

North Beacon Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

Strategies and action steps to achieve the community's vision and goals.



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The North Beacon Hill Action Plan is the work plan that identifies strategies and action steps to be accomplished together by the community and the City in order to achieve the community's vision and goals. Through a series of meetings during 2009 and 2010, the community came together to create the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Update, an update of the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan of 1999, and helped to prioritize the strategies and action steps of the North Beacon Hill Action Plan. It is the intent of the City to complete the included Action Steps in the timeframes indicated assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available.

Overview

Neighborhood Plans are designed to be long-term, flexible documents that shape and guide the future of a neighborhood. The original Neighborhood Planning process took place nearly 10 years ago and helped provide communities with a framework that allowed them to shape the direction of their neighborhood. The goals and strategies developed during the original neighborhood planning process were folded into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The recently completed North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Update process affirmed the vision of the original North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan completed in 1999 and refreshed the goals, policies and strategies to reflect the changed conditions of the plan area and involvement of a broader segment of the neighborhood's population. These proposed goals and policies will be forwarded to City Council in early 2011 for inclusion in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Action Plans and Priorities

The North Beacon Hill Action Plan includes the vision, goals, policies and strategies of the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Update as well as the goals, policies and strategies that were carried over from the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan of 1999. The action plan includes action steps to be addressed in the near future as work toward the associated strategy. The action plan is intended to be refreshed regularly by the community and the City. It is a living document that accommodates changing priorities, conditions, tools and resources.

Action Plan priorities are the shared work of the community and the City that are required to achieve the vision and goals of the Neighborhood Plan update process. In order to be implemented, each strategy has specific action steps that the City, neighborhood residents, business, and other actors are responsible for completing. To assure progress toward implementation, each action step has an estimated timeline for completion.

The following two tables summarize the community's prioritization of goals and strategies from the 2009 Neighborhood Plan Update Process in North Beacon Hill. The City's neighborhood planning team gathered this feedback in two ways. First, a Town Hall meeting in May 2010, community members participated in a "dot exercise", in which they placed an allotted number

of dots beside their own priorities. Second, community members participated in a similar exercise via an online survey.

Table A: Top Selected Goals for North Beacon Hill

Dots	Goal #	description
332	Goal 4	Neighborhood with parks and open spaces that serve its diverse community
325	Goal 5	An active and safe, diverse neighborhood, day and night
296	Goal 6	A gathering place for the cultural communities of the neighborhood
284	Goal 10	A safe and pleasant neighborhood to walk, bike, and ride
275	Goal 3	A strong neighborhood commercial District

Table B: Top Selected Strategies for North Beacon Hill

Dots	Strategy #	Description
99	5 additional	Supporting a safe and healthy community
86	6.4	Bring a Farmers Market to Town Center
83	10.1	Implement specific SETS projects
82	2.1	Support affordable housing close to light rail station
80	8.2	Change zoning and land use to support the development vision at El Centro
79	6.5	Support arts and cultural organizations, projects and events
78	5.3	Explore making North Beacon Hill an Alcohol Impact Area
75	5.2	Increase bike patrols
73	10.2	Complete a design for Beacon Ave S to S Spokane St
72	5.1	Maintain Jefferson Park as a safe place to be, possibly through Park Rangers

This informal summary simply highlights those goals and strategies that garnered the most dots, and provides a brief synthesis of the top-dotted items. The results are a general indicator of community priorities -- they are not intended to preclude or limit other goals and strategies identified in the neighborhood plans. A complete list of the goals and strategies that were listed during this exercise is included in the Action Plan; and the Neighborhood Plan Update Town Hall and Web Survey Results which are available at http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/Overview/

For the North Beacon Hill neighborhood, the key themes that emerged from the dot exercise were:

- Top-dotted goals focus on good public places, including a multicultural center.

- Top strategies are largely **safety** related (#5additional, #5.3, #5.2, #5.1)
- Other top strategies cover a range of issues (farmers market, transportation improvements, affordable housing, rezoning & redevelopment, arts & cultural affairs)

Implementation Strategy

A Neighborhood Action Team will be formed around each goal that is a demonstrated priority, so that community members can take ownership of the priorities that matter most.

Community members will self-select Action Teams, so that people who are passionate and committed to implementing a goal will carry out the work required to for implementation. The City department that best relates to the stated goal will convene the Action Team. The different Action Teams will function differently depending on the type and timing of the work to be done. The Neighborhood District Coordinator will provide contact information for City staff of the different Action Teams and also serve to connect community members who are interested in participating in Action Teams.

The City will host community-wide meetings to inform residents on the progress of the previous year's Action Steps and to determine the next Action Steps. Action Plans will continuously be revised accordingly.

North Beacon Action Plan

WHAT					WHEN		WHO		HOW	
Vision	Goals	Policies	Strategies	Action Steps	Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)

North Beacon Hill is a community with a long and unique history, characterized by its ethnic and cultural diversity. The committee will work to develop a plan for a well defined urban village anchored by a new library and commercial/retail core accessed by efficient, pedestrian friendly, public transportation. Furthermore, the urban village plan will reinforce existing single family neighborhoods by encouraging and focusing additional growth within the boundaries of the urban village while maintaining affordable housing alternatives throughout North Beacon Hill.

Goal 1. Housing for neighborhood's culturally and economically diverse residents

A well defined mixed-use residential neighborhood where the lives of Beacon Hill residents are enhanced, in part, through affordable and diverse housing options available throughout the neighborhood. (NBH-G1 amended)

Policy 1.A. Allow housing types, such as cottage housing, in single family zones to improve affordability

Allow alternative housing types, such as cottage housing, in single family zones to support affordable choices while preserving the single family character. (NBH-P6 amended)

Policy 1.B. Encourage a mix of unit prices and sizes

Encourage a mix of unit prices and sizes through active use of incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs. (NBH-P3 amended)

Policy 1.C. Encourage affordable, family-sized homes

Encourage affordable, family-sized homes through incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs. In particular, strive to preserve, or when needed, replace affordable family-sized apartments.

Policy 1.D. Encourage a balance of affordable rental and homeownership housing

Encourage a balance of affordable rental and homeownership housing through incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.

Strategy 1.1: Maintain and create new affordable housing

Use City funding to leverage other funding to preserve existing and create new subsidized housing.

Developer/owner applies for funds. Programs/funds already exist -- ie Housing Levy, Weatherization, Rehab	H	1-10	dev / owner	OH		O
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Strategy 1.2: Achieve Comp Plan affordable housing targets

Apply Comprehensive Plan affordable housing targets to the Beacon Hill Urban Village and periodically evaluate progress.

Staff to analyze current condition, identify gap, and target programs such as housing levy to fill gap	H	1-10		OH		O
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Strategy 1.3: Create affordable rental and home ownership housing

Set affordable rental and home ownership housing objectives and use incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs to fill gaps.

Developer/owner applies for funds. Housing Levy and incentive programs in place	H	1-10	dev / owner	OH		O
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Strategy 1.4: Use weatherization and rehab programs to support low-income home owners

Provide support to low-income homeowners with weatherization and property rehabilitation assistance and property tax exemption.

Owners apply for funds and/or exemptions. Programs/funds already exist -- ie Housing Levy, Weatherization, Rehab	H	1-10	owners	OH		O
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Goal 2. A neighborhood with a vibrant mix of housing close to the light rail station

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Policy 2.A. Encourage new housing near light rail station

Encourage the development of housing close to the light rail station.

Policy 2.B. Encourage affordable housing, including affordable family housing, near light rail station so residents can stay in the community

Capture the opportunity created by light rail to support affordable housing development close to the light rail station by including homes appropriate for different family sizes, so that residents are able to stay in the community, even as the housing market changes over time.

Strategy 2.1: Support affordable housing close to light rail station

Leverage public funding to support affordable housing close to light rail station.

Developer/owner applies for funds. Housing Levy and incentive programs in place	H	1-10	dev / owner	OH		O
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Work with federal, state, and local government agencies to identify surplus properties near the Beacon light rail station that are appropriate for affordable housing.	H	1-10		OH	Sound Transit	
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Work with residents and land owners to envision and develop a mix of housing prices and types on underutilized properties adjacent and above the light rail station.	H	1-10	comm grps, dev, owners	OH	Sound Transit	
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Strategy 2.2: Use housing incentives to support and prioritize workforce housing

Prioritize the provision of affordable workforce housing if incentive zoning is used in the Station Area Overlay District.

Housing incentive rates were established by ordinance on a city-wide basis in order to provide equity and consistency; city may consider allowing local deviation as part of station area overlay	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, OH		P
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Goal 3. A strong neighborhood commercial district

An urban village with a strong overall business district image and identity that is home to a variety of commercial services, including a grocery store and a mix of small, local and ethnic businesses. (NBH-G9 amended)

Policy 3.A. Support the existing mix of small businesses and encourage new small businesses

Support a continuing mix of small businesses and encourage new small businesses by providing technical assistance and access to financing. (NBH-P5 amended)

Policy 3.B. Retain local access to food, including a grocery store in the commercial core

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Policy 3.C. Promote services for neighborhood light rail commuters close to the station

Promote services that can serve neighborhood residents who commute by light rail, such as childcare, close to station.

Strategy 3.1: Support a strong local business association

Strengthen the North Beacon Hill Business Association in order for the business owners to work together and with the community to create a neighborhood business district that serves the community. The business association can also provide a venue for its members to raise concerns to the City as well as pursue grants and technical assistance. Potential partners might include Counselors to America's Small Business (SCORE)/Small Business Development Center, Community Capital Development, and Beacon Business/Property Owner Organization.

OED provides general support for business organizational development. OED staff has met with the Beacon Merchant Association with regards to organizational development and decisions to be made.	H	1-3	local Bus Assoc	OED		O
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Neigh Bus Dist Funds are competitive and awarded annually to support business district improvement	H	3-6	local Bus Assoc	OED		O
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SCORE/Small business dev center/CCD are community partners	M	3-6	local Bus Assoc	OED		O
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Strategy 3.2: Create financing models to support affordable commercial space

Explore strategies to support long-term affordable commercial space including new and existing models of financing mixed-use development projects that provide affordable commercial space as well as affordable housing in City-funded mixed-use buildings.

Explore funding mechanisms to create long-term affordable commercial space	H	1-3		OED, DPD, OH		P
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Explore regulatory / structural mechanisms (possibly incentives) to create long-term affordable commercial space	H	1-3		OED, OH, DPD		P
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Strategy 3.3: Support space for small businesses along Beacon Ave

Maintain the remainder of parcels and storefronts north and south of the immediate station area along Beacon Ave. S. for new and small businesses.

Explore options in urban design framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, OED		P
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Strategy 3.4: Local business assoc, property owners and City work together to pursue business district improvements

Pursue improvements to the business district such as streetscape amenities, including benches and banners. Potential Partners include Office of Economic Development, and Beacon Business/Property Owner Organization.

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	OED's Neighborhood Business District (NBD) grant awards provides funding on a competitive basis for this type of work.	M	3-6	local bus assoc, comm grp, dev	OED		O
	SDOT Street Use will review and approve permits for benches and banners	M	3-6	owners	SDOT		O
	Strategy 3.5: Promote on-street food vending						
	<i>Work with the King County Public Health Food and Facilities program to promote on-street food vending.</i>	H	3-6	comm grps	DPD, PH		
	Strategy 3.6: Retain a grocery store						
	<i>Encourage retention of existing or development of a new grocery store.</i>						
	OED has a variety of funding sources to support this type of activity (New Markets Tax Credits, Healthy Food Economic Incentive Program, and the Energy Efficiency loan fund.)	M	3-6	grocer, dev	OED		O
	Strategy 3.7: Improve the business district						
	<i>Improve the business district to make it more inviting using the Neighborhood Business District Grant Award Program.</i>						
	Incorporate conceptual design of streetscape elements in urban design framework	H	1-3	local bus assoc, comm grp, dev	DPD, SDOT, OED		P
	OED's Neighborhood Business District (NBD) grant awards provides funding on a competitive basis for this type of work.	M	3-6	local bus assoc, comm grp, dev	OED		O
	Revitalize Beacon Ave S as the Urban Village Core. Use NMF and Small and Simple grants to prepare multi-lingual mailings and website development (KSA)	M	3-6	local bus assoc, comm grp, dev	DON		O
	Work together to resolve litter issues in Town Center (T16a revised). This work includes reviewing the commercial district for current level of street side litter and public place recycling service, assess unmet needs, and determine suitability and viability of siting additional cans in the area.	M	1-10	local bus assoc, comm grp, dev	SPU		O
	Goal 4. Neighborhood with parks and open spaces that serve its diverse community						
	<i>A range of well-maintained parks, community and open spaces in the urban village core with programs that accommodate a variety of uses and diversity of users.</i>						
	Policy 4.A. Preserve and support El Centro as a cultural and service center						
	<i>Preserve and support the expansion of the role of El Centro as a cultural and service center, including current social services such as childcare and the food bank.</i>						
	Policy 4.B. Seek to create small pocket parks spread throughout the urban village						
	<i>Seek to create small pocket parks spread throughout the urban village, either through City acquisition or private development.</i>						
	Strategy 4.1: Partner with El Centro to create a civic gathering space						
	<i>Work with El Centro to create a civic gathering space at El Centro.</i>						
	Incorporate conceptual design in urban design framework	H	1-3	El Centro, comm grps	DPD		P
	Strategy 4.2: Partner with El Centro to improve the children's play area						
	<i>Work with El Centro to maintain and improve the children's play area at El Centro.</i>						
	El Centro has applied for Parks and Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Funds	H	1-6	El Centro	PARKS		P
	Strategy 4.3: Improve Jose Rizal Park and the pedestrian / bike connections to the park						
	<i>Improve and maintain Jose Rizal Park and establish pedestrian and bicycle connections from the village center to the park.</i>						
	Incorporate conceptual design in urban design framework if available	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	M	1-3		SPD		O
	Bike facilities prioritized in Bicycle Master Plan. (none in the area are being built in 2010 -- not high enough on prioritization list) (unknown for 2011 and 2012)	M	3-6		SDOT		O
	Strategy 4.4: Renovate and improve Beacon Hill Playground						
	<i>Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Beacon Hill Playground.</i>						
	The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$180,000 for planning, design and construction. This project provides site improvements to the play area at Beacon Hill Playground.	H	1-3		PARKS		U
	Strategy 4.4a: Renovate and improve Beacon Hill Playground, continue further development of Jefferson Park Master Plan and the construction of a skate park.						
	The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$180,000 for planning, design and construction. This project provides site improvements to the play area at Beacon Hill Playground.	H	1-3		PARKS		D
	Strategy 4.5: Complete Jefferson Park Master Plan						
	<i>By means of the Parks and Green Spaces Levy, continue further development of Jefferson Park Master Plan and the construction of a skate park. (F1 revised)</i>						
	The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$5 million in funding for further improvements to Jefferson Park*. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$1 million in funding for a skatepark *\$2,700,000 was advanced to the Phase One project allowing us to complete more, earlier.	H	1-3		PARKS		U
	Site integrated artwork at new covered reservoir, security fence treatments at Jefferson Park (15th Ave S and S Dakota St) (\$365,000)	H	1-3		ARTS, SPU		U
	Japanese Picnic Grounds near community center (PE3)	H	1-3		PARKS		U
	Signs, Gateways and Entrances (PE4)				PARKS		
	Recommission South Reservoir and cover with a hard lid (WR4)	H	1-3		SPU		D
	Strategy 4.6: Create additional children's play areas						
	<i>As funding becomes available create additional children's structured and unstructured play areas in the urban village.</i>						
	Strategy 4.7: Develop playground at Beacon Hill Elementary / partnering with Seattle Schools						
	<i>Work with Seattle Public Schools to develop a park/playground at Beacon Hill Elementary.</i>						
	Same as Strategy 4.4 above. See Strategy 4.4 for details						
	Strategy 4.8: Sponsor inclusive community events and activities						
	<i>Sponsor activities and events so that people can get to know each other and their many cultures.</i>						
	Strategy 4.9: Improve greenbelts						
	<i>Improve greenbelts by removing invasive vegetation, protecting from encroachment and adding or maintaining trails.</i>				PARKS, SDOT, SPU		
	New Strategy: Explore feasibility of urban agriculture in Jefferson Park						

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		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
Goal 5. An active and safe, diverse neighborhood, day and night							
<i>North Beacon Hill is an active and safe neighborhood for a diversity of people, throughout the day and evening.</i>							
Policy 5.A. Encourage additional "eyes on the street" through the day and evening through programs, events and design							
<i>Encourage additional eyes on the street over the course of the day and evening through community programs and festivals, the design of new developments and other means.</i>							
Strategy 5.1: Maintain Jefferson Park as a safe place to be							
<i>Pursue employing public safety programs, possibly similar to Park Rangers, at Jefferson Park.</i>							
	SPD will work with PARKS to provide public safety signage	H	1-3		PARKS, SPD		
	SPD will provide consistent presence when the park opens	H	1-3		SPD, PARKS		
Strategy 5.2: Increase bike patrols							
<i>Request an increase in police bike patrols through the neighborhood.</i>							
	SPD has incorporated this in their work	H	1-3		SPD		D
Strategy 5.3: Explore making North Beacon Hill an Alcohol Impact Area							
<i>Explore making North Beacon Hill an Alcohol Impact Area.</i>							
Additional Strategy: Supporting a safe and healthy community							
	The City's Family and Education Levy funds Family Support Workers, Support Programs, Community Learning Centers, Student Health Clinics, and 9th Grade Academic Programs at the following schools: Franklin High, Cleveland High, Mercer Middle, Kimball, Beacon Hill International, Orca.	H	1-10	schools	OF, DON		O
	HSD: provides funding to youth programs such as early education, after school and summer programs, youth domestic and sexual violence, outreach and case management, development and educational support, and mental health counseling. Organizations include ACRS, CCA, CISC, Consejo, Denise Louie, El Centro, Horn of Africa, IDHA, ABC Child Care, ReWA, SeaMar, Wellspring	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	HSD: provides funding to family programs such as family centers, immigrant and refugee family support, housing stability support, and domestic violence prevention. Organizations include ACRS, CISC, Consejo, El Centro, IDHA, Refugee Federation, ReWA, and Wellspring.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	HSD; provides funding to health and food/nutrition programs such as food banks, meal programs, home food delivery service, and health promotion/wellness. Organizations include ACRS, Beacon Ave Food Bank, El Centro, and Rainier Valley Food Bank.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	HSD: provides funding to citizenship programs. Organization include ACRS, CCA, CISC, El Centro, FCC, Horn of Africa, IDHA, ReWA, and SeaMar.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	HSD: provides funding to services to support seniors and the disabled such as senior employment, case management, adult day care, caregiver programs, mental health programs, chronic care management, and home care. Organizations include ACRS, CCA, CISC, International Drop-In Center, Kin On, ReWA, and SeaMar.	H	1-10	comm orgs	HSD		O
	Provide anti-discrimination workshops to the general public	H	1-10	comm grps	OCR		O
	Provide anti-discrimination workshops to small businesses	H	1-10	local bus assoc	OCR		O
Goal 6. A gathering place for the cultural communities of the neighborhood							
<i>A civic gathering space appropriate and flexible for the diversity of cultures living in the neighborhood.</i>							
Policy 6.A. Support a multicultural gathering place							
<i>Support a multicultural gathering venue.</i>							
Policy 6.B. Develop neighborhood specific cultural programming and design elements in local parks							
<i>Continue to develop neighborhood specific cultural programming and design elements in Seattle's parks.</i>							
Strategy 6.1: Start design for multi-cultural gathering venue							
<i>Prepare design and development guidelines for a multicultural gathering venue, whether publicly or privately</i>							
	Community leaders to explore common vision and shared project possibilities	H	1-3	comm grps	DON		P
	Community leaders to explore partnership possibilities	H	1-3	comm grps	DON		P
	Community group to develop building program and engage an consultant	H	3-6	comm grps	DPD		
	Community group to explore project financial feasibility	H	3-6	comm grps	DPD		
	Community group to start fundraising for privately owned facility	H	3-6	comm grps			
Strategy 6.2: Print materials in appropriate language and have multilingual staff							
<i>Seek to print material in appropriate languages and have multilingual staff.</i>							
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Strategy 6.3: Acquire land for development of multicultural gathering space when funds are available							
<i>As funding becomes available, acquire land for future development of a multicultural gathering space.</i>							
	Community group, with consultant, to seek land that meets program and feasibility needs	H	3-6	comm grps			
Strategy 6.4: Bring a Farmers Market to Town Center							
<i>Pursue a relationship with one of the city Farmers Market organizations to bring a Farmers Market to North Beacon Hill.</i>							
	OED can provide support to a Beacon Hill group interested in a farmers' market	M	3-6	comm grps	OED		
	OED provides technical assistance to neighborhoods interested in starting farmers' markets.	M	3-6	comm grps	OED		
Strategy 6.5: Support arts and cultural organizations, projects and events							
<i>Continue to provide access to the City arts and cultural programs and resources to plan and fund arts and cultural organizations, projects and events.</i>							
	Provide funding for El Centro de la Raza's Cinco de Mayo Festival (\$1,200)	H	1-3	El Centro	ARTS		D
	Fund an arts-based educational program to women released from prison in residence at the Helen B Ratcliffe Work Release (on Beacon Hill), including a public reading of their work at the Center. Program includes Mentorship Training for community members. (\$4,961)	M	1-3		ARTS		D
	Fund a Young Shakespeare Workshop to run an after school Drama Club at Cleveland H.S. (\$900)	H	1-3	Schools	ARTS		D
	Fund a public reading at Beacon Hill Library of Latina artist Felicia Gonzalez's short short stories. (\$3,900)	M	1-3	Library	ARTS		D
	ARTS has several funding programs available for cultural organizations, artists and community groups to apply to - smART ventures, Youth Arts, Neighborhood & Community Arts, City Artists and Arts Organizations. These could be possible funding sources for arts and cultural organizations, projects and events. These funds are determined via a competitive process, and funds available are dependent on admissions tax revenue and use of it as a dedicated resource. For more information on our funding programs: http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/default.asp	M	1-3	comm grps	ARTS		O
	Artist Dan Webb has been selected to develop artwork for the Chief Sealth Trail where the trail crosses Beacon Avenue. Artwork to be installed by Q1 2011 (\$60,000)	H	1-3		SDOT, ARTS		D
	Fund El Centro to create a Mural Project that will serve as an artistic tool to educate, unite and empower low-income, minority youth ages 12 – 18 while serving to rejuvenate the North Beacon neighborhood with community art. (\$8,000)	H	1-3	El Centro	ARTS		D
Goal 7. A vibrant Town Center at the light rail station that fits with the rest of the neighborhood							
<i>Higher density development surrounds the light rail station and is responsive to the neighborhood context at a variety of scales, from single family houses to multistory buildings.</i>							
Policy 7.A. Encourage sensitive transitions between densities, especially from the Town Center to the surrounding area							
<i>Encourage sensitive transitions between development densities throughout the urban village; in particular between the Town Center and surrounding residential area. (NBH-P1 amended)</i>							
Strategy 7.1: Rezone key sites to encourage mixed use development in Town Center							
<i>Rezone key opportunity sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station in a manner that incorporates housing, commercial services (such as a grocery store and small businesses) and amenities.</i>							

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					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, OH, OED		P
					Strategy 7.2: Evaluate building height increases / include setbacks <i>Evaluate a height increase within the Town Center for some but not all properties that have a current height limit of 40 feet, allowing up to 65 feet with required street and upper level setbacks.</i>						
					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD		P
					Explore height/density increases recommended by Council	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD		P
					Strategy 7.3: Create good transitions from new zones to existing neighborhood context <i>Where land use changes are considered, give particular attention to zone transitions.</i>						
					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD		P
					Strategy 7.4: Consider including Westward Apts in Station Area Overlay District <i>Evaluate whether the Westward Apartments on Beacon Ave. S. should be included within the Station Area Overlay District boundary and rezoned to reflect the existing use and an appropriate transition to single-family areas to the north.</i>						
					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	owner	DPD		P
					Strategy 7.5: Assess water / fire flow capacity of increased density <i>Evaluate water service / fire flow capacity requirements of higher density development under some zoning options, and develop measures to ensure flow needs are met. Evaluate potential need for area-specific sewer pipe infrastructure enhancements.</i>						
					Information will be included in the urban design framework discussion	H	1-3		SPU, DPD		P
					Strategy 7.6: Develop and implement integrated broadband services in Urban Village <i>Develop and implement strategies to construct integrated broadband services throughout the North Beacon Hill Urban Village.</i>						
Goal 8. El Centro is a major part of the Town Center											
<i>A redevelopment of El Centro de la Raza that builds on the site's history and serves as a defining civic element of the Town Center</i>											
					Policy 8.A. Preserve El Centro as a cultural and service center <i>Preserve the role of El Centro as a cultural and service center, with social services such as childcare and food bank.</i>						
					Policy 8.B. Support mixed-use development on the El Centro site <i>Support mixed-use development on the El Centro site through appropriate zoning or regulatory changes.</i>						
					Strategy 8.1: El Centro, the community and the City work together to guide future development <i>Convene a three-way partnership of El Centro, the community, and the City to create a development plan for the site that guides future development. Elements could include the following: identification of the desired types of development along South Lander Street so as to augment the open space and create a larger civic area that is readily identifiable as an inviting community gathering space; incorporation of a publicly accessible viewpoint over the neighborhood – such as a view tower – as part of the redevelopment of El Centro; inclusion of affordable housing in the redevelopment of El Centro; consideration of a "market arcade" along S. Lander St.; and preservation of the historic character of El Centro's former school building.</i>						
					DPD to work with El Centro as they plan their project	H	1-6	El Centro	DPD		
					SDOT to be part of partnership to provide guidance and hear suggestions about S Lander St. "market arcade"	H	1-6	El Centro	SDOT		
					SPD will assist with CPTED review	H	1-6	El Centro	SPD		
					Strategy 8.2: Change zoning and land use to support the development vision at El Centro <i>Change the land use and zoning to support the envisioned mixed use development on the El Centro site.</i>						
					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	comm	DPD		
					Strategy 8.3: Include El Centro's site in the Station Area Overlay District <i>Include the El Centro site within the Station Area Overlay District boundary</i>						
					Incorporate in urban design framework	H	1-3	El Centro	DPD		
Goal 9. A dense Town Center with good transitions to the adjacent neighborhood											
<i>A Town Center urban form that transitions from denser development at the Town Center core to less dense and single-family residential neighborhoods in a manner that is responsive to the context and character of the North Beacon Hill neighborhood.</i>											
					Policy 9.A. Guide the urban form and character of the Town Center to respond to the N Beacon Hill vision <i>Guide future development and potential rezones so they contribute to an urban form and character at the Town Center that is responsive to the North Beacon Hill vision.</i>						
					Strategy 9.1: Create an Urban Design Framework for the North Beacon Hill station area <i>Develop neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework plan for the North Beacon Hill station area. Framework elements could include building height options; incentive features such as affordable housing; open space; and pedestrian connections.</i>						
					Work to complete an urban design framework (using street types as a guiding factor). Funding will be necessary for detailed operational analysis for proposed re-route of traffic on Beacon Ave S from S McClellan St to 15th Ave S)	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS		P
					SPU to support as resources are available	H	1-3		SPU		U
					Strategy 9.2: Incorporate goals of the update in the Neighborhood Design Guidelines <i>Amend the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Design Guidelines to incorporate the goals of the urban design framework plan.</i>						
Goal 10. A safe and pleasant neighborhood to walk, bike, and ride.											
<i>An urban village that is a pleasant place to walk, with good access to alternative transportation; where lively, friendly and safe streetscapes encourage pedestrians and bicyclists and where roadways are seen as public access for walkers, bicycles, and buses as well as cars. (NBH-G3 amended)</i>											
					Policy 10.A. Enhance pedestrian safety along key streets in the Urban Village <i>Enhance pedestrian safety along key streets within the Urban Village and discourage projects that would hinder pedestrian access. (NBH-P9 and NBH-P10 amended)</i>						
					Policy 10.B. Use the Pedestrian Master Plan to identify and prioritize pedestrian improvements <i>Use the Pedestrian Master Plan, which recognizes the importance of Beacon Ave. S., as a tool for identifying and prioritizing pedestrian improvements. (NBH-p19 amended)</i>						
					Policy 10.C. Use the Bicycle Master Plan to identify and prioritize bicycle connections <i>Use the Bicycle Master Plan, which recognizes the importance of Beacon Ave. S., to identify, prioritize and improve bicycle connections to Downtown, Jefferson Park and Rainier Valley. (NBH-p19 amended)</i>						
					Strategy 10.1: Implement specific SETS projects <i>Implement specific Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) Projects: #4 - Add a missing sidewalk link along Beacon Ave. S. at S McClellan St. to provide a continuous sidewalk through the landscaped island; and #6 - Improve safety at the intersection of Beacon Ave. S. and S. Stevens St.</i>						
					In stall in-pavement flashers for crosswalk at Beacon Ave S and S Forest St (\$60,000)	H	1-3		SDOT		U
					Install 15th ave s bike facilities (between S College and Columbian Way)	M	1-3		SDOT		U
					Install Columbian Way S bike facilities (Beacon to Oregon)	M	1-3		SDOT		U
					Install S Alaskan Way/Columbian Way S bike facilities (MLK to Beacon)	M	1-3		SDOT		U
					Install Lander Festival Street		1-3		SDOT		D
					Install Chief Sealth Trail extension (Beacon Ave S to S Angeline St)	H	1-3		SDOT		U
					Improve paving on 15th Ave (Beacon to McClellan)	H	1-3		SDOT		U
					Implement rechannelization and paving of Columbian Way S		1-3		SDOT		U
					Obtain funding to complete SETS projects on Beacon Hill. Look to leverage funding through Neighborhood Street Fund program/Sidewalk program.	M	1-3	comm grps	SDOT		O
					#4: missing sidewalk link along Beacon Ave S at S McClellan St island to be installed	M	1-3		SDOT		
					Strategy 10.2: Complete a design for Beacon Ave S to S Spokane St						

Vision Goals Policies Strategies Action Steps	WHAT	WHEN		WHO			HOW
		Priority (Catalyst, High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)
	<p>Complete a conceptual design for Beacon Ave. S. from the town center to S. Spokane St.; working within the existing right-of-way. Consider extending the median north along Beacon Ave. S., planting street trees, providing opportunities for sidewalk cafés, and other features such as bike lanes, street furniture and pedestrian lighting, within the existing right-of-way. See street section diagram page 14 (Note: An operational analysis of any proposed street design changes is necessary to assess impacts upon levels of congestion, especially at intersections, and parking impacts. Both existing and future conditions will need to be studied. Currently there is no funding for analysis, engineering or construction.).</p>						
	<p>Conceptual design complete and ready for community discussion and input -- through Urban Design Framework. Need funding for operational analysis</p>	H	1-3	comm grps	SDOT, DPD		D
	<p>SPD can provide safety design recommendations</p>	M	1-3	comm grps	SPD		
	<p>Strategy 10.3: Provide sidewalk benches at key locations</p>						
	<p>Provide benches at regular intervals along streets in the station areas, at bus stops and along major walking routes (e.g. Beacon Ave. S.). Consider implementing an adopt-a-bench program.</p>						
	<p>Conceptual design is included in 10.2</p>	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		D
	<p>Community may apply for matching fund grants for specific projects</p>	H	1-6	comm grps	community		
	<p>SPD will participate in design</p>	H	1-3	comm grps	SPD		
	<p>Strategy 10.4: Explore re-routing through traffic off Beacon Ave S</p>						
	<p>Explore the option of a traffic reroute that would redirect through-traffic off Beacon Ave. S. in the commercial center. Consider rerouting through-traffic from Beacon Ave. S. to 15th Ave. S. at S. McClellan St. and back to Beacon Ave. S. at the 15th Ave. S. intersection. By reducing traffic on Beacon Ave., the Beacon Ave. streetscape would be made more appealing for pedestrians and bicyclists and still be able to adequately accommodate transit. A "traffic-calmed" Beacon Ave. S. would most likely promote further streetscape improvements. (Note: The re-routing strategy would require a more detailed modeling and operational analysis to understand the traffic volumes that would be diverted, effects upon congestion especially at intersections, geometric requirements, and the possible need to acquire additional right-of-way. Both existing and future conditions would need to be studied before any decision were made about this alternative. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)</p>						
	<p>Explore in urban design framework discussion</p>	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	<p>Will need to pursue funding for detailed operational analysis and land acquisition for additional Right-Of-Way. Note: Project cannot move forward until funding is secured to determine feasibility.</p>	H	3-6		SDOT		
	<p>SPD will participate in design</p>	M	1-3	comm grps	SPD		
	<p>Strategy 10.5: Transform existing alleys into a pedestrian network</p>						
	<p>Consider transforming existing alleys into a pedestrian network that would link key civic destinations with the surrounding residential area.</p>						
	<p>DPD and SDOT use the urban design framework process to identify potential of existing alleys.</p>	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	<p>Strategy 10.6: Seek opportunities to underground utility wires</p>						
	<p>Pursue opportunities to underground utility wires in the neighborhood.</p>	H					
	<p>New Strategy: Seek opportunities for family-friendly pedestrian and bicycle circulation</p>						
	<p>Seek opportunities to create family-friendly circulation for pedestrians and bicycles within the Beacon Hill neighborhood</p>	H	1-10	comm grps	SDOT		

Goals and Policies carried forward from the City's Comprehensive Plan as drawn from the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan dated March 4, 1999.

- NBH-G4: An urban village with transit service that serves the needs of the existing population and also provides for improvements to serve the neighborhood's projected population growth.
- NBH-G6: A residential urban village in which neighborhood traffic functions efficiently and safely and in which traffic calming devices that improve pedestrian safety are placed at strategic locations.
- NBH-G7: Recognize the link Beacon Avenue Boulevard provides through the entire neighborhood planning area.
- NBH-G8: An urban village that provides open space amenities and utilizes design guidelines for future development that benefits the neighborhood and contributes to a livable environment.
- NBH-P2: To enable any implementation of rezoning to be considered under Policy P1, that portion of Beacon Avenue South located within the boundaries of the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village is designated a principal commercial street.
- NBH-P4: Seek to maintain the character of low density multifamily areas in the northern portion of the urban village while providing opportunities for additional mixed-use residential development in the retail core in the southern portion of the urban village.
- NBH-P7: Recognize the importance of the library as a focal point for a community with an ethnically diverse population, a significant number of whom are young, and its role as a symbol of pride and identity.
- NBH-P11 amended: Provide for improved and safe pedestrian access to the North Beacon Hill Library through the design of surrounding streets and walkways
- NBH-P12: Recognize the current high levels of transit ridership on North Beacon Hill and support improvements to transit systems to encourage continued transit ridership and less reliance on the automobile.
- NBH-P13: Strive to improve transit connections within Beacon Hill and to and from other neighborhoods to create a seamless transportation network for the neighborhood.
- NBH-P15: Recognize the existing residential character of many streets within the urban village and support mechanisms to protect these streets from increased traffic.
- NBH-P16: Strive to implement neighborhood traffic calming control devices and strategies that protect local residential streets from through traffic, short-cutting, high volumes, and high speed traffic as growth occurs within the urban village.
- NBH-P17: Recognize the unique topography and location of North Beacon Hill and its connections to major arterials, freeway access points, and new sports-stadium destinations and seek ways to mitigate the resulting traffic impacts on residential street systems.
- NBH-P18: Recognize the unique conditions along Beacon Avenue as it cuts diagonally across the regular north/south and east/west street grid and creates irregular intersections and difficulties for pedestrian crossings.