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Subject: neighborhood plan update cycles

As we look at formal adoption of various pieces of the Comprehensive Plan by the end of the year, one policy issue that has not been completely resolved was how the City handle future major updates of neighborhood plans. While we are doing a number of revisions during Kirkland 2035, a number of broader issues have been punted to future community discussions (examples include the Houghton Neighborhood Center, the Bridle Trails Shopping Center, and patchwork of residential zoning on Finn Hill).

Currently, the only statement on neighborhood plans that has been formalized is in the implementation policies chapter:

Policy NP-1: update neighborhood plans and business district plans at least once every two major Comprehensive Plan updates or more frequently as needed, given City Council priorities and available resources.

Considering the feedback from my colleagues at the Council retreat with concerns on the cost, complexity, and scale of neighborhood plans, I believe that we can address these issues with some additional implementation policies that describe future work items to:

- Develop a standard template for future neighborhood plan updates
- Create a set of city-wide neighborhood policies, with neighborhood plan policies reflecting only neighborhood issues (for example: Holmes Point overlay, Bridle Trails lot size and horse paddock requirements)
- Doing neighborhood planning updates in larger planning areas (though those areas need not necessarily be defined in the comp plan)

Given conversations that I have had, I am confident such additional details would allow for solving our neighborhood planning issues with strong Council support. And given our conversations earlier this year, and the proposal from Jon Pascal, I believe these policies is consistent with the approach we were thinking--it just formalizes the requirement.

Moving forward:

- Do you have any concerns with additional policies? Do we need to meet and discuss?
- When would the Council next be looking at the implementation strategies chapter of the comp plan?
- Will this go through the Planning and Economic Development Committee beforehand? (I don't have a preference, but just want to know if it will to help shepherd through the process.)

Thanks,
Jay