

Skyway-West Hill Subarea Plan

March 28 Focus Group Meeting Notes

Creston Point Apartments

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

16 participants

What are the signs of a healthy and thriving community?

- Good police service especially for:
 - o Women and children
 - o Domestic violence prevention and response
- Sherriff responds instead of dedicated police force for the neighborhood, like neighboring Renton
- Speedy Police response time
- Nice apartment complexes and apartment units
- A local newspaper
- Community centers
- Clean neighborhoods and business areas
- Gardens
- Fresh foods
- More community events, sports and activities
- Community collaboration and diversity
- Hospitals and public services for the community, shops
- Neighbohrood watch
- More street lights at bus stops and elsewhere
- Good access to bus/transportation
- Parks, like Skyway Park
- Sidewalks
- Trash cans
- Services, like shelters and clinics
- Affordable housing programs and places
- Good access to transit
- Shopping centers with retail, restaurants
- Clothing donation places and thrift stores
- Safety – crosswalks, police presence
- Parks, religious spaces
- Economic activity – stores, variety, social areas
- Lighting
- Transportation – buses, community shuttles
- Medical support – hospital and clinics
- Cleanliness – street sweeping, trash pickup, garbage cans
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What parts of the physical neighborhood (like buildings, open space, walkability) do you like today?

- Skyway Park
- The Library
- Sidewalks
- The housing(apartments
- Sports fields
- Murals on 129th
- Library
- 7-11
- Pizza delivery
- Diversity
- Rainier View Elementary

What parts do you think should change?

- Better bus service
- Police response time is too slow
- Larger apartment units for larger families that can't afford houses
- Add more parks for kids
- More streetlights, especially near bus stops
- More sidewalks
- Community Center/awareness/community events
- More hospital and services for mental health
- More places for youth
- More adult activities
- A museum
- More bus stops

What type of businesses do you think are most needed by residents of this neighborhood to help improve livability?

- Grocery stores (Costco, Winco, etc)
- Non-profit organizations
- A YMCA, Teen Center/Clubs, Arcade, etc.
- Bookstores
- Coffee shops
- Hookah bar?
- Café/bakery
- Beauty supply store
- Pharmacy
- Bike rentals
- Grocery, similar to DK Market
- Daycare and preschools
- Performance center
- Town center
- YMCA

- Groceries
- Café – social spaces
- Child care
- Variety of Retail
- Language programs
- Driving schools
- Pizza shops that deliver

Do you think more housing is needed along MLK Jr. Way? If not, why not? If so, what types of housing are most appropriate? Apartments? Townhomes? Rental? Home ownership?

- Affordable apartments are need
- Larger apartments
- Senior housing
- More housing is definitely needed
- Housing should be affordable and lead to home ownership
- MLK should become a business district
- MLK should have mixed uses, business and housing
- Mixture of housing from affordable to market rate
- Senior housing
- More housing is needed but it should be affordable
- A mixture of housing types and affordability should be the goal