

Broadview, Bitter Lake, Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Youth Workshop Ingraham High School

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The workshop was broken into three groups which I met with throughout the day. We first went over an introduction to urban planning and the planning updates and I showed the students the video off of the neighborhood website. I then asked the students a series of questions similar to those that are on the neighborhood planning survey but with slight twists that would have more to do with their involvement with the school. At first the students were apprehensive but warmed up to sharing of ideas. Many of them were very concerned about safety matters ranging from lack of sidewalks and crosswalks to sleep of cars and vagrants on route 99 and surrounding streets. Many students complained of lack of interesting things to do in the neighborhood and wished there were more things to see and do both during lunch and after school. Because a large percentage of Ingraham's student body commutes from other areas transportation was a big factor. Students complained that poor bus service often made them late to school or did not allow them to stay after for activities for fear of being unable to get home at a reasonable time. Other students noted that they liked the diversity of Ingraham High and the cultural food choices in the neighborhood but claim that these locations are not well known and harder to get to because of the big box stores in the way. Many students wanted more basketball courts both in and outdoor.

What Words Describe Community?

- People
- Houses
- Children
- Stores
- Parks
- Jobs
- Recreation
- Schools
- Retirement homes

What words describe Ingraham High School?

- Pride
- Beautiful students
- Dirty
- Bad teachers
- Diverse
- Bad at sports
- Learning
- Poor
- Safe
- Excellent

What do you consider the "town center" in BBH?

- Northgate mall
- Community center

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- Library
- Boys and girls club
- Carkeek Park

What are some unique characteristics of BBH you would like to preserve?

- The parks
- Haller Lake - but cleaner
- Bitter Lake Community Center
- Sam's Club
- Costco
- Subway

What kinds of goods and services are important to you?

- Sidewalks
- Overpasses
- Taco time
- Tether ball
- Softball fields
- Starbucks
- Burger king
- Oak Tree Cinema
- Basketball courts
- Football fields

Do you feel safe walking or taking the bus in BBH?

No because of:

- Pimps
- Prostitutes
- Drugs
- Homeless people
- Buses don't see us walking
- Cars are driving too fast
- Bad drivers are dangerous
- And there are never cops that stop them
- Gangs

Where do you get food in BBH?

- Burger King
- Sam's Club
- Jimmy Johns
- Costco
- Taco Time
- Taco Bell
- Jack in the Box
- Albertsons

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- Krispy Kream
- KFC
- Subway
- Ivars
- HT Market

What are some ways you would make BBH a healthier place?

- Pick up trash
- Plant more trees get rid of vagrants
- Take the bus
- Have more sidewalks
- Have better cafeteria food
- Reduce the speed limit
- Take away the bridge (students don't feel safe on it)

Is storm water drainage a problem in BBH?

YES

If you don't live in BBH would you like to why or why not?

No.

- Too busy
- Far from center of the city
- Too much trash
- A lot of drugs.