

Highlights of the North Beacon Neighborhood Plan Vote on STRATEGIES

RATING AVERAGE OF 2 OR BETTER INDICATES GENERAL SUPPORT BY THE COMMUNITY. **AVERAGES OF 2.5 - 3** INDICATE STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT

RATING AVERAGE OF 1-2 INDICATES A LACK OF SUPPORT OR CONSENSUS.

Number of votes AS OF JUNE 12TH: 98

- About 138 people visited the Beacon Festival neighborhood plan displays June 5th and either voted or made comments or picked up information. About 50 people have visited the electronic site.
- **Over 90% of voters indicated they are from Beacon Hill area.**
- People registered opinions on topics of interest. They used dots at the festival to indicate either Strongly support, Generally Support, Somewhat Support, Don't Support, or Have No Opinion

Land Use

DON'T BUILD PARKING LOTS, TEMPORARY OR OTHERWISE 2.38-2.68:

High level of opposition to commuter parking lots. SIMILAR results reflected in LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION section, with the question asked in both areas.

LACK OF CONSENSUS ON ZONING HEIGHTS

Building Height proposals for the station area overlay:

- NC-40 RATING: **1.26**
- NC-55 RATING: **1.00**
- NC-65 RATING: **1.09**

As no consensus was reached, it might be good to put together a team to create one or two compromise proposals for a vote Saturday September 18th at our final validation event.

It was also suggested that we create a limited number of 65' opportunities and force landowners to compete for the privilege of securing 65', first come, first serve. This would create an incentive for development to occur sooner.

Maybe it could be combined with specified percentages of 55' and 40' in the station area overlay such that we have a mix of heights as suggested in May meeting with DPD (See comments on DPD website).

Change Zoning and Land Use for El Centro:

Rating: **2.13**

The community is generally supportive of changing the El Centro property zoning. Probably informed by the zoning height vote.

Study Options and Use Growth Targets

Rating: **2.3-2.42**

Significant support for using more information to inform our decisions, including growth targets. Would help resolve lack of consensus on zoning changes.

Town Center

North Beacon Central Park on the light rail station block:

Rating: 2.17 but lower on Open Space topic vote:1.96

General Support

Include Some Housing in the North Beacon Central Park:

Rating: 1.53

Lack of support

Town Center Campus with redirected traffic:

Rating: 2.55

Strong Support

3-Way partnership with El Centro:

Rating: 2.11

General Support

Develop Open Space with El Centro:

Rating: 2.47

Significant Support

Acquire Future Land for Indoor Multi-cultural Gathering Venue:

Rating: 1.56

Lack of Support

Business Development and Employment

High level of support for business development and employment ideas. There were a couple of strategies which did not receive significant support: strengthening ties with the VA and looking at strategies for using single-family homes for more small businesses. These might need more work if people are to understand and/or support them.

Public Safety and Public Health

High support for public safety and public health strategies, indicating again that health and safety is important to high numbers of Beacon Hill residents.

Employing a park ranger for Jefferson and Beacon Playground only garnered a rating of 1.93. Proponents need to do more research and education/outreach on this strategy if they want to present this again in September.

Arts, Music and Culture

High levels of support for all strategies, indicating high interest in working on these projects in our community.

Urban Forest, Urban Farm, Open Space and Climate Change

High support for the Food Forest, Lewis Park, and forestry recommendations in general. Lower support for the Central Park concept in this topic area (also Land Use), Walker Street and 12th Street View Park. Solar project competition was interesting to people but an electric car charging facility generated lower support. More work to do on these ideas if they are to appeal to the neighborhood.

Parks and Recreation

High levels of support for many Parks strategies, including the Food Forest, 16th Bike lane, Jefferson Community Center expansion, edges, trails, access and gateways. Some strategies lacked significant support, indicating more thinking, outreach, and/or education is needed if proponents want to revisit at the September 18th final validation.

Parks topics had the highest number of additional comments as follows:

(Editors notes in bold)

1. Do not block public pathways with the Skatepark design.
2. Add a food/cafe at viewpoint near Lawnbowling Club.
3. Add baseball/softball fields. (***Baseball is in the Jefferson field design and funded***)
4. Add tennis courts. (***These are in the park project and under construction***)
5. Add pathway on Eastside of 18-hole golf course (23rd St.).
6. Add parks and greenspace in North Beacon/North Rainier Urban Villages: Fill the Gaps.
7. Add no leash park for dogs.
8. Create water/spray feature for kids. (***This is in the Beacon Mountain project and funded***)
9. Add pedestrian overpass to Jefferson Park from 16th Avenue across Spokane.
10. Less fencing, No Barbed Wire in Jefferson Park
11. Turn 9-hole into a farm for VA patients to grow food (***There is a farm project proposed for the SPU property along 15th/16th: Jefferson Park Food Forest***)
12. Remove Driving Range (***City Council rejected this idea in 2000, will not be revisited though support for changing the lighting is high***)

Utilities

High level of support for consistent broadband access and less support for other recommendations.