

Attachment C

North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Update: Amended Goals and Policies

Land Use & Housing Goals

NBH-G1 A well-defined mixed-use residential neighborhood where the lives of Beacon Hill residents are enhanced, in part, through affordable and diverse housing options available throughout the neighborhood ((urban village that provides future housing opportunities and enhances the lives of Beacon Hill residents)).

NBH-G2 A vibrant mix of housing close to the light rail station.

Land Use & Housing Policies

NBH-P1 Encourage sensitive transitions between development densities throughout the urban village; in particular between the Town Center and surrounding residential areas. ((Establish methods to focus future growth to areas within the urban village best served by existing and future transit and community services. As part of this effort, consider NC2/R 40 as well as less intensive commercial and multifamily zoning in areas abutting existing NC2 zones, including consideration of upzoning single-family zoned areas approximately as shown on attached Map P-1.))

NBH-P2 To enable any implementation of rezoning to be considered under Policy P1, that portion of Beacon Avenue South located within the boundaries of the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village is designated a principal commercial street.

NBH-P3 Encourage a mix of unit prices and sizes through active use of incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs. ((Provide for a more diverse mix of housing types and densities, especially in the northern portion of the North Beacon Hill neighborhood.))

NBH-P4 Encourage affordable, family-sized homes through incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs. In particular, strive to preserve, or when needed, replace affordable family-sized apartments.

NBH-P5 Encourage a balance of affordable rental and homeownership housing through incentives, direct City funding, and surplus property programs.

NBH-P6 Encourage the development of housing close to the light rail station.

NBH-P7 Capture the opportunity created by light rail to support affordable housing development close to the light rail station by including homes appropriate for different family

sizes, so that residents are able to stay in the neighborhood, even as the housing market changes over time.

NBH-P8 ((P4)) Seek to maintain the character of low density multifamily areas in the northern portion of the urban village while providing opportunities for additional mixed-use residential development in the retail core in the southern portion of the urban village.

~~((NBH-P5 Recognize areas within the urban village where future growth will support economic development of small neighborhood businesses and mixed-use residential buildings.))~~

~~((NBH-P6 Support City housing initiatives such as the Mayor's Housing Agenda recommendations and housing demonstration projects for affordable housing through design innovations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Residential Small Lot (RSL) zoning.))~~

NBH-P9 Allow alternative housing types, such as cottage housing, in single-family zones to support affordable choices while preserving the single-family character.

NBH-P10 Support a continuing mix of small businesses and encourage new small businesses by providing technical assistance and access to financing.

~~((Library Siting Goal))~~

~~((NBH-G2 A neighborhood with a library in the "heart" of the neighborhood which will be consistent with the community-based siting criteria including improved pedestrian safety, improved transit access, visibility, and compatibility with neighborhood character and support the educational and informational mission of the library system.))~~

~~((Library Siting Policies))~~

Town Center Goals

NBH-G3 A civic gathering space appropriate and flexible for the diversity of cultures living in the neighborhood.

NBH-G4 An urban village with a strong overall business district image and identity that is home to a variety of commercial services, including a grocery store and a mix of small, local and ethnic businesses.

NBH-G5 Higher-density development surrounds the light rail station and is responsive to the neighborhood context at a variety of scales, from single-family houses to multistory buildings.

NBH-G6 A redevelopment of El Centro de la Raza that builds on the site's history and serves as a defining civic element of the Town Center.

NBH-G7 A Town Center urban form that transitions from denser development at the Town Center core to less dense and single-family residential neighborhoods in a manner that is responsive to the context and character of the North Beacon Hill neighborhood.

Town Center Policies

NBH-P11 Retain local access to food, including a grocery store in the commercial core.

NBH-P12 Promote services that can serve neighborhood residents who commute by light rail, such as childcare, close to the station.

NBH-P13 Preserve and support the expansion of the role of El Centro as a cultural and service center, including current social services such as childcare and a food bank.

NBH-P14 Support a multicultural gathering venue.

NBH-P15 Support mixed-use development on the El Centro site through appropriate zoning or regulatory changes.

NBH-P16 ((P7)) Recognize the importance of the library as a focal point for a community with an ethnically diverse population, a significant number of whom are young, and its role as a symbol of pride and identity.

NBH-P17 Guide future development and potential rezones so they contribute to an urban form and character at the Town Center that is responsive to the North Beacon Hill vision.

~~((NBH-P8 Support a new library design that is highly visible, incorporates opportunities for open space or civic gathering areas, and is a reflection of the diverse cultural and historic fabric.))~~

Public Safety Goal

NBH-G8 North Beacon Hill is an active and safe neighborhood for a diversity of people, throughout the day and evening.

Public Safety Policy

NBH-P18 Encourage additional eyes on the street over the course of the day and evening through community programs and festivals, the design of new developments and other means.

Transportation: Pedestrian Improvements Goal

NBH-G9 ((G3)) An urban village that is a pleasant place to walk with good access to~~((and use))~~ alternative transportation, where ~~((streetscapes are))~~ lively, friendly and safe streetscapes

encourage pedestrians and bicyclists~~((places))~~, and where roadways are seen as public access for walkers, bicycles, and buses as well as cars.

Transportation: Pedestrian Improvements Policies

NBH-P19 ~~((P9))~~ Enhance pedestrian safety along key streets within the urban village and discourage projects that would hinder pedestrian access. ~~((Create enhancements to pedestrian safety along key pedestrian streets within the urban village and discourage barriers to those improvements.))~~

NBH-P20 ~~((P10))~~ Seek improvements, such as crosswalks, pedestrian-activated crossing signals, signage, curb bulbs or other devices that will improve pedestrian safety along Beacon Ave. S., that support increased access to shopping and transit.

NBH-P21 ~~((P11))~~ Provide for improved and safe pedestrian access to the~~((a new))~~ North Beacon Hill Library through the ~~((location and))~~ design of ~~((the library and))~~ surrounding streets and walkways.

Transportation: Transit Service Goals

NBH-G10 ~~((G4))~~ An urban village with transit service that serves the needs of the existing population and also provides for improvements to serve the neighborhood's projected population growth.

NBH-G11 ~~((G5))~~ An urban village with an established neighborhood station and transit linkages to all other alternative transit modes available.

Transportation: Transit Service Policies

NBH-P22 ~~((P12))~~ Recognize the current high levels of transit ridership on North Beacon Hill and support improvements to transit systems to encourage continued transit ridership and less reliance on the automobile.

NBH-P23 ~~((P13))~~ Strive to improve transit connections within Beacon Hill and to and from other neighborhoods to create a seamless transportation network for the neighborhood.

NBH-P24 ~~((P14))~~ Support the effort by King County Metro Transit to improve the transit system in and around Beacon Hill.

Transportation: Traffic Calming Goals

NBH-G12 ((G6)) A residential urban village in which neighborhood traffic functions efficiently and safely and in which traffic calming devices that improve pedestrian safety are placed at strategic locations.

NBH-G13 ((G7)) Recognition of the link Beacon Avenue Boulevard provides through the entire neighborhood planning area.

Transportation: Traffic Calming Policies

NBH-P25 ((P15)) Recognize the existing residential character of many streets within the urban village and support mechanisms to protect these streets from increased traffic.

NBH-P26 ((P16)) Strive to implement neighborhood traffic-calming control devices and strategies that protect local residential streets from through-traffic, short-cutting, high volumes, and high-speed traffic as growth occurs within the urban village.

NBH-P27 ((P17)) Recognize the unique topography and location of North Beacon Hill and its connections to major arterials, freeway access points, and ((new)) sports-stadium destinations and seek ways to mitigate the resulting traffic impacts on residential street systems.

NBH-P28 ((P18)) Recognize the unique conditions along Beacon Avenue as it cuts diagonally across the regular north/south and east/west street grid and creates irregular intersections and difficulties for pedestrian crossings.

NBH-P29 ((P19)) Use the Pedestrian Master Plan, which recognizes the importance of Beacon Ave. S., to identify and prioritize pedestrian improvements. ((~~Enhance streetscapes on Beacon Avenue and provide pedestrian and bicycle improvements that will contribute to an improved image of the business district.~~))

NBH-P30 Use the Bicycle Master Plan, which recognizes the importance of Beacon Ave. S., to identify, prioritize and improve bicycle connections to Downtown, Jefferson Park and Rainier Valley.

NBH-P31 ((P20)) Encourage improvements on Beacon Avenue that enhance its functional use and physical appearance.

Open Space & Urban Design Goals

NBH-G14 ((G8)) An urban village that provides open space amenities and utilizes design guidelines for future development that benefits the neighborhood and contributes to a livable environment.

~~((NBH-G9 An urban village with a “sense of place” created through open space and urban design elements for residential areas and an improved overall business district image and identity.))~~

NBH-G15 A range of well-maintained parks and community open spaces in the urban village core with programs that accommodate a diversity of uses and users.

Open Space & Urban Design Policies

NBH-P32 ~~((P21))~~ Seek to create additional public open space amenities within the urban village through future public acquisition and encourage the inclusion of public open space in private development.

NBH-P33 ~~((P22))~~ Recognize that public streets are part of the open space network within the urban village and strive to improve the physical character and quality of the key pedestrian streets.

NBH-P34 ~~((P23))~~ Consider the development of pedestrian and bicycle trails through publicly owned greenbelts throughout North Beacon Hill.

NBH-P35 ~~((P24))~~ Develop, through public programs and public/private partnerships, at key locations within the commercial core along Beacon Avenue, small civic open spaces, gateways, landscaped features and pedestrian streetscape amenities.

Parks & Recreation Goal

NBH-G16 ~~((G10))~~ A neighborhood with parks that serve the needs of both regional and local users.

Parks & Recreation Policies

NBH-P36 ~~((P25))~~ Explore and support opportunities to increase usable open space in parks that serve the neighborhood, including at Jefferson Park.

NBH-P37 Seek to create small pocket parks throughout the urban village, either through City acquisition or private development.

NBH-P38 Continue to develop neighborhood-specific cultural programming and design elements in Seattle’s parks.

NBH-P39 ~~((P26))~~ Seek to preserve scenic views from parks located within the neighborhood.

NBH-P40 ~~((P27))~~ Encourage opportunities for public art within the neighborhood’s parks.