



November 18, 2013 North Rose Hill Neighborhood

### Vision Comments

The following are citizen comments received in group discussions at the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Meeting. Discussion questions were about Land Use, Totem Lake, Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship, and Transportation.

#### Land Use -

##### *Where and how should growth occur in the City? (Dispersed vs. concentrated?)*

- Provide a diversity of housing and innovative housing
- Concentrate in commercial centers
- Keep commercial uses in business districts and residential areas for housing
- Opposed to single room occupancy housing
- More organic planning that fits into the context of surroundings
- More flexible zoning
- More experimental design
- Like mixed use commercial areas e.g. Renton's The Landing, Totem Lake
- Value single family home neighborhoods
- Locate housing near transit
- Provide transitions and trees as buffers between commercial & housing
- Careful with design of dense housing to not be overcrowded
- Kirkland was more livable years ago; Like to see more walkable neighborhoods; Less concrete
- Plant more trees in City
- Encourage live and work in city
- Encourage businesses that allow people to shop in town
- Opposed to excessive density with less parking
- Rezone along freeway with commercial businesses (rather than homes)
- Mix of housing
- Concentrate growth in urban core like Totem Lake and Bridle Trails
- Mixed use redevelopment like Juanita Village
- Walkable commercial areas for residents
- Functional stores (grocery at Juanita, hardware) within walking distance of homes- not like now where you have to drive to stores
- Need more parking at commercial areas
- Create incentives for businesses to locate and stay here
  - Big box means need a car, doesn't translate to walkable community; "City Hardware" instead
- Build infrastructure to enable more density - not vice versa; such as in central waterfront district

##### *Many people want to see the Totem Lake shopping center redeveloped. What other changes might make Totem Lake a more appealing place to live, work and visit?*

- Develop the Totem Lake Master Plan

- Support Totem Lake Park redevelopment
- Housing close to jobs
- Dining opportunities around Evergreen Hospital
- Need pedestrian connections to CKC
- Retain adequate parking and mix of uses at the mall
- Circular shuttle around Totem Lake
- More pedestrian only bridges across freeway (e.g. NE 100th St)
- Smaller businesses surrounding Fred Meyer
- Need a hardware store!
- Ne 128th St - take away HOV lane restriction
- Improve traffic flow
- Increase stores around hotels
- Need pedestrian and vehicular connectivity between blocks

### **Economic Development –**

***What types of jobs and businesses should Kirkland try to attract in the future? (More high tech, retail, office? Other? Light manufacturing?)***

- Living wage jobs
- Clean high technology
- Cluster business areas and homes
- Encourage local, home-grown businesses such as toy shops, restaurants, specialty
- Support retail on ground floor of commercial
- Housing for workers

### **Environmental Stewardship –**

***What does it mean to be a green or sustainable community? (Energy efficiency? Recycling? Alternative transportation?)***

- Provide incentives or code requirements for "green" housing & businesses
- Promote composting at condos - make it easier for everyone
- Use less throw-away plastic bags and bottles; too much plastic packaging
- City partnerships to advance sustainability
- Strive to be the greenest city in WA or world!

## **Transportation –**

***In your transportation vision for Kirkland in 2035, what would you see? What are your expectations? What will it look like? Describe as specifically as possible. Do you see much change from now?***

*(More frequent buses and route? Other new modes? Dedicated lanes for each mode? More bike lanes? Pedestrian paths?)*

- Support light rail on CKC
- Opposed to removing rails on Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC); like interurban trains
- Keep auto circulation throughout city; less traffic congestion
- Trolley or bus connector - circulating vans, transit - within Kirkland (like Carillon Pt to Downtown)
- Transit routes with frequent service within Kirkland and to Redmond
- Separate designated walking, bikes, rail lanes/transportation
- Increase lighted crosswalks
- More sidewalks & street lights in North Rose Hill
- Support private or public ride shares (UBER) within Kirkland OR computer dispatch-on-demand with smaller buses/DART system
- Provide an elevated system (multi-use) transit system
- Analyze blocks to make street connections
- Better walkability - bikes non-motorized
- Move regional traffic to I405, NOT the congestion on Lake Washington Blvd
- Traffic circles and roundabouts instead of lights
- Safe crossings - flashing beacons
- Adequate street lighting
- Bike & walk to work
- More transit options
- Provide a local transit bus or shuttle within Kirkland and to Redmond

***In 2010, 13% of the U.S. population was 65 years and older. By 2035, in the U.S. at least 1 in 4 people will be over the age of 65 with many people living past 80.***

***How will the increase in the senior population influence how people get around? How will this change our transportation priorities in the future?***

- More important to walk
- Covered sidewalks to keep out of elements, especially downtown