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November 2012 - Introduction to Rainier Beach Moving Forward

A little under two years ago a group of Rainier Beach residents approached the city of Seattle about making Rainier Beach the choice, among its thirty-seven neighborhoods, for a neighborhood plan update. At the time a proverbial perfect storm occurred - along with a passionate group of neighborhood advocates re-emerging; the University of Washington's School of Landscape Architecture was just completing a studio displaying extremely creative ideas for the development of our neighborhood. (These studios concentrated on certain nodes in our neighborhood e.g., MLK and Henderson Street, Renton Avenue South and Henderson Street, Rainier Avenue and Henderson Street.)

This occurred on the heels of many recent public investments called out in the existing (RB 2014) neighborhood plan e.g., Link Light Rail, two new school buildings (South Shore PK-8 and South Lake High School), a renovated athletic playing field, the eventual construction of a new community center and pool, the planned daylighting of Mapes Creek in Beer Sheva Park and the repurposing of the Atlantic City Nursery to name a few.

It was clear to the stakeholders in the neighborhood that a plan was needed to coordinate these investments, to organize the talents and passions of its residents and friends and to begin changing the perception of our amazing community.

This Rainier Beach Moving Forward Directory captures the actions called out in the updated RB 2014 Neighborhood Plan as well as services and organizations that contribute to the development of the Rainier Beach neighborhood in general and its people in particular.

There are far too many people to thank, but we would be remiss if we did not give high praise to the first group of residents who created, with the help of the City of Seattle, the first Rainier Beach 2014 Plan from 1994 to 1997. This first edition directory is dedicated to them. This directory will improve with each publication at which time we will make an attempt to thank others who have contributed to the emergence of a neighborhood that will serve as an inspiration to not only its own residents but other neighborhoods.

Message from the Editor: Please forgive any mistakes or having left folks out. We publish a new edition every 3 months at which time mistakes will be corrected and folk left out will be included.

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A Place for Everyone

Objective: Rainier Beach residents, long-term and new, will all have access to safe, healthy and affordable housing; access to transit; and a variety of vibrant commercial centers.

Business Centers "Rainier Beach" has several places with strong cultural identities, and it is the sum of these places that people feel is the "Town Center." To sustain Rainier Beach these business districts should be strengthened as distinct but linked parts of one neighborhood. Both the physical and human aspects should be considered together. The importance of these places derives from meaning they have for people and community. By employing a place-based approach that focuses and coordinates individual strategies for specific locations, with specific outcomes in mind, we can leverage each effort - no matter how small - to have greater impact.



Housing The cultural diversity of Rainier Beach is well-known, but income diversity strengthens the neighborhood as well. Rainier Beach is home to residents with incomes that range from deep poverty to high-wealth. Those with incomes below 80% (many far below) of the Area Median Income for Seattle (about \$45,000 for a family of four) have fewer options in market-rate homes and even fewer in available subsidized or partially subsidized housing. Home prices and rental rates are lower in Rainier Beach than most other Seattle neighborhoods, offering opportunities for those looking for lower housing costs, but these prices can/are also displacing long-term residents out of Seattle entirely.



Transit The area within a .5 mile circle of the Rainier Beach Light Rail Station is a Transit Oriented Development locale that offers public and private funding advantages for housing that serves those at or below the 80% AMI level. Since the opening of Link Light Rail in 2010 no developer, for-profit or non-profit, has taken advantage of the location but zoning is in place to allow mixed-use development in that area.

Despite the lack of recent development, easy access to transit and transit that connects our community to good paying jobs is what will keep the neighborhood affordable. Link Light Rail is a great way to encourage people to visit Rainier Beach, especially tourists going into downtown Seattle from Sea-Tac Int'l Airport. Rainier Beach to downtown on light rail takes 25 minutes.

Business Action (example) Strong & Stable Cultural Commercial Districts at S Rose Street and Rainier Ave, 57th Ave S & Rainier Ave and Renton Ave & Henderson. These districts are essential to their communities; they provide goods and services to a range of cultural communities and are susceptible to displacement. Business owners, community members and governmental agencies will work together to coordinate efforts to make these districts strong and stable.



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A Place for Everyone, continued

Housing Action (example) Decent and Affordable Housing for All: Develop and rehabilitate a range of housing options that provide safe, healthy and affordable options for all income levels to create an equitable neighborhood in which gentrification does not create significant displacement

Transportation Action (example) Develop a pilot Transit Shuttle/Connector Route between Light Rail, upper Rainier Beach and our three Business/Cultural Districts so that visitors and residents alike can better experience our neighborhood's rich diversity. Additionally, promote the "8" as the connector bus from RB Station to 57th Business District and the "Beach," and develop marketing pieces to help people learn systems easier and faster as well as to make systems safer e.g., "I support safe transportation in RB" patch/stickers.

Transportation Action (example) Partner with the Transit Justice Youth Leadership project to improve student equity regarding transportation including reduced fares, safe and timely routes to school. Apply for the Safe Routes to School grant; adopt safety recommendations to Rainier & Henderson transit hub; and put Rainier Avenue on a road diet. Create a pilot project with the City of Seattle, School District, and Metro to have ORCA cards available in the neighborhood and promote an education campaign to inform residents that Sound Transit and Metro have resolved the transfer issue from bus to light rail advocating for these agencies to provide transfers for folks who pay cash, also.



Key Partners: Business: SEED, City of Seattle Office of Economic Development, Rainier Beach Merchants Association, Seattle Public Schools, Property Owners of Underutilized Lots; Housing: Seattle Housing Authority, Mt. Baker Housing Association, Homestead Community Land Trust City of Seattle Office of Housing and, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Urban Impact, Mercy Housing, Bellwether Housing, Southeast Senior Center Foundation, HomeSight; Transportation: Metro, Sound Transit, Rainier Beach Transit Justice project **and you!**

Existing Assets: Business: commercial districts at Rose St and on 57 Ave S, community organizations serving cultural communities, major employers i.e., Education Center (5 schools, 1 Library) Neighborcare, Safeway; Housing: Lake Washington Apartments, South Shore Court, Rose Street Apartments, Walcott Homes, Barton Place, Brighton Apartments, Transportable Section 8 Vouchers, low-to-market rate single family home prices, short sale and foreclosed homes (both asset and deficit), low-to-market rate apartment and house rental rates (quality issues), high-end homes near Lake Washington; Transportation: 107/106 linking RB to Airport job center; Light Rail connecting RB to Downtown - 25 minutes

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Business/Economic Development Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Banadir Super Store &Tax Return	8334 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206725-7760
Bank of America	9019 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 723-9509
Beer Sheva Park	9000 S Henderson St	Seattle	WA	206 722-3478
Center for East African Community Affairs	5500 S Roxbury St	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-1490
Gem Realty	9000 Renton Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 722-7800
Key Bank	9255 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 585-9373
KFC/ Taco Bell	9401 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 725-7177
King's Donut and Espresso	9232 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 721-3103
Liga Hispana Del Noroeste	11401 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 772-3785
Mapes Creek Walkway	Rainier Corridor Henderson	Seattle	WA	206 723-6723
Mayas Authentic Mexican Food	9447 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 725-5510
McDonalds	9304 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 725-6181
Neighborhood Care Health (Rainier Medical and Dental)	9245 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 722-8444
Parkshore Marina	9050 Seward Park	Seattle	WA	206 725- 3330
Payless Shoe Source	8824 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 723-2169
Quik Cash	9436 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 725-7222
Rainier Beach Community Club	6038South Pilgrim St	Seattle	WA	206 723-6766
Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition	www.rbcoalition.org 3703 S Edmunds Street Ste #19	Seattle	WA	206 914-1762
Rainier Beach Merchants Association	P.O. Box 78352	Seattle	WA	(206) 760-4261
Rainier Beach Moving Forward (RB 2014 Neighborhood Plan Update Stewardship Group)	rainierbeachmovingforward@gmail.com " 4800 S Henderson ST	Seattle	WA	(206) 859-7820
Rainier Health and Fitness	7722 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-0279
Rite-Aid	9000 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 760-1076
Rose Street Auto Repair	8335 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 723-7500
Saar's Market Place	9000 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 725-0300
Safeway Shopping Center	9262 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 494-1120
Southwest Mortuary	9021 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 722-3675
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
Rainier Valley Community Development Fund	www.rvcdf.org 6951 Martin Luther King Jr Way	Seattle	WA	(206) 947.5205
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Atlantic Street Center	8825 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	206 723-1301
Black Tie Communications	blacktiecommunications@msn.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 228-8713
Department of Planning and Development (City of Seattle)	700 5th Ave	Seattle	WA	(206) 684-8850
Gillgren Communications Services Inc.	1140 N 192 nd B226	Seattle	WA	(206) 755-9578
Gorilla Graphics	4547 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 397-3835

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Business/Economic Development Initiators continued

Got Green	gotgreenseattle.org/ P. O. Box 18794	Seattle	WA	(206) 290-3736
Northwest Asian Weekly	www.nwasianweekly.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 233.5559
Office of Economic Development (City of Seattle)	www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/	Seattle	WA	(206) 684.4505
Rainier Valley Chamber	5290 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-2010
Rainier Valley Post	www.rainiervalleypost.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 234-9866
Seattle Facts	www.nwfacts.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 324-0552
Seattle City Council	www.seattle.gov/council/	Seattle	WA	(206) 684-8888
Southeast District Council	Sedistrictcouncil.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 386.1924
Seattle Medium	www.seattlemedium.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 323.307

Housing Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Barton Place Leadership Team	9201 Rainier Ave S. #615	Seattle	WA	723-1328
Lake Washington Apartments	9061 Seward Park Avenue So	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-0360
South Shore Court	4811 South Henderson St	Seattle	WA	(206) 239-1500
Urban Impact/ECBF	7728 Rainier AV S	Seattle	WA	722-2052
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
Bellwether Housing	www.bellwetherhousing.org 1651 Bellevue Ave	Seattle	WA	(206) 525-2135
Mercy Housing				
Seattle Housing Authority	www.seattlehousing.org 190 Queen Anne Ave N	Seattle	WA	206-239-1500
Vel Dyke Properties	5504 Rainier Avenue So	Seattle	WA	(206) 725.3103
<i>Interests in Rainier Beach</i>				
Homesight	www.homesightwa.org/ 5117 Rainier Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-4355
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle/King Co	1402 Third Avenue, Suite 1230	Seattle	WA	(206) 682-4241
Seattle Habitat for Humanity	www.seattle-habitat.org/	Seattle	WA	206-292-5240
Southeast Effective Development (SEED)	5117 Rainier Avenue South	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-7333
Tenants Union	www.tenantsunion.org/ 5425 Rainier Avenue South	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-6848
Seattle Habitat for Humanity	www.seattle-habitat.org/ 15439 53th Ave S	Seattle	WA	206-292-5240
Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle	www.urbanleague.org/ 105 14th Ave	Seattle	WA	(206) 461-3792

Transit/Transportation Justice Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
RB Gateway – Rainier Beach Merchants Association	PThomas@seedseattle.org Patrice Thomas	Seattle	WA	(206) 684-8764
Puget Sound Sage/RBCEC LeaderLink	pugetsoundsage.org/ 1032 S Jackson St, Suite 203 www.rbcoalition.org 3703 So. Edmunds St	Seattle	WA	206. 568.5000 206.914.1762
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
King County Metro	metro.kingcounty.gov	Seattle	WA	(206) 553-3000
Seattle Department of Transportation-Parking Zones	www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/parkingrpz.htm 700 5 th Ave	Seattle	WA	(206) 733-9973
Sound Transit	www.soundtransit.org/ 401 S Jackson St	Seattle	WA	(206) 398-5000
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Bike Works	bikeworks.org/ 3709 S Ferdinand ST	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-9408
Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing (LELO)	www.lelo.org PO Box 28489	Seattle	WA	(206) 860.1400
Rainier Valley Greenways	3709 S Ferdinand	Seattle	WA	(206) 547-9569

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Life Long Learning

Objective: An innovative, connected learning system that is strategically integrated into the neighborhood's cultural life.

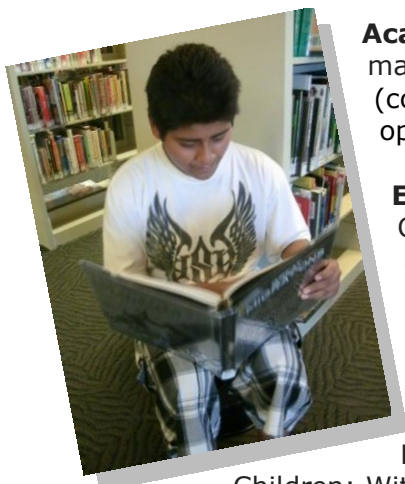
Academic Supports Rainier Beach is home to a dynamic blend of public and private educational institutions, with the capacity to provide formal and informal education to all 5,000 residents.

Education Supports Situated in the nation's most diverse zip code, Rainier Beach residents represent an amazing wealth of cultural experiences. By intentionally welcoming the community into the schools and the classroom into the community, both the schools and the neighborhood can be uplifted.



Academic Action (example) The location of light rail and surrounding zoning make Rainier Beach an ideal location for a branch of a post-secondary institution (community college or vocational) as a result extending Rainier Beach's education options from PK-12 to PK to 16.

Education Support Action (example) Create a shared Multi-Cultural Center/Community Center: A place where people (youth through seniors from all backgrounds) can highlight their heritage, strengthening themselves and inform others in ways that expand far beyond stereotypes. Neighborhood opens spaces, existing public venues and new capital projects in the neighborhood, for example the Rainier Beach Community Center (opening in the fall of 2013) will be used for this purpose.



Education Advocacy Action (example) Successful Education for All

Children: Within 5 years, each neighborhood school achieves Level 5 status. Students will be reading at grade level or above and participating in extracurricular activities. This success will require a unified front with parents, youth and community organizations all working together to adopt schools and offer direct services or in-kind resources.

Active Funders: Neighbor to Neighbor and Community Center for Educational Results are funding a coordinator position to staff the Southeast Seattle Education Coalition

Key Partners: *Academic:* Seattle Public Schools, Rainier Scholars, Seattle University; *Education Support:* Rainier Beach Neighborhood Association/Academy, Youth Tutoring Program (Lake Washington Apartments), City of Seattle, Communities in Schools at RBHS and South Lake, Kids Co; *Education Advocacy:* Southeast Seattle Education Coalition, Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA), 37th District Democrats, Alliance for Education, Community Parents for Public Schools (CPPS), Center for Educational Results, District 7 Advisory Council, Rainier Beach Merchants Association, Seattle Times, State of Washington, Seattle Times, Rainier Valley Post, SouthendSeattle.com, Clear Channel (billboards), League of Education Voters, SEED **and you!**



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Existing Assets: Seattle Public Schools (K-5: Emerson, Rainier View, Martin Luther King Jr., Van Asselt and Dunlap; PK-8: South Shore; 9-12: South Lake, Rainier Beach High School), 20 early childhood development programs, Seattle Public Library-Rainier Beach branch, 5 community computer labs, 1 community academy, 10 tutoring programs, 22 afterschool providers, 6 education advocacy organizations, 1 newly constructed 14,000 sq foot community center.

Academic Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Dunlap Elementary School (K-8)	4525 South Cloverdale	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7000
Emerson Elementary School (K-8)	9709 60 th Avenue	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7100
Rainier Beach High School (9-12)	8815 Seward Park Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-6350
Rainier View Elementary School (K-8)	11650 Beacon Ave S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-6700
South Lake High School (9-12)	8825 Rainier Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-6660
South Shore PK-8 School (PK-8)	4800 S Henderson	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7600
Wing Luke Elementary School (K-5)	3701 S Kenyon St	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7630
Van Asselt Elementary School (K-5)	7201 Beacon Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7500
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
Aki Kurose Middle School Academy (6-8)	3928 South Graham St	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7700
Rainier Scholars	2100 24 th Ave	Seattle	WA	(206)
Seattle Urban Academy (9-12)	3800 South Othello St	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-0333
Seattle Vocational Institute (Post HS)	2120 South Jackson Street	Seattle	WA	206-934-4950
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Seattle Pacific University (Post HS)	www.spu.edu/	Seattle	WA	(206) 281-2000
Headstart (PK)	www.wsaheadstarteap.com/	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-0960

Education Support Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Kids Co at South Shore	www.kidscompany.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-8000
Rainier Beach High School Dollars for Scholars	8815 Seward Park Ave S	Seattle		(206) 619-5195
Rainier Beach Full Service Community Schools Partnership	rainierbeachhs.seattleschools.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid	Seattle	WA	(206) 252.6350
Rainier Beach Library	9125 Rainier Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 386-1906
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
City of Seattle Department of Education	www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/education/	Seattle	WA	206) 684-0464
City Year Seattle/King County	2203 23rd Ave S, Ste 101	Seattle	WA	(206) 219-5010
Martin Luther King, Jr. Apartments First Step Technology Center	7923 Martin L King Jr WY S	Seattle	WA	722-4665
Skyway Tutoring and Computer Lab Centers	11800 Renton Avenue S	Seattle	WA	772-1700
SPLAB	www.splab.org	Seattle	WA	
Technology Access Foundation	4436B Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-9095
STAR of Seattle Computer Center	2101 Martin L King Jr. Way S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 325-4284
Huda Tutoring Center	4918 S. Willow St	Seattle	WA	(206) 898-4674
Neighborhood House - Rainier Vista Tech Ctr.	4410 29th Ave., South	Seattle	WA	(206) 461-4568
Powerful Schools	3301 S. Horton	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-5543

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Education Advocacy Initiators

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Rainier Beach High School PTSA	8815 Seward Park Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-6350
Rainier Beach High School Alumni Association	8815 Seward Park Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 619-5195
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Alliance for Education	http://www.alliance4ed.org/509 Olive Way, Suite 500	Seattle	WA	(206) 343-0449
Community & Parents for Public Schools (CPPS)	www.cppsofseattl.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 604-4408
League of Education Voters	2734 Westlake Ave N	Seattle	WA	(206) 728-6448
Seattle Early Learning Coalition	www.earlylearningcommunity.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 233.5128
Southeast Seattle Education Coalition	www.allfivesinfive.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 271.2873
Stand for Children	stand.org/washington	Seattle	WA	206.601.6530
State of Washington 37th District Representative	www.housedemocrats.wa.gov/roster/rep-eric-pettigrew/	Seattle	WA	(206) 587-5543

Family Life Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Emerald City Bible Fellowship	www.emeraldcitybible.org 7728 Rainier Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-0455
Empowering Youth and Families	www.eyfo.org/	Seattle	WA	206-335-9439.
Ethiopian Community Mutual Association	8323 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 325-0304
Friends of Pritchard Beach		Seattle	WA	
Medhane-Alem Evangelical	8445 Rainier Ave S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 720-0181
Oromo Cultural Center of Seattle	8823 Renton Ave South	Seattle	WA	
Parks and Recreation - Late Night Out Program at South Shore Seattle	8815 Henderson St jeron.gates@seattle.gov	Seattle	WA	
Rainier Medical and Dental Clinic (Neighborhood Care Health)	9245 Rainier Ave S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-8444
Rainier Beach Community Center Advisory Council	8825 Rainier AVE S	Seattle	WA	(206) 386-1925
Rainier Beach Presbyterian	9656 Waters Ave S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-8170
Rainier Beach United Methodist Church	5500 S Roxbury St	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-9700
Southeast Seattle Senior Center	4655 South Holly Street	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-0317
Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation	6500 52nd Ave S.	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-3028
Thunderbird Treatment Center	9236 Renton Ave S	Seattle	WA	722-7152
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
African American Reach and Teach Health Ministry	5237 Rainier Avenue South	Seattle	WA	(206) 850-2070
Atlantic Street Center – Rainier Beach Family Center	www.atlanticstreet.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 723.1301
Atlantic Street Center-New Holly Family Center	7054 32nd Ave S, Ste 207	Seattle	WA	723-4073
Austin Foundation	www.youthandfitness.org/ 1918 Terry Ave.	Seattle	WA	(206) 381-1841
Big Brothers Big Sisters	1600 S Graham St www.bbbsps.org	Seattle	WA	
C.H.A.M.P.S. Resource and Service Center	aboutchamps@aol.com	Seattle	WA	(206) 931-2119
Casey Family Programs	www.casey.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 282.7800
City of Seattle Human Services	700 5 th Avenue, Suite 5800	Seattle	WA	(206)386.1001
Seattle Parks Teen Programs	860 Terry Avenue N	Seattle	WA	(206) 684.4387
Cleveland High School	5511 15 th Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 252-7800
Demascus Baptist Church	5261 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 725.9310

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Family Life Initiators continued

Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle	www.eritreanassociation.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 568-1264
Filipino Community of Seattle	5740 MLK Jr. Way S	Seattle	WA	
GAME	gamenw.org/	Seattle	WA	
Justice Works				
Life Enrichment Bookstore		Seattle	WA	(206) 722-1700
Neighbor To Neighbor	www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/neighbor-toneighbor	Seattle	WA	
New Birth Ministries	12643 Renton Avenue South	Seattle	WA	(206) 772-6557
Non Profit Assistance Center		Seattle	WA	(206) 324-5850
Rainier Community Center	4600 38th Ave. S.	Seattle	WA	760-9104
Rainier Valley Historical Society	3710 S Ferdinand St	Seattle	WA	
Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club	4520 Martin L. King, Jr. Way S	Seattle	WA	725-4197
Rainier White Ravens	www.leaguelineup.com/rainiervalleyfootball/	Seattle	WA	(206) 854-4206
RAYS Family Center	12704 76th AVE S	Seattle	WA	772-2050
Refugee Assistance Program	4250 S. Mead	Seattle	WA	728-4403
Refugee Women's Alliance	4008 Martin Luther King Jr Way	Seattle	WA	721-0243
Refugees Social Development Resource Center	6740 MLK Jr Way S. #E	Seattle	WA	721-1119
Row To The Future	director@rowtothefuture.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 849-0521
Seattle Children's Theatre	201 Thomas St	Seattle	WA	
Skyway Methodist Church	111800 Renton Avenue S	Seattle	WA	(206) 772-1700
Somali Community Center	3320 Rainier AV S	Seattle	WA	760-1181
Somali Community Service Coalition	7101 MLK Jr Way S #203	Seattle	WA	355-6343
Somali Community Services of Seattle	3320 Rainier Ave S	Seattle	WA	380-1011
Southeast Youth and Family Services	3722 S. Hudson	Seattle	WA	(206) 721-5542
The Truth Center	10825 E. Marginal Way	Seattle	WA	(206) 762-2965
Union Gospel Mission	3800 South Othello	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-0767
Vietnamese Friendship Association	4714 Rainier Ave S, Suite 85	Seattle	WA	760-1573
WA State Department of Social and Health Services – MLK Jr Office	3600 S. Graham Street	Seattle	WA	(206) 760-2068
World Vision – Youth Empowerment Program	http://www.worldvisionusprograms.org/yep.php	Seattle	WA	(206) 604-5184
Youth Outreach and Development Program		Seattle	WA	(206) 721-1119

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Growing Food to Develop Healthy Industry

Objectives: Rainier Beach is an employment center for the agricultural products grown in the valley.

Healthy Food Rainier Beach has a unique opportunity to combine its urban farms and light industrial zone to become a hub of food and agricultural production. Its location as a "Gateway" not only to the city but also to the Rainier Valley as a whole makes it an ideal candidate for a new sustainable employment pool, where both goods and labor

can be readily available. In partnering with local schools and volunteer groups, training initiatives can be generated with the perspective of a valued and rewarding job. As an added benefit, a range of products could be designed with the help of well-known chefs to celebrate the community's diversity and market its neighborhood to the rest of the city. Local plant-based materials with a range of attributes (bamboo/structural, beans/filler, flowers/dye) could also be grown and crafted into products.



Healthy Food Action (in progress) The Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands project, 10+ acres located at the former Atlantic City Nursery, will provide multiple opportunities for food production, classes on organic gardening, cross-cultural food experiences, youth education and employment training, restoration of natural habitat and connection to adjacent and nearby parks and trails.

Healthy Food Action (example) Food creates jobs and links people: Develop an alternative food distribution system that creates jobs and celebrates our multi-cultural culinary heritage.

Neighborhood residents will be educated in food production, origin and nutrition.

New jobs and lots of good things to eat!



Healthy Food Action (example) Rainier Beach is the center for farm product innovation for the future economy. The light industrial zoning along MLK, coupled with easy access to light rail and I-5, makes this a feasible location to support innovation. For example, landscape materials for the green roofs ideal for our climate could be grown along the Chief Sealth Trail.

Key Partners: Rainier Valley Eats, Seattle Tilth, Friends of the Atlantic City Nursery, Community Kitchens Northwest, Public Health Seattle & King County, United Way, the Jobs Coalition **and you!**

Existing Assets: Rainier Beach Learning Garden, Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands, Cloverdale P-Patch, Light Industry zoning, University of Washington



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Healthy Food Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Rainier Beach Urban Farms and Wetlands Project/Friends of Atlantic City Nursery	www.http://seattletilth.org/about/rainier-beach-urban-farm-wetlands 5513 S. Cloverdale Street	Seattle	WA	(206) 633-0451
Rainier Beach Learning Garden	seattletilth.org/sygw	Seattle	WA	(206) 633-0451 ext. 102.

Environmental Justice Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Kubota Garden Association and Foundation	www.kubota.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 725-5060
Seattle Parks/Mapes Creek Walkway /Seattle Public Utilities	700 5 th Ave	Seattle	WA	(206) 233.7171
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Community Coalition for Environmental Justice	1620 18 th Ave	Seattle	WA	206) 720-0285
Environmental Coalition of South Seattle	www.ecoss.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 767-0432
Feet First	www.Feetfirst.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 652-2310
Northwest Environment Education Council	www.nwaep.org/edulink.php	Seattle	WA	206-762-1976
Public Health Seattle and King County	401 5th Avenue, Suite 900	Seattle	WA	(206) 263.6350
Seward Park Environmental Center-Audubon Society	www.sewardpark.audubon.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 652-2444 x101
Urban Wilderness Project	www.urbanwildernessproject.org	Seattle	WA	(206) 464-8364
Washington Toxics Coalition	www.watoxics.org/	Seattle	WA	206) 632-1545

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A Beautiful, Safe Place

Objectives: Strengthening the neighborhood through beautification increases public activity by 72%, and the more we know our neighbors, the safer we will be.

Art and Urban Design Areas of the neighborhood that need physical improvements like street lighting, crosswalk markings, landscaping and public art will be inventoried. *Public Safety* These efforts will work in tandem with other neighborhood and city public safety initiatives that enhance the beauty and safety of our neighborhood.

Art and Urban Design Action (in progress) *Touchstones: A Walking Tour of Rainier Beach* will highlight existing places and reveals neighborhood history, culture and stories through QR codes. It will also connect community members to information about the public processes that shape our neighborhood. The tour routes will begin to define our neighborhood greenways and create exposure to neighborhood amenities.

Active Funders: Seattle Department of Information Technology has provided grant funding for Touchstones. The Wing Luke Museum acting as fiscal sponsor and multiple organizations are involved including Feet First, SE Seattle FreedomNet



Art and Urban Design Action (example) Encourage sustainable building practices by green lighting the permit process with the City of Seattle for innovative structures and landscapes.

Public Safety Action (in progress) Bring all of our neighborhood public safety advocates together to create an alliance that utilizes a comprehensive community plan to reduce crime by 20% in Rainier Beach. This alliance will track public safety initiatives in use in the neighborhood and monitor their outcomes. A matrix will show where the initiatives are on a continuum of public safety strategies from prevention to pre-arrest diversion. A campaign will be initiated to have all of the school buildings, apartment buildings, businesses, privately owned property owners in the neighborhood be informed about the initiatives, how they can support them and the subsequent increase in neighborhood friendliness. A communication tool using social media will keep people informed about public activity going on in the neighborhood.

Key Partners: *Art and Urban Design:* Wing Luke Museum, Great City, Feet First, SEED, Rainier Beach Merchants Association, Rainier Beach Community Club, Upper Rainier Beach Preparedness Community, , Seattle Public Schools,; *Public Safety:* Community Safety, Intervention and Response Team (CSIRT), Rainier Beach Neighborhood Association Seattle Police Department, Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Seattle Neighborhood Group, South Seattle Crime Prevention Council, Rainier Beach Community Center Advisory Committee, neighborhood block watch groups, POCAAN, METRO, Sound Transit **and you!**



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A Beautiful, Safe Place (continued)

Existing Assets: A wealth of public art installations and landmarks, Beach Square, Beer Sheva Park, Rainier Beach Community Center and Plaza, Seattle Public School buildings, Seattle Public Library, Pritchard Beach, Rainier Beach Gateway Plan, Henderson Corridor plan, Mapes Creek/52nd Ave Walkway, Kubota Gardens and Dead Horse Canyon.



Arts Justice Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach based</i>				
Adefua African Music and Dance Company	6716 Rainier Avenue So	Seattle	WA	(206) 722-6602
Art Walk Rainier Beach	www.artwalkrainierbeach.com/	Seattle	WA	(206) 760.4289
NW Tap Connection	www.nwtapconnection.com/	Seattle	WA	206.915.1364
Southeast Seattle Community Youth Orchestra	www.sescyo.wordpress.com/	Seattle	WA	(206) 412-5102
Touchstones	www.feetfirst.org/act/touchstones	Seattle	WA	206.652.2310
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
SEED Arts	www.seedseattle.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 723-7333
NuBlack Arts West	www.isomedia.com/homes/nublack/	Seattle	WA	(206) 329-3328

Public Safety Initiators

<i>Rainier Beach Based</i>				
Community Safety and Intervention Respond Team (CSIRT)	3703 S. Edmunds 319	Seattle	WA	206.914.1762
King County Chaplain Program	1211 E. Alder St.	Seattle	WA	206) 343-2621.
Rainier Beach Community Club	rainierbeachcommunityclub.org/	Seattle	WA	(206) 372.4975
Rainier Beach Neighborhood Association	www.rainiervalleypost.com/.../rainier-beach-neighborhood-association 9656 Waters Ave S	Seattle	WA	(206) 371-8202
Youth 180	www.southendseattle.com/?tag=youth-180	Seattle	WA	(206) 772-1808
<i>Assets in Rainier Beach</i>				
C.U.R.B. (Communities Uniting Rainier Beach)	4437 Rainier Ave South	Seattle	WA	(206) 760-5588
Seattle Neighborhood Group	www.sngi.org 1819 East Yesler Way	Seattle	WA	(206) 323-9671
Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative	www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/youth-initiatives 4520 MLK Jr. Way South	Seattle	WA	(206) 931-9939
<i>Interest in Rainier Beach</i>				
Juvenile Court Services	www.kingcounty.gov/courts/JuvenileCourt/juvininfo.aspx 1211 East Alder Street	Seattle	WA	(206) 205-9519
King County Council District 2	www.kingcounty.gov/Gossett.aspx	Seattle	WA	206-296-1000
South Seattle Crime Prevention Council	SE Senior Center/	Seattle	WA	(206) 478-9038
The ROYAL Project	www.theroyalproject.com/	Seattle	WA	(206) 322-8400 x319
Seattle Emergency Management	www.seattle.gov/emergency/	Seattle	WA	(206) 615-0287
South Precinct Police Station Public internet terminal	3001 S Myrtle ST	Seattle	WA	(206) 386-1861 (206) 684-2489

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Phased Approach to Non-Profit Development for Rainier Beach

Phase 1 (1 – 2 years)	Phase 2 (3 – 5 years)
Element 1. Governance Structure & Process	
<p>Build a short-term structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene culturally inclusive discussions to explore: how to build on existing organizational assets and add value for them as well as the neighborhood as a whole; roles; leadership; and how to build trust. • Consider either an affiliation or a network that can grow from an existing organization or be a new entity. 	<p>Move into a more long-term structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim for collaboration guided by a common missions and goals • Shared authority & control • Pool resources or jointly secure and manage to enable larger scale accomplishments. • Consider either a coalition or a federation/association.
Element 2. Membership Characteristics	
<p>Build a membership that represents and meaningfully engages all constituencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base on shared values & goals of concern for community, inclusive, community empowerment, self-determination. • Invest in community building. • Structure multiple layers of involvement. • Build skill sets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepen and broaden membership base to ensure you engage all constituencies. • Monitor representation and quality of engagement over time; make course adjustments as necessary. • Continue skill building as needed as organizations and/ or leaders leave or join.
Element 3. Communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form cross-cultural communication channels. • Informal relationships and communication links are strengthened. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culturally-appropriate communications become more established and are integrated more deeply over time. • Informal relationships and links across constituencies expand and strengthen.
Element 4. Purpose	
<p>Develop consensus on criteria to prioritize and select priority projects to focus time/effort and avoid "missed" opportunities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact/potential community and/or shared benefits • Likely impact of community involvement • Timing • Resources 	<p>Continue to implement projects phased over time as established in phase 1.</p>
Element 5. Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure organizational "ducks" are in a row (clear plan, systems infrastructure, community representation). • Start small when pursuing initial resources and build over time. • Build capacity to manage and coordinate implementation, including ability to advocate and influence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on progress, increase scale of grants pursued. • Expand and deepen long-term relationships and partnerships.

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