

AURORA • LICTON SPRINGS



Who did we hear from?

Attendance varied from eight to about a dozen participants at the neighborhood discussion. Participants ranged from single people in their twenties and thirties to middle-aged adults and seniors, and included both people who had lived in the neighborhood for decades and those who moved to the area a few years ago. Two of the participants helped draft the original neighborhood plan and are involved with the Licton Springs Community Council; another participant is very active with the Aurora Merchants Association. There were 56 respondents to the online questionnaire, most of whom have lived in the neighborhood for less than five years.

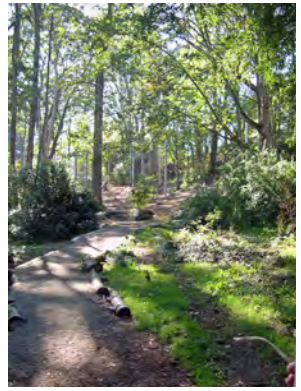
What did we hear?

- Public safety remains a problem, particularly with regard to drug sales, speeding traffic and an unfriendly pedestrian environment.
- The business district needs to be fixed.
- Parks are greatly improved.
- Curbside parking is in high demand and less easy to find.
- New townhouses have helped the neighborhood!
- New townhouses have destroyed the neighborhood!
- There are good transportation options here.

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?

This is a neighborhood that is in transition and, overall, most people do not think there has been enough positive change. There is shared disappointment over the lack of progress on plan strategies for a mixed-use commercial center and the Wilson-Pacific site. There is also broad concern over the state of the business district (Aurora), public safety, parking and pedestrian connectivity.



What are the differences between the responses?

Online respondents seem more positive about the impact of new townhouses than those who participated in the neighborhood discussion. Appreciation for the community's efforts to improve Licton Springs Park, the addition of public facilities in Northgate and a greater sense of community were also voiced online, but hardly addressed at the neighborhood discussion.

In their own words...

How has your neighborhood changed?

Has not changed at all except a few new developments of townhouses have shown up.

Wilson School Field renovated; new stoplight at 92nd; Mineral Springs Park renovated; new Northgate Library/Community Center; Aurora Corridor still in planning; Aurora has been improved slightly

Since I moved here the neighborhood seems a bit cleaner, houses look tidier. On my street there seem to be more owner-occupied homes, and more families with small children. A ton of town homes and condos have been built. Independent restaurants still don't seem to be able to thrive, unfortunately.

More condos (too many), more traffic (too much—mostly late at night), more cars parked on the street. Also, neighborhood is becoming younger and more affluent.

Huge density increase.

We have sidewalks in more places which encourages more walking. The park has been cleaned up and I see more and more people using the space. However, the commerce side of things hasn't gone as well. We lost Larry's Market and the HT Market does not meet our families needs. I am disappointed that we do not have a more mainstream grocery store in our area that we could walk to.