

Lakeview Advisory Group January 26, 2010 Meeting Notes

Introduction- John Kappler, chaired the meeting and gave an introduction on the role of the Advisory Group in relation to the Houghton Community Council, Planning Commission and City Council. Members introduced themselves. Bob Style and Karen Levenson were absent. Loita Hawkinson from the Kirkland Heritage Society and Keith Maehlum were present to observe the meeting.

Members agreed to the ground rules for conducting meetings. It was agreed that members could send substitutes if they could not attend a meeting.

Additional issues to be studied- Members discussed additional items to be added to the preliminary study issues list:

- Parking from commercial employees spilling out and parking on residential streets is of great concern (Google/Clearwire/Houghton Beach Park). This issue was discussed at the Lakeview Neighborhood Association meeting and is especially bad from office buildings between Lakeview Drive and Lake Washington Blvd near Kidd Valley and Houghton Beach Park and near Yarrow Bay office park.
- A resident noted that FEMA has declassified the Yarrow Bay wetlands as a flood zone.
- Members would like a presentation on the status of the redevelopment of the Metro Park and ride for a mixed use affordable housing project and transit oriented development (*an update will be provided during the land use study sessions*).
- At the February meeting the group would like to have a presentation from the Heritage Society on the history of Lakeview and Houghton neighborhoods.

Visioning Exercise- Marie Stake led members in a visioning exercise. Members broke up into three groups. Comments from the October open house were used as a starting point to write short value statements for each subject area. Members voted on the preferred statements. The three groups did not have time to complete statements for all the categories. Staff will record the statements and bring back to the group for refining at the next meeting. At each meeting members will revisit and add to the value or vision statements.

Action Items:

1. Staff will follow-up with neighborhood traffic control staff regarding excessive parking on neighborhood streets to improve situation, visioning exercise.
2. Staff will plan for February 23 meeting background materials regarding parks, open space, natural environment, and history of neighborhoods. Value statements will be brought back to the group to follow up with vision exercise. At the February 23 meeting there will be presentations from the Parks Dept. and Kirkland Heritage Society (for this portion of the meeting we will have a joint meeting with Central Houghton group then break up into separate meetings).