



King County

Skyway-West Hill CSA Subarea Plan

Record of Public Comments¹

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Community Forum #1 (10/30/2018)

Handwritten Comments

- Community Center!
- Assisted housing, Health Center, Small Retail
- Senior Affordable Housing!
- We need East / West transportation! How can Creston Point residents access business district?
- Buildings at sidewalk is not priority in commercial areas. No marijuana business in Skyway – too much traffic and bad elements. Look at MLK and 129th. Do your research before changing land use and zoning. It's a quality of service issue not a minority displacement issue.
- Renton Ave – concentrate businesses in nodes – not strip commercial, diversity businesses, de-emphasize “casino Row” – have upkeep and maintenance standards. Casinos are not maintained landscaping is non-existent. Electronic message center signs are distracting an unsafe and unsightly.
- King County installed poorly designed landscaping in business. Road improvements – planted grasses were bad design and now are all weeds and not maintained! Businesses that are walkable should be encouraged and promoted. If drive through have pedestrian orientation in addition. Why is King County removing street trees? Stope the removal (or re-plant). This area needs code enforcement. It is currently slow (beyond belief) or non-existent. The area is increasingly becoming unsafe and ruled by crime and gang activity. This needs to stop! Several high profile shootings. Gang tag all over. Better police presence is needed. With better response time took 1 hour for police after my home was burgled.
- King County must development to “pay its way” build sidewalks not perpetuate road standards in an urban area – get real with urban standards. Use CDBG funds to build in existing neighborhoods. We have more than our share of affordable housing. Area is “affordable” because of lack of services and quality of housing stock. Area needs not to be the orphaned child. Is this new department really going to make any difference or just moving around the same resources without any material difference? Need serious effort brought to plan not broad brush lack of effort approach. Fountains at entrances on last plan is laughable.

1994 West Hill Community Plan Poster Comments *(transcribed from poster at Comprehensive Plan table)*

1994 Plan Goals	Your Thoughts??		
	Yes, I still support!	No, things have changed	Why? How important is this to you?
Neighborhood Character			
New development should be similar to existing neighborhoods <i>(ex. put single-family next to single-family)</i>	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Except new commercial centers
Encourage a variety of housing types <i>(ex. duplex, 4-plex, condos)</i>	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow ADUs & mixed housing • Encourage groups of 3-plexes & 4-plexes, where appropriately sited
New housing should be a similar density to existing neighborhood <i>(ex. 5 – 7 houses per acre)</i>	1	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow more density! • Agreed! Preserving affordability trumps preserving character. • Allow density when appropriate & where can be served by urban services, sewer, sidewalks, etc.
Add new markers/signs for these neighborhoods:	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at West Hill entry points in 1994 Plan

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower priority
a. Campbell Hill	1	0	
b. Earlington	1	0	
c. Lakeridge	1	0	
d. Skyway	2	0	
Community Design			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't let view protection get in the way of Skyway & MLK development
Protect these scenic views:	0	0	
a. Seattle skyline	1	0	
b. Lake Washington	1	0	
c. Mount Rainier	2	0	
d. Views of Renton and Tukwila	1	0	
Put apartment parking in rear or side of buildings	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . . .or limit new parking • Not visible outside project
Skyway Business District			
Encourage retail, office & mixed use on vacant lots in Skyway Business District	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make community more walkable • Provide money for small/Person of Color businesses • Need development in Skyway!
Add new entrance & more parking for Skyway Park			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make park part of pedestrian network

	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark park visible to Renton Ave. Stop stalling.
Put parking in rear or side of commercial buildings <i>(ex. Skyway Library)</i>	4	0	
Commercial Centers			
Require offices & community services close to new apartments	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical services, dentist, etc.
Encourage new, high density senior housing in commercial centers	5	0	
Keep commercial center at MLK Jr. Way & 129 th at its current size <i>(ex. do not allow rezones to expand business area)</i>	1	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great opportunity for development Develop vacant commercial before expanding Make walkable Don't invite homeless camp to spoil
Keep commercial center at Rainier Avenue & 115th at its current size <i>(ex. do not allow rezones to expand business area)</i>	0	9	

Informational Table Comments (staff notes from discussions)

- Upset that the Roman Casino continues to violate King County Code; inadequate infrastructure; businesses need to be more involved with the neighborhood and invest in the community.
- Curious about any proposed changes with land use.
- Concern with building heights. Would like to see design criteria implemented. Would like to see the character of the neighborhood to remain as a single-family residences use only.
- Does not support multi-family development.
- Feels that there are too many retail marijuana business allowed in KC jurisdiction. Does not agree with grandfathering some of these previous retail marijuana business to continue after the code was amended. Feels this use impacts the character and safety of the neighborhood.
- Would like to see better pedestrian connections and more lighting. Would like brighter lights; the LED lights are not bright enough - unsafe.
- Would like to see King County support more public community centers for at risk youth, or kids in Skyway.
- Would like to see KC support different types of housing and low-income housing in the neighborhoods.
- Is against affordable housing and allowing Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Would like to see more code enforcement in the neighborhood. Promote a walkable safe environment.
- What percentage of land in Skyway is public versus private?
- The power line trail needs to be improved and formalized to make it more useable and accessible.
- Connect to Chief Sealth trail out of Seattle.
- We need a community center.
- Little league needs more ball fields.
- More view points on the east side of Skyway – West Hill.
- There are respective parcels next to Tally High School and Campbell Hill School that could become public open space.
- Do not develop the Brooks Village site. Protect the wetland. Create useable park space, such as trails, benches, viewing areas near the wetland.
- The “Mt. Anderson” parcel on MLK Jr. Way needs some type of mixed use development
- Concerned with potential increase in building height and higher densities in the Lakeridge and Bryn Mawr neighborhoods. Need to protect the historic, low density, low-rise character of these areas.
- County needs to look at the full extent of the MLK Jr. Way corridor when doing long-range planning; don't limit study parameters to just the commercial area at 129th

Oral Comments (made during town hall portion of forum)

- How will you prepare us for annexation?

- Are developers required to provide amenities like street trees and sidewalks? Are they required to pay for sheriff, fire, and other services?
- We've previously requested 10 new stop signs in our area. What's taking so long to get them?
- What is the responsibility of the County to provide sidewalks in areas like Creston Point? Renton is good at working with the Washington Department of Transportation on community issues.
- Will the economic development person have a pool of money to support small businesses? This is needed.
- Will you be doing an equity analysis as part of these land use changes?
- Is there a plan for the road network?
- Why are there no public health services / clinics in this low-income community?
- Have you engaged developers to find out what it would take to incentivize them to develop here?
- How much sales tax revenue is generated in unincorporated King County compared to cities?
- Comment: incentivizing home ownership (vs rental) will help with displacement
- Annexation question. What is the process and how will King County inform us about the pros and cons? What does a city bring to us?
- Transportation needs. Renton Avenue South is not served well. There is no good connection between Creston Point and the main business district. Major problem. Bus routes that consider the needs of this community are needed.
- Creston Point sidewalks are needed.
- Need to focus on equity and social justice issues and ensure gentrification doesn't happen.
- Meet with more of the business community for their specific input on what would be good incentives.

E-mail Comments (submitted to King County after forum)

- What are the projected plans for the open land space west of Renton Avenue South and north of South 118th Street?

¹ This unedited record of public comments made about the Skyway-West Hill community as part of the Skyway-West Hill Community Service Area Subarea Plan is updated on a routine basis and posted on King County's web page for the Plan - <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/permitting-environmental-review/community-service-area-plan/SKYWAY-West-Hill-CSAP.aspx>. This record does not include results from or comments made on the Slido poll/survey for this plan, which will be posted on the County's web site above after the poll closes on November 30, 2018. Other comments submitted via e-mail or at future events will be added as they are received. Comments not directly related to land use, zoning, or the built environment are logged here and will be forwarded to the appropriate King County agency, although they may not pertain to the CSA Subarea Plan itself.