

Broadview, Bitter Lake, Haller Lake Neighborhood Update Plan Workshop Meeting with Ida Culver Seniors

July 20, 2011

General Concerns and Issues:

- They felt the city owned property (SCL?) at the city limits on Linden Ave N. looks very poor in contrast to Shoreline just across the street and suggested it be improved so as not be an eyesore.
- They were very supportive of Linden Ave. project, but concerned it might mean fewer parking spaces on the street. Their visitors often have difficulty finding parking.
- They were Adamant that any retail and any residential have adequate parking.
- Better curb cuts are needed at 135th and Aurora.

Connections: "Complete Streets" Roles and Priorities

Greenwood Ave N.

Roles

- Mostly drive, take transit, or wheel (wheelchair or scooter).
- Go north and south to go shopping, go to the bank, the theatre, church, to visit the post office, to go north to the community college and south to go to downtown Seattle.

Priorities/Issues

- Continuous sidewalks on both sides are needed, but especially near Broadview Thompson School

3rd Ave NW

Roles

- Walk and wheel to go shopping and to restaurants.

Meridian Ave NW

Roles

- Take the bus to Northgate or the Aurora Village

Priorities/Issues

- Needs continuous sidewalks both sides

NW 130th St.-

Roles

- Walk and wheel to shopping on Aurora and Broadview Library, to Take transit on Aurora, to Bitter Lake Community Center.

Priorities/Issues

- There should be curb cuts at each intersection.
- The city should check all existing sidewalks for uneven pavement which is a real problem for wheels (walkers, wheelchairs, scoots) and pedestrians.

NW 125th St.-

Roles

- Don't use as much but sometimes to access shopping on Aurora.

Priorities/Issues

- Needs sidewalks on both sides.
- Level uneven pavement (issue for wheels, walkers, and scooters).

NW 143rd

Roles

- Walk for exercise.

Priorities

- Needs continuous sidewalks on both sides.

Complete Streets Top Priorities:

- #1 Greenwood Ave N, #2 NW 130th, #3 NW 143rd

Linden Avenue: The Urban Village Center

- Would like to see residential over retail.
- Heights limited to 65 ft.
- Residential should look more suburban (should not look like downtown).
- Design is important. Buildings do not need to be identical, but there needs to be a “flow” so they are harmonious in design.
- Residential with entry plazas.
- Buildings with recessed entrances.
- Gathering places.
- Shops they would like to see include: yarn shop, drug store, clinic, police substation, Laundromat, clothing store, ceramics, art gallery, tutoring center, restaurants/cafes.
- Some people would like to see: movie theatre, bike shop (due to proximity to trail), bowling alley.
- Major corners should have retail.
- Do not want back walls facing Linden.
- Do not want large surface parking lots, or gas stations.
- Cross Streets--Structured parking on NW 135th and Linden so there is enough parking for retail.
- NW 143rd Area around reservoir should be developed into a park or green space (support current plans).

Park and Recreation Needs

- Bitter Lake Playfields—better lighting is needed for safety.
- The shoreline belonging to Broadview Thompson School should be acquired by the City in order to protect that parcel from development.
- Privately owned gather spaces along Linden Ave. would be good.
- 143/Linden—area around the reservoir should be developed as a park or green space.

Stronger Social Networks

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- Food festival
- Movies—indoors at community center or outdoors (in the park or along a back wall of one of the buildings on Linden). Could be sponsored by businesses.
- Craft Fair—Including an opportunity to paint ceramics, potential partnerships with businesses.
- Band concert—Ingraham High School Band
- Improved WiFi—free WiFi should be provided in more locations
- Haller Lake has a community clubs and it would be great to have a similar club here.
- Seek corporate sponsorships for activities/events. Maybe a merchants association of businesses along Aurora.

Environmental Health

- More planters with flowers
- More street trees along major streets