

## Beacon Hill Neighborhood Survey

### 1. Living on Beacon Hill

1a. What do you like best about living on Beacon Hill?

- Walkability, library, Red Apple, ABC Grocery, Baja Bistro, DeLite Bakery, diversity of people
- Location, location, location.
- Families, quiet streets, safety, greenery.
- Quiet streets, views, access to transportation, not hip or trendy.
- Close to everything except clothing store.
- Diversity, calm, pace.
- Diversity, central location.
- Convenience.
- Diversity and the growing community.
- Carefree, laid back area with sense of self.
- Close to downtown.
- Affordable home close to downtown.
- Close to work, friendly neighborhood, inexpensive house, yard, transit coming in.
- Convenient location to transportation (freeways, bus lines).
- Our fabulous neighbors! The diversity, the home-grown attitude, the friendliness of neighbors and businesses, you can still find street parking.
- That is HOME to so many of us - single family owner occupied homes, sense of neighborliness shared responsibilities and pride. Close to park, transportation. - Our diversity.
- Cultural diversity; close to downtown; good transit options.
- Location, library, red apple, walking to [illegible word], hello bicycle.
- Walkability and proximity to downtown Seattle.
- Close to work, close to downtown, easily accessible to other parts of the area.
- Proximity to central Seattle downtown.
- Proximity to transportation and downtown. Diversity of races, religions, incomes, ideas! LOVE my old house! - Convenience to downtown, diversity.
- Pride of ownership and neighborhood involvement. Open space.
- The "neighborhood" feel. I know my neighbors. The parks!
- Community, diversity.
- My neighbors. The fact I can ride bike to work, mixed housing with slightly more single family homes than multi family units.
- Cultural diversity, laissez-faire attitudes, lack of pretention.
- 1. Lots of little culturally specific pockets. 2. Meeting friends at library.
- 3. Proximity to downtown. 4. Small town feel.
- I like living in a culturally diverse neighborhood.
- Diversity of population, library, views and openness (lack of vegetation lets in more light).

- Access to downtown, affordability and it's diversity.
- My friends live here. Good views, great walks.
- Proximity to downtown, good transit service, great neighbors.
  
- Diversity of neighborhood.
- Close to downtown and freeways.
- Walking distance to store, library, good bus line.
- Close to freeway, to town and grocery stores nearby.
- Good bus connections, view from our back deck, no Tsunami worries.
- Racial diversity and cultural diversity.
- Our library feels like a local community.
- It where I grew up. My family's home is here and it is where I would like to raise my family.
- I like a plaza idea w/retail and cafes surrounding it.
- Residential area but close to everything; sense of community; walkable; diversity.
- Convenient to freeways, Seattle, hospitals, ferries, higher education, etc.
- Its quiet
- Central to Bellevue, Renton, Downtown, Sea-Tac
- Being able to walk to transportation, Red Apple, Fishmarket store, local owners, diversity
- Strong, diverse community. Great views when walking. Easy access to other neighborhoods.
- Diversity, good neighbors, convenient to city
- Close to downtown, easily accessible to expressways.
- The diversity, the proximity to downtown
- The neighborhood feel, close to everything
- Accessibility to downtown, greenspace we're on
- Access to downtown, parks, and ethnic and socio-economic diversity
- Access to downtown and diversity of neighborhood
- Proximity to downtown and residential feel (single-family)
- Convenient to downtown
- Diverse neighborhood community
- Diversity, the neighborhood
- Unpretentious, reminds me of living in a small town. Feels like a real neighborhood instead of an artificially developed urban borough - Diversity; easy access to all areas of city
- Small neighborhood feel
- Walkable neighborhoods, parks, shopping
- Park, proximity to downtown ~ buses, nice residential areas = walks
- The presence of many small businesses and the general walk/bikeability of the neighborhood. Diversity!
- I love that our community is diverse (age, economic status, ethnicity, lifestyle) and vital, with gardens, families and bike/walkability
- McPherson's - local fruit and vegetable stores
- It's a quiet community where people live. It's diverse

- Convenience - close to downtown and 1-90
- Location! Great community center
- Environment - parks, woods, -- diversity, small-town feel
- Accessibility to the rest of Seattle, views
- Neighborhood feel - stores of different cultures/foods
- Accessibility to downtown - but distant enough to 'feel' untouched by big development and 'chains.' Residential atmosphere
- Lots of families w/kids, close to downtown, views, light rail, diversity
- The people!!
- Diversity, little dirt alleys (rural feeling!), friendly, sense of community
- The mellow, island feel - its an island of relaxation in a busy city
- My pet goats
- Diversity, location
- Diversity - location

1b. What do you want to preserve?

- Walkability, library, Red Apple, ABC Grocery, Baja Bistro, DeLite Bakery, diversity of people, local ownership
- Sense of diversity.
- Slow traffic, rental and home ownership.
- Family friendly, slow streets, easy parking in residential area.
- The diversity.
- Calm feeling, not too city-like.
- Traditional/historic/existing architectural heritage.
- Ethnic diversity.
- The building where Hello Bicycle and Beacon Pub are located.
- Everything.
- Housing codes to limit condo development. Neighborhood feel.
- Neighborhood feel, lots of community involvement.
- Yards, parks.
- Ethnic/cultural diversity.
- Cultural diversity, affordability, independently-owned shops like Java Love, Buggy, small scale building. - All if the above.
- Lower income housing options.
- Crosswalks, good sidewalks.
- Sunlight - don't want to shady area.
- Sunlight - keep from feeling stifled (as in downtown Seattle).
- The mixture of people.
- Green spaces, Asian heritage, parks, community space, community events, walkability, sidewalks.
- Historic aspects, details, accessibility for people of many cultural backgrounds and income levels, walkability.
- Community feel, diversity of people.
- Local parks, diversity, transit options.
- Mixed income housing opportunities, small, low key center.

- Relatively high ownership to renter ratio, (despite Robert's stay positive) not too corporate, not Belltown, not the new Fremont. So in the positive = quirky undiscovered (impossible?), more neighbors with young families "dinks" • diversity, race and professional/socio-econ.
  - Cultural diversity, lack of pretention.
  - Free parking, local dentist, not too crowded, single family historical housing.
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- The multi faceted nature of this community.
  - Open spaces, diversity.
  - Single family residence zoning & large lots.
  - Culture.
  - Small, unique businesses.
  - That diversity.
  - Craftsman home and business junction.
  - Our small business junction on Beacon & 15th.
  - Present parking space in front of house.
  - Racial diversity, neighborhood-owned business, low cost of housing.
  - It's multi-cultural blend/diversity sweet, calm, modest town-like appearance.
  - It has always been very multi-cultural and I'm worried that is being lost with gentrification.
  - Neighborhood feeling.
  - Sense of community, walkability, diversity.
  - Older homes & buildings, current parks and golf course.
  - Jefferson Community Center, the airplanes flying overhead - sounds of the trains
  - Resident parking!
  - Authentic neighborhood with local independent owned shops, (invest in keeping up businesses) - Walkability
  - Single family residences, small businesses
  - Free parking on street
  - The diversity, some of the small family owned businesses
  - Neighborhoods with single family homes
  - As much green!
  - Diversity, green space
  - Diversity economic and ethnic
  - Diversity of population
  - Diversity, the neighborhood
  - .. Non-arterial homes to stay residential- greenspace compliments greenbelt .. Diversity
  - .. Single family housing .. Historic buildings
  - .. Residential zoning, outside fruits and vegetables (McPhearsons?) .. Parks access, walkability, bikeability, diversity, cost of living
  - .. Affordability, garden space / greenspace. Diversity
  - .. Parks - playgrounds
  - .. Houses with yards; the architecture and landscape .. Quiet

.. Diversity

- Environment - parks, woods - diversity, small-town feel
- Small town feel
- The small block of building's that already exists can become one.

- Different types of stores / various economic groups - affordable to expensive. El Centro - I've never been inside until today but it's beautiful
- Quiet residential neighborhood w/affordable housing and racial mix
- Single family zoning, trees
- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Diversity, little dirt alleys (rural feeling!), friendly, sense of community, a little bit of the grittiness
- The friendly, lovely people
- The green belt areas
- Greenbelts, trees
- Greenbelt

1c. What w you change?

- Banks and gas stations take up too much space
- The overall appearance of the entryways to N. & S. Beacon Hill and commercial district.
- More local mom & pop shops, more services.
- More restaurants and more retail.
- More restaurants, less traffic revisions, safer parks, lights in Jose Rizal dog park (not used, is not safe), less bars.
- Anti-pedestrian/transit-only oriented architectural lack of planning.
- More lighting on street corners and bus stops.
- Increase space available for business (to a degree).
- More commerce/restaurants etc.
- More restaurants and services.
- BIK[EJ LANES, [more] restaurants, density, safety.
- Probably I would add businesses (retail and otherwise).
- More pedestrian access businesses that serve walk-in customers, but not chain stores please!!
- High concentration of insurance offices, hair salons, etc. that do not attract [illegible word] -in shoppers.
- More and bigger trees. More parks. More small businesses ..
- Illegal activity around Beacon Hill elementary (14th/15th).
- Improve safety, natural gathering area near light rail.
- Improve safety-area around PacMed and along green belt corridors is incredibly dark and unsafe.
- More restaurants/pubs.

- Diversify business district, food, shops, evening events, welcome building and less bars on windows.
- Less garbage, crime. Better control of alcohol and public drunkenness.
- More security, police presence.
- Improve crime control and prevention.
- # of useful businesses.
- Public open space in N. BH center, park stop bad townhouse developments.
- The intersection and the businesses there before take down single fam. Homes, get life into dead zones.

- More business district, build 3-4 story buildings on Beacon Ave. with retail, office space and residential.
- It's too gentrified at this point.
- Clean up and improve commercial areas that currently detract from area.
- Commercial strip on Beacon Ave.
- Don't spray the blackberries, tell us if you do!
- More variety of businesses.
- Core architecture. A fantasy?
- More amenities - Restaurants, cafes, shops. Keep Lander closed permanently.
- Upgrade the business district.
- Nothing.
- More walkability, bike safety.
- More cultural centers/activities. No more condos, yes more affordable housing with option to buy.
- More commercial building that is in walking distance. More families of color staying in the neighborhood.
- I would like for Beacon Hill to have less crime, less litter ... a more untied view of how to treat our neighborhood.
- Add festivals/events etc. that would facilitate relations between ethnic groups to help preserve diversity. Add a community center. The Centro is great but we could use something like the Phinney Ridge Community Center.
- Any new constructions blend into existing neighborhood.
- Have more places to shop
- Open up Lander St. for traffic
- Less commercial shops (hair places, dentists / add more restaurant)
- Public transportation access to the neighborhood centers
- Stop ugly building - housing
- More closely monitored crime
- I would like more retail, more of a hub. The neighborhood of 15th on Capitol Hill is a good example of what I would like
- Need more apts/condos w/retail on ground floor for shopping, so we can walk for/to more local shops
- Add trees to some streets that are so barren
- Improve/bring alive Beacon and 15th intersection - slow or divert traffic to bring in more pedestrians - More things to do

- More development around light rail station
- More influx of small business. Make Beacon Ave a pedestrian friendly corridor
- A couple more amenities: video store, pub. Having a centralized area would be great: Beacon Ave seems spread out and disjointed
- More dentists, housing and amenities but only along major corridors like Beacon Ave.
- Slow traffic/traffic columns on 15th
- Greater communication between neighbors
- More business, variety of small business
- The amount of commercial space available

- Make it more bike/walk friendly
- Road conditions - less potholes - more bike lanes, sidewalks
- More density; less crime
- More local restaurants and shops
- Make the downtown more vibrant - open access to the greenbelts
- More stores restaurants. More crosswalks & lighted crosswalks
- We would like to have more shops and restaurants
- Make it cleaner
- Have a connection to a community or 'center.' Have a commercial center within walking distance of 'green' park areas - Crime, amount and speed of traffic
- Better parks, more public spaces, more restaurants
- More commerce, restaurants, shops, farmer's market. Better walking corridor from Baja Bistro to Jeff. Park. Better bike access to downtown (safer) - More small business run by individuals not corporations
- The number of goats per lot you can own
- Filth, graffiti
- Filth, graffiti

#### 1d. What would make Beacon Hill better?

- Another bakery – artisan and whole grain breads. Pizza, More restaurants, sushi. Better ways to get all constituencies together.
- Public art.
- Parks and playgrounds (or other child-oriented places) b/c there are so many new families, and restaurants.
- More density along Beacon, need affordable multi- family housing to make sure low-income residents not displaced from market changes.
- Less crime.
- More police presence (safety) esp. @ night to discourage illicit activity.
- "Lincoln Square" in [illegible word] - redirect arterial traffic off Beacon to McClellan/15th.
- Bicycle & walking route of some distance to make it accessible to the whole hill.
- Across from the Beacon Hill pub the bus stop is too dark and dangerous at night.

- Variety in new business openings.
- Small neighborhood groups - Beacon Hill is very large so interests are very different throughout.
- [More] restaurants, safety. BIKE LANES.
- I don't know. Every "improvement" involves a cost and a potential loss to someone else.
- An urban-village gathering place for community events such as a farmers market, mini festivals, concerts, etc. Bookstore, ice cream shop, restaurants, etc.
- More small shops, restaurants, pedestrian friendly sidewalks.
- Walking options.
- More police patrol, more restaurants.
- More small businesses & vendors, bikes.
- Address safety concerns.
- Less transients living in the woods.

- Running club - stair climb, Take Jose Rizal Park back. Safety feeling of comfortable using public spaces.
- More communication/public notifications of how each of us can help - more coordinated efforts to work together. Public trash/recycling cans.
- More restaurants, other services, commercial. Also greater safety and security, Jess trash.
- Increase businesses, walkability throughout the community, allowing a lower dependence on automobile use.
- Restaurants.
- More cafes and restaurants.
- Walking, walking, walking, friendly, slower traffic, wide sidewalks, awnings, trees, small businesses, social gathering. - See above.
- Farmer's mkt. Something that would bring different communities together.
- Try to be inclusive of all the different elements of community. This event for example - I passed more people of color in the street than I see in here. Reach out to other facets of the community.
- Community garden space.
- Better looking commercial strip and greater diversity of shops, restaurants, etc. local theater.
- More community block parties.
- More attention paid to crime.
- Ditto. A planned business district along BeaconHill Ave.
- More banks.
- Upgrade the appearance of buildings along Beacon Avenue, more parking & more businesses especially food.
- Farmer's market; happy with the status quo.
- More efforts to preserve diversity.
- More restaurants, small businesses.
- Keeping the multi-cultural aspect of the neighborhood going. Preserving families that have lived here for generations.

- More cafes, small businesses: bookstore, news stand, movie theater. Safer place for kids. Farmer's market.
- More socially related businesses - restaurants and galleries.
- Parking
- Make it easier to cross the streets and good sidewalks
- Additional money from the city to transform Beacon Ave, and give grants to open restaurants, flower shop, newspaper stand
- More commercial opportunities -7 restaurants, shops, market
- Swimming pool, more restaurants, fix up sidewalks
- More retail, dog park in open area (don't feel safe in current park)
- More amenities. A pizza place, a pub, something that would make Beacon Hill a destination for people from other neighborhoods - Extend to Beacon Blvd. to light rail station
- A central core to give us a sense of our "own" like other neighborhoods have
- More people hanging out neighborhood center. Fewer gas stations and mini marts
- Encourage shops and restaurants along Beacon
- Better pedestrian lighting, more restaurants, bring Farmers market to light rail plat from Lander St.
- Consolidate the commercial areas. And develop them for mixed use but moderate it so it doesn't become a Ballard & Fremont
- Farmers Market!!! More trail connections branching out from the park (bike trail!?!?) Fix paving for bikers on main commute paths, more restaurants + local/natural foods grocer
- Some additional retail/many small businesses
- Cleaning up litter, more frequently used bike lanes
- More daycare, cleaner streets, kindergarten facilities, safer walking areas, farmers market! Access to park + dog park - More varied services/stores
- Better infrastructure to encourage people to get out of/leave their cars. Preserved affordability. More greenspace like p-patches/parks
- More pedestrian and bike advocacy (local - cheap bike repair shops). More parking for living locals
- More commercial amenities without having to go down the hill.
- No street walkers
- Walking + bike path from South Beacon Ave to Pacific Medical Center
- Additional retail, protected bike paths (not on the roads). Ensure existing restaurants make it - Bite of Beacon Hill? - Make it more kid-youth friendly
- With all the new townhomes coming in on Beacon Ave, the first floor could be storefront as seen in most other Seattle neighborhoods. - More food
- Cleaner/lighter - more eateries
- Commercial center - small scale but diverse. Pockets of "green" parks for residences/families + safe walking access
- More commercial on Beacon Ave. Mixed-use, higher density projects
- Better walking spaces
- More green space - parks, pea patches, etc. More public art
- Make Beacon less of a highway

- Start kids groups like 4H - Boy/Girl Scouts
- More garbage cans, community pride, education
- More garbage can

## 2. Creating a Town Center

2a. What is your favorite neighborhood commercial district in Seattle?

<b>Favorite Neighborhood Commercial Districts</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
North Beacon Hill	5
SoDo	2
International District	4
Georgetown	3
Columbia City	20
Madrona (34 <sup>th</sup> & Union)	5
Madison Park	2
Leschi	1
West Seattle Junction	7
Alki	1
Capitol Hill	11
Capitol Hill – 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave	5
Broadway	4
Capitol Hill – 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	1
Pike Place Market	1
Seattle Center	1
Downtown	2
Waterfront	1
Fremont	11
Greenwood-Phinney	6
Wallingford	4
Ballard	12
Old Ballard Ave	4
U-District	1
University Village	1
Roosevelt	1
Hawthorne District, Portland	1
Magnolia	1

## 2b. Why is it your favorite neighborhood commercial district?

- Good places to eat, shop, look at art, crafts, stroll
- Restaurants, shops & public art.
- Feels warm & open; town center
- Family oriented, small, theaters, farmers market
- A little of everything, lots of small shops, affordable
- Truly commercial - hardware, building supply, coffee shops, small clubs & restaurants
- Pedestrian/shopping - small town "feel"
- Diversity of people/business
- Shops and fast food
- Variety of cultural influences
- Preserved the character of neighborhood while it grew and evolved
- Lots of restaurants & services w/in walking distance
- Coffee/good food.
- Lots of places within walking distance, the variety of shops
- Browsers, walkers neighborhood - small scale, street-level businesses that directly serve people walking around. Apartments above retail – Variety of shops, restaurants, performance space
- Lots of options, beat walk
- Lots of amenities, walkability
- Individualistic, funky, not mass produced
- Mixed use buildings, lots of retail & service resources, unique character, walkability
- Walkable, lively, nice shops & restaurants
- Eating outside, trees on sidewalks, farmer's market, interesting retail, brewery-Elysian, restaurants that I want to bring my friends to
- Lots of things to do during the day (shops, coffee, restaurants, chocolate factory, etc.) & lots of things to do at night. Great public art. Its clean, vibrant & a fun place to hang out. I also like that they have activities & events that attract people from other parts of the city to the area (outdoor movie night, solstice parade).
- Fun things to do during the day and night - range of services - restaurants and stores, park spaces - proximity to water.
- Business variety and walkability
- I never have to leave to get anything. My little getaway from the hustle and bustle of downtown.
- [Illegible word] stores, restaurants, farmer's market.
- Restaurants, places to gather socially - restaur. Bars.
- Lots of little shops, small businesses.
- Architecture, some businesses (Red Apple) & library.
- Unique character. Not overloaded. Good mix of old businesses and new.
- Many [illegible word], community events.
- Always people out - walking, dining outside, going to park - day and night.
- Beautiful architecture, unique shops.

- The business district is within blocks of each other with a variety of retail stores and good bus line. - Convenience
- Close to home
- Has a range of cultural & commercial spots, museum, music, cinema and still small town feel
- Mix use space, walking distance
- Because it has a great assortment of businesses, a PCC grocery store, proximity to downtown, beautiful gardens, pride ...
- Walkability, uniqueness, mixture of types of businesses
- Easy access

2c. Are there parts you would like to see in the Beacon Hill commercial district?

- A theatre like Columbia City, Central Cinema or NW Film Forum
- Maybe an art gallery or two
- Restaurant shops & public art
- Parks! Community center
- All of it
- More shops
- Bike racks!
- Yes - greater volume of businesses
- A gay and lesbian center

- I think Beacon Hill is already on the right track
- Shops/commercial
  - \_ Restaurants! More shops - local small business, not chains!
  - Food/dining
  - \_ I don't know. If you moved Ballard's commercial district to Beacon Hill, I doubt if I would view it the same. Ballard is a place I visit, Beacon Hill is where I live (it's hard to put into words)
  - \_ Yes but with our own B.H. feel- more culturally diverse businesses, smaller scale, no chain stores
- See above
- Shops, stores
  - \_ Live music venues, small businesses, unique vendors, health food
  - \_ Increased small business retail & service locations, entertainment (live music venues, art spaces) mixed use residential/commercial buildings
- Yes
 

Diversity of business that both attract "good" night life. Houses that are restaurants. Farmer's market - for all the why reasons

  - \_ All of it! Local shops, clean streets, great public art, nice restaurants & casual restaurants. Great variety of businesses (both shops, rests, high tech, etc.)

Farmer's market! Aesthetically pleasing commercial buildings

- Both
- Restaurants (!), shops, drug store
- The neighborhood ctr, bookstore, ice cream
- ?
- It's getting there - more variety of restaurants and stores
- What will be in area where light rail construction currently sits?
  - \_ Farmer's market. Local theater/community arts, better mix of shops etc. open space
- More businesses that will attract a street/pedestrian presence
  - \_ A plaza, fountain, zoccolo, central gathering point like Mexican European cities with grass and trees and benches
- Restaurant with good food and affordable prices
- More restaurants
- Hardware store, fruit market
  - \_ Useful shopping; pharmacy, groceries, shoes, clothes, great restaurants, cafes (private/local owned) low height buildings
  - \_ More restaurants, a theater, low income housing, community center
  - \_ A natural grocer or Red Apple could continue to offer even more organic, free trade ... produce, restaurants, retail stores, cafes
- All of the above!
  - \_ Restaurants, small shops, things that neighborhood would support

### **3. Change is coming to Beacon Hill with the Light Rail**

3a. What can we do to make sure we have a great town center?

- No franchises
- Engage the neighbors in events to participate
- Preserve pedestrian areas & make bike lanes
- Separate car needs from pedestrian needs @ station
- A variety
- Prevent "parking lots" along side street. Make it useful for local people
- Change from transit oriented only to pedestrian friendly design
- We need something like a Fred Meyers & fast food restaurants
- Utilize the facilities, make them open to do so
- Center all project around light rail
- Make it easy for small business owners to move in
- Restaurants! More shops - local, small businesses, not chains!
- Enough funding
- Use it!
- Recruit/court the type of businesses we want/need in the neighborhood
- A true community center, affordable for groups to use for community festivals. music festivals. The library is great but limited by size and hours of operation. The Jeff Comm center is too expensive for rentals. El Centro is also too expensive.
- Design standards, assistance to existing biz

- Support pedestrians & bikes! Encourage people to hang out
- Support pedestrians & cyclists, encourage small business development, address community social needs (education - esl- for example) - Plan appropriately
- Safety regulations, master plan, small business vs. large commercial
- More walkability! More commerce! More aesthetically pleasing building/landscapes!
- Community support and events calendar created by a planning group.
- Good planning encouraging people to use it! We should have markets, booth, festivals that bring ppl out .
- Keep Robert & Freddie in the neighborhood. Wide side walks. Use all tools we have to get the bad properties re-developed before more buildings built.
- Encourage small businesses, pedestrian friendly business area
- Include cross cultural input
- Plant regulate existing and prospective commercial interests.
- Provide some open space & focal point/center. Help store owners & current businesses improve store fronts in strip. Improve bus routes for all Beacon to feed into rail station/town center
- Pancake breakfast! Awesome do it again
- Design review guidelines & review committee w/power
- Someone in charge (from city?) to make things happen
- Affordable stores with good food and prices. Also I would like to have businesses that support the neighborhood.
- Get enough support to get what we would like
- Keep rents low. Add culture center
- Open space and beauty. Good lighting, activities, people present, emergency telephone
- Keep things in the neighborhood with ownership. I don't want chains coming in
- Require new buildings to have an aesthetic value, mixed use buildings
- I think the plans for Lander Sf are a great start
- Neighborhood citizens are involved
- Good security, great bus service, a nice place to meet for everyone/different languages.
- Keep OUT big chain stores!! And small chain stores except Trader Joe's!!!
- Coffee shop, farmer's market, dog friendly
- Make it attractive to local business. Incorporate retail with living
- Have zoning allow more local retail! Shopping within walking distance and around the rail station besides a Starbucks
- Organize parking, create a safe environment so that people are encouraged to use it! Promote our Beacon Hill artists and small businesses
- More socially oriented businesses - cafe's, bookstores, restaurants
- More restaurants and entertainment, large events/festivals
- Work with El Centro to ensure a large open area for community events remains available
- Effective engagement of property owners, developers, and the community
- Invest in the soul of the neighborhood not the commercial success

- Pedestrian + bike oriented streets. Plaza/outdoor seating for cafes, activate public spaces! Attract vibrant market (farmer's market!!)
- Clean, well-kept businesses with a history of profitability and cultural diversity
- Wide sidewalks - friendly to pedestrians
- Encourage small, local businesses, dedicate bike lanes & pedestrian routes.
- Improve bus service/transit
- Include current residents in the planning process
- Improve parking before it gets out of hand - lighting and watch groups to make it safe and clean for everyone
- Don't lose local businesses or current residents. Don't lose old architecture, maintain affordable housing
- Work with the city for friendlier development codes (i.e. - less focus on parking, more [illegible] on alternatives .
- A diversity of destination shops, parks, small cafe's, etc. to draw people
- Have neighborhood input in planning
- Walking ways - easy to get around on foot + bike; bike racks (Always) free parking.
- Making sure we are safe!!! Keep is open/accessible/friendly. Keeping area clean and "green" (flowers/trees/shrubs)
- Safe, flexible, active, vital
- Zoning to support new development with commercial space on ground floor
- Don't build higher than 3 stories. Don't let our town center become a canyon.
- Scale is important
- Hire good designers
- Keep franchises out

3b. What activities would you like to do in our town center/commercial district?

- Sit on a bench in the sun, drink a coffee, read a book, talk to people. Enjoy seasonal flowers.
- Thursday night market & music festival celebration to attract diversity annually i.e. Chinese New Year, Cinco De Mayo. San Luis Obispo has the best year round Thursday night market I've ever been to
- Shop, play, go to library, farmer's market.
- Local fair and events
- Eat, shop
- Have coffee, dinner, parouse shops
- Stop/meet/entertainment
- Gay & lesbian center a health & recreation spot for HIV & AIDS person living with the disease
- Cultural events, neighborhood markets (i.e. Fremont Market)
- Fair/markets/events
- Eat, buy necessities, pedestrian friendly shopping
- Eat - I would like more places to dine.

- Dancing, watch musical performances.
- We need an indoor community space for neighborhood use too. Canopies, portable stage - maybe permanent to look like special event street, sound system & electrical hook ups, community kiosk
- Restaurant (not franchise fast food), boutique for shopping, meeting hall/performance space like Rainier Valley Community center.
- Park, open space, community gathering
- Walk, talk, sit, think, eat, drink, read, buy food.
- Farmer's market, newspaper stand, coffee shop, floral shop, health food store, wine shop, place to sit & read a newspaper, enjoy a cup of coffee - Gym, shops, offices, restaurants, pubs, open space
- Restaurants, theater, grocery shop, cafe, health club, outdoor movie night in summer
- Hang out! Go to happy hour! Have coffee and read magazines! Have dinner out with my neighbors. Buy local/organic. Kid friendly spaces - outdoor hang out areas.
- Fair. Farmers market on weekly basis.
- Farmer's market! It creates community!
- Farmer's market, grocery shopping, eating, meeting people.
- Music, food festivals, artists present, dance hall, farmer's market, market w/fruit/organics, place for community mtgs.
- Shop for used clothes, etc. Art walks, live music, theater, eat in restaurants.
- Another good coffee shop, pizza place, restaurants w/outdoor seating, safer dog park, music festivals, paid parking near train station, more businesses in the area, bookstore, neighborhood, family friendly pub.
- Interesting restaurants (no fast food or McDonalds) hotel that offers less expensive alternative to staying in downtown. Medical center.
- Farmer's market, community festivals. Want to make sure that whatever happens diversity is retained & farmer's market etc. also represent Hispanic and Asian communities as. Don't want another Ballard, Fremont, Columbia City.
- Farmer's market!
- Shop, hear music, walk, festivals
- I am open but would like to see new businesses with restaurants and retail stores.
- Add a neighborhood gathering space
- Concerts, talent shows, farmer's market, community/school gardens
- Eat dinner, see a movie, ride my bike, walk to these activities.
- Grocery shop, eat, hang out, meet friends, anything that would reduce the need to drive somewhere else.
- Art-based like Columbia City.
- Fitness Center
- Street fair - farmer market - a place to learn how to do crafts
- WIFI/ gardens, workshops, public, public garden
- Sit, drink coffee with my family and dog, watch people milling about
- Gym close to town center
- Shop, groceries, pastries, coffee shop, music store, book store, dry cleaning,

toy store

- A local farmer's market (need space!) Summer outdoor film showings, street fair, outdoor seating/tables on Lander St.
- Walk and bike to get groceries, markets, banking
- Day-to-day shopping, meet neighbors, go to the park, go for a walk and see neighbors, eat out, yoga/gym, doctor - Live music, chess games
- Farmer's market
- Bike and walk. Buy local food. Talk to people in the hood. As neighborhoods develop in Seattle they tend to become more insular and isolated. People don't talk to their neighbors, there's no street community. What I like about this neighborhood is the diversity and how friendly the people are. It would be tragic to lose this as Beacon develops and grows.
- Go to farmer's market on my bike, have dinner before/after catching light rail to downtown event. Grab lunch at a place like Paseo's in Fremont.
- Eat
- YMCA
- Stroll and relax, dine, drink coffee, shop, visit library, go to and from public transportation (light rail, bus)
- Yoga, dog obedience, house improvement classes, fitness, children's activities center
- Nearly anything supported by the other members of the Hill
- Walk/bike to businesses/services/recreation
- Farmer's/art market
- Farmer's markets would be awesome. A good greasy spoon or diner. More late-night food and coffee shops.
- Street fairs, farmer's market, festivals
- Farmer's market - theater
- Shop ,& dine
- "?"
- Eat, walk, shop, relax, park active
- Sustainable small gardens - master gardening events presented seasonally-promoting arts shows and classes - connect with the South Beacon Hill/Cleveland H.S. area to promote growth of a town center
- Shop, eat, play, meet neighbors
  
- Shop, eat, hang out, bump into neighbors, go to see music, drink, celebrate
- Farmer's market, music, festivals, arts projects
- More public feeds
- Organic grocery like PCC, private cafe's, restaurant like Malay Satay, farmer's market
- Organic grocery stores, farmer's market

#### **4. Other Comments?**

- Thanks for organizing this process!

- Free wireless service on Lander St Plaza; power for any kind of band, speakers & comm .. input.
  - There is a Bailey Bouche House in Madison Area. It would be nice to have another HIV center for adults.
  - More bike lanes & accessibility from SoDo, other routes
  - Bike lanes
  - While I like the idea of new amenities on the hill, I'm also concerned about what is torn down to build them. While I enjoy the new library and look forward to the light rail station, I think the neighborhood is poorer for the loss of Wells Fargo and the South China restaurant. I'd like to be careful with what we tear down for future development.
  - We need to have city enforcement of the design review guidelines developed through the N.B.H. neighborhood council. \*We need on-street trash cans and trash pickup in the commercial district.
  - Get someone to buy the church bldg at 16th & Forest, convert to restaurant/performance hall, art gallery, etc.
  - Thanks for asking.
  - Very excited!
  - I hope it all works out
  - A "feeling" in the community that I want to be in on a Saturday morning.
  - Improve dog parks and safety of pet walking
  - Great job by B.H. pedestrians. We appreciate the work.
  - Beacon Ave. one way/transit only between McClellan & the intersection
  - When you mailed the flyer about this event it said 9:30 - 1 p. It didn't mention that there were actual speakers at 10 am so we got here late and missed everything important
  - Beacon Hill Community College?
  - Do not want to see mass rezoning outside commercial strip. Do not want old homes torn down & ugly town homes crammed in destroying character and neighborhoods.
  - "Activate side streets" is a bad idea. Arterial is arterial - let it live up to its name. Why congest streets where families and kids play?
  - Suggestion box in library.
  - Maybe BH needs a public development authority or non-profit org to drive preservation & enhancement?
  - Bravo - this is very cool and inspiring.
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- I have lived here all my life and recently I have seen such a dramatic change in the cultural make-up of the neighborhood and I'm sad at what has been lost in the process.
  - I like to walk, BE SAFE, SEE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS in my neighborhood.
  - Have new buildings provide awnings over the sidewalks to promote walkability.
  - Mailing needs to be in different languages
  - Need to maintain affordable housing
  - Beacon Hill needs shops that appeal to a large group of people and are multi-

purpose like City People's and relatively inexpensive food with broad appeal - No giant mall- though! For that we can all go elsewhere; bike paths and pedestrian walks to get people out and create a lively neighborhood

- Nice to have awnings or covered sidewalks in neighborhood center. Dance hall
- like century ballroom
- Covered access from buses to train; covered sidewalks, add code to new construction on Beacon requiring covered sidewalk
- Because the light rail will allow more people to visit Beacon Hill quickly and cheaply we could support a farmer's market/big weekend market (like Fremont/Ballard) the key is to get it in place before light rail opens so that people will visit when they are "trying out" the new light rail. Then they will come back.
- Careful development - do not become the new Ballard
- Free wireless, outdoor theater - Jefferson Park
- I worry that the land up here will get sold to developers who will build condos that don't sell + drive up the cost of living - reduce available affordable housing or that green space will be sacrificed
- I am worried that the light rail will push out low-income renters like myself, and that the bus routes that coincide with light rail will be eliminated and the light rail will cost more. I am also worried that small businesses will be pushed out and replaced with big box stores. I like the current array of small businesses that provide the things I need/want in my neighborhood. Businesses like: ABC Supermarket, MacPherson's, Seattle Supermarket, the number of small, Spanish-speaking tiendas, small restaurants. I would like to see a thrift store, and perhaps a small community theatre, and a farmer's market.
- Keep cheap rental spaces to promote artist and musicians to live or want to play here
- The light rail needs to be affordable; i.e. same price as the bus.
- When holding events likes this, make sure you encourage people to introduce themselves!
- Keep the parking free and stores affordable - not just expensive places to live and eat.
- Saturday farmer's market? Extend commercial zoning all the way to Spokane along Beacon Ave.
- The city needs to provide more services to Beacon Hill - garbage cans and pickup/help for small businesses/support for festivals and farmer's market. We need to push them to do it
- Connecting bike routes

### **What do we want on Beacon Hill?**

- Health Food Store (2 votes)
- Drug Store (3 votes)
- Liquor store (1 vote)
- Bike Shop (3 votes)
- Theatre (7 votes)
- Auditorium (5 votes)

Slower Traffic on Beacon Ave (4 votes)  
Farmer's Market (4 votes)  
Bookstore (5 votes)  
Ice Cream Shop (2 votes)  
- Wider Sidewalks (2 votes) Cafes/Restaurants (4 votes) Boulevard extended (2 votes) Pergula (2 vote)  
Gateways (1 vote)  
Market Arcade/Festivals (4 votes) Pedestrian Lighting (5 votes)  
Clothing Consignment Shop (5 votes) Saloon with outdoor seating (1 vote)  
Rooftop Cafes (5 votes)  
Pet Food Store(3 votes)  
Biodiesel Station (1 vote)  
Music Store (4 votes)  
Music Center - Lessons (3 votes)  
- Affordable Housing (5 votes) Beacon "Beat Walk" (1 vote)  
Professional Businesses - Architects, etc. (4 votes)  
Pedestrian and Bike Connections (4 votes)  
Environmentally Friendly Dry Cleaners (2 votes)  
Gym (3 votes)  
Good breakfast/brunch place (5 votes) Sushi Restaurant (1 vote)

Other  
Trees (1 vote)  
Hardware store (1 vote)  
Trader Joe's (1 vote)

### **Notes from "What do we want on Beacon Hill?" activity**

Design/review comm.  
a Architects  
Land use lawyers  
Non-profit committee  
Community preservation and enhancement  
o Design  
o Design-based review  
o Architecture  
• Arch itects  
• Citizens  
• Professionals  
• Lawyers

Table Discussion Questions:

Neighborhood feeling, single family homes, diversity, convenience to downtown, biking and walking, golf course.  
Columbia City, Georgetown (not as packed)  
Cafes, bookstores, beat walk.

Beat walk, public restrooms (nice ones). Important to preserve open area around station.

Anything but Starbucks, festivals, fast food restaurant, gym, farmers' market, wider, improved sidewalks, speed bump and traffic lights on streets surrounding station.

Walkability of the area

Ethnic mix and influence

Walkability, views, people care

Columbia City, Georgetown, 15th Cap Hill Small scale, live above retail Shop, drink

Open El Centro to South. Open El Centro playground to all Beacon Hill residents.

### **Filip Chart Notes (from sheets posted around the hall)**

Bike/walk trail to connect PAC MED w/ VA Hospital and Mountains to Sound w/Chief Sealth

Farmers' Mkt Sat Morning at Pedestrian Plaza

Spaces built for restaurants/cafes

Beacon Hill PDA

Traffic-calming measures (islands, stop signs, reminders to "yield" to peds/bikes

Retaining affordability

Pizza parlor - kid friendly

Cross-cultural store/community art space

Music and bookstore!

"Bite of Beacon Hill"

Halloween Nite Out/New Year's Eve Night Out

Community-based Design Review Committee - Non-profit

o (Citizens, architects, planners, lawyers Outdoor theater in Jose Rizal Park

Gateway artwork at both ends of Lander Plaza/festival street (arches, Beacon, etc.)'

Now until light rail opens:

o NEW IMAGES on the blue wall depicting Beacon Hill as we envision it (S.E.E.D. in Columbia City has in storage large paintings of bookstore, ice cream shop, etc. that they used when envisioning Columbia City. We could borrow these or make new ones)

Live music venue/beat walk Artists live/work spaces

Trash/recycling cans on the street

Giant chess/mahjong or bocci ball court; "GO"

Lander seating - benches (festival St.)

Free wireless!

Public art - local neighbors Restored "pie factory"

Beacon Hill Pedestrians

Pancake Breakfast Town Center Survey

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Incentives to get people into existing business Parking program (zones)  
Bike repair shop - cheap sales  
Keep the area around the station (btwn 1 ih and Beacon Ave & McLellan & Lander) open after the station opens  
Be sure to address to safety issues around the station ... help us feel safe Make sure there are electrical hookups at the festival street for bands (mikes available)  
Outdoor movies on Festival St.  
Covered bus shelters  
Cheap deli/eat out - no MSG!  
Volunteers for street cleanup  
Be strategic with bike racks  
Use alleyways/ pedestrian pathways thru and between buildings  
Regularly maintained trash cans  
Public game space - specifically cross-cultural  
Keep out chain stores!  
Preserve key elements  
"It's all about getting out ahead of the curve"  
Public restrooms  
Community dances  
Outside sing-a-longs