

Economic Equality and Housing Recommendations

	City	Groups	Individuals
<p><i>General: plans, policies, studies</i></p> <p><i>(From Planning and Zoning and Walk-able Community recommendations)</i></p> <p><i>Engage in a formal planning effort that includes community visioning to determine the direction of future plans, policies, and zoning implementation. Visioning should include the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• What should the Highlands be like in 20 years time?</i> <i>• What is the role of (social and economic) diversity in maintaining a unique, healthy, and vibrant neighborhood?</i> <i>• What character is desired for the Highlands?</i> <i>• What type of architecture or design is desired for this area?</i> <i>• Where and how should the Highlands fit into local and regional growth strategies?</i> <i>• What is the community's vision of a walk-able community?</i> <i>• What can be done to cooperatively develop the property north of NE 16th Street (owned by the City, the Renton School District, and the Renton Housing Authority) into a mixed use project with affordable housing and recreation?</i> 	<p><i>Set aside staff time and resources to engage in a community planning effort that includes the Highlands study area. Develop a public participation plan as one of the first steps in the planning process to ensure early and continuous public involvement. Hold a series of "town meetings" on increasingly specific subjects with City Council participation encouraged.</i></p> <p><i>Conduct a visual preference survey to help determine the preferred style and design of improvements in the Highlands.</i></p>	<p><i>Participate in community planning efforts, and encourage members to participate as well. Consolidate member ideas and opinions for submittal to the City.</i></p> <p><i>Target groups include (but are not limited to): churches, Renton Housing Authority, Renton School District, Homeowner organizations, Neighborhood Associations, and business associations.</i></p>	<p><i>Participate in community planning efforts and open public meetings held by the City.</i></p>

Items for the Task Force to Address Later

Future library plans; float bond to pay for parks improvements and lighting in parks and schools.

Zoning Code Rewrite; Creating a guidebook to regulations and incentives for developers and residents

These items will be discussed further in the Parks and Recreation briefing, scheduled for September 17th.

This was a topic that should have been covered in the Planning and Zoning discussion. It will be picked up at the end when the Task Force reviews all topics- October 2008