Light Rail?

We may use the light rail depending on the following factors:

- Destination (downtown or airport) because it may be faster than taking bus.
- Fare
- Convenience to get to the station
- We suggest opening Morgan St down to MLK Jr Way.

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**Format: We divided the residents into 6 groups. The workshop included two parts. The first part was small group discussion and the second part was presentation from small groups and conclusion.**

1. The restroom doors inside the Beacon Tower were locked and caused inconvenience.
2. The notices in the building should be English and Chinese.
3. We need a zebra-crossing outside Beacon Tower i.e. at Massachusetts St.
4. Parks should have exercise equipment for the elderly, chess table, benches and restrooms.
5. Tickets for Link Light Rail and bus should be interchangeable. Discounts in tickets for Link Light Rail should be given to elderly.
6. Pedestrian side-walk needs to be widened, so as to avoid stepping on the greens while walking.
7. More benches around the area for community.
8. Maintain a clean environment in the community.
9. Notices/signs in the light rail station should be in Chinese.
10. Public Safety is important.
11. Bike lane is not safe. Bike lanes should be separated from car lanes.
12. The housing density is getting higher in Beacon Hill area and there are fewer green areas. Green area/housing density proportion should be balanced.
13. Garbage bins at bus stops should be larger.
14. Frequent police patrols in the Beacon Tower.
15. Beacon Hill is on top of the hill, many trees and excellent view, close to Chinatown and Seattle Downtown. These are the reasons make us live here.
16. There are not enough schools. Build more schools.
17. Build culturally diversified community center in the area.
18. We have hospitals. We also need drugstores.
19. We will use light rail. We also want to maintain Metro bus route 36.
20. More benches in the pedestrian plaza outside light rail station.
21. Free Wi-Fi in light rail station.
22. No smoking at bus stops.
23. More specialty shops.
24. Dollars stores.
25. Building disaster and emergency response teams needed in the community.

April 16, 2009

Meeting held at the Jefferson Community Center

**Question:** What makes your neighborhood a place you have chosen to live, work and shop?

- Convenient transportation connecting to different areas e.g. Bellevue, Chinatown, Downtown and the Sec-tac Airport.
- Close to Chinatown and Downtown.
- Close to workplace.
- Having a strong sense of belonging because of the culture acquaintance.

**Would like to see the following improvements:**

- Building parks with flowers, plants, trees and public restroom, gathering places for entertainment and culture activities, pool.
- More bus routes/public transport connecting S. of Beacon Hill and the Link Light Rail.
- 6-8 storey buildings in Beacon Hill so as to BRING the prosperity of the area.
- Stores in Beacon Hill area are small-scale local stores. They want to see Chain Store like McDonald's, Grocery Stores like Safeway or QFC and clothing store.
- Some of them use the Community Center and the parks for relaxing. They hope to see flyer/printed material in their language i.e. Chinese or having a Bilingual staff at the Community Center.
- If the fare is reasonable/ competitive and bus connection to the Link Light Rail is convenient, they will use the Light Rail for daily commuting.
- Road regulations should be strictly implemented and Road Safety should be promoted so as to reducing people walk across the road unsafely.
- The frequency of Police Patrol should be increase.
- The conjunction between 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Northbound should put a Stop sign or Give Way sign to reduce traffic accidents.

April 27, 2009

Meeting held at Providence Gamelin House at Rainier Vista

**Question:** What makes your neighborhood a place you have chosen to live, work and shop?

- Convenient transportation connecting to different areas e.g. Chinatown, Downtown
- Close to Chinatown and Downtown
- Close to relatives
- Buildings and roads are new and clean in the area.

**Would like to see the following improvement:**

- Expanding parks with tree like cherry blossom, workout equipments for elderly.
- Reducing the noise pollution caused by the Link Light Rail.
- More light rail stations in between of the existing stations.
- Mixed land use buildings with shops on the lower floors and residential on the higher floors so that the residents can be self-sustained in the building.
- Having elderly service centers nearby.
- They want to see chain store like McDonald's and Target, grocery stores like Safeway or QFC and indoor shopping center nearby.
- Street parking outside the Providence Gamelin House on the ML King Jr Way was restricted to one-hour parking. They hope the residents can park longer hours.
- From Columbian Way turn left to ML King Jr Way is very dangerous as cars from the opposite side don't face directly to Columbian Way.

April 28, 2009

Meeting held at the Center Park Community Room

**The reasons they live there:**

- Close to Chinatown, church and parks
- The size of the apartment is huge.
- Beautiful mountain view
- Clear air
- Convenient transportation
- Trees everywhere

**Things to be improved:**

- Restaurant inside the apartment for the sake of the seniors and people with disabilities.
- Indoor sports center with workout equipments for seniors
- More plants and flowers, benches, picnic table or chess table and shelter in the parks
- Chinese Grocery stores nearby
- More benches along side-walk
- Zebra-crossing at the intersection of Walker St. and Rainier Ave S. or move the bus stop closer Burger King.
- Want to see Fred Meyer nearby.
- Drugstores with Chinese speaking staff
- Chinese Dim Sum or restaurant nearby
- Library
- Elderly Service Center