

June 1, 2010

Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Meeting

Town Center – Neighborhood Connections and Protections discussion

Comments paraphrased from residents discussion about concerns, issues ideas regarding Town Center draft map

- Connections across Aurora for pedestrians and other non-car modes should be safe and multiple.
- Current button to cross in front of Highland Ice Area is Great! Safer than at intersection because there is NO turning traffic at this location
- Interurban trail is a Treasure. Would like to see more direct access to the trail through the commercial areas on Aurora.
- Don't like dumping of junk behind commercial areas on Linden, particularly behind Deseret Industries. Pay attention to loading and service area locations and the potential impact to residents across the street.
- Can the speed of traffic be reduced on Aurora? Staff explained that City can set speed limit and reduction to 35 MPH significantly reduces noise and particulates.
- Is the City going to provide incentives existing businesses to relocate out of Shoreline? Staff explained that changes to these areas would occur as redevelopment occurs. Fred Meyer's owners currently considering redevelopment in next 3-5 years that would retain Fred Meyer's but would add other uses to the site. Ice Arena also interested in staying in Shoreline.
- Staff explained that Design Regulations must be specific to be legal and implementable. Does the City have an architectural style or theme in mind for town center? No theme or specific style currently planned. May limit percentage of certain types of finish materials on building façade and encourage use of human friendly materials.
- Cross walk needed at 184th and Linden for pedestrians and wheel chairs. Neighbors have been working with Staff, but don't understand why it is taking so long. Interested in safe walking route(s) to Fred Meyer's and ways to slow traffic on Linden.
- Don't like shared roadway with bicycles, because it is not any safer for bicyclists.
- Residents want to see progress now (however small) and not have to wait for the economics to allow for redevelopment. So they have the start to progress in the right direction.
- High school pedestrian traffic is often in the middle of Linden because there is not a continuous sidewalk. Dangerous! Want safe walking routes from school to Fred Meyer and Top Foods.
- Will the internal connections shown in brown wavy lines be for pedestrians or vehicles? Concern about just transferring traffic off of Aurora.
- 185th and 175th are throughfares into their neighborhood. Concerned that traffic will increase on linden or on Fremont if Aurora is slowed. Staff explained that a traffic study is part of the Transportation Master Plan update and any required environmental impact analysis for a Town Center rezone.

- Residents asked what the crosswalk design is for Aurora and 185th. Staff will request this information from the Aurora Team and provide an answer to the RBH neighborhood coordinator.
- Specific issue with the current timing of the temporary lights at 185th and Aurora. Not long enough for pedestrians to cross safely. Staff will forward this comment to the Aurora Team for their attention.
- Asked if the modeling the City is using for traffic could be used at a future public meeting to illustrate potential impacts to traffic from Town Center changes.
- Asked if there would be any changes to the “School Zone” extent with the rebuild of Shorewood High School. Probably not, because there are no changes to the property itself, just the location of buildings and fields, etc on that property.
- What is the feasibility of over or underpasses at ~ 185th or further north, like at 155th?