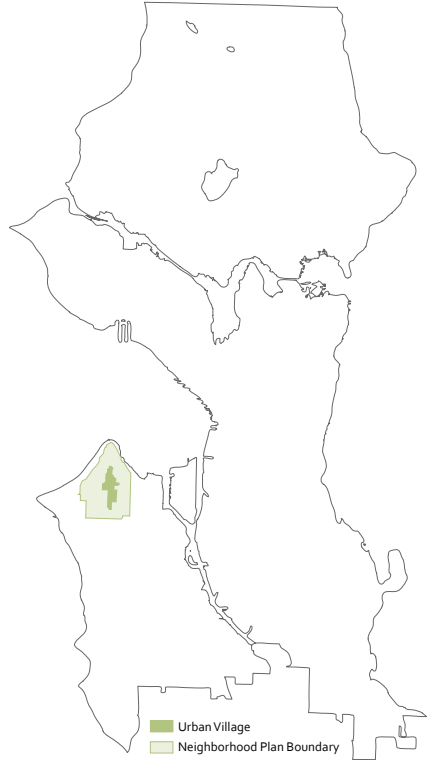


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## Who did we hear from?

While there were common themes, there were also substantial differences between the online and in-person responses. There were 194 online responses compared to approximately 12 meeting attendees. The online responses were far more detailed and critical of a wider array of issues yet many echoed the love for the positive aspects of the neighborhood voiced at the open houses. Neighborhood changes are seen as both good and bad. The take away is that residents are overall very satisfied, but would like to see improvements in several key areas.



## What did we hear?

- Love the parks, shopping, restaurants and residential character.
- The architectural character of new buildings does not fit with the old ones.
- There is not enough parking provided for new developments.
- Need better transit, traffic calming and pedestrian safety features.
- Don't like the increase in crime, traffic and noise.
- The library renovation is fantastic.
- New schools are great.
- There is a greater sense of community and more families with children.
- Design Review process needs better enforcement through construction and consistency with Neighborhood Guidelines.

For more information about the Neighborhood Status Check, including the complete summary of the neighborhood discussion and the transcript of the online responses, please see the Planning Commission's [report](#).

## What are the similarities between the in-person and online responses?

Residents enjoyed how their neighborhood had attracted more businesses, shopping and restaurants. They appreciated the improvements to the parks, particularly Hiawatha Park and Schmitz Park. They also liked how more families with children were living in the neighborhood and wanted more services for them. They loved the architectural character of the old homes and thought the renovation of the library was one of the best changes.



There were also changes they didn't like: both the in-person and online respondents were in total agreement about parking. They thought that the increase in multifamily housing brought more people with cars but inadequate places to store them. Lack of frequent transit service to downtown and within West Seattle was also a disappointment. There was near universal dislike for the new townhouse developments and concern over new buildings not blending in scale and character with the old.

## What are the differences between the responses?

Concerns over traffic volume, the speed of traffic and pedestrian and cyclist safety was far more pronounced online. Residents were very explicit about the locations for improved pedestrian crosswalks and traffic calming measures. There was also more concern raised over crime in the neighborhood, specifically break-ins, car prowls and loitering. Noise from traffic was an issue with many. There was far more discussion about not liking the increase in density. All these issues were hardly discussed at the open house.

### *In their own words...*

## How has your neighborhood changed?

*The neighborhood hasn't changed much since I moved here in 2004. It appears the 'low-hanging fruit' was achieved already, but transportation (RapidRide) is sorely needed, but the monorail doesn't apply. In addition, open space and historic preservation should be bolstered w/more support!*

*More new and bigger buildings and residences--some good, but some bad that don't fit with the surroundings. Parking is worse and traffic isn't very pedestrian friendly on Admiral except where there are signal lights. Some new open space, but I have yet to see anyone at the new park on Admiral where old substation was.*