

Lake City urban design advisory group

Meeting 3 ~ April 9, 2014

Lake City Community Center

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Meeting Notes

Advisory Group Member Introductions (see end of document for list of members present/absent)

Welcome & summary of previous meeting

Brian D. Scott reviewed how the urban design work fits in with the commercial revitalization plan (OIS grant) and multimodal corridor study that will also begin this year. He identified a tentative structure for working groups that will lead these efforts. He reviewed ground rules and responsibilities for the advisory group.

There was a robust discussion about how to project principles and the strengths, challenges, and opportunities in downtown Lake City, which were revised as follows.

Revised project principles

- Encourage a diversity of businesses and employers
- Grow at a human-scale that reinforces Lake City's unique sense of place and character
- Encourage development that enhances the public realm, increases open space, and enhance natural features
- Improve sidewalks and pedestrian connections within the Civic Core, and to public schools and parks
- Build on existing transit service and identify opportunities for new facilities that make it easier for people to ride transit and bicycles
- Provide housing for our diverse population
- Improve access to services and activities that nurture healthy, vital communities
- Capitalize on the Thornton Creek watershed

Revised strengths, challenges, opportunities

- Need support for existing businesses and attraction of new businesses through improved perceptions of public safety, development of prominent retail spaces, and events that support Lake City's residents and draw people to the neighborhood and make them want to stay.
- Capitalize on access to fiber optic capacity.
- Preserve and enhance the mid-century and somewhat more green character of the neighborhood.
- Protect the tree canopy and expand green connections throughout the neighborhood.
- Prioritize east-west pedestrian connections between residential uses, schools, parks, and other civic places, especially across Lake City Way.
- Increase housing supply for households at all income levels.
- Enhance connections between service providers, business owners, and residents to improve awareness of and support for the services for people who live in Lake City, especially children.

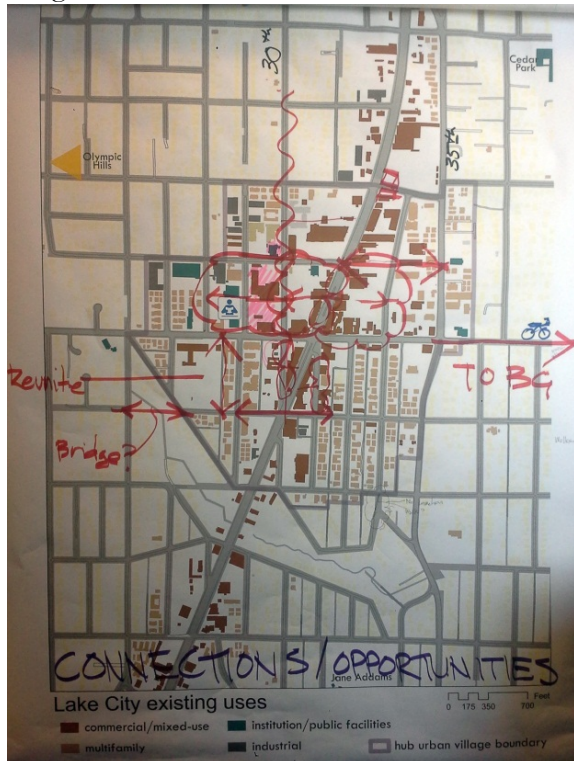
- Protect the natural character of the creek, restore the watershed where possible, and enhance connections to places where people can access the watershed.

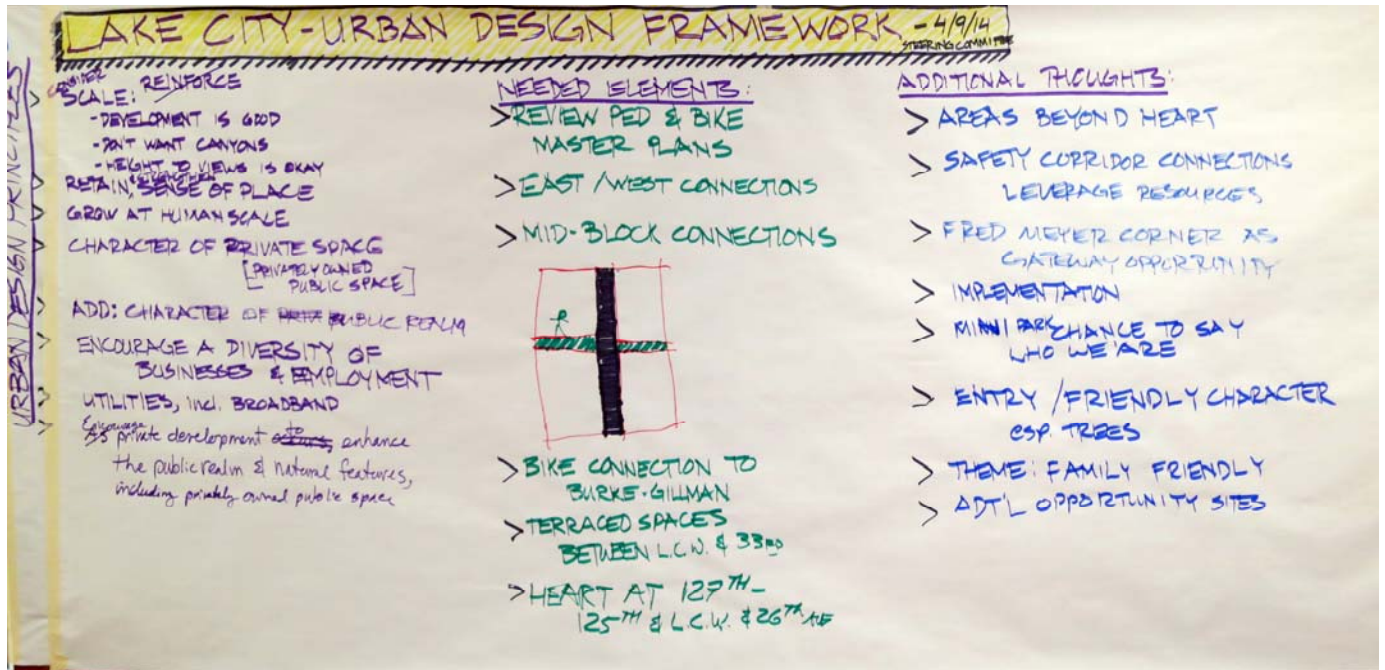
Existing Conditions in Downtown Lake City

Katie briefly described the existing conditions as illustrated on pages 9 through 13 of presentation.

Vision for the business district's pedestrian system and public realm

Lyle described the pedestrian system and public realm within downtown Lake City and lead a discussion about gateways, harts, and edges; and connections/opportunities as illustrated in the images below.





Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Advisory Group Purpose

The Lake City urban design advisory group is composed of people throughout the North Neighborhoods who will meet throughout 2014. Members of the group will work together to provide ideas and recommendations to:

- (1) The Lake City commercial revitalization steering committee and
- (2) The City regarding future development, particularly on commercial land in-and around the urban village.

Group members will also reach out and collect ideas from people throughout Lake City and the North Neighborhoods.

Advisory Group Members Present

Marty Curry, UW faculty leading student/community design studies for the Pierre family, Lake City neighbor

Mariela Fletcher, North Seattle Chamber of Commerce (Board Member), Cedar Park / Meadowbrook resident

Dan Hickey, resident Victory Heights/Pinehurst (aka Victoryhurst), LCNA, parent

Colie Hough-Beck, Seattle Planning Commission, Landscape Architect & Urban Designer/Planner

*Danielle Loeding, Olympic Hills Neighborhood Council (Chair), Olympic Hills Elementary School
SDAT team*

Dave Morris, Lake City resident, LCNA, business owner, Douglas Park Cooperative

*Tim Motzer, LCNA, South Cedar Park Good Neighbors Association, North District Council, Lake City
Neighbors for Environmental Justice, Friends of the Conservatory, resident since 1981*

Eddie Plana, UW student visioning work, Lake City Greenways, Lake City neighbor (Shoreline)

*Ray Robinson, resident (Olympic Hills / Victory Heights), small business owner, consultant for
original neighborhood plan*

Phillip Shack, 20-year Lake City resident & 10-year Cedar Park resident

Sarajane Siegfriedt, Lake City resident since 1997 and housing advocate

Annie Stocker, resident (Olympic Hills / Victory Heights), small business owner (Two Dog Yoga)

Amber Trout, North Seattle Family Center & UW CBE PhD candidate

Mark vonWalter, 28-year Cedar Park resident, LCNA member, retired architect

Advisory Group Members Absent

Mark Mendez, Lake City resident, LCNA member, 35-year resident, Youth Trainer at Goodwill

Don Moody, Pierre family representative