

Flipchart Notes from 12/1/09 NPAC Meeting

Round-Robin (Selection & Criteria)

- Can NPAC open up other neighborhoods for nominations beyond the seven already proposed?
- Selecting neighborhoods at the 12/1 meeting feels like picking by whimsy – NPAC lacks data about these neighborhoods to make a decision
- Abbreviated criteria – who can or wants to do this?
- It seems to be clear that the City thinks the next 2 neighborhoods should be transit-oriented
- 2 (Columbia City and Rainier Beach) are on LINK and have attention already
 - For geographic diversity West Seattle Junction, Ballard, and Aurora/Licton Springs are higher than Capitol Hill
- Representatives for some of the seven neighborhoods are not at the table – West Seattle versus Junction – should add Westwood/High Point
- Rainier Beach has expressed interest – lots of development is occurring, and the neighborhood representatives are not quite united because of the community's diversity. But if a good planning process doesn't happen now – it will be a free for all
- Columbia City doesn't sound enthusiastic; Rainier Beach and University District sound like better options
- West Seattle Junction is not ready – focus groups not close to buy-in. External pressure in West Seattle Junction might not be a major trigger.
- University District does not want to do an update in 2010 – stewardship group not ready
- Concerns about Subcommittee report criteria: #3 criteria – disagree; #7 & #8 criteria should not be criteria
- We should have input from the individual suggested areas
- Concerns about Subcommittee report criteria: #2 & #4 criteria seem redundant – should they be combined?
- Would like representatives here for more information about the neighborhoods
- Aurora/Licton Springs is excited to pursue a plan update and Rainier Beach sounds ready based on NPAC member comments
- Criteria – high- unanticipated change that could have significant impact
- Could neighborhood planning be a tool for community building – might be a criteria
- Ballard asked 1.5 years ago to start neighborhood planning. Concern is that if it pursued an update in 2010, it would be under the old administration's budget and philosophy
 - Similar situation with Capitol Hill.
- Not applying the full criteria to the 2010 selection process.
- How does one measure willingness to participate?
- Race & Social Justice – in the south end it could foster a new sense of involvement (with attention to lessons learned).
- Need to hear from people in these neighborhoods
- Capitol Hill – have heard people are ready for this. Development pressure has created a need to prepare. Not sure if the “wait for a new administration” is relevant. Vote for Ballard and Capitol Hill.
- Unanticipated changes that affect the neighborhoods should be in the introduction
- #1 needs clarification especially to unanticipated change.
- Ballard would want to know the new mayor's approach to neighborhood planning (January 15 is when the mayor has been asked to present his plan to City Council).
- Voting, then criteria doesn't make sense to match the neighborhoods to our suggestions about criteria because we're talking about more than transit.

- It sounds like Columbia City is not interested.
- Can the City provide its criteria used for the three neighborhoods that it recommended for 2010?