

## Walk-able Community Recommendations

	City	Groups	Individuals
<p><i>General: plans, policies, studies</i></p> <p><i>(From Planning and Zoning recommendations)</i></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What should the Highlands be like in 20 years time?</i></li> <li>• <i>What is the role of (social and economic) diversity in maintaining a unique, healthy, and vibrant neighborhood?</i></li> <li>• <i>What character is desired for the Highlands?</i></li> <li>• <i>What type of architecture or design is desired for this area?</i></li> <li>• <i>Where and how should the Highlands fit into local and regional growth strategies?</i></li> <li>• <i>What is the community's vision of a walk-able community?</i></li> </ul> <p><i>(From the Crime and Safety recommendations)</i></p> <p>Start public outreach campaign</p>	<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><b>Conduct a visual preference survey to help determine the preferred style and design of improvements in the Highlands.</b></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>
	<p><i>Develop an outreach program and materials to inform public about calling 911, parking enforcement, and about existing Police department programs. Make information easily accessible via the internet and in alternate formats for those who do not use the internet. Provide translated materials.</i></p> <p><b>Develop a City speaker's bureau to</b></p>	<p><i>Host community meetings and distribute materials through newsletters.</i></p> <p><i>Target groups include: PTA, churches, school kids, scouting groups, neighborhood associations, and homeowner's associations.</i></p>	<p><i>Attend community meetings and educate your family and neighbors.</i></p>

	get information out to community groups.		
<p><i>Specific: budget items, programs, projects</i></p> <p>Utilize the many public spaces and walkways in the Highlands for a useable public purpose.</p> <p>Develop a sidewalk repair program in the Highlands</p> <p>Use streetscape prototypes in planning and permitting operations.</p> <p>Add “down light” pedestrian-scale lighting standards to the Highlands design regulations.</p> <p><i>(From Planning and Zoning Recommendations)</i></p> <p><i>Create incentives for redevelopment, including, but not limited to: parking requirement reductions, density bonuses, infrastructural improvements, and construction of a sub-regional stormwater drainage</i></p>	<p>Conduct an inventory of all open spaces and public spaces in the Highlands study area (including the ownership status of these spaces). Apply CPTED principles to evaluate the safety of these sites as part of the inventory. Use the vision developed through a community planning effort to select spaces for further development as parks, trails, and open spaces. Sell the spaces not selected for future development to partially fund program implementation.</p> <p>Use existing sidewalk repair inventory to prioritize projects in the Highlands. To the extent possible, coordinate repairs with new sidewalk installations.</p> <p>Develop streetscape prototypes for residential, commercial, and mixed use areas and insert them into the development regulations.</p> <p>Add standards for pedestrian-scale lighting to the Urban Design Regulations (RMC 4-3-100) districts ‘D’ and ‘E’.</p> <p><i>Commission a study on that analyzes barriers that may prevent redevelopment in the Highlands. It</i></p>	<p>Gather information on the location and condition of open spaces and public spaces for the inventory.</p> <p>Adopt a public or open space by organizing a regular work party to trim vegetation and keep the space clear of debris and litter.</p> <p>Apply for neighborhood grants (where applicable) to make improvements to common and open spaces.</p> <p>Gather information and data on sidewalk conditions. Form work parties to trim trees and remove vegetation to increase safety.</p> <p><i>Participate in focus groups. Consolidate member ideas and opinions for submittal to the City.</i></p>	<p>Get out there and use the sidewalks, trails and open spaces throughout the Highlands.</p> <p>Those with properties next to open spaces can help to keep the spaces open by trimming vegetation and keeping the spaces free of debris, yard waste, and household items.</p> <p><i>Provide input into focus groups.</i></p>

<p><i>system.</i> Include incentives specifically for the provision of good sidewalks and pedestrian amenities.</p>	<p><i>should also include a cost-effectiveness analysis of possible incentives.</i></p>	<p><i>Target groups include (but are not limited to): Master Builder's Association, development community, community members.</i></p>	
<p><u>Immediate Action Items</u> none</p>			
<p><u>Items Already Addressed</u> Build wider streets</p>	<p>The design regulations recommended by the Highlands Task Force on Zoning and adopted by Council in 2007 include provisions for 12' sidewalks on both sides of the street in all of the area designated for Center Village land use. That standard also requires that a minimum 8' of the sidewalk area provide uninterrupted pedestrian flow, which allows a portion of the sidewalk to be planted with street trees. In the rest of the Highlands study area, the sidewalk standards would require a minimum 5' sidewalk with 5' planting strip along both sides of street for major streets. A 6' minimum sidewalk width would be required on both sides of the street in other areas.</p>		
<p><u>Items for the Task Force to Address Later</u> Create a showpiece (like Coulon Park) in the Highlands. This could be a park, facility, and/or other civic improvement. Put additional lighting in the parks (specifically the Highlands Neighborhood Center trails, but consider other open spaces as well). Improve Sunset (from Duval Avenue to Coulon Park) by widening sidewalks and improving vegetation. Coordinate with the School District on redevelopment projects.</p>	<p>These topics can be discussed in more detail with the Parks and Recreation briefing (September 17, 2008), the Business Area Study session (August 20, 2008), and the Kids and Schools briefing (August 6, 2008).</p>		