Skyway West Hill Quarterly Meeting
Oct 16, 2018

Questions asked of attendees:

1. How can our neighborhood grow in a smart, sustainable way?
   i. Need to support young families
      - with affordable housing
   ii. By drawing more businesses to area
   iii. By updating and revising building codes instead of just getting by with existing (outdated codes?);  
   iv. By having inspectors monitor zoning laws with regard to the actual laws instead of only reacting to complaints,  
      when it is too late.
   v. By changing “red tape” mills
   vi. By drawing more focus on the area to business association meetings
   vii. By finding methods to sustain attention on community needs
   viii. Avoid “lip service” responses by elected officials and hold them visible and accountable
   ix. Need to comment on and add to sub-area plan in work
      - rep to be available in person 10/30/18 at SW&S forum
      - online website is also available
   x. Need to develop a tech solution to summarizing / alerting community to land use development
   xi. Encourage King County to find a way to pay for sidewalks across entire community rather than just  
      immediately affected homeowners, i.e., general property tax increase vs. homeowner assessment
   xii. Encourage local ownership of business properties
   xiii. Zoning laws can encourage apartments to face the street rather than inward, which makes for a more  
      inviting property.
   xiv. Develop streetlight policies that make sense. For example, lighting at intersections and more fair funding  
      for them.
   xv. Develop ways for residents to come together and work towards goals to effect change.

2. How can our neighborhood become healthier and more accessible?
   i. By encouraging growth of multiple grocery, pharmacy and other businesses (possible grant funding?)  
      - to provide a vibrant market / business district
      - to encourage better access to health foods
      - along the lines of Renton Innovation Zone
   ii. Offering distilled vs. fluoridated water for infants
   iii. By encouraging the development of walk able sidewalks and funding for corridor improvement  
      - for access to buses
      - to reduce fall hazards
      - to prevent children having to walk on street bed because of no sidewalks
      - to encourage health benefit of walking
iv. Provide school based health care / clinic similar to Rainer Beach Neighborhood Care and Renton HS HealthPoint partnership models
   - include mental health and women’s care needs
   - via Section 8 outreach

v. Develop and provide a community / recreation center for youths and seniors; Community Cafe
   - YMCA, City, County sponsored

vi. Look at ways to provide effective public transportation to / from Creston Point apartments
   - include more frequent bus service along existing routes

vii. Add lighting for currently dark areas of 68th Ave South at bus transfer point

viii. Consider adding a transit hub, Park and Ride or bicycle / car share station along bus routes

ix. Develop a Farmers Market and pocket park / garden in an accessible area

x. Plan, fund and advertise a community run / Volks March

xi. Consider zoning changes to encourage development of a retail business core; grocery, pharmacy, retail outlets

xii. Coordinate development of a Valley Medical Clinic (or other sponsor) for routine and urgent care

xiii. Develop a plaza / (pocket?) park that is visible, lighted and accessible in coordination with a community center and farmers market / produce stand
   - Vicinity of Nevzat’s (sp) skate park

xiv. Plan fund and advertise a food truck rodeo

xv. Activate outdoor spaces; events, youth sports

xvi. Have bus transportation directly to the light rail station. Also, have KC Metro develop more efficient scheduling of buses in the area.

xvii. Find a way to repair sidewalks AND keep trees alive. Or at least replace them when they are cut down.

xviii. Get involved in a free tree program like the one that the City of Seattle is participating in.

xix. Make it easier for residents to buy locally

xx. Find ways to draw businesses that will make a more vibrant business district.

3. How can our neighborhood ensure everyone feels safe?

i. Appropriate more funding and hire additional deputy(s)

ii. Focus cannabis sales taxes to benefit the local community

iii. Encourage elected officials serving the area to attend community meetings; and dedicate an advocate for area
   - community forum Oct 30, place? time?

iv. Improve lighting in public places and along local streets

v. Develop systems to keep local politicians active and involved at times other than elections.

vi. Enforce existing drug laws to target and reduce sale and related illegal activity

vii. Add lighting in local parks to improve safety
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viii. clear away wooded / brushy areas

ix. target and enforce speed limits on local streets
   - especially use of multi turn lanes on Renton Ave being used as passing lanes where street reduces from
two to one lane
   - target zoning issues with regard to junk / abandoned cars
   - add flashing speed limit signs on impacted roads

x. encourage development of more block watches, community advocates

xi. provide additional mobile alert / community communication systems

xii. Become incorporated with KC or Renton.

4. How can our neighborhood feel friendlier and more inclusive?

i. provide language translations at public signage and handouts;

ii. fund, encourage and advertise National Night parties to foster greater engagement within community
   - special effort to reach out to Creston Point, Greentree and Taylor Creek apartments
   - special effort to reach out to immigrant communities; Somali Family Club, Newbirth Church

iii. fund, encourage and advertise a parade that reaches out to Rainier Beach, Renton, Tukwila, Lakeridge, Bryn
    Mawr, Campbell Hill and Beacon Hill neighborhoods

iv. fund, encourage and advertise a community party at the local VFW Post

v. fund, encourage and advertise a “Trick or Trunk” Halloween party

vi. fund, encourage and advertise a community “Bowl – A Thon” event

vii. reach out to local churches; eg, Skyway Methodist, for offers of building use for community events

viii. advertise business association meeting 3rd Tuesday each month at local VFW Post, (9:00 AM)

ix. advertise availability of tool lending library at Skyway Water and Sewer office

x. advertise availability of tool repair shop in strip mall along north side Renton Avenue between 75th and 76th Avenue South