

**Lakeview and Central Houghton Open House**  
**October 29, 2009**  
**World Café Exercise Public Comments**

**Central Houghton Neighborhood Participants**

**Table #1**

***1. What do you like best about your neighborhood?***

Diversity  
People concentration (pedestrians, runners, boaters, etc.)  
Sense of activity  
Can see out across the lake  
Pedestrian access/walk able  
Rental kayaks  
Public transportation (good bus access/convenient routes)  
Schools  
Public beaches  
Parks  
Grocery store in neighborhood  
Sound of water  
Carillon Point  
Great demographics  
Low density  
Single family  
Greenery  
Proximity to major freeways  
Potential  
Family oriented  
Watershed Park  
Not a lot of traffic (except on 108<sup>th</sup>)  
Convenient to Bellevue and Downtown Seattle  
NW College  
Restaurants in the neighborhood (coffee, treats, etc. available within walking distance)  
Low crime  
Attention to recycling  
People are amazing  
Quiet (feels like an old neighborhood)  
That 108<sup>th</sup> is designated a minor arterial  
Starbucks  
Can walk to the essentials/many of the things you need in a few miles (grocery store, drugstore, university, etc.)  
Access to water and recreation  
Full range of lifestyles (good for kids and seniors)  
Old houses and new houses, various sizes (not too many big houses)  
Like existing height limits  
Fire Station in the neighborhood  
Children's School (have both public and private schools)  
Trees and lots of people who like their gardens

**2. *What character would you like your neighborhood to have 10 to 20 years from now?***

If have to increase density – enhance what have and create “village” at 68<sup>th</sup>.

Want to see a market at 68<sup>th</sup> with diversity of retail

A trail all the way to Totem Lake that connects the parks

Discourage cars and enhance alternative modes of transportation

Keep the views

More LEED construction (more green)

Preserve green areas

Not like Bellevue

Keep it like it is now (continue appeal that it has today)

Don't want to lose the character

Keep open space and green (greener)

People able to age in the neighborhood

Traffic won't increase from how it is now

More transit options (more reliable and also better transit within Kirkland)

Trail and greenway in Burlington Northern right-of-way

Clean

Stay current, but keep the character (charming)

Minimum of mega houses

More public art

More attractive bus stops

Hardware store

Quality SF housing

Friendly to seniors

Competitive schools (good ratings/reputation)

Active community – citizens engaged

More cultural events

More diversity

Physically active community (pedestrians, bikes, etc.)

Dog park- one person wants one; one person does not

**Table #2**

**1. *Describe your vision for the future concerning land use, including parks and recreation in your neighborhood.***

A community garden

BNSFR is a pedestrian and bicycle corridor integrated with shopping connecting to Downtown and transit center

Maintain retail in the existing commercial areas; don't expand

Increase parks and tennis courts

More green space

Increase planting of native trees

Preserve single family homes

Maintain single family character with subtle density increases such as cottage housing

Preserve views as well as vegetation

At South Kirkland Park and Ride provide retail, housing integrated with shopping and transit center; TOD connects to downtown

At South Kirkland Park and Ride no housing only transit

Current uses are preserved

At Houghton shopping center improve center don't expand boundaries

Allow mixed use, higher density development compatible with neighborhoods  
Preserve Watershed Park; consider adding a pea patch  
Increase parks  
Need off leash dog park  
Add a police satellite station at Fire Station

**2. *What would you like to see happen at the Houghton Shopping Center (types of uses and role in the neighborhood)?***

Mixed use, more density, structured parking  
Family friendly retail  
Encourage uses such as: grocery store, access to medical needs, drug store, grocery, post office, café for gathering; no bar, a gym.  
Architectural design is in scale with neighborhood; break up the large surface parking lot with buildings but not over developed; provide underground parking; bring buildings to the street.  
Shopping center enhances the community  
Increase art  
Reduce need to drive to shopping center  
Cultural events- maybe use NW University as a resource  
Concerned about 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic

**Table #3**

**1. *Describe your vision for the future concerning transportation in your neighborhood.***

More frequent bus service and better bicycle connections to work  
Improve bus service to Bellevue  
Enhance alternative transportation routes such as wider bike lanes  
Address potential parking of transit riders in the neighborhood  
At International School there is concern regarding traffic associated with parents dropping off students  
Less reliance on autos  
Bus rider friendly bus stops with lighting, trash collection, shelters  
BNSFR- use for bike and pedestrian trail; no rail; link from Houghton to Totem Lake and Downtown;  
provide pedestrian crossings along the route  
Increase in pedestrian connections through developments and through neighborhood  
Increase sidewalk lighting  
Complete school walk routes around schools  
Improve 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
    Don't widen; keep as a minor arterial  
    Improve traffic management  
    Improve pedestrian crossings such as provide flashing crosswalks  
    Widen sidewalks and include landscape strip along curb  
    Improve intersection at 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NE 68<sup>th</sup> streets for pedestrians  
    Remove center median; use space to improve sidewalk separation.

**2. *Describe your vision for the future concerning housing in your neighborhood.***

Mixed use residential and commercial development along NE 68<sup>th</sup> St  
Balance and diversity of housing  
Primarily single family residential  
Higher density residential is okay in commercial areas  
Increase detached small housing or cottage housing  
Discourage affordable housing; it is giving away an asset  
Increase housing for aging population

Housing is energy and water efficient, is solar powered or provide sod roofs  
 Maintain existing height limits  
 Allow transit oriented development only when there are jobs and retail for the residents or users to support the TOD  
 People to beautify property with native plant varieties  
 Avoid mega houses; explore limiting floor area ratio  
 Stagger windows on houses that are located close to each other  
 Plant shorter trees  
 Maintain historic houses  
 Discourage gated developments  
 Low scale diversity of houses  
 Redevelop Laurel Park multifamily development located north of NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street

**Table #4**

**1. *List any neighborhood concerns that you feel should addressed as part of the neighborhood plan.***

Traffic congestion/management @ 108<sup>th</sup> and 68th  
 Pedestrian/bike safety: Safe crosswalks in business district and to schools; Visibility concerns  
 Park maintenance on-going  
 Retain SF density/residential  
 Retain Houghton Center size as is  
 No transit oriented design at the Park and Ride  
 Where is growth going to go?  
 Sprawl  
 Transit access  
 Local transit needed  
 The threat of NW University expansion into the surrounding neighborhood would change the neighborhood's character and impact single family homeowners if the university expands its PLA 1 boundaries.  
 Other institutional expansion  
 Traffic to ICS  
 Scale of redevelopment of Houghton Center  
 Impact of changes in Everest Neighborhood (6<sup>th</sup> Street S)  
 More parking at the Park and Ride  
 Expand bus routes  
 Access from out of town

**2. *What techniques would work best to keep you engaged in the neighborhood update process?***

Resources on-line, no paper  
 Questions on a blog  
 Summaries of thoughts  
 Agenda ahead of time for meetings (post on website)  
 Productive meetings  
 Give synopsis of progress at CHNA meetings  
 Educational materials re: neighborhood planning  
 Meeting notes on website (summaries/digests)  
 E-mail  
 Kirkland Reporter (miss neighborhood sections)  
 Questions to answer before committee meetings  
 Water at meetings

Telephone call  
On-line information  
Reminder notice of meetings 2 weeks/then 2 days in advance  
Seeing people I know  
Stay on schedule  
Meet at NW University

## Lakeview Neighborhood Participants

### Table #1

**1. *What do you like best about your neighborhood?***

Low density – single family  
Safe  
Pedestrian friendly/lots of things to walk to (lots of nice things: stores, shopping, lake, parks – convenient)  
Elementary school in walking distance  
Good freeway access  
Parks  
Located close to different transit options  
Useful to have shops close by  
Just enough services, but not too much.  
The kids! Family friendly/kid friendly  
Like all the schools and pre-schools  
Views of the lake (Lake View!)

**2. *What character would you like your neighborhood to have 10 to 20 years from now?***

Keep it like it is.  
No mega houses/ no increased density

### Table #2

**1. *Describe your vision for the future concerning land use, including parks and recreation in your neighborhood.***

Preserve expansive views  
BNSFR becomes a park corridor  
BNSFR is designed and functions like the Iron Horse Trail in Danville CA  
LK WASH BLV is a pedestrian corridor  
Safe for pedestrians and bikes  
Keep trees

**2. *Do you see a need for increased retail/neighborhood services in the Lakeview Neighborhood?***

No expansion of retail in neighborhood; keep retail uses in existing commercial areas  
Allow retail only at South Park and Ride

### Table #3

**1. *Describe your vision for the future concerning transportation in your neighborhood.***

BNSFR is a pedestrian –bike trail connecting directly to Downtown; includes crossings  
Traffic congestion helps keep traffic moving slowly, keeps traffic volumes down and increases safety  
Ability to move smaller groups of people

**2. Describe your vision for the future concerning housing in your neighborhood.**

No specific comments from Lakeview residents.

**Table #4**

**1. List any neighborhood concerns that you feel should be addressed as part of the neighborhood plan.**

Plant the right type of tree in the right place so that views (private and public) of Lake Washington are kept open i.e. Marsh Park they are planted all in a row to block view and cause shade

The proposed SMP tree planting requirement of 3/1 is ridiculous because they will ruin the views of the Lake

Pedestrian safety

Access to Lake

Crosswalk safety

Fast traffic

Connections to lake access

Visitors' parking

Safety on public docks – rescue equipment needed

**2. What techniques would work best to keep you engaged in the neighborhood update process?**

On-line access

Bring one person to next meeting

Attention getters

Want to know that City Council will pay attention; Meet with 3 during the process