

Attachment E

North Rainier Neighborhood Plan Update

Town Center Goal

NR-G1 A Town Center that concentrates housing, commercial uses, services and living-wage employment opportunities; that is well served by transit and nonmotorized travel options; and that is well designed and attractive to pedestrians.~~((A Town Center with the highest densities in the neighborhood that is well connected with the regional light rail station, consists of housing and vital commercial activities, provides living wage employment opportunities, is pedestrian and bicycle oriented, and has attractive streetscape and amenities.))~~

Town Center Policies

NR-P1 Recognize the “Town Center” as the area where ~~((the neighborhood would like to use))~~ land use ~~((and zoning))~~ designations ~~((that))~~ facilitate transit-oriented development to promote appropriate~~((assemble and finance the type of))~~ development ~~((envisioned by the neighborhood))~~ around the light rail station.~~((, and))~~ ~~((strive to facilitate the vitality of existing businesses that help meet the neighborhood’s employment goals.))~~

NR-P2 Foster development of a shopping district comprised of businesses that provide products and services meeting the needs of community members from different cultural backgrounds.

NR-P3 Promote uses around transit facilities such as businesses open into the evening hours, and housing that provides "eyes on the street."

NR-P4 Encourage the construction of physical improvements and activity programming that are culturally relevant to people with disabilities throughout the Town Center.

NR-P5 Provide sufficient utility capacity within the Town Center to support the desired future density.

NR-P6 Within mixed-use zones in the Station Area Overlay District, define and consider minimum residential densities in new buildings in order to create the critical mass of people and activity for a Town Center.

~~((New))~~ Housing ~~((for North Rainier))~~ Goals

NR-G2 Housing in the neighborhood ~~((which))~~ meets community needs for a range of household incomes and unit sizes, and makes a compatible transition from higher-intensity mixed-use and multifamily residential to single-family areas.

NR-G3 Development within the Town Center prioritizes housing that serves households across a range of incomes.

~~((New)) Housing ((for North Rainier)) Policies~~

~~NR-P7((2)) Seek to promote the highest intensity residential development in the proposed “Town Center₁((:))” ((Encourage the “Town Center” to be)) the focal point of mixed-use commercial and residential development.~~

NR-P8 Encourage additional multifamily or mixed-use development in the following areas: south of the Rainier/ MLK intersection within the urban village, and continue south toward Rainier Valley Square Shopping Center; and in vacant parcels located east to 23rd Ave. S. and west to 17th Ave. S. around the intersection of Massachusetts St. and Rainier Ave. S.

~~NR-P9((3)) Seek to maintain single-family zoned areas within the urban village, but allow rezones to Residential Small Lot to encourage cluster housing developments and bungalow courts. Any single-family-zoned area within the urban village is appropriate for any of the ((Residential Small Lot (RSL))) small-lot single-family designations, provided that the area meets other requirements of the land use code rezone evaluation criteria for rezones of single-family land. ((Allow for the rezone of property north of S. Holgate St. that is adjacent to both multifamily and commercially zoned areas to lowrise multifamily zones which permit residential densities that are no higher than permitted in the RSL zone.))~~

NR-P10 Include a portion of single-family area located between 24th Ave. S. and 25th Ave. S. north of S. McClellan St. within the urban village and within the Station Area Overlay District, and support a multifamily zoning designation for the area that would allow more compact residential development.

~~NR-P11((4)) Seek partnerships with local social service providers, and continue to develop programs such as down payment assistance to develop affordable and attractive home-ownership opportunities in the North Rainier Valley.~~

~~NR-P12((5)) ((Seek to u))Use design guidelines within the North Rainier Hub Urban Village so that((to promote mixed-use, townhomes, and)) higher-density development includes((which accommodates the anticipated growth, while promoting the development of)) well-designed structures that respond to the desired future physical character and existing positive attributes of the surrounding natural environment ((of)) and the neighborhood. ((Seek to avoid suburban “tract home style” developments that detract from the character of some North Rainier’s single-family neighborhoods.))~~

NR-P13 Encourage a mix of home prices and sizes through active use of incentives and funding.

Economic Development Goals

NR-G4 A vibrant business district that serves North Rainier residents and is a destination shopping area with stores that serve the greater Rainier Valley.

NR-G5((7)) The neighborhood retains sufficient zoning capacity to facilitate employment growth.

NR-G6((8)) A local economic climate in which North Rainier's unique small businesses can remain economically viable, and have the opportunity to grow as the Town Center grows.

NR-G7 North Rainier Hub Urban Village is known as a "Green Hub" providing green jobs and training, and green development.

Economic Development Policies

NR-P14((9)) Seek to maintain the general commercial zoning that is outside the proposed Town Center in order to provide a land supply that promotes higher-wage manufacturing, distribution, and office and professional employment.

NR-P15 In fulfilling its role as the hub urban village for the Rainier Valley, North Rainier should include training programs and jobs for youth that prepare them for family-wage jobs in the area and region.

NR-P16 Strive to facilitate the vitality of existing retail and businesses that help meet the neighborhood's employment goals and serve as destination businesses for customers from the Rainier Valley and beyond in addition to meeting the daily needs of residents.

NR-P17 Provide technical and financial support to small business that meet the needs of the ethnic and cultural businesses in the neighborhood.

NR-P18 Strengthen local business associations that include and support the presence and growth of businesses owned by immigrant and minority community members.

NR-P19 Support and expand the existing diverse mix of generally small-scale businesses.

NR-P20 Encourage the inclusion of affordable commercial space in new development.

NR-P21 Support training programs and jobs in North Rainier that capitalize on the green technology market in order to support the role of North Rainier as the hub urban village within the Rainier Valley.

NR-P22 Identify and promote opportunities for green infrastructure and development.

Community Life Goals

NR-G8((9)) North Rainier Valley's network of parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, and arts and culture programs are functioning and are well utilized.

NR-G9 Ethnic and cultural diversity is a continued presence in the businesses and community.

NR-G10 A community that supports and provides opportunities for neighborhood youth.

((Community Services Node Goal))

NR-G11((6)) The transportation and housing needs of residents of North Rainier's community service facilities are met.

NR-G12((40)) North Rainier is known as a safe and hospitable neighborhood through its residents' increased awareness of community-based crime prevention programs.

Community Life Policies

NR-P23((40)) Enhance community pride through establishment of a multicultural community center, multicultural community festivals, ((youth)) mentoring, and ((other youth)) programs that support positive and safe activities for youth.

NR-P24 Promote the location of cultural community centers and services in the transit-accessible areas of the neighborhood.

NR-P25 Support local agriculture and access to locally grown food through public mechanisms such as P-Patches and the Cultivating Communities program, as well as nonprofit and private mechanisms including farmers markets and on-site landscaping.

((Community Services Node Policies))

NR-P26((7)) Seek to meet the transit, access, and housing needs of users of North Rainier's community service facilities.

NR-P27((8)) Encourage housing and employment opportunities for people with special needs.

NR-P28 Encourage community-based efforts for cross-cultural integration among the business owners as well as among the broader community.

NR-P29((44)) Seek ways to enhance North Rainier's built environment through actions such as neighborhood-wide clean-ups and "adopt-a-street" programs, rehabilitation and reuse of old or historic buildings, and through reclaiming public land for public use (i.e., street ends, planting strips, and City-owned vacant lots and buildings).

NR-P30 Seek opportunities for the community and the Seattle Police Department to strengthen partnerships.

NR-P31((42)) Seek to promote community improvement projects that can be acted upon through community-based efforts, as well as through public investment.

Open Space Goal

~~((Reclaiming North Rainier's Olmsted Park & Boulevards Goal))~~

NR-G13((5)) Cheasty Boulevard and Greenbelt has been reclaimed and developed in a manner consistent with the 1909 Olmsted Parks and Boulevards Plan.

NR-G14 A "ring of green" surrounding the urban village with strong connections to the greenbelts, boulevards and parks, augmented with a hierarchy of open spaces.

Open Space Policies

NR-P32 Support partnerships with Parks, SDOT, DON, utilities, nonprofits and the community to enhance street-end stairs, and create safe trails where appropriate through the surrounding greenbelts.

NR-P33 Design parks and open spaces and programming to accommodate users of diverse ages, interests and cultures.

NR-P34 Consider using levy funds, general funds and partnerships with developers, to create a hierarchy of public and private open spaces that are publicly accessible and address the gaps identified in the Parks Gap Analysis.

~~((Reclaiming North Rainier's Olmsted Park & Boulevards Policy))~~

NR-P35((6)) Seek to preserve environmentally sensitive hillsides, particularly those in the Cheasty Greenbelt, and seek to protect them from further residential development.

Transportation & Transit Service ~~((for North Rainier))~~ Goals

NR-G15((44)) Good connections between the North Rainier Valley, Mount Baker, and the Beacon Hill that encourage use~~((strengthen usage))~~ of the Link Light Rail station.

NR-G16((42)) Neighborhoods adjacent to Rainier Avenue S and MLK, Jr. Way have effective traffic circulation and have implemented traffic calming strategies/facilities.

~~((Encouraging Pedestrians & Bicyclists Goal))~~

NR-G17((3)) A neighborhood served by a network of safe streets with amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

~~((Rainier & MLK Streetscapes Goals))~~

NR-G18((4A)) ~~((Development of))~~ Rainier Ave. S. is~~((as))~~ a highly functioning multimodal ~~((boulevard style))~~ "complete street" that ~~((street which))~~ serves as the spine of the Rainier Valley~~((;))~~ and retains its existing vistas of Mount Rainier.

NR-G19((4B)) Continue to develop~~((Development of))~~ Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. as a ~~((landscaped boulevard style))~~ "complete street," and part of the neighborhood's network of streets with amenities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

NR-G20 A transformed Rainier Avenue S. between S. Bayview St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. that functions as a pedestrian-oriented main street.

Transportation & Transit Service ~~((for North Rainier))~~ Policies

NR-P36((13)) Promote alternative transportation programs, such as bicycle commuting, local hiring, van pools, and transit ridership. ~~((Consider penalties for businesses that do not comply with Commute Trip Reduction requirements.))~~

NR-P37 Create seamless pedestrian and bicycle links within the Town Center, and to the surrounding community facilities.

NR-P38 Prioritize development of universally accessible routes between the Town Center and locations such as Lighthouse for the Blind and Center Park.

NR-P39 Ensure that standards for new development projects will accommodate a vibrant pedestrian environment throughout the Town Center.

NR-P40 Enhance access throughout the Town Center for people of all ages and abilities.

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NR-P41 Support actions that improve the pedestrian and transit functions along Rainier Avenue S. between S. Bayview St. and MLK Jr. Way S. so that the section becomes more of a local main street for the North Rainier neighborhood.