

Neighborhood Plan Update Phase II Workshop with Members of the Vietnamese Community

June 10, 2009 - Providence Gamelin House

June 24, 2009 - Providence Peter Claver House

Part I: Places and Connections

Exercise to discuss gaps and opportunities for improving pedestrian, bike and transit connectivity. (Where do you live/work/shop and mode of travel)

- They often walk or bike to the bus station for their daily needs such as go to the markets, doctor appointments, working, dining out, etc. They would have to take Link Light Rail Train if it available and easy for them to access, for those whom driving a car will participate and will give it a try to walk to Light Rail Train stations and join the trains.

Part II: Building a Great Town Center

Exercise to explore relationships between number of households, retail destinations, parks and walkability. (Creating a town center, housing density, building heights, etc)

- We like to see more 3 or 4 story building so we don't have to be scared of height.
- Short building should be built close to the street and taller building should be built behind.
- Build 8 to 12 story building to save and have more land to create more parks or golf course.

Even the City already made up their mind but if I die tomorrow I still wanted to build and creative a neighborhood the way I wanted (said from one of a participant when she tried to reshape the neighborhood). ~ comment from participant.

Part III: Emerging Priorities and Opportunities

Capturing new ideas or major concepts (new themes and remaining issues)

- Vietnamese culture-art need to represent in the community (we do not see anything like that on the street from City of Seattle).
- Keep bus # 42 for seniors (if King County considering this issue)
- Build more Light Rail Train stations with covers or shades.
- Provide more security at the Light Rail Train stations.
- Try not to stand too close to the train or stop on tracks in the intersection.
- We should obey all traffic signals and signs on the street.
- Signals for the train should be longer so pedestrians can have enough time to walk by.
- We shouldn't put garbage in the community or throw garbage to the Train would injure passengers and bounce back to hit someone on the street.
- Look both ways to make sure train is not coming before walk across the street.
- Try to avoid jaywalk could save your life.
- Set up more cameras for safety.