

RESOLUTION No. 31247

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6 consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

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8 WHEREAS, Seattle maintains a commitment to a true partnership between neighborhoods and
9 government in building innovative planning structures and visionary neighborhood plans;
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12 WHEREAS, in 1999, the City Council recognized the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan and the
13 North Rainier Approval and Adoption Matrix; and

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15 WHEREAS, in September 2008, the City Council passed Ordinance 122799 and adopted
16 Resolution 31085, that collectively outlined a process for updating the City's
17 neighborhood plans and placed a priority on updating plans in neighborhoods containing
18 transit stations; and

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20 WHEREAS, Ordinance 122799 prioritized the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Othello
21 Neighborhood Plans for updates to capitalize on the opening of light rail stations in these
22 neighborhoods in 2009; and

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24 WHEREAS, North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Othello are three of the most diverse
25 neighborhoods in Seattle; 70% of residents in the North Rainier neighborhood are people
26 of color, nearly 50% of residents in Othello are foreign born and 60% of residents in
27 North Beacon Hill speak a language other than English at home according to 2000 census
28 data; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2009, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and
Department of Neighborhoods (DON) conducted significant public outreach including to
historically underrepresented communities in the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, and
Othello neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, over 1600 City of Seattle residents played an integral role in neighborhood planning
for these three neighborhoods, as evidenced by over 100 public workshops and meetings,
that resulted in proposals to update neighborhood plans; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 31204 outlining specific
actions, deliverables, and a schedule for completing neighborhood plan updates for the
North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, and Othello neighborhoods; and



1 WHEREAS, broad community commitment to updating neighborhood plans was shown in May
2 2010, when 169 people, including 47 from historically underrepresented communities,
3 attended Town Hall meetings, and 136 participated through a web survey to prioritize
4 strategies and actions to implement neighborhood priorities; and

5 WHEREAS, the North Rainier neighborhood and the City have agreed upon a shared workplan
6 to respond to the issues raised during the neighborhood plan update process; and

7 WHEREAS, the workplan includes responsibilities and tasks that the City and neighborhood
8 aspire to undertake, assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available;
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10 WHEREAS, the City and community will revisit the workplan to assess progress, affirm
11 upcoming priorities for action, and accommodate changing conditions, and resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the North Rainier community has affirmed that there was significant, broad and
13 inclusive participation in shaping the workplan that focuses on key neighborhood
14 priorities; and

15 WHEREAS, the community has demonstrated an on-going commitment to carry forward with
16 the existing and proposed goals and policies of the neighborhood plan as indicated by the
17 participation of over 500 action team members signed up to work with the City on the
18 workplan; NOW, THEREFORE,

19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
20 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

21 Section 1. The Council recognizes the completion of the proposed "North Rainier
22 Neighborhood Plan Update" by the community and executive staff pursuant to Resolution
23 31204, and identified as Attachment 1, and directs that proposed goals and policies be prepared
24 for possible adoption into the Neighborhood Planning Element of the City's Comprehensive
25 Plan.

26 Section 2. The document entitled the "North Rainier Action Plan," a copy of which is
27 identified as Attachment 2 to this resolution is approved by the Council and will be used to help
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1 guide the City's and community's actions to implement the community's vision for the North
2 Rainier neighborhood assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available.

3 Section 3. This Resolution does not amend the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan.
4 Goals and policies proposed to be added or amended in the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan
5 Update will be considered for possible inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan in 2011 pursuant to
6 the procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan established by Resolution 31117.
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1 Adopted by the City Council the 4th day of October, 2010, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 4th day
3 of October, 2010.

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6 President _____ of the City Council

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8 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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12 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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15 Filed by me this 13 day of October, 2010.

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23 Attachment 1: North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update

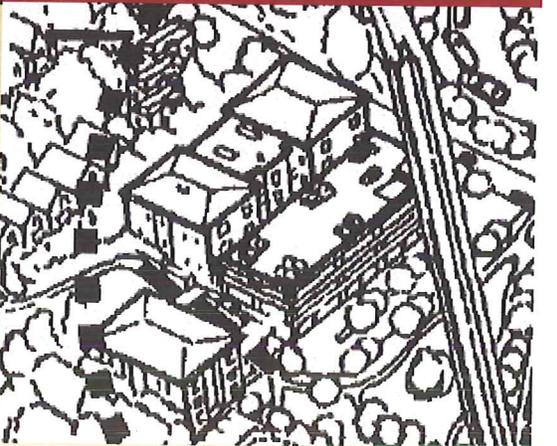
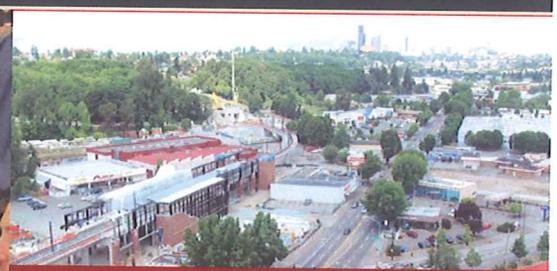
24 Attachment 2: North Rainier Neighborhood Action Plan



January 2010

North Rainier

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATE



Recommendations to City Council

**Goals, Policies and Strategies
to Achieve the North Rainier
Neighborhood Vision**

Executive Summary

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In the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update process initiated in 2009, a diverse community of stakeholders articulated priorities for the future of their neighborhood, identifying goals and shaping the policies and strategies to achieve them. They benefited from the compelling vision of the existing Neighborhood Plan, first completed in 1999, which established a vision for an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area that maintains its ethnic roots. Central to this is the goal of creating a compact, mixed-use neighborhood or “Town Center” near the light rail station. Major steps have been taken in North Rainier in the past decade, including the opening of a new light rail station and improvements to Cheasty Boulevard and other parks. As the community made clear in the update process, however, significant work remains to be done, and there are newly emerging priorities and new strategies to pursue.

The workshops, meetings, and ongoing discussions that have shaped the update underscore the widely

shared goal of increasing the community’s choices for how to live, work, and enjoy life in their neighborhood. There are several new recommendations intended to help maintain the community’s diversity and ethnic roots. These include strategies to preserve opportunities for small and ethnic businesses, create a multicultural community center, and encourage park facilities and programming that are culturally relevant to different communities.

Participants continue to recognize the potential of light rail service to create a neighborhood Town Center that is a cornerstone of a more sustainable community. They have envisioned how more households would increase opportunities for the diversity of businesses and services that they value. At the same time, they have emphasized that they need a Town Center that works for them, where growth and change include housing for diverse incomes and household sizes; connecting to their homes and businesses with safe, green, and walkable streets and sidewalks is equally important.

The update recognizes the potential for the large sites to the north of S. McClellan St. to bring significant new residential and commercial development that could transform the Town Center into a vibrant community and destination. Consequently the update includes strategies to further study a range of height increases in the Town Center. This reflects the potential for compact development, including a small number of towers. Completion of an urban design plan, design guidelines and street designs will give clear guidance to development. In addition, as part of the vision for the Town Center, the update proposes to create a “Main Street” for the Town Center along the blocks of Rainier Ave. S. between S. Bayview St. and MLK Jr. Way S. rather than pursuing a roundabout as promoted in the 1999 plan.

The update’s format and structure are designed to allow a civic partnership of the community, City, and public and private organizations to work together to make this vision a reality.

How the Update Is Organized

This document incorporates various components that together comprise the update. The following is a description of the different components:

Community Engagement – describes the process through which community members provided guidance and invaluable information, including the various methods used to reach out to and engage as many neighbors as possible.

Sustainability – provides a discussion of environmental and socio-economic sustainability and its inherent relevance to neighborhood planning.

Introduction

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In the 1990s, community members from 38 neighborhoods across the city created a 20-year vision for how each of their neighborhoods would grow. This work was done as part of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan initiative, a citywide effort that sought to “preserve the best quality of Seattle’s distinct neighborhoods while responding positively and creatively to the pressures of change and growth.” The Neighborhood Plans developed strategies to ensure that the creative response to growth was informed by both City expertise and local knowledge and priority-setting.

In the decade after the plans were completed, there have been significant changes in Seattle and its neighborhoods, including growth in housing, and major investments in public amenities. Also, during this time the population of the city also greatly diversified. Following extensive discussion and review of the existing Neighborhood Plans and their effectiveness, in 2008, the Mayor and City Council recognized the

need to revisit the plans through broad and inclusive discussions with the community, including new strategies for civic engagement. The update process was begun in 2009 to: confirm the neighborhood Vision, refine the plan Goals and Policies in order to take into account changed conditions, and update work plans to help ensure that each community’s vision and goals are achieved through the implementation of the strategies and actions.

The North Rainier Neighborhood Plan was chosen by the Mayor and City Council as one of three plans to be updated in 2009. The arrival of light rail service brings increased development interest and new residents to the neighborhood. These changes present great opportunities to realize North Rainier’s goal to create a vibrant, transit-oriented Town Center, one in which residents, businesses, and visitors enjoy the lively, diverse, and distinctive character of the neighborhood. This plan update articulates community goals so that the City, developers

and neighborhood residents can all work together to bring about the neighborhood vision.

Over the past year, dedicated community members worked with City staff to assess and address those conditions that have changed since the 1999 North Rainier Neighborhood Plan. New neighbors and new voices joined those who participated ten years ago. Together, community members discussed what they value in the neighborhood, and outlined their shared goals and ideas about how to achieve those goals.

These new Goals and Policies will be incorporated into the City’s Comprehensive Plan (*see Appendix*). The plan update also creates a shared work plan for the community and City (*see Appendix*). The strategies and actions will be incorporated in a living document that defines shared priorities and responsibilities for next steps.

Vision, Goals, Policies and Strategies

– are the key components of this update. The Vision is from the 1999 Neighborhood Plan and holds true today. The Goals, Policies and Strategies build upon one another to help fulfill the North Beacon Hill Vision. They are a distillation of what we heard from the community and will guide the City’s work as well as inform future development that occurs in

the neighborhood. The Goals are organized into two broad categories: Creating Choices for Living, Working and Playing; and Shaping a Transit-Oriented Town Center. With each Goal are its associated Policies and Strategies and a discussion that incorporates the community input and feedback that shaped the recommended strategies.

Appendices – include several important resource documents including a shared work plan for the City and neighborhood to guide implementation and the original Neighborhood Plan.

Community Engagement

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Over the course of the past year, a broad cross section of community members engaged with the City through both innovative and time-tested tools. From hands-on workshops and smaller-scale interactive meetings with community-based organizations, to online updates and questionnaires, neighbors used a variety of ways to be involved. Reaching a broad range of those who live and work in North Rainier, including those who have been historically underrepresented in the planning process, was a primary objective of the update process. During 2009, community members expressed their views at 48 neighborhood and City-sponsored meetings and events in North Rainier. Long-time veterans of neighborhood planning, stewards of the important work begun in the 1990s, and a new generation of neighborhood planners came together to build a broader base of civic engagement. Bicultural and/or bilingual Planning Outreach Liaisons (POLs) connected with 13 underrepresented communities. The POLs hosted 38 community workshops where historically underrepresented North Rainier community members participated—strengthening the bridge between the City of Seattle, residents, community organizations, and businesses.

This intensive effort was necessary in order to build relationships with those who were new to the planning discussion, and to provide sufficient background information to help them participate effectively. POLs went beyond translation and interpretation to create culturally appropriate opportunities for dialogue

about planning and create deeper understanding of the issues and richer input. For example, sight-impaired and mobility-impaired workers at the Lighthouse for the Blind came together to discuss specific issues and recommendations for making open spaces and streets better places for people with disabilities.

In March 2009, neighbors engaged in the first phase of the update process through the North Rainier Baseline and Issues Identification Workshop at Franklin High School. They discussed neighborhood-initiated planning efforts since the writing of the existing Neighborhood Plan as well as how to build on that work given changing conditions. Neighbors described how they live, work and play in their neighborhood, what makes it unique, what they value in the community and how they see it changing in the next several years. Neighbors also described how they move around and through the community, the kinds of places they go and how they value those places, especially parks and open space. Embedded in these discussions were their identified needs for a healthy and vital neighborhood. POLs extended this conversation into their respective communities throughout March and April. North Rainier's important issues and priorities emerged from these conversations.

In May small groups of neighbors and City staff worked together at a Town Hall meeting at the Northwest African American Museum to address themes that emerged from the March and April workshops. Neighbors worked through hands-

on exercises to identify gaps and opportunities for improving mobility around and through the neighborhood as well as to explore the relationships between the number of households in the neighborhood, retail destinations, parks and walkability. The POLs replicated the exercises; working with their respective communities. The community's goals and desired improvements within the neighborhood grew from this second phase of meetings.

In September 2009, community members attended two open houses to review draft goals and recommendations that grew from the themes, issues, goals and desired improvements voiced by the community throughout the preceding months. Outreach continued through the final months of the year, including the work of POLs, who reached out to their communities to both review draft plan recommendations and to lay the groundwork for their ongoing engagement in the update's implementation phase.

Throughout the plan update process, the workshops and meetings have been structured to engage community discussion and guidance, followed by reporting back, all of which has informed the next steps of drafting and finalizing recommendations. This broad engagement and detailed recording of community comments throughout the process created ongoing transparency that serves as the underpinning of this update to the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan.

A sustainable community is one that values and plans for its long-term social, economic, and environmental health. Seattle's Comprehensive Plan states this as four values that are the bedrock of the City's commitment to sustainability: community, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity and security, and social equity.

North Rainier is a Hub Urban Village with remarkable existing and potential strengths as a sustainable community. A core principle of Seattle's approach to sustainability is that it must be addressed at the neighborhood level, and that it is critical to directly engage the people who live, work, and visit our communities to shape a sustainable future. Through the update process, the neighbors' commitment was clear to making their neighborhood remain and improve as a place that is walkable, livable, and meets the promise of its new light rail service—offering more choices to the people who live and work there. That choice can have an impact on one of the most significant environmental standards—reducing greenhouse

gas emissions—by reducing vehicle miles traveled. If you don't have to get in your car to get groceries, go to work, or enjoy an afternoon in a park or neighborhood downtown, you can make the more sustainable choice, a local decision that can affect the global challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Yet as community dialogue made clear throughout the update process, the arrival of light rail on its own does not guarantee sustainability. For people to make more sustainable decisions, they need to see that there are more and better choices, and to recognize the direct impact of sustainability on their lives. For example, Great City worked with the community to complete a Green Infrastructure Audit. This work has complemented and informed the update process, and underscores how a community-informed process—identifying how sustainability directly affects their lives—is key to establishing a new standard. The citywide, regional, and global decision-making remains crucial—Seattle has led the world as a city in signing on to the Kyoto Pro-

ocol in 2005 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and this work continues. But global standards only work if there are local commitments.

As Neighborhood Plan Updates move forward, the City will continue to work with communities to develop further measures of sustainability, from walkability, to the availability of fresh, healthful food, to green infrastructure of trees and open space. At the same time, the update process has made clear that sustainability does not need to be set out as separate and apart from the overall recommendations, because communities already see it as integral to their overall vision for the future.



Community members discussing the future of the North Rainier urban village

North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Vision, February 1999, Excerpt

Entering the North Rainier Valley we are impressed by the neat, well-maintained, well-landscaped main thoroughfares that accommodate all major modes of transportation. We are an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area which maintains its ethnic roots. Business, light industrial, and high-tech job opportunities provide welcome employment for the entire Puget Sound region.

The residential environment comprises multifamily, single-family, and mixed-use housing in clean, safe neighborhoods affordable to a broad range of people. Housing densities increase near the core of the urban village and around transportation hubs. Multifamily housing is not concentrated in one area, allowing increased density while not overwhelming the community.

Residential areas are peaceful, quiet and safe. They are inviting to pedestrians, children, families the elderly, and people with special needs. Anyone is able to walk or roll along the streets at all hours of the day or night. Consistent maintenance keeps areas clean, neat, and safe. Pocket parks and P-Patches are interspersed throughout the neighborhoods. Iron bars covering doors and windows are seen no more, having been replaced by vibrant architecture and colors, open doors, and a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere that has drawn residents back to the

community. Neighbors know and care about each other. Children are welcome and have plenty of safe places to play.

North Rainier Valley is a destination for recreational activities. Continuous bicycle paths and routes meander from Lake Washington through the residential areas, through parks, the city, and outlying areas. The green spaces are linked together. Playfields and courts allow for all ages and skill levels to gather and compete. Venues are set up for regional sports.

The valley is a draw for film, theater, music, dance, and visual arts. Public squares, religious institutions, schools, and community centers are also gathering places for activities for neighborhood residents. The community enjoys and celebrates diversity. Commitment to helping immigrants become an integral part of this neighborhood, programs are set up to accommodate new immigrant populations and aid them with English classes, cultural interaction, and advocacy for their needs. Such programs are increasingly shared in and with other parts of the City.

Our ongoing commitment to the education of our youth is the cornerstone of the North Rainier Neighborhood. Schools are consistently and fully used for adult education, after-school activities, and a wide variety of educational and tutorial opportunities. Citizens are actively involved in outreach and volunteer programs. High-quality school programs have become a draw for business and employment.

The businesses are strong, stimulating and economically stable. Various new commercial and industrial activities have recently entered the scene and retain the diversity and ethnic heritage that make our Rainier Valley unique. A full range of services is available without having to leave the community. Zoning coordinates industrial, commercial, and residential uses to their mutual advantage. Businesses actively participate in community activities. Retail property is well kept and accessible to all.

Public transportation has become easier to use than the automobile-oriented systems of the 20th century. Major routes are safe for bikes, pedestrians, autos and transit users and are completely accessible for the visually and physically impaired. The streets themselves are tree-lined and smooth. Transit systems link the east, west, north and south areas of Seattle, and the entire Puget Sound region in a way that is nonintrusive to the fabric of the neighborhood. The commute is easy for folks from other areas to visit, work, and shop in the North Rainier Valley.

Mount Rainier remains a landmark vista in the heart of Rainier Valley. The pulse of our area is vibrant. The future is grand.

This section of the Update describes goals to preserve, enhance and improve the day-to-day life of community members. It also outlines strategies and to help achieve these goals.

Note: Numbers in parentheses, such as (NR-P6), after Goals and Policies refer to the 1999 Neighborhood Plan Goals and Policies as they were incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan. Refer to the appendix to see how the Comp Plan Amendment updates the Neighborhood Plan with new and revised goals and policies that emerged from the 2009 Update process.

Goal 1

A vibrant, business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley.

Discussion

Community members want a shopping district; a place they can go for their daily to monthly needs. A number stated that they would like a place to buy clothes and shoes without going to Southcenter. Others spoke of the desire to have a place where they would spend an afternoon meeting friends, eating and shopping.

Policies

1.A. Encourage the inclusion of affordable commercial space in new development.

1.B. Strive to facilitate the vitality of existing retail and businesses that help meet the neighborhood's employment goals and serve as destination businesses for customers from the Rainier Valley and beyond in addition to meeting the daily needs of residents.

Strategies

1. Strengthen the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce and encourage increased membership from local businesses so that business owners can work together and with the community to create a vibrant neighborhood business district. The Chamber can also provide a venue for peer support and mentoring as well as a venue for its members to raise its concerns to the City and to pursue grants and technical assistance.

2. Look for opportunities in projects receiving City funding to create affordable commercial spaces.

3. Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small-scale businesses by

- using design guidelines that provide guidance for creating business spaces that are culturally appropriate (such as storefronts that open onto sidewalks),
- providing technical assistance and access to financing to small businesses in the retail corridor,

- encouraging membership in local business associations, and
- encouraging peer support and mentoring.

4. Supporting partnerships to strengthen the business district, such as

- SCORE/Small Business Development Center,
- Community Capital Development,
- University of Washington Entrepreneurial Law Clinic,
- Rainier Valley Community Development Fund, and
- HomeSight.

5. Retain a grocery store and pharmacy in the Town Center.

6. Improve the existing Town Center and make it more inviting using the City's Neighborhood Business District Fund and Neighborhood Street Funds. Work with the community to identify projects and initiatives in which the community's effort would be matched by funds from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Improvements may include

- streetscape amenities, such as benches and banners;
- activating public spaces with street vendors;
- business district marketing map and brochure; and
- encourage community-driven activities that support gatherings which draw customers such as street fairs, farmers markets, etc.

Goal 2

Ethnic and cultural diversity is a continued presence in the businesses and community.

Discussion

The cultural diversity of the commercial district is valued and supported by the community. The broader community would like these often small, independently owned, culturally focused businesses to remain as the North Rainier Urban Village grows and transforms. Owners of small, ethnic businesses spoke of the need to both expand their market and to support continued affordability.

Policies

- 2.A.** Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in the transit-accessible areas of the neighborhood.
- 2.B.** Provide technical and financial support to small businesses that meet the needs of the ethnic and cultural communities in the neighborhood.
- 2.C.** Encourage community-based efforts for cross-cultural integration among the business owners as well as among the broader community.
- 2.D.** Encourage the construction of physical improvements and activity programming that are culturally relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.

Strategies

- 1.** Explore 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 projects.
- 2.** Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in the neighborhood.
- 3.** Promote peer support, mentoring, technical assistance, and other means of improving business capacity for businesses interested in broadening their market.
- 4.** Promote opportunities for cross-cultural integration among the business owners as well as among the broader community. Seek opportunities to create a vibrant, stable multicultural shopping area.
- 5.** Explore feasibility of using the Station Area Overlay District or incentive zoning to create affordable commercial space.
- 6.** Implement programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center, such as innovative aesthetic enhancements to the public realm, and parks that incorporate audible, visual and tactile configurations.
- 7.** Support community-driven gathering activities that increase awareness and education of the community's multicultural population and create a multicultural identity and destination point for Seattle.



Goal 3

Development within the Town Center prioritizes housing that serves households across a range of incomes.

Discussion

Many community members noted that there is little housing in the Town Center of the North Rainier Urban Village and suggested improving pedestrian and transit connections into the center, as well as increasing the vitality and personal safety of the Center by increasing the number of housing units there. More market-rate housing is needed, as well as affordable housing. Concerns were expressed that increased development will increase rents

and force residents to move away. Affordable housing, including family housing and affordable senior housing is important.

Policies

3.A. Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentives and funding.

Strategies

1. Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.
2. Leverage public funds to support affordable housing near to the light rail station.

3. Encourage affordable family-sized homes through incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.

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

5. Apply Comprehensive Plan affordable housing targets to the North Rainier Urban Village and periodically evaluate progress.

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

Goal 4

North Rainier Hub Urban Village is known as a “Green Hub” providing green jobs and training, and green development.

Discussion

North Rainier is a Hub Urban Village with the capacity for an increase in jobs. Community members felt that the presence of the University of Washington as a land owner and the tradition of North Rainier Urban Village as a commercial and light manufacturing area suggests an opportunity to build a green technology incubator.

Policies

4.A. Support training programs and jobs in North Rainier that capitalize on the green technology market in order to support the role of North

Rainier as the Hub Urban Village within the Rainier Valley.

4.B. Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development.

Strategies

1. Consider creating a green technology-focused extension program by working with organizations such as the University of Washington.
2. Build on the “green ring” provided by Cheasty Greenspace and Mt. Baker Boulevard by stressing the use of complementary green building technologies in development regulations and incentives.
3. Continue to pursue zoning and design review changes that support the inclusion of green building components.

4. Look for opportunities for a Living Building Pilot Program project in North Rainier.

5. Complete a green infrastructure analysis exploring potential opportunities such as UW Laundry, Rainier Ave. S. redesign and stormwater facility work.

6. Consider building a “green” demonstration and education site for the community in relation to the green jobs and technology program that could provide visible, passive education about wind and solar technologies and other green building technologies to encourage engagement in green jobs or local use of alternative energy. This could also be a destination site that supports small businesses.

Goal 5

A community that supports and provides opportunities for neighborhood youth.

Discussion

The North Rainier Urban Village is home to Franklin High School – a center for both youth education and youth activities. The community would like to see more programs to positively engage its young people.

Policies

5.A. In fulfilling its role as the Hub Urban Village for the Rainier

Valley, North Rainier should include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them for family-wage jobs in the area and region.

Strategies

1. Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways such as
 - Youth in Focus photography classes;
 - Seattle Chamber Players composition workshop at Franklin High School; and
 - Northwest African American Museum public sculpture classes.

2. Develop more coordinated information resources for youth to learn about and engage in various activities at a range of community service centers, learn about jobs and job training, as well as engage in supported physical activity in local green and open spaces.

3. Work more closely with local schools to create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services.

Goal 7

North Rainier is known as a safe and hospitable neighborhood through its residents' increased awareness of community-based crime prevention programs. (NR-G10)

Discussion

Throughout Southeast Seattle the community's concerns about public safety negatively affects their use of transit and parks, and walking or bicycling to local shopping areas.

Policies

7.A. Promote uses around transit facilities such as businesses open into the evening hours, and housing that provides "eyes on the street."

7.B. Seek opportunities for the community and the Seattle Police Department to strengthen partnerships.

Strategies

1. Create neighborhood design guidelines that emphasize pedestrian-friendly elements in new developments and ensure "eyes on the street."

2. Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities until the time that the level of development provides sufficient activity to reduce the need for police presence.

3. Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the Town Center for reliable access by police and fire vehicles.

4. Increase the mix of uses and residential density in the Town Center to increase the numbers of people using the public spaces including the sidewalks.

5. Build positive working relationships among community members and Seattle Police Department.

6. Complete a Health Impact Assessment to increase the success of implementation at reducing disparities in health.

7. Install pedestrian-scale lighting throughout the Town Center, using design and color to distinguish the area as a vital pedestrian environment.

8. Support community-based projects that include activities that positively impact public safety issues including the development of community groups that share information and education about public safety as well as groups that implement programs or physical improvement projects, such as litter clean up, festivals, gathering spaces, public art, lighting improvements, banners for business districts, etc.

Goal 6

A “ring of green” surrounding the urban village with strong connections to the greenbelts, boulevards and parks, augmented with a hierarchy of open spaces.

Discussion

The community values the existing parks and open spaces. Many expressed that the parks and open spaces are key to why they enjoy living in the area. There will be a need for a variety of parks or open spaces in the Town Center as it gains residents, which will support the area as a shopping destination. The form and programming of open spaces should also meet the differing needs of the diverse community.

Policies

- 6.A.** Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt, and seek to protect them from further residential development. (NR-P6)
- 6.B.** Support partnerships with Parks, SDOT, DON, utilities, nonprofit organizations and the community to enhance street-end stairs, and create safe trails where appropriate through the surrounding greenbelts.
- 6.C.** Enhance community pride through establishment of a multicultural community center, multicultural community festivals, youth mentoring, and other youth programs that support positive and safe activities for youth. (NR-P10)
- 6.D.** Design parks and open spaces and programming to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.

6.E. Consider using levy funds, general funds and partnerships with developers, to create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible and address the gaps identified in the Parks Gap Analysis.

6.F. Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food through public mechanisms such as P-Patches and the Cultivating Communities program, as well as nonprofit and private mechanisms including farmers markets and on-site landscaping.

Strategies

- 1.** Improve and augment the Cheasty and Mt. Baker Boulevard network by
 - improving street-end stairways,
 - constructing new trails from Beacon Hill to the Town Center that offer easier grades than those on streets such as S. McClellan St.,
 - enhancing the streetscape on S. McClellan St., and
 - incorporating destination / active spaces along the network.
- 2.** Consider working with nonprofit organizations or a private developer to establish a multicultural community facility.
- 3.** Implement park programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to the neighborhood, such as increasing opportunities for soccer, and separate swimming times for women.
- 4.** Pursue the potential for acquiring new parks space within the urban village through the Parks and Green Spaces Levy funds for Neighborhood Park Acquisition.

5. Pursue the potential for acquiring new P-Patch community gardening space and urban agriculture space as part of and in addition to the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy.

6. Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Atlantic Street Playground.

7. Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Rainier Park Playground.

8. Use opportunities, such as the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy project at Children’s Play Garden and other Parks Department programs to increase accessibility and create open spaces that are relevant to people with disabilities.

9. Continue to implement the Pro Parks Levy designs for Jimi Hendrix Park, including elements that improve connections to the Northwest African American Museum and the surrounding neighborhood.

10. As funding becomes available, create additional structured and unstructured play areas for children.

11. Increase the vibrancy and safety of the public realm with wider sidewalks, landscaping and pedestrian lighting.

12. Promote the development of more P-Patches and other methods to increase access to locally based food sources and to build community.



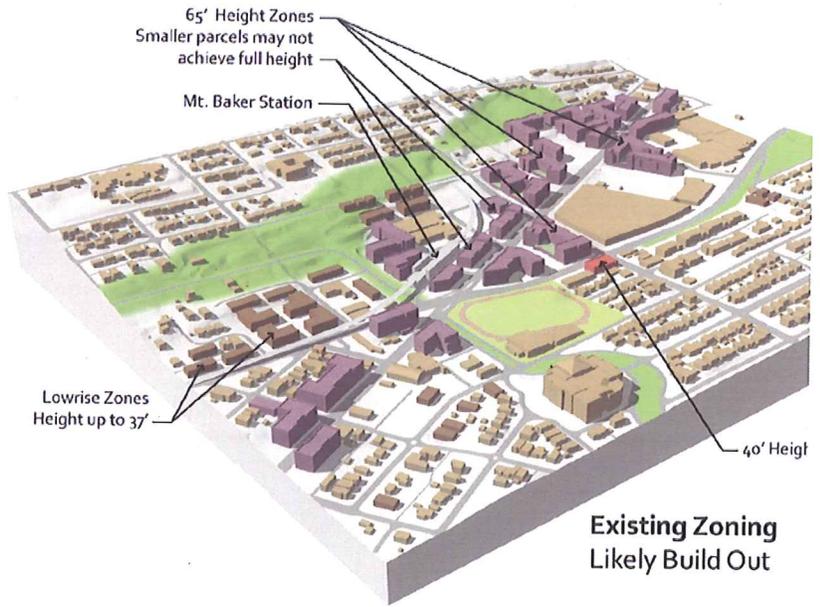
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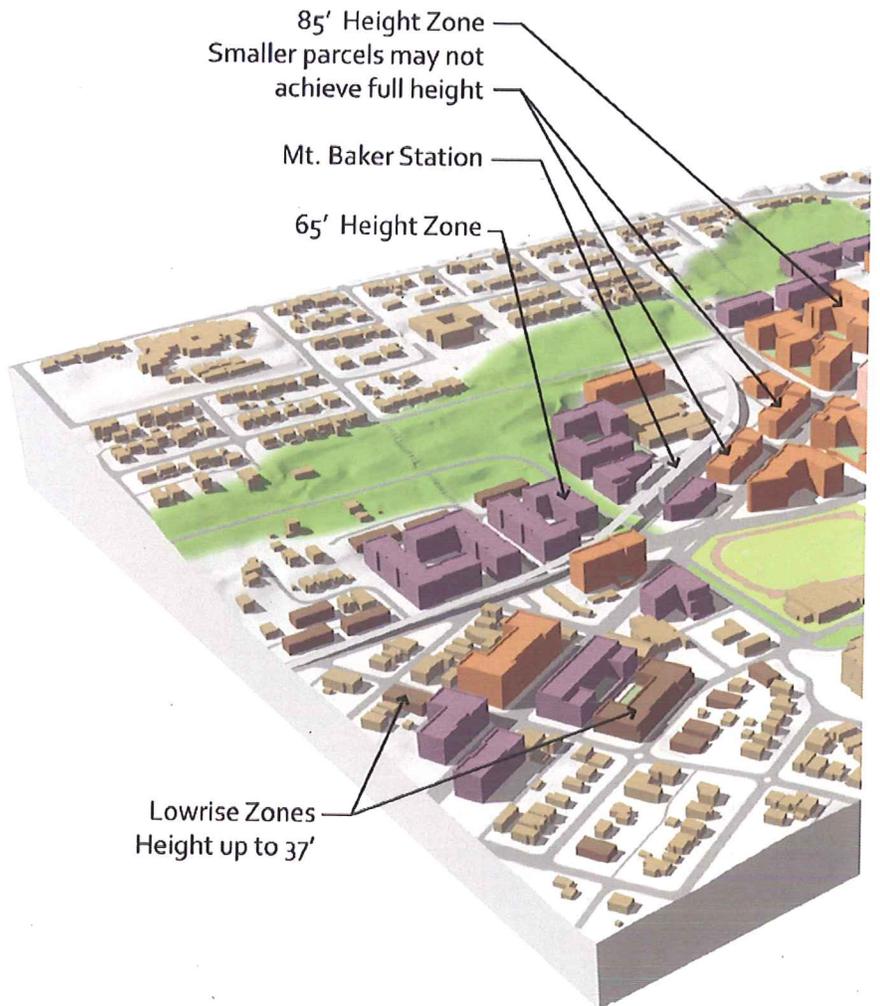
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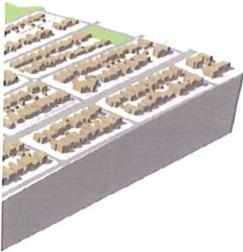


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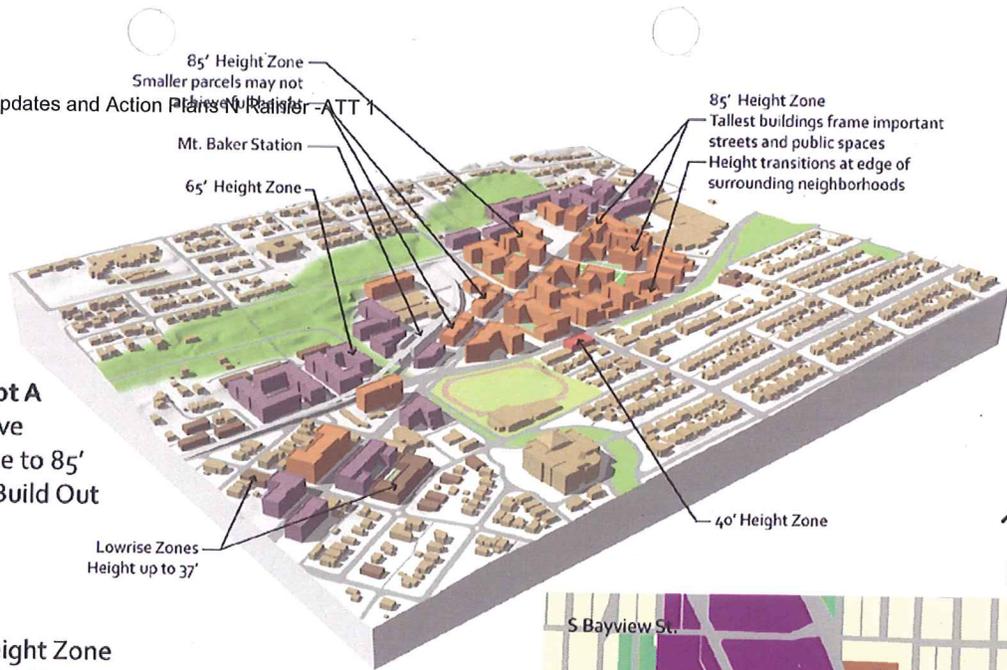


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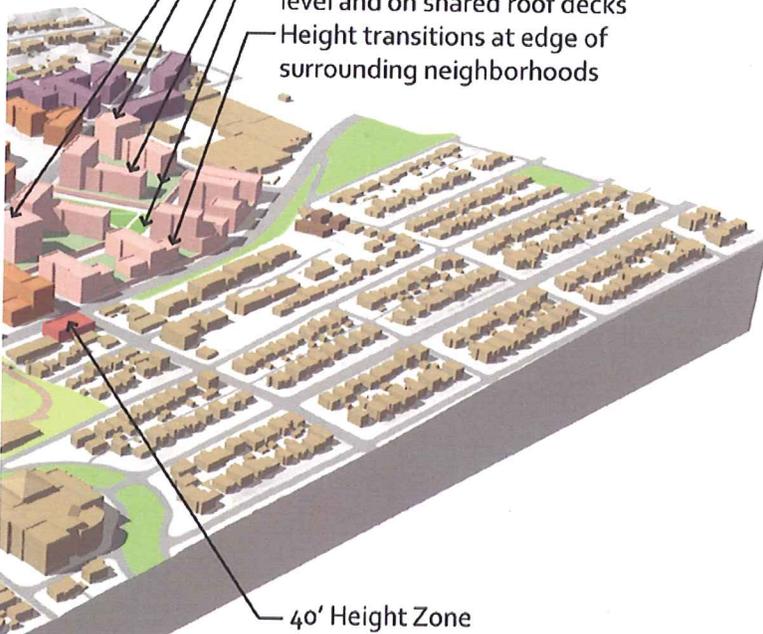
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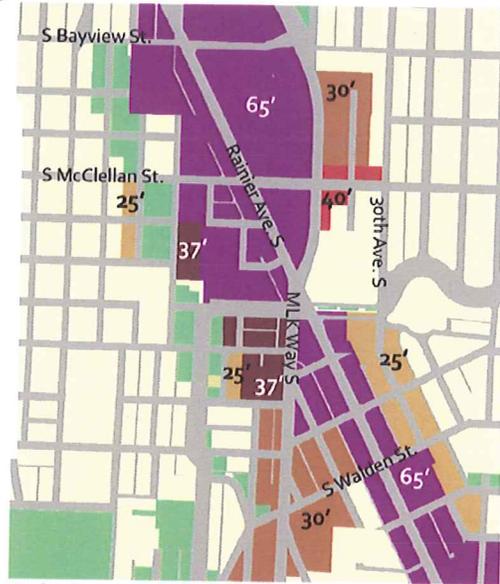
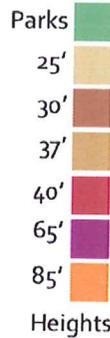
Lowrise Zones
 Height up to 37'

- 125' Height Zone
- Tallest buildings at key corners and focal points
- Height varies among other buildings
- Additional open space at ground level and on shared roof decks
- Height transitions at edge of surrounding neighborhoods

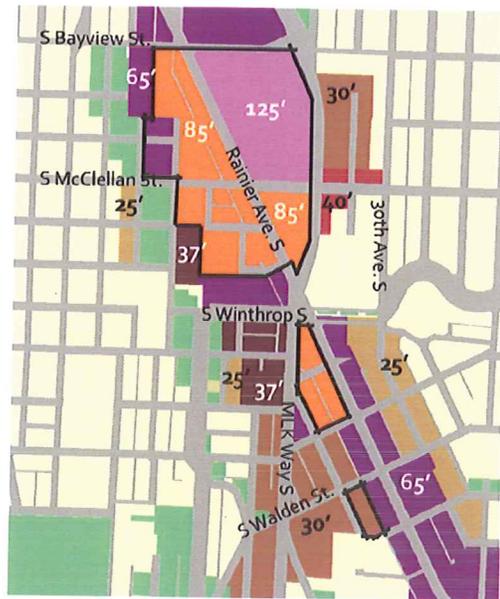


Concept B
 Selective increase to 85' and 125'

Recommended for further study



Existing Height Limits



Recommended Height Limits

ussions in spring 2009 and refined with community urban design framework plans, neighborhood design guidelines, the desired form and characteristics of this Town Center to index for additional land use recommendations.



Shaping a Transit-Oriented Town Center

This section focuses on the community members' ideas for the physical elements – streets and urban form – that support their goal to create a strong Town Center that is attractive to residents as well as visitors. Residents and business owners alike recognize the potential of light rail to serve as a catalyst to help shape a more pedestrian-oriented Town Center.

To be a vital place that offers all the desired amenities, there must be sufficient density of housing businesses and jobs, good design, diversity of activities and people, and desirable destinations. These elements are also central to realizing a sustainable urban community where walking and transit are the preferred ways to get around.

Goal 8

A Town Center that concentrates housing, commercial uses, services and living-wage employment opportunities; that is well served by transit and nonmotorized travel options; and that is well designed and attractive to pedestrians.

A vibrant, business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley.

Discussion

Creating a Town Center for North Rainier was a central component of the neighborhood plan and station area plan. Community members continue to support this, and offer a more definitive vision about the character of the area, the mix of uses and the connections to the surrounding single family areas. While most of the recommended public improvements have been completed, the envisioned new development and critical elements of streetscape improvements have not. Property owners now see opportunities to create redevelopments that would be defining elements of the Town Center.

Policies

8.A. Foster development of a shopping district comprised of businesses that provide products and services meeting the needs of community members from different cultural backgrounds.

8.B. Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support the desired future density.

8.C. Strengthen local business associations that include and support the presence and growth of businesses owned by immigrant and minority community members.

8.D. Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small-scale businesses.

8.E. Include a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. north of S. McClellan St. within the urban village and within the Station Area Overlay District, and support a multifamily zoning designation for the area that would allow more compact residential development. (See pages 12 and 13.)

8.F. Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, define and consider minimum residential densities in new buildings in order to create the critical mass of people and activity for a Town Center.

Strategies

1. Use mechanisms such as urban design framework plans, neighborhood design guidelines, and street design plans to describe the desired form of future development.

2. Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework plan for the North Rainier Town Center area. Plan elements could include

- building height options;
- incentive features;
- breaking down scale of super blocks to create a balance of inwardly and outwardly focused development;
- use of green building strategies such as those that address drainage, building efficiency; tree canopy; and opportunities for district energy systems;
- open space that invites people to gather and to engage in physical activity;

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- pedestrian connections and sidewalk widths; and
- guidelines to help ensure that new housing doesn't create a "wall" of undesirable facades that is counter to the feel of the neighborhood.

3. Through processes that engage community stakeholders consider and evaluate the application of zoning designations and related development regulations that are most likely to achieve the neighborhood's urban design vision. Include evaluation of new regulatory and programmatic tools as they become available. 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. (See pages 12 and 13.)

4. Evaluate proposed height and land use changes within the Town Center. (See pages 12 and 13.)

5. Address zoning on west side of Rainier Ave S. immediately south of S. Walden St. There are eight single-family parcels adjacent to parcels zoned NC3-65 and L-3. Rezone these parcels to be more consistent with adjacent properties.

6. Expand the Town Center area to focus new mixed use development south of S. Bayview St. and north of S. Byron St.

7. Consider including within the urban village a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. and north of S. McClellan St., and rezoning to be more consistent with adjacent zoning, and

to allow more compact residential development.

8. Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, consider minimum residential densities (related to the zoning designations).

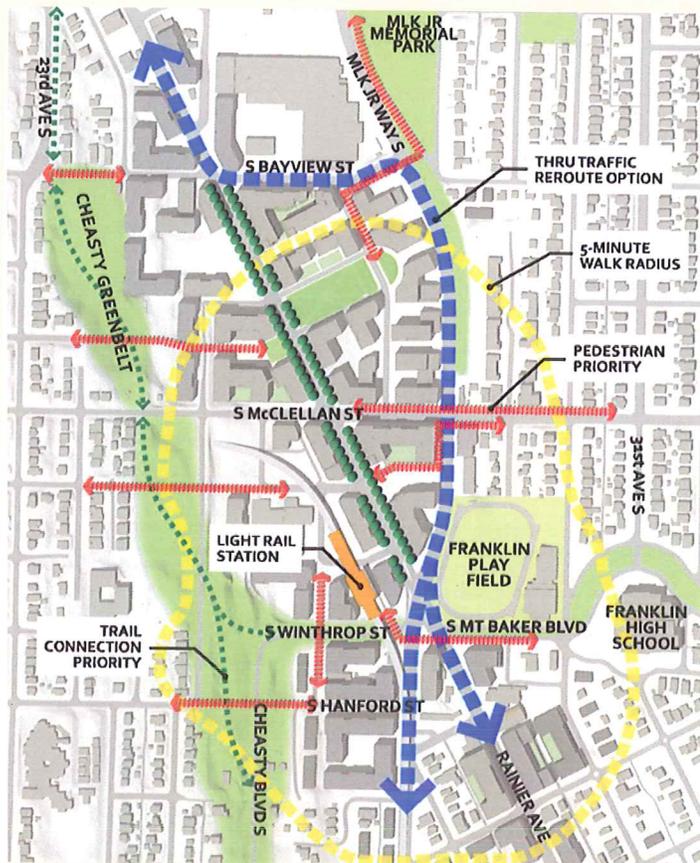
9. Maintain and expand collaboration with Sound Transit, King Country Metro, property owners, and community members to pursue redevelopment opportunities in the Station Area Overlay District, such as surplus Sound Transit parcels and the Metro bus layover, to create dense, mixed-use projects that establish a vital pedestrian environment, provide affordable housing, and support the development of small businesses.

10. Continue to pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility. Possible solutions could include undertaking a joint development project incorporating the bus transfer facility, or finding a new location for the bus transfer facility on the west side of Rainier Ave. S. and redeveloping the block.

11. Pursue opportunities to create a multicultural shopping area/center/market.

12. Work with Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Information Technology when considering changes to zoning to evaluate if there are area-specific capacity problems resulting from the potential increase in development capacity.

13. Encourage the use of City grant programs to improve the Town Center and make it more inviting.



Places and Connections



Goal 9

A neighborhood served by a network of safe streets with amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. (NR-G3)

Discussion

It was clearly acknowledged that this is currently an auto-oriented neighborhood. Both Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way S. are dominated by vehicular traffic and are difficult to navigate as a pedestrian or bicyclist. Many people are afraid for their personal safety while waiting on the street for a bus. Nearby residents who could actually walk to the stores said they choose not to because it is unsafe and difficult to walk from store to store. In the future, this area is envisioned as a destination shopping area where it is possible to run multiple errands in one trip during the day or evening. Currently, the area does not feel secure because there are no “eyes on the street” from local businesses and residences.

Policies

9.A. Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.

9.B. Prioritize development of universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.

9.C. Ensure that standards for new development projects will accommodate a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center.

9.D. Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.

Strategies

1. Create a pedestrian network of pathways throughout the Town Center, connecting retail, services and the light rail station. Specific actions could include the following:

- Implementation of the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) projects #10 and #11 to calm traffic and improve the streetscape along S. McClellan St. from 23rd Ave. S. to Mt. Baker Blvd. Projects #10 and #11 include relocating utility poles and signal controller cabinets where necessary to ensure a clear walking path, adding a missing sidewalk link, widening sidewalks, installing planting strips, installing curb extensions, and adding pedestrian lighting. Additional work may include working with Metro to relocate trolley wire poles out of the pedestrian pathway.
- Work with property owners and developers to break up the large block and/or parcels into smaller pieces, providing walking routes through the sites and connections to the surrounding street grid, as well as consolidating the number of driveways as redevelopment occurs to provide an improved pedestrian environment.
- Complete the sidewalk network to make better connections between destinations.
- When enhancing access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities, pay particular attention to connections to

transit and shopping areas from the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Center Park.

- Identify sites that would benefit from unique art or pavement treatments to support a vibrant walking environment.
- 2.** Identify desired off-street circulation patterns and work with developers of large parcels to create internal circulation that promotes walking within developments and between the sites.
- 3.** Modify the Land Use Code to define minimum widths for sidewalks and landscaped planting strips on all streets in station areas with pedestrian designations. Define areas that are appropriate for, and associated sidewalk dimensions that are supportive of sidewalk cafes and/or stores that open to the sidewalk.
- 4.** Improve street ends to create more connections between neighborhoods.
- 5.** Create a more secure environment for people and business using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enliven temporarily vacant sites. Ideas could include temporary markets.
- 6.** Create active, family-oriented spaces within the Town Center to invite positive use that enhances public safety.

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Goal 10

Rainier Ave. S. is a highly functioning multimodal "complete street" that serves as the spine of the Rainier Valley and retains its existing vistas of Mount Rainier. (NR-G4A)

Continue to develop Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. as a "complete street," and part of the neighborhood's network of streets with amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. (NR-G4B)

A transformed Rainier Avenue S. between S. Bayview St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. that functions as a pedestrian-oriented main street.

Discussion

Almost everyone agreed that Rainier Ave. S. and the abutting development in its current form are not conducive to creating a vibrant Town Center. By reducing traffic on Rainier Ave. S., the streetscape would be made more appealing for pedestrians and still be able to adequately accommodate transit.

A "traffic-calmed" Rainier Ave. S. would most likely promote further streetscape improvements.

Community members recognize the area's transportation challenges, with better bus, walking and biking environments a high priority. While the community acknowledges the constraints of available rights-of-way, the area needs sidewalks wide enough for safe walking, with outdoor cafes and adequate bus shelters; on-street parking in the commercial areas to act as a buffer between traffic and pedestrians; and bike lanes.

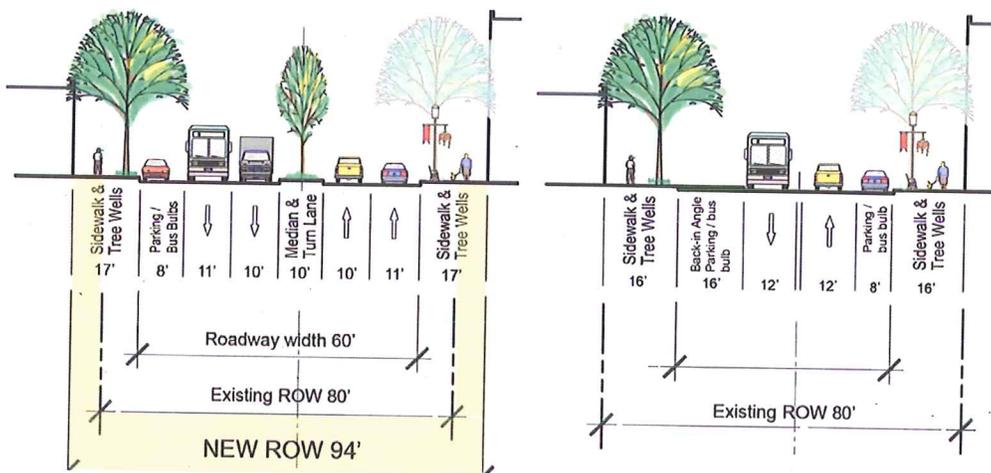
Policies

10.A. Promote alternative transportation programs, such as bicycle commuting, local hiring, van pools, and transit ridership. (NR-P13)

10.B. Support actions that improve the pedestrian and transit functions along Rainier Ave. S. between S. Bayview Str. and MLK Jr. Way S. so that the section becomes more of a local main street for the North Rainier neighborhood.

Strategies

1. Implement the recommendations from the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS), which serves as the blueprint for programming transportation improvements in Southeast Seattle.
2. Use the Pedestrian Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing pedestrian improvements and Neighborhood Street Fund projects.
3. Use the Bicycle Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing bicycle improvements.
4. Continue to pursue a bicycle route along Rainier Ave. S. or parallel street that takes advantage of the flat grade in the valley floor.
5. Look for opportunities to develop transportation corridors that might encompass several roads. For example, consider if Chief Sealth Trail can function as the major north/south bike route, enhancing the connections from it to commercial areas.



Rainier Ave S Expanded ROW Option

Rainier Ave S Reroute Option



Goal 10 (continued)

6. Consider adding destination spaces along Chief Sealth Trail, such as play areas, community gardens and pocket parks, to encourage use.

7. Use health impacts assessments to help ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, livability and health quality.

8. Evaluate an "MLK Jr. Way S. re-route" that would route through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. from the Rainier Ave. S./ MLK Jr. Way S. intersection. See conceptual street cross-section options on page 17.

• This strategy calls for the rerouting of through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. at the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way S.

intersection and back to Rainier Ave. S. by way of S. Bayview St. *(Note: The re-route strategy would require 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 need to acquire additional rights-of-way (ROW). Both existing and future conditions would need to be studied before any decision can be made about this alternative. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)*

9. Develop street design cross-sections for Rainier Ave. S. that support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area.

• SDOT will complete a conceptual design for Rainier Ave. S. from the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way intersection to S. Bayview St. that shows a possible new cross-section which includes landscaped median where possible, and other features such as a parking lane. This design would require additional ROW from private landowners. *(Note: Before any design alterations could be accomplished, SDOT would have to conduct an operational analysis of any proposed changes. This analysis would include impacts upon levels of congestion, especially at intersections, and transit speed and reliability. Both existing and future conditions may need to be studied. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)*

Appendices and Acknowledgments

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Appendices

The appendices are posted online at www.seattle.gov/dpd/NeighborhoodPlanUpdates

Work Plan

The attached work plan adds Actions to the Goals, Policies and Strategies, and formats them into a document that can be used to guide the Community's and City's work to achieve the community's goals.

Glossary

Updating the Comprehensive Plan

This document shows how the revised North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan updates and weaves together the Goals and Policies from the 1999 Neighborhood Plan and those that emerged from this 2009 Update process.

Recommended Changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan

Neighborhood Plan

completed in 1999

Baseline Report

dated March 2009 includes highlights of the 1999 Neighborhood Plan and 2009 statistics

Meeting Materials and Notes

from the March, May and September 2009 meetings, and Planning Outreach Liaison meetings.

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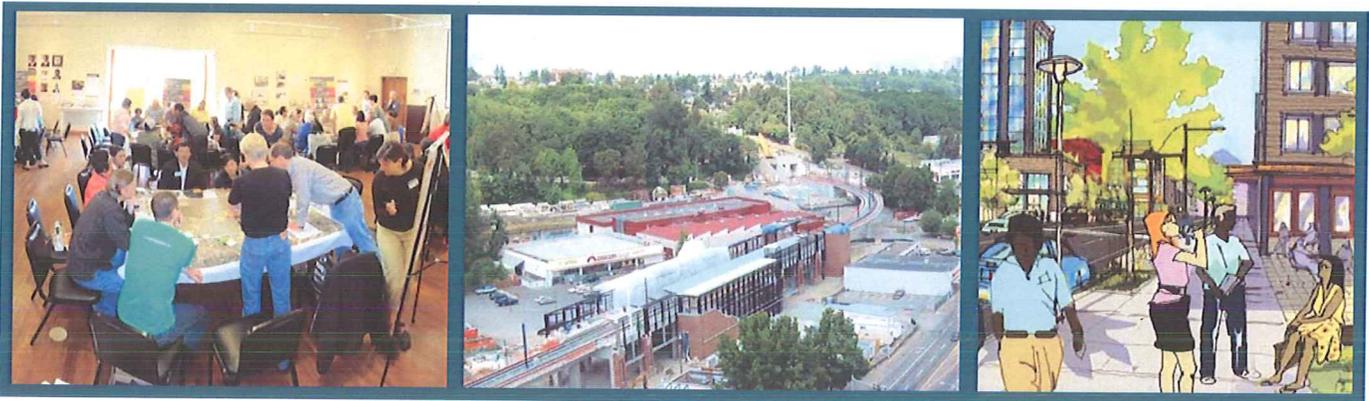
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NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

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



North Rainier Neighborhood Action Plan

The North Rainier 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 Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update, an update of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan of 1999, and helped to prioritize the strategies and action steps of the North Rainier 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 Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update process affirmed the vision of the original North Rainier 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 Rainier Action Plan includes the vision, goals, policies and strategies of the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update as well as the goals, policies and strategies that were carried over from the North Rainier 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 Rainier. 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 Rainier

Dots	Goal #	description
259	Goal 10	Rainier Ave S and MLK Jr Way S are safe and attractive to walk, bike, and ride as well as drive
211	Goal 5	A neighborhood that supports its youth
152	Goal 7	A safe neighborhood
151	Goal 1	A vibrant neighborhood and destination business district
141	Goal 2	A neighborhood with ethnic and cultural diversity
141	Goal 8	A vibrant, mixed use Town Center

Table B: Top Selected Strategies for North Rainier

Dots	Strategy #	Description
74	5.1	Fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways
54	5 additional	Supporting a healthy and strong community
47	5.2	Develop coordinated information resources for youth about activities, jobs, job training
40	1.5	Retain grocery and drug store
36	3.1	Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sites
35	5.3	Create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services
35	7.4	Increase the mix of uses and number of people living in the town center

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 Rainier neighborhood, the key themes that emerged from the dot exercise were:

- In goals, Rainier and MLK gets the most dots – but none of its many strategies were top dot-getters.
- In strategies, **youth** is the primary focus, particularly related to social program funding (5.1, 5additional, 5.2, 5.3). Strategies touch on retail anchor (grocery and pharmacy), and increasing the number and mix of uses – urban density. They also prioritized housing affordability.



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.



Vision Goals Policies Strategies Action Steps	WHAT		WHEN	WHO			HOW
	Priority (Clarify: High, Medium)	Timeframe 1-3 yrs; 3-6 yrs; 6-10 yrs	Community Partners	City Dept	Agency	Phase (On-going, Plan, Underway, Done)	
	Policy 2.C. Encourage community-based cross cultural integration among business owners and broader community						
	<i>Encourage community-based efforts for cross-cultural integration among business owners, as well as among the broader community.</i>						
	Policy 2.D. Within the Town center, encourage physical improvements and programming relevant to people with disabilities						
	<i>Encourage the construction of physical improvements and activity programming that are relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.</i>						
	Strategy 2.1: Create financing models for affordable commercial space						
	<i>Explore 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 projects.</i>						
	Strategy 2.2: Locate cultural community centers and services in this neighborhood						
	<i>Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in the neighborhood.</i>						
	Strategy 2.3: Support peer mentoring within business associations						
	<i>Promote peer support, mentoring and technical assistance for businesses interested in broadening their market, and other means of improving their business capacity. This might also include increasing outreach of Rainier Valley Chamber to new and immigrant businesses, and support of the expansion of the African Business Association</i>						
	Implement recommendations from the SE retail study to include marketing in the Rainier Valley	H	1-3	RVCC, local bus assoc	OED	O	
	OED is currently developing immigrant development strategies in the Rainier Valley.	M	1-3	RVCC, ABAS	OED	O	
	Support African Business Association	M	1-10	ABAS	OED	O	
	OED works with the Rainier Chamber and supports capacity building in the African Business Association.	M	1-10	RVCC, ABAS	OED	O	
	Strategy 2.4: Create a vibrant, stable multi-cultural shopping area and community through cross-cultural integration						
	<i>Promote opportunities for cross-cultural integration among the business owners as well as among the broader community. Seek opportunities to create a vibrant, stable multi-cultural shopping area.</i>						
	OED is organizing a summit of immigrant businesses and business service providers to facilitate access to existing services as well as improve those services to reach the community.	M	1-3		OED	O	
	Integrating businesses with the broader market.	M	1-3	ABAS, RVCC	OED	O	
	Strategy 2.5: Use incentives to create affordable commercial space						
	<i>Explore feasibility of using the Station Area Overlay District or incentive zoning to create affordable commercial space.</i>						
	Explore funding mechanisms to create long-term affordable commercial space	H	1-3		OED, DPD, OH	P	
	Explore in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3		DPD, OED, OH	P	
	Strategy 2.6: Support programs and improvements relevant to people with disabilities						
	<i>Implement programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to people with disabilities throughout the town center, such as innovative aesthetic enhancements to the public realm, parks that incorporate audible, visual and tactile configurations.</i>						
	Incorporate built environment aspects within Urban Design Framework conversation	H	1-3		DPD, SDO, PARKS	P	
	Strategy 2.7: Support community-driven gathering activities to promote multi-cultural integration						
	<i>Support community-driven gathering activities that increase awareness and education of the community's multicultural population and create a multicultural identity and destination point for Seattle.</i>						
	Funding provided for town-hall style events that explore how geography informs our sense of community and identity for the African-American residents (presented at Hiawatha Lofts).	H		comm grps	ARTS	Done	
	Funding provided to Denso (located at N. Rainier) who provides the largest accessible resource on the Japanese	H		comm grps	ARTS	Done	
	Goal 3. A Town Center whose residents have a range of incomes and housing options						
	<i>Development within the Town Center prioritizes housing that serves households across the range of incomes.</i>						
	Policy 3.A. Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes						
	<i>Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentives and funding.</i>						
	Strategy 3.1: Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sizes						
	<i>Encourage and/or require mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentive, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.</i>	H	1-10	dev	OH	O	
	Strategy 3.2: Support affordable housing adjacent to light rail station						
	<i>Leverage public funds to support affordable housing adjacent to light rail station.</i>						
	Work with federal, state, and local government agencies to identify surplus properties near the Mt. Baker light rail station that are appropriate for affordable housing such as Sound Transit's Firestone property.	H	1-10	dev	OH, DPD, Sound Transit	O	
	Strategy 3.3: Encourage affordable family sized homes						
	<i>Encourage affordable family sized homes through incentive, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.</i>						
	Coordinate a community outreach effort to identify and engage homeowners who could possibly benefit from the Office of Housing weatherization, home improvement loan, and foreclosure prevention programs as well as King County's property tax exemption program.	H	1-6	prop owners, comm grps	OH	P	
	Strategy 3.4: Preserve existing and create new subsidized housing						
	<i>Use City funding to leverage other funding to preserve existing and create new subsidized housing.</i>						
	Continue to use available affordable housing programs to maintain current subsidized housing.	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	OH	O	
	Strategy 3.5: Apply affordable housing targets to the Urban Village						
	<i>Apply Comprehensive Plan affordable housing targets to the North Rainier Urban Village and periodically evaluate progress.</i>						
	Conduct a baseline analysis of neighborhood housing characteristics and compare them to the housing goals established in the Comprehensive Plan.	M	1-10		OH	P	
	Strategy 3.6: Set affordable housing objectives						
	<i>Set affordable housing objectives and use incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs to fill gaps.</i>	M	1-10		OH	P	
	Goal 4. North Rainier is a "Green Hub"						
	<i>North Rainier Urban Village is known as a "Green Hub" providing green jobs and training, and green development.</i>						
	Policy 4.A. Support local training programs and jobs that capitalize on the green technology market						
	<i>Support training programs and jobs in North Rainier, that capitalize on the green technology market in order to support the role of North Rainier as the Hub Urban Village within the Rainier Valley.</i>						
	Policy 4.B. Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development						
	<i>Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development</i>						
	Strategy 4.1: Create a green technology-focused educational program						
	<i>Consider creating a green technology focused extension program by work with organizations such as the University of Washington.</i>						
	OED provides retail site selection and business attraction services and supports Rainier Valley as a hub for clean technology industries. OED has also developed training in green jobs.	M	1-6	bus owners	OED	O	
	Strategy 4.2: Emphasize the use of green building technologies in development regulations and incentives.						
	<i>Build on the "green ring" provided by Cheasty Greenspace and Mt. Baker Boulevard by stressing the use of complementary green building technologies in development regulations and incentives.</i>						
	Explore options in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P	
	Strategy 4.3: Support the inclusion of green building components						
	<i>Continue to pursue zoning and design review changes that support the inclusion of green building components.</i>						
	Explore options in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P	



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Strategy 4.4: Look for opportunities for a Living Building Pilot Program project						
Look for opportunities for a Living Building Pilot Program project in North Rainier.	H		comm grps, dev			
Strategy 4.5: Complete a green infrastructure analysis						
Complete a green infrastructure analysis exploring potential opportunities such as UIW Laundry, Rainier Ave. S. redesign and stormwater facility work.						
Green infrastructure analysis of Rainier Ave S may be possible as part of redesign study	H	1-3		SPU, SDOT		P
Strategy 4.6: Build a "green" demonstration and education site						
Consider building a "green" demonstration and education site for the community in relation to the green jobs and technology program that could provide visible, passive education about wind and solar technologies and other green building technologies to encourage engagement in green jobs or local use of alternative energy. This could also be a destination site that supports small businesses.						
OED provides retail site selection and business attraction services and supports Rainier Valley as a hub for clean technology industries. OED has also developed training in green jobs.	H	3-6	dev, comm grps	OED		P
Goal 5. A neighborhood that supports its youth						
A community that supports and provides opportunities for the neighborhood's youth.						
Policy 5.A. Include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them for family wage jobs						
In fulfilling its role as the Hub Urban Village for the Rainier Valley, North Rainier should include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them to for family wage jobs in the area and region.						
Strategy 5.1: Fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways						
Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways such as: Youth in Focus, photography classes; Seattle Chamber Players composition workshop at Franklin High School; and Northwest African American Museum public sculpture classes.						
Continue to fund programs that engage youth in positive and safe ways. There are two funding programs that community members/groups may apply for to fund youth arts programs – Youth Arts or sMART ventures. These are determined via a competitive process, and funds available are dependent on admission tax revenue and use of it as a dedicated resource. For more information on our funding programs: http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding .	H	1-10	comm grps	PARKS, ARTS		O
Funding for Northwest African American Museum to offer an 84-hour summer session for 15 underserved teens from Garfield, Franklin & Rainier Beach High School to create a public sculpture of Jimi Hendrix at the Jimi Hendrix Park using recycled materials.	M			ARTS		Done
Funding was offered for Seattle Chamber Players to lead a ten-session composition workshop to students at Franklin High School but teacher declined the program/funding so this project will not happen this year.				ARTS		Done
Funding for Arts Corps to offer free afterschool arts classes for youth in North Rainier neighborhood.	H			ARTS		Done
Funding Youth in Focus who will offer six free photography classes for 40-50 underserved youth ages 13-19, taught by professional teaching artists.	M			ARTS		Done
Funding was offered for Seattle Chamber Players to lead a ten-session composition workshop to students at Franklin High School but teacher declined the program/funding so this project will not happen this year.				ARTS		Done
Strategy 5.2: Develop coordinated information resources for youth about activities, jobs, job training						
Develop more coordinated information resources for youth to learn about and engage in various activities at a range of	H					
Strategy 5.3: Create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services						
Work more closely with local schools to create seamless access for youth to community amenities and services.						
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, Thurgood Marshall, Muir, Kimball, Beacon Hill International, Leschi and Orca.	H	1-10	Schools	OFF, DON		O
Provide 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 grps	HSD		O
Additional Strategy: Supporting a healthy and strong community						
Provide 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.	M	1-10	comm grps	HSD		O
Provide 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.	M	1-10	comm grps	HSD		O
Provide funding to citizenship programs. Organization include ACRS, CCA, CISC, El Centro, FCC, Horn of Africa, IDHA, ReWA, and SeaMar.	H	1-10	comm grps	HSD		O
Provide 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 grps	HSD		O
Provide anti-discrimination workshops to the general public and small businesses	M	1-3	comm grps	OCR		O
Goal 6. A "ring of green" surrounds the Town Center						
A "ring of green" surrounding the urban village with strong connections to the greenbelts, boulevards and parks, augmented with a hierarchy of open spaces.						
Policy 6.A. Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt						
Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt, and seek to protect them from further residential development. (NR-P6)						
Policy 6.B. Support partnerships to enhance street-end stairs and create safe trails where appropriate through greenbelts						
Support partnerships with Parks, SDOT, DoN, utilities, nonprofit organizations and the community to enhance street-end stairs, and create safe trails where appropriate through the surrounding greenbelts.						
Policy 6.C. Establish a multicultural community center, multicultural festivals, youth mentoring and other youth programs						
Enhance community pride through establishment of a multicultural community center, multicultural community festivals, youth mentoring, and other youth programs that support positive and safe						
Policy 6.D. Design parks and open spaces and program them to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.						
Design parks and open spaces and program them to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.						
Policy 6.E. Create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible						
Consider using levy funds, general funds and partnerships with developers, to create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible and address the gaps identified in the Parks Gap Analysis.						
Policy 6.F. Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food						
Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food through public mechanisms such as P-Patches and the Cultivating Communities program, as well as non-profit and private mechanisms including farmers' markets and on-site landscaping.						
Strategy 6.1 Improve and augment the Cheasty and Mt. Baker Boulevard network						
Improve and augment the Cheasty and Mt. Baker Boulevard network by improving street end stair, constructing new trails from Beacon Hill to the town center that offer easier grades than those on streets such as S. McClellan St., enhancing the streetscape on S. McClellan St., and incorporating destination /active spaces along the network.						
Explore feasibility of trail connecting Beacon Hill to Town Center	H	1-3	priv ment, comm grps	SDOT, PARKS		P
Improving street end stairs would need funding	M		comm grps	SDOT		
Enhancing streetscape on S McClellan: see SETS projects #10 and 11	M			SDOT		
The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides funding for Forest and Stream Restoration by Green Seattle Partnership for Cheasty Greenspace		1-3	comm grps	PARKS		U
SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD		
Strategy 6.2 Establish a multi-cultural community center						
Consider non-profit organizations or private developer in the establishment of a multi-cultural community facility.						



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	Communities designate leadership group to explore feasibility of long-term partnership, building operations and maintenance for a privately owned community center	M	1-3	comm grps	DOH	P
	Leadership group to develop partnership structure, building needs, building operations, maintenance plan and fundraising plan. Group to hire consultant if needed	M	1-3	comm grps	DOH	P
	Support a site search and project feasibility study to accommodate building program and project budget when community leadership group is ready	M	1-6	comm grps		
	Strategy 6.3 Program parks and make improvements that are culturally relevant to residents					
	Implement park programming and improvements that are culturally relevant to the neighborhood, such as increasing opportunities for soccer, and separate swimming times for women.	M				
	Strategy 6.4 Acquire new park space					
	Pursue the potential for acquiring new parks space within the urban village through the Parks and Green Spaces Levy funds for Neighborhood Park Acquisition.					
	North Rainier is one of the 20 Urban Villages recommended for Neighborhood Park Acquisition in the Parks & Green Spaces Levy	H		comm grps	PARKS	U
	SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD	
	Strategy 6.5 Acquire new community gardening and urban agriculture spaces					
	Pursue the potential for acquiring new P-Patch community gardening space and urban agriculture space as part of and in addition to the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy,	M				
	Strategy 6.6 Renovate and improve the Atlantic Street Playground					
	Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Atlantic Street Playground.					
	The renovation of this playground is complete and the new playground is open! Installation work was completed on October 14, 2009. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provided \$350K in funding.			comm grps	PARKS	Done
	Strategy 6.7 Renovate and improve the Rainier Park Playground					
	Implement the Parks and Green Spaces Levy project to renovate and improve Rainier Park Playground.					
	Planning is underway. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$600,000 for planning, design and construction.	M		comm grps	PARKS	U
	Strategy 6.8 Increase accessibility to and create more open spaces for people with disabilities					
	Use opportunities, such as the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy project at Children's Play Garden and other Park's programs to increase accessibility and to create open spaces that are relevant to people with disabilities.					
	Construction is underway. The Parks & Green Spaces Levy provides \$950,000 for garden development and construction.	M		comm grps	PARKS	U
	SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD	
	Strategy 6.9 Implement the Pro Parks Levy designs for Jimi Hendrix Park					
	Continue to implement the Pro Parks Levy designs for Jimi Hendrix Park, including elements that improve connections to the Northwest African American Museum and the surrounding neighborhood.					
	The community has applied for Parks & Green Spaces Levy Opportunity Funds			comm grps	PARKS	
	SPD will assist with CPTED review				SPD	
	Strategy 6.10 Create additional children's structured and unstructured play areas					
	As funding becomes available create additional children's structured and unstructured play areas.	M				
	Strategy 6.11 Install wider sidewalks, more landscaping and pedestrian lighting					
	Increase the vibrancy and safety of the public realm with wider sidewalks, landscaping and pedestrian lighting.					
	Consider design criteria in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT	P
	Community can apply for Neighborhood Street Funds and/or Neighborhood Matching Funds for this	H	1-10	comm grps	SDOT, DOH	O
	Implementation through partnership with private development	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	SDOT, DPD	O
	Strategy 6.12 Increase access to locally based food sources					
	Promote the development of more P-Patches and other methods to increase access to locally based food sources and to build community.	H		comm grps	DOH	O
Goal 7: A safe neighborhood						
North Rainier is known as a safe and hospitable neighborhood through its residents' increased awareness of community-based crime prevention programs. (NR-G10)						
Policy 7.A. Promote uses open into the evening hours around transit facilities						
Promote uses around transit facilities such as businesses open into the evening hours and housing that provides "eyes on the street."						
Policy 7.B. Support strong partnerships between the community and Seattle Police						
Seek opportunities for the community and the Seattle Police Department to strengthen partnerships.						
	Strategy 7.1 Create neighborhood design guidelines that promote public safety					
	Create neighborhood design guidelines that emphasize pedestrian-friendly elements in new developments and ensure "eyes on the street".					
	Develop neighborhood design guidelines from Urban Design Framework	H	1-6	comm grps	DPD	
	SPD can support	H	1-6	comm grps	SPD	
	Strategy 7.2 Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities					
	Provide sufficient police presence around transit facilities until the time that the level of development provides sufficient activity to reduce the need for police presence.					
	Already implemented and funded. SPD works with Metro and Sound Transit on this	H		Metro, ST	SPD	Done
	Strategy 7.3 Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center					
	Define and protect emergency access routes to and through the town center for reliable access by police and fire vehicles.					
	Explore in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, FIRE, SPD	P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	M	1-3		SPD	P
	Strategy 7.4 Increase the mix of uses and number of people living in the town center					
	Increase the mix of uses and residential density in the town center to increase the numbers of people using the public spaces including the sidewalks.					
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS	P
	Strategy 7.5 Build a positive working relationship with the Seattle Police Department.					
	Build positive working relationship between the community and Seattle Police Department.					
	SPD: on-going, SPD attends over 20 community mtgs per month	M	1-10	comm grps	SPD	O
	Strategy 7.6 Complete a Health Impact Assessment					
	Complete a Health Impact Assessment to increase the success of implementation at reducing disparities in health.					
	Consider a Healthy Living Assessment	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, PH	P
	Strategy 7.7 Install pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Town Center					
	Install pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Town Center, that through design and color distinguish it as a vital pedestrian area.					
	Install pedestrian lighting on pedestrian overpass at Rainier and MLK (\$250,000)	H	1-3		SDOT, SCL	U
	Seek funding for design and implementation	M	1-6	comm grps	SDOT, SCL	
	Strategy 7.8 Support community-based projects that positively impact public safety issues					
	Support community-based projects that include activities that positively impact public safety issues including the development of community groups that share information and education about public safety as well as groups that implement programs or physical improvement projects, such as litter clean up, festivals, gathering spaces, public art, lighting improvements, banners for business districts, etc.					



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	Fund outdoor performances at Judkins Park and other North Rainier locations. Funding is based on a competitive process, and availability is 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	H	1-10	comm grps	ARTS	O
	OED has funded work by SEED to develop designs for pedestrian improvements, public art and lighting to increase safety and improve the gateway from the Mt Baker Station along Rainier Ave.	H		SEED	OED	Done
Goal 8. A vibrant, mixed use Town Center						
<i>A Town Center that concentrates housing, commercial uses, services and living-wage employment opportunities; that is well served by transit and nonmotorized options; and that is well designed and attractive to pedestrians. A vibrant, business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley.</i>						
Policy 8.A. Foster a retail district that serves the multi-cultural neighborhood						
<i>Foster development of a shopping district comprised of businesses that provide products and services that meet the needs of neighborhood residents from different cultural backgrounds.</i>						
Policy 8.B. Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support future density.						
<i>Assess utility capacity within the Town Center for its ability to support future density.</i>						
Policy 8.C. Strengthen local business associations supportive of ethnic and minority business owners						
<i>Strengthen local business associations that include and/or support the presence and growth of businesses owned by ethnic and minority community members.</i>						
Policy 8.D. Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses.						
<i>Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small scale businesses.</i>						
Policy 8.E. Include within the urban village, SAOD and multi-family zone the area between 24th Ave S and 25th Ave S north of S McClellan St						
<i>Include a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. north of S. McClellan St. within the urban village and within the Station Area Overlay District, and support a multifamily zoning designation for the area that would allow more compact residential development.</i>						
Policy 8.F. Define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings within the SAOD						
<i>Within mixed use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, define and support minimum residential densities in new buildings in order to create the critical mass of people and activity for a Town Center.</i>						
Strategy 8.1 Define the desired form of future development						
<i>Use mechanisms such as urban design frameworks, neighborhood design guidelines, and street design plans to describe the desired form of future development.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL	P
Strategy 8.2 Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework						
<i>Create neighborhood design guidelines and an urban design framework for the North Rainier Town Center area. Plan elements could include: building height options; incentive features; breaking down scale of super blocks to create a balance of inwardly and outwardly focused development; use of green building strategies such as those that address drainage, building efficiency; tree canopy; and opportunities for district energy systems; open space that invite people to gather and to engage in physical activity; pedestrian connections and sidewalk widths; and guidelines to help ensure that new housing doesn't create a "wall" of undesirable facades that is counter to the feel of the neighborhood.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, PARKS	P
Strategy 8.3 Rezone key sites to encourage redevelopment of parcels around the light rail station						
<i>Through processes that engage community stakeholders consider and evaluate the application of zoning designations and related development regulations that are most likely to achieve the neighborhood's urban design vision. Include evaluation of new tools as they become available. 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>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		H	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P
Strategy 8.4 Evaluate proposed height and land use changes in the Town Center						
<i>Evaluate proposed height and land use changes within the Town Center.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		H	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P
Strategy 8.5 Rezone eight single-family parcels on west side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St.						
<i>Address zoning on west side of Rainier Ave. S. immediately south of S. Walden St. There are eight single-family parcels adjacent to parcels zoned NC3-65 and L-3. Rezone these parcels to be more consistent with adjacent properties.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		H	1-3	prop owners	DPD	P
Strategy 8.6 Expand the Town Center area						
<i>Expand the Town Center area to focus new mixed use development south of S. Bayview St. and north of S. Byron St.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL	P
Strategy 8.7 Allow more compact residential development						
<i>Consider including within the urban village a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. and north of S. McClellan St., and rezoning more consistent with adjacent zoning, to allow more compact residential development.</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		M	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P
Strategy 8.8 Consider requiring a minimum number of residents within the station area						
<i>Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, consider minimum residential densities (related to the zoning designations).</i>						
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion						
		M	1-3	comm grps	DPD	P
Strategy 8.9 Create dense, mixed-use developments						
<i>Maintain ongoing collaboration with Sound Transit, King County Metro, property owners, and community members to pursue redevelopment opportunities in the Station Area Overlay District, such as surplus Sound Transit parcels and the Metro bus layover, to create dense, mixed-uses that establish a vital pedestrian environment, provide affordable housing, and support the development of small businesses.</i>						
DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers						
		H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD, ST	O
Strategy 8.10 Pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility						
<i>Continue to pursue redevelopment of the triangle block containing the bus transfer facility. Possible solutions could include undertaking a joint development project incorporating the bus transfer facility, or finding a new location for the bus transfer facility on the west side of Rainier Ave. S. and redeveloping the block.</i>						
DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers						
		H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD, ST	O
Strategy 8.11 Create a multicultural shopping area/center/market						
<i>Pursue opportunities to create a multicultural shopping area/center/market.</i>						
		H	1-10	prop owners	DPD, OED	
Strategy 8.12 Evaluate potential area-specific capacity problems that may result from additional residents						
<i>Work with Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities and the Department of Information Technology when considering changes to zoning to evaluate if there are area-specific capacity problems resulting from the potential increase in development capacity.</i>						
Assess/confirm utility capacity issues (wastewater, storm water, drinking water) related to expected growth and proposed zoning. Develop strategy to address any capacity constraints identified.						
		H	1-3		DPD, SPU, SCL	O
Strategy 8.13 Improve the Town Center and make it more inviting						



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	Encourage the use of City grant programs to improve the town center and make it more inviting.						
	DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD	ST	O
	Goal 9. A neighborhood with good and safe transportation choices						
	<i>A neighborhood served by a network of safe streets with amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists. (NR-G3 A)</i>						
	Policy 9.A. Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.						
	<i>Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.</i>						
	Policy 9.B. Prioritize universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.						
	<i>Prioritize development of universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.</i>						
	Policy 9.C. Encourage new development to support a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center						
	<i>Ensure that standards for new development projects will accommodate a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center.</i>						
	Policy 9.D. Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.						
	<i>Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.</i>						
	Strategy 9.1 Create a pedestrian network of pathways throughout the Town Center						
	<i>Create a pedestrian network of pathways throughout the Town Center, connecting retail, services and the light rail station. Specific actions could include the following: 1. Implementation of the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) projects #10 and #11 to calm traffic and improve the streetscape along S. McClellan St. from 23rd Ave. S. to Mt. Baker Blvd. Projects #10 and #11 include relocating utility poles and signal controller cabinets where necessary to ensure a clear walking path, adding a missing sidewalk link, widening sidewalks, installing planting strips, installing curb extensions, and adding pedestrian lighting. Additional work may include working with Metro to relocate trolley wire poles out of the pedestrian pathway. 2. Work with property owners and developers to break up the large block and/or parcels into smaller pieces, providing walking routes through the sites and connections to the surrounding street grid, as well as consolidating the number of driveways as redevelopment occurs to provide an improved pedestrian environment. 3. Complete the sidewalk network to make better connections between destinations. 4. When enhancing access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities, pay particular attention to connections to transit and shopping areas from the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Center Park. 5. Identify sites that would benefit from unique art or pavement treatments to support a vibrant walking environment.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT, SPU, SCL, ARTS		P
	Strategy 9.2 Identify desired off-street circulation patterns						
	<i>Identify desired off-street circulation patterns and work with developers of large parcels to create internal circulation that promotes walking within developments and between the sites.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT		P
	DPD to develop and maintain collaboration with partners and developers	H	1-10	prop owners, dev	DPD, SDOT	ST	O
	Strategy 9.3 Define minimum widths for sidewalks and landscaped planting strips						
	<i>Modify the Land Use Code to define minimum widths for sidewalks and landscaped planting strips on all streets in station areas with pedestrian designations. Define areas that are appropriate for, and associated sidewalk dimensions that are supportive of sidewalk cafes and/or stores that open to the sidewalk.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, SDOT		P
	Strategy 9.4 Create more connections between neighborhoods by improving street ends						
	<i>Improve street ends to create more connections between neighborhoods.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	M	1-3	comm grps	DPD, SDOT		P
	Community may apply for matching fund grants for specific projects	M		comm grps	DDM, SDOT		
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	M	1-3	comm grps	SFD		P
	Strategy 9.5 Create a more secure environment for people and business						
	<i>Create a more secure environment for people and business using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enliven temporarily vacant sites. Ideas could include temporary markets.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps	DPD, OED		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	H	1-3	comm grps	SFD		P
	Strategy 9.6 Create active, family-oriented spaces within the Town Center						
	<i>Create active, family-oriented spaces within the Town Center to invite positive use that enhances public safety.</i>						
	Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion	H	1-3	comm grps, prop owners	DPD, FAXX		P
	SPD can assist with CPTED review	H	1-3	comm grps	SFD		P
	Goal 10. Rainier Ave S and MLK Jr Way S are safe and attractive to walk, bike and ride as well as drive						
	<i>Rainier Ave. S. is a highly functioning multimodal "complete street" that serves as the spine of the Rainier Valley and retains its existing vistas of Mount Rainier. (NR-G4A) Continue to develop Martin</i>						
	Policy 10.A. Promote alternative transportation programs						
	<i>Promote alternative transportation programs, such as bicycle commuting, local hiring, van pools, and transit ridership. (NR-P13)</i>						
	Policy 10.B. Support a local main street atmosphere on Rainier Ave S between S Bayview St and MLK Jr Way S						
	<i>Support actions that improve the pedestrian and transit functions along Rainier Ave. S. between S. Bayview St. and MLK Jr. Way S. so that the section becomes more of a local main street for the North Rainier neighborhood.</i>						
	Strategy 10.1 Implement the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS)						
	<i>Implement the recommendations from the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS) which serves as the blueprint for programming transportation improvements in Southeast Seattle.</i>						
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10	comm grps	SDOT		O
	Strategy 10.2 Use the Pedestrian Master Plan to prioritize improvements						
	<i>Use the Pedestrian Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing pedestrian improvements and Neighborhood Street Fund projects.</i>						
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10		SDOT		O
	No sidewalk improvements are prioritized for 2010. Status for 2011/2012 is unknown				SDOT		
	Strategy 10.3 Use the Bicycle Master Plan to prioritize improvements						
	<i>Use the Bicycle Master Plan as a tool for prioritizing bicycle improvements.</i>						
	Implementation based on city-wide prioritization	H	1-10		SDOT		O
	No bike improvements are prioritized for 2010. Status for 2011/2012 is unknown				SDOT		
	Strategy 10.4 Pursue a bicycle route along Rainier Ave. S. or parallel street						
	<i>Continue to pursue bicycle route along Rainier Ave. S. or parallel street that takes advantage of the flat grade in the valley floor.</i>	H		comm grps	SDOT		
	Strategy 10.5 Develop transportation corridors that might encompass several roads						
	<i>Look for opportunities to develop transportation corridors that might encompass several roads. For example, consider if Chief Sealth Trail can function as the major north / south bike route, enhancing the connections from it to commercial areas.</i>						
	CPRS is in design phase - completion sometime after 2010	M			SDOT		
	SPD can assist with CPTED review				SFD		
	Strategy 10.6 Add destination spaces along Chief Sealth Trail to encourage use						
	<i>Consider adding destination spaces along Chief Sealth Trail, such as play areas, community gardens and pocket parks to encourage use.</i>	M		comm grps	DDM		
	Strategy 10.7 Ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, livability and health quality						



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Use health impact assessments to help ensure that transportation projects consider accessibility, livability and health quality.							
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion							
Strategy 10.8 Evaluate an "MLK Jr. Way S. re-route"							
Evaluate an "MLK Jr. Way S. re-route" that would route through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. from the Rainier Ave. S./MLK Jr. Way S. intersection. This strategy calls for the rerouting of through-traffic from Rainier Ave. S. to MLK Jr. Way S. at the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way S. intersection and back to Rainier Ave. S. by way of S. Bayview St. (Note: The re-route strategy would require more detailed modeling and operational analysis to understand and the traffic volumes that would be diverted, effects upon congestion especially at intersections, geometric requirements, and the need to acquire additional rights-of-way (ROW). Both existing and future conditions would need to be studied before any decision can be made about this alternative. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)							
Incorporate in Urban Design Framework discussion							
Seek funds for feasibility study							
SPD to provide input							
Strategy 10.9 Support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area through street design							
Develop street design cross-sections for Rainier Ave. S that support a more pedestrian-oriented shopping area. SDOT will complete a conceptual design for Rainier Ave. S. from the Rainier Ave. S. and MLK Jr. Way intersection to S. Bayview St. which shows a possible new cross-section that includes landscaped median where possible, and other features such as a parking lane. This design would require additional ROW from private landowners. (Note: Before any design alterations could be accomplished, SDOT would have to conduct an operational analysis of any proposed changes. This analysis would include impacts upon levels of congestion, especially at intersections, and transit speed and reliability. Both existing and future conditions may need to be studied. Currently, there is no funding for such an analysis, engineering, design, or construction.)							
Community to give input on conceptual design							
SPD can assist with CPED review							
Strategy CL-1.5: Promote arts and culture in North Rainier (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)							
Promote arts and culture in North Rainier, including: Development of Seattle Arts Commission-School District partnerships to establish "Artists in Residence" for local schools; Establishment of "Art and Theater-in-the-Park" programs for locations such as MLK, Jr. Park, Blue Dog Park, Taejon Park, and I-90 Lid Park; Establishment of community-serving arts and culture programs in the African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs offers annual funding (Youth Arts Program) and technical assistance specifically to support out-of-school arts training opportunities for middle- and high-school-aged youth. Technical assistance includes networking and skills building for funded programs and individual teaching artists. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs funds numerous cultural organizations providing direct services to Seattle schools, including artist residencies, teacher training, and educational tours and performances for K-12 classes. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs has led discussions with the Seattle School District and the community of educators, parents, arts organizations and teaching artists, to promote increased comprehensive arts education opportunities, such as "Artists in Residence," for local schools, particularly in parts of the District that are underserved. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs provides technical assistance to artists and arts organizations. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs implements the Neighborhood Arts Funding Initiative for community festivals and events. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs supports model projects aimed at seeding successful ongoing arts education programs in schools throughout the City. These programs are all priorities of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, but will be impacted pending budget decisions at the end of 2010.							
Strategy CL-3.1, 1 of 1: Work with Franklin High School to support a school 'Earth Service Corps' team (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)							
Work with Franklin High School to support a school 'Earth Service Corps' team.							
The Earth Service Corps at Franklin High School is still active and is run by the YMCA. SPU contracted with the Y to support their efforts							
Strategy CL-3.1, 2 of 2: Continue Adopt-a-Street and related programs							
Continue Adopt-a-Street and related programs							
North Rainier Valley currently has an active A-A-S group.							
Strategy C 3.3: Designate key bicycle streets							
Key Bicycle Streets. The following streets should be designated as bicycle lanes/paths/routes to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of non-motorized wheeled travelers (i.e., cyclists, rollerbladers) within and through the North Rainier Neighborhood: MLK Jr. Way South Bicycle Lane: South McClellan to South Massachusetts; ML Baker-Cheasty Boulevard Lane; South McClellan Street Bicycle Lane: Rainier Avenue South to Mt. Baker Drive South; 31st Avenue South from South McClellan Street to South Jackson Street.							
Stretch of MLK from S McClellan to S Massachusetts is included in Bike Master Plan							
Bike lanes on 31st Ave S complete							
Strategy C-4B.4: Complete sidewalks on MLK Jr Way S between S Massachusetts and S McClellan (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)							
Build sidewalks along MLK Jr. Way S where there are none between S Massachusetts and S McClellan.							
Completing this sidewalk is part of SETS. Implementation based on city-wide prioritization							
Strategy T-2.1, 1 of 1: Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-ride. (from North Rainier Implementation Matrix)							
Develop a monitoring and mitigation program for cut-through traffic and hide-and-ride.							
Cut through traffic to be monitored on a case by case basis							
Completed Link Light Rail parking management plans to prevent hide-and-ride (2009)							
Additional projects							
Rainier Ave S TPCI project (Rainier/MLK intersection), complete in 2011							
Rainier Ave S re-paving project (Alaska to Walden) complete in 2012							
Goals and Policies carried forward from the City's Comprehensive Plan as drawn from the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan dated XXXX							
NR-G2 amended: Housing in the neighborhood meets community needs for a range of household incomes and unit sizes, and makes a compatible transition from higher-intensity mixed-use and multifamily residential to single family areas.							
NR-G5: Cheasty Boulevard and Greenbelt has been reclaimed and developed in a manner consistent with the 1909 Olmsted Parks and Boulevards Plan.							
NR-G6: The transportation and housing needs of residents of North Rainier's community service facilities are met.							
NR-G7: The neighborhood retains sufficient zoning capacity to facilitate employment growth.							
NR-G8 amended: A local economic climate in which North Rainier's unique small businesses can remain economically viable and have the opportunity to grow as the Town Center grows.							
NR-G9: North Rainier Valley's network of parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, and arts and culture programs are functioning and are well utilized.							
NR-G11 amended: Good connections between the North Rainier Valley, Mount Baker, and the Beacon Hill that encourage use of the Link Light Rail station.							
NR-G12: Neighborhoods adjacent to Rainier Avenue S and MLK, Jr. Way have effective traffic circulation and have implemented traffic calming strategies/facilities.							



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	NR-P1 amended: Recognize the "Town Center" as the area where land use and zoning designations facilitate transit-oriented development to promote appropriate development around the light rail station.			
	NR-P2 amended: Seek to promote the highest intensity residential development in the proposed "Town Center." Encourage the "Town Center"; the focal point of mixed-use commercial and residential development.			
	NR-P2 amended: Encourage additional multifamily mixed-use development, in the following areas: south of the Rainier/ MLK intersection within the urban village, and continue south toward Rainier Valley Square Shopping Center; and in vacant parcels located east to 23rd Avenue S and west to 17th Avenue S around the			
	NR-P3 amended: Seek to maintain single-family zoned areas within the urban village, but allow rezones to Residential Small Lot to encourage cluster housing developments and bungalow courts. Any single-family zoned area within the urban village is appropriate for any of the small lot single-family designations, provided that the area meets other requirements of the land use code rezone evaluation criteria for rezones of single-family land.			
	NR-P4: Seek partnerships with local social service providers, and continue to develop programs such as down payment assistance to develop affordable and attractive home-ownership opportunities in the North Rainier Valley.			
	NR-P5 amended: Use design guidelines within the North Rainier Hub Urban Village so that higher-density development includes well-designed structures that respond to the desired future physical character and existing positive attributes of the surrounding natural environment and the neighborhood.			
	NR-P7: Seek to meet the transit, access, and housing needs of users of North Rainier's community service facilities.			
	NR-P8: Encourage housing and employment opportunities for people with special needs.			
	NR-P9: Seek to maintain the general commercial zoning that is outside the proposed Town Center, in order to provide a land supply that promotes higher wage manufacturing, distribution, and office and professional employment.			
	NR-P11: Seek ways to enhance North Rainier's built environment through actions such as neighborhood-wide clean-ups and "adopt-a-street" programs, rehabilitation and reuse of old or historic buildings, and through reclaiming public land for public use (i.e., street ends, planting strips, and City-owned vacant lots and buildings).			
	NR-P12: Seek to promote community improvement projects that can be acted upon through community-based efforts, as well as through public investment.			



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Dept of Planning & Dev

Nora Liu, 3-7036

Linda Taylor-Manning 4-8376

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the extensive efforts of the North Rainier neighborhood to update their vision and plan for the future; approving an action plan for the neighborhood and City to undertake actions to advance neighborhood priorities; and authorizing the submittal of proposed amendments to the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

Summary of the Legislation:

The resolution recognizes the work of the North Rainier residents and businesses in updating their neighborhood plan and identifying actions to further their vision. Through 2009 and in to 2010 the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and Department of Neighborhoods (DON) conducted significant public outreach, where over 1600 residents participated in over 100 public workshops and meetings.

Background: (Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

In 1999, City Council recognized the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan and the North Rainier Approval and Adoption Matrix. In 2008, Ordinance 122799 and Resolution 31085 outlined a process for updating the City's neighborhood plans, and prioritized North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, and Othello Neighborhood Plans as the first plans for updating. In April 2010, Resolution 31204 outlined actions, deliverables, and a schedule for completing these plan updates.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

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6 consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

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8 WHEREAS, Seattle maintains a commitment to a true partnership between neighborhoods and
9 government in building innovative planning structures and visionary neighborhood plans;
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12 WHEREAS, in 1999, the City Council recognized the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan and the
13 North Rainier Approval and Adoption Matrix; and

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15 WHEREAS, in September 2008, the City Council passed Ordinance 122799 and adopted
16 Resolution 31085, that collectively outlined a process for updating the City's
17 neighborhood plans and placed a priority on updating plans in neighborhoods containing
18 transit stations; and

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20 WHEREAS, Ordinance 122799 prioritized the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Othello
21 Neighborhood Plans for updates to capitalize on the opening of light rail stations in these
22 neighborhoods in 2009; and

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24 WHEREAS, North Beacon Hill, North Rainier and Othello are three of the most diverse
25 neighborhoods in Seattle; 70% of residents in the North Rainier neighborhood are people
26 of color, nearly 50% of residents in Othello are foreign born and 60% of residents in
27 North Beacon Hill speak a language other than English at home according to 2000 census
28 data; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2009, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and
Department of Neighborhoods (DON) conducted significant public outreach including to
historically underrepresented communities in the North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, and
Othello neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, over 1600 City of Seattle residents played an integral role in neighborhood planning
for these three neighborhoods, as evidenced by over 100 public workshops and meetings,
that resulted in proposals to update neighborhood plans; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 31204 outlining specific
actions, deliverables, and a schedule for completing neighborhood plan updates for the
North Beacon Hill, North Rainier, and Othello neighborhoods; and

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1 WHEREAS, broad community commitment to updating neighborhood plan was shown in May
2 2010, when 169 people, including 47 from historically underrepresented communities,
3 attended Town Hall meetings, and 136 participated through a web survey to prioritize
4 strategies and actions to implement neighborhood priorities; and

5 WHEREAS, the North Rainier neighborhood and the City have agreed upon a shared workplan
6 to respond to the issues raised during the neighborhood plan update process; and

7 WHEREAS, the workplan includes responsibilities and tasks that the City and neighborhood
8 aspire to undertake, assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available;
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10 WHEREAS, the City and community will revisit the workplan to assess progress, affirm
11 upcoming priorities for action, and accommodate changing conditions, and resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the North Rainier community has affirmed that there was significant, broad and
13 inclusive participation in shaping the workplan that focuses on key neighborhood
14 priorities; and

15 WHEREAS, the community has demonstrated an on-going commitment to carry forward with
16 the existing and proposed goals and policies of the neighborhood plan as indicated by the
17 participation of over 500 action team members signed up to work with the City on the
18 workplan; NOW, THEREFORE,

19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
20 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

21 Section 1. "The City recognizes the completion of the proposed "North Rainier
22 Neighborhood Plan Update" by the community and executive staff pursuant to Resolution
23 _____, and identified as Attachment 1, and directs that proposed goals and policies be
24 prepared for possible adoption into the Neighborhood Planning Element of the City's
25 Comprehensive Plan.

26 Section 2. The document entitled the "North Rainier Action Plan," a copy of which is
27 identified as Attachment 2, is attached to this resolution and will be used to help guide the City's
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1 and community's actions to implement the community's vision for the North Rainier
2 neighborhood assuming sufficient resources have been identified and are available.

3 Section 3. This Resolution does not amend the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan.
4 Goals and policies proposed to be added or amended in the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan
5 Update will be considered for possible inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan in 2011 pursuant to
6 the procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan established by Resolution 31117.
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1 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day
3 of _____, 2010.

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6 President _____ of the City Council

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8 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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12 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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15 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

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23 Attachment 1: North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update

24 Attachment 2: North Rainier Neighborhood Action Plan
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City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

September 14, 2010

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Resolution recognizing the extensive efforts of the North Rainier neighborhood to update their vision and plan for the future; approving an action plan to help guide the neighborhood's and City's actions to advance neighborhood priorities; and authorizing the submittal of proposed amendments to the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

As you are aware, the community and the City have been working together to prepare an updates to the neighborhood plans and shared work plans in three neighborhoods in southeast Seattle. We are pleased to be able to inform you that there is broad community commitment to updating neighborhood plans as was shown in May 2010, when 169 people, including 47 from historically underrepresented communities, attended Town Hall meetings, and 136 participated through a web survey to prioritize strategies and actions to implement neighborhood priorities within the workplans. In addition, the community demonstrated an on-going commitment to carry forward with the existing and proposed goals and policies of the neighborhood plans as indicated by the participation of over 500 action team members signed up to work with the City to complete the work.

Thank you for your partnership in this effort and for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have any questions, please contact Nora Liu at 206-233-7036.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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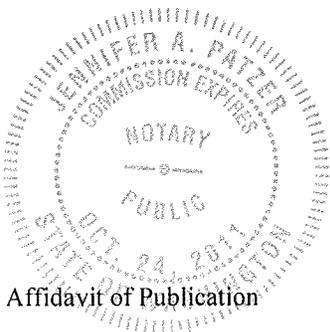
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RESOLUTION NO. 31245

A RESOLUTION recognizing the extensive efforts of the North Beacon Hill neighborhood to update their vision and plan for the future; approving an action plan for the neighborhood and City to undertake actions to advance neighborhood priorities; and authorizing the submittal of proposed amendments to the North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

RESOLUTION NO. 31246

A RESOLUTION recognizing the extensive efforts of the Othello neighborhood (formerly known as the MLK@Holly Street neighborhood) to update their vision and plan for the future; approving an action plan for the neighborhood and City to undertake actions to advance neighborhood priorities; and authorizing the submittal of proposed amendments to the MLK@Holly Street Neighborhood Plan for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

RESOLUTION NO. 31247

A RESOLUTION recognizing the extensive efforts of the North Rainier neighborhood to update their vision and plan for the future; approving an action plan for the neighborhood and City to undertake actions to advance neighborhood priorities; and authorizing the submittal of proposed amendments to the North Rainier Neighborhood Plan for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

RESOLUTION NO. 31248

A RESOLUTION granting conceptual approval of Biotech Reader Kiosks and Optical Character Recognition Camera Portals in the westerly margin of Colorado Avenue South, south of Atlantic Street, the foundations for which are being constructed by the Washington State Department of Transportation as part of the SR 99 South Holgate to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project Phase 2, as proposed by the BNSF Railway Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 31250

A RESOLUTION appointing the members of the Transit Master Plan Public Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 31251

A RESOLUTION relating to the Lake to Bay Loop; expressing the City of Seattle's support for the development and implementation of the Lake to Bay Loop urban trail; identifying the planned route for the trail; designating the Seattle Department of Transportation to lead the planning, design and implementation phases of the project in collaboration with the Department of Planning and Development, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Seattle Center.

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