

Broadview, Bitter Lake, Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Senior Members BBH at Ida Culver House

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Why do you live in the Bitter Lake neighborhood?

- It's near children, my husband, relatives
- It's more rural (yards, flowers, trees, big lots)
- Open space
- Location -- it's not south Seattle, not too far north, not across the lake
- Nice to walk around
- Available senior housing
- Nice place to live
- Safe to walk around

What positive changes would you like to see?

- Paved sidewalks and streets because many sidewalks are dangerous, missing, have obstructions for pedestrians
- Adequate parking so people don't have to park on the streets in both commercial and residential areas & some apartments,
- Townhomes and multi-family have garages & driveways that are too narrow so residents park on the streets
- Tenants for vacant commercial spaces
- Sidewalks so people can walk for their errands and for exercise
- Crosswalks
- Longer timing for pedestrian signals

What type of housing would you like to see in the future?

- We have enough condos and multi-family already
- Greenwood Ave N is an example of what not to do, it's all big buildings with little parking
- People (in the neighborhoods) are devastated by placement of 4-6 houses where 1 once stood
- Should cluster multi-family housing to preserve open space and to protect single-family neighborhoods
- Should require a specific amount of open space for each living unit. This should be permanent so could not latter build on
- More senior housing built with safe places to walk
- Housing built so that it is pedestrian friendly

Commercial district

- General agreement that it is along Greenwood Ave N and Aurora Ave N
- Also some pockets at areas such as 125th and Greenwood

Rapid Ride & bus service

- General agreement that won't use Rapid Ride as it is too far away and Ida Culver runs a small bus for residents

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- When take the bus we walk to nearby bus stop

Safe and easy to walk?

- No, no sidewalks
- No, too far to go
- No, it's dangerous to cross Greenwood because of the short timing of the pedestrian signal

Park & Recreation program improvements

- "Seattle has the finest park system I've ever seen."
- Need small parks within walking distance
- More benches along the trails (in less developed parks)

Infrastructure -- water, garbage collection, drainage, sewer

- The rain garden swales (? At 2nd Ave around 120th?) -- good but some property owners don't maintain the plantings which
- Decreases their ability to function & also their aesthetics
- City should then step in, do the maintenance, then charge property owner for this
- Ditches on the E-W streets (from here) work well
- 125th & 9th NW -- an open ditch -- water comes down the hill and into a hole -- Where does it go?

Groups we participate in

- Alzheimer discussion group for spouses/caretakers -- meets at Ida Culver