

Skyway West Hill Quarterly Meeting

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Questions asked of attendees:

1. How can our neighborhood grow in a smart, sustainable way?

- i. Need to support young families
 - with affordable housing
- ii. By drawing more businesses to area
- iii. By updating and revising building codes instead of just getting by with existing (outdated codes?);
- iv. By having inspectors monitor zoning laws with regard to the actual laws instead of only reacting to complaints, when it is too late.
- v. By changing “red tape” mills
- vi. By drawing more focus on the area to business association meetings
- vii. By finding methods to sustain attention on community needs
- viii. Avoid “lip service” responses by elected officials and hold them visible and accountable
- ix. Need to comment on and add to sub-area plan in work
 - rep to be available in person 10/30/18 at SW&S forum
 - online website is also available
- x. Need to develop a tech solution to summarizing / alerting community to land use development
- xi. Encourage King County to find a way to pay for sidewalks across entire community rather than just immediately affected homeowners, i.e., general property tax increase vs. homeowner assessment
- xii. Encourage local ownership of business properties
- xiii. Zoning laws can encourage apartments to face the street rather than inward, which makes for a more inviting property.
- xiv. Develop streetlight policies that make sense. For example, lighting at intersections and more fair funding for them.
- xv. Develop ways for residents to come together and work towards goals to effect change.

2. How can our neighborhood become healthier and more accessible?

- i. By encouraging growth of multiple grocery, pharmacy and other businesses (possible grant funding?)
 - to provide a vibrant market / business district
 - to encourage better access to health foods
 - along the lines of Renton Innovation Zone
- ii. Offering distilled vs. fluoridated water for infants
- iii. By encouraging the development of walk able sidewalks and funding for corridor improvement
 - for access to buses
 - to reduce fall hazards
 - to prevent children having to walk on street bed because of no sidewalks
 - to encourage health benefit of walking

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- iv. Provide school based health care / clinic similar to Rainer Beach Neighborhood Care and Renton HS HealthPoint partnership models
 - include mental health and women's care needs
 - via Section 8 outreach
- v. Develop and provide a community / recreation center for youths and seniors; Community Cafe
 - YMCA, City, County sponsored
- vi. Look at ways to provide effective public transportation to / from Creston Point apartments
 - include more frequent bus service along existing routes
- vii. Add lighting for currently dark areas of 68th Ave South at bus transfer point
- viii. Consider adding a transit hub, Park and Ride or bicycle / car share station along bus routes
- ix. Develop a Farmers Market and pocket park / garden in an accessible area
- x. Plan, fund and advertise a community run / Volks March
- xi. Consider zoning changes to encourage development of a retail business core; grocery, pharmacy, retail outlets
- xii. Coordinate development of a Valley Medical Clinic (or other sponsor) for routine and urgent care
- xiii. Develop a plaza / (pocket?) park that is visible, lighted and accessible in coordination with a community center and farmers market / produce stand
 - Vicinity of Nevzat's (sp) skate park
- xiv. Plan fund and advertise a food truck rodeo
- xv. Activate outdoor spaces; events, youth sports
- xvi. Have bus transportation directly to the light rail station. Also, have KCMetro develop more efficient scheduling of buses in the area.
- xvii. Find a way to repair sidewalks AND keep trees alive. Or at least replace them when they are cut down.
- xviii. Get involved in a free tree program like the one that the City of Seattle is participating in.
- xix. Make it easier for residents to buy locally
- xx. Find ways to draw businesses that will make a more vibrant business district.

3. How can our neighborhood ensure everyone feels safe?

- i. appropriate more funding and hire additional deputy(s)
- ii. focus cannabis sales taxes to benefit the local community
- iii. encourage elected officials serving the area to attend community meetings; and dedicate an advocate for area
 - community forum Oct 30, place? time?
- iv. improve lighting in public places and along local streets
- v. Develop systems to keep local politicians active and involved at times other than elections.
- vi. enforce existing drug laws to target and reduce sale and related illegal activity
- vii. add lighting in local parks to improve safety

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- viii. clear away wooded / brushy areas
- ix. target and enforce speed limits on local streets
 - especially use of multi turn lanes on Renton Ave being used as passing lanes where street reduces from two to one lane
 - target zoning issues with regard to junk / abandoned cars
 - add flashing speed limit signs on impacted roads
- x. encourage development of more block watches, community advocates
- xi. provide additional mobile alert / community communication systems
- xii. Become incorporated with KC or Renton.

4. How can our neighborhood feel friendlier and more inclusive?

- i. provide language translations at public signage and handouts;
- ii. fund , encourage and advertise National Night parties to foster greater engagement within community
 - special effort to reach out to Creston Point, Greentree and Taylor Creek apartments
 - special effort to reach out to immigrant communities; Somali Family Club, Newbirth Church
- iii. fund , encourage and advertise a parade that reaches out to Rainier Beach, Renton, Tukwila, Lakeridge, Bryn Mawr, Campbell Hill and Beacon Hill neighborhoods
- iv. fund , encourage and advertise a community party at the local VFW Post
- v. fund , encourage and advertise a “Trick or Trunk” Halloween party
- vi. fund , encourage and advertise a community “Bowl – A Thon” event
- vii. reach out to local churches; eg, Skyway Methodist, for offers of building use for community events
- viii. advertise business association meeting 3rd Tuesday each month at local VFW Post, (9:00 AM)
- ix. advertise availability of tool lending library at Skyway Water and Sewer office
- x. advertise availability of tool repair shop in strip mall along north side Renton Avenue between 75th and 76th Avenue South