

Public Comment on

Crossroads Neighborhood Area Plan Update

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From: [Karrie Murphy](#)
To: [Brod, Brooke](#); [Deuling, Teun](#)
Subject: Re: What Did Community Members Have to Say About Crossroads?
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:55:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Thank you Brooke I will not be able to make that meeting. One of my biggest concerns is having out of country wealth come in and buy up homes for cash and turning them into rentals.!!

I think the Bellevue police are doing a wonderful job patrolling, keeping people safe, busting, drug rings, and helping those in need that are seeking medical attention for addiction

Thank you for what you're doing in the city

Karrie Murphy

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From: Brod, Brooke <BBrod@bellevuewa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:25:03 AM
To: Deuling, Teun <TDeuling@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: What Did Community Members Have to Say About Crossroads?

Hello,

It's Brooke from the City of Bellevue's neighborhood area planning team. As part of the Great Neighborhoods program, City Council initiated an update to the Crossroads neighborhood area plan in September, 2024. Since then, the planning team has heard from **over 300** people. Community members shared what they love about Crossroads (its diversity) and opportunities for enhancing livability (more walkability).

People have said a lot more during the Discover phase of engagement, and the planning team has scheduled a **Project Update** where they will review what was learned, share the draft Vision statement and initial policy ideas, plus give a preview of what's coming next including future opportunities for involvement.

Community members are invited to attend this virtual meeting to learn more, ask questions, and provide feedback on the draft so far.

- **Date:** Thursday, February 13
- **Time:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom

To Join Via Computer

Meeting Link: www.zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 813 0873 4658

Passcode: 554928

To Join Via Phone

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Meeting ID: 813 0873 4658

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If you have any questions about this event or the neighborhood area planning process, feel free to reach out.



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From: [Deuling, Teun](#)
To: [John](#)
Subject: RE: The Future of my Neighborhood
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:49:00 PM

Thank you for sharing your comments, John.

I will make sure these get passed along to fellow City staff currently working on an updated economic development strategy plan for Bellevue.

The update was launched by City Council in late 2024. Bellevue residents and businesses will have chances to share their thoughts and ideas throughout the process, which will continue until mid-2025. The final version of the plan will be presented to the City Council by the end of 2025.

Best,
Teun

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From: John <amalgammail@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Deuling, Teun <TDeuling@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: The Future of my Neighborhood

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I do construction for a living, so for me, the best analogy of your position would be someone speculating on building a new housing development, but they want to build it in broken foundations. I understand the need for direction in growth, but until some of these fundamental issues are addressed, any future development is inherently compromised. There's also the issue of the absolute dependence upon just a couple of large tech companies. There is nothing being done to protect and future proof this community against a major change with one of these large firms. A simple change in policy concerning work visas or a decision to relocate their base of operations would currently devastate this community. We have destroyed all the diverse employment that used to be available in this neighborhood. If the tech immigrant population relocated, all

the stores, restaurants, and other businesses that exclusively support this immigrant population would close up shop overnight leaving this area impoverished and devastated. This not only gives these big companies undo bargaining power, but it threatens the security of all of the long term residents that have worked all their lives buying their houses, improving their neighborhoods, and shaping their community into something to be proud of. One shift in policy could change this area into the next C.I.D. Policies need to be set in place to protect the tax paying citizens against such a potential collapse. For example: for every two indian restaurants built you have to build a burger joint or something else with diversity. Letting these large corporations dictate the shape of our neighborhoods is a very risky way to move forward. As it stands, it seems clear that these big companies have a much greater influence on the future of this community than you will ever have.

John Berger

On Wed, Jan 29, 2025, 3:42 PM Deuling, Teun <TDeuling@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Hello John,

Thank you for your response and sharing your comments.

I wanted to share more detail on what the neighborhood area planning process entails. The Crossroads neighborhood area plan that is being developed with the community is a long-range policy plan. This type of plan does not identify short-term improvements but serves as a guide for decision-making over a longer period, reflective of the community's vision and shared values. The plan will describe what the city wants to achieve (goals) but does not spell out exactly how to do it (implementation).

I understand you're concerned about tree retention in your neighborhood. A Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to better support citywide tree canopy goals was adopted by City Council last summer. The LUCA amended code provisions related to tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection. More information about these code changes is available here: <https://bellevuewa.gov/tree-code-update>.

The concerns you raised mostly relate to the city's street maintenance and are beyond the scope of our long-range planning work. As I mentioned, if you would like me to, I can share additional resources and information on street maintenance and other current city projects with you.

Best,

Teun

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From: John <amalgammail@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Deuling, Teun <TDeuling@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: The Future of my Neighborhood

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I appreciate you getting back to me yet it hasn't altered my opinion that everything you do is basically compiling a "wish list" of projects that are all subject to alteration or cancelation dependent upon changing administrations, budget, and policy or even technological changes. Meanwhile the city has allowed the neighborhood north of us on 15 ct. to cut down every single large or legacy tree! This neighborhood is primarily occupied by tech immigrants (by their own admission) here on a ten year plan. They have removed these trees, not for safety issues, but because they simply don't want to be bothered with the maintenance associated with having a large tree on their property. This greater area is attractive and maintains its charm because of the trees. The damage that they have done will last decades after these folks have returned to their native countries! Thank God the good people of my Neighborhood banded together decades ago and pooled their resources to "purchase to protect" and forced the establishment of greenbelt areas, because these are the only trees left that haven't been decimated. Once again, good people in my neighborhood made the difference, not incompetent government officials whose only concern is more money taken in from permits! We've seen the same policies applied when it comes to building permits as well. Absolutely no regard for quality, neighborhood impact, or even simple esthetics, just an insatiable desire for more permit money! How is this money benefiting us? Our street has needed to be resurfaced for more than a decade. All the trees that the city is responsible for are becoming unhealthy and have needed trimming and attention for years. We have kept up with our civic responsibilities while the city lags woefully behind. I have heard nothing to change my feelings that we are better fending for ourselves than see money that could be used to solve some of these issues being wasted on "pipe dreams." John Berger

On Thu, Jan 23, 2025, 4:12 PM Deuling, Teun <TDeuling@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:
Hello John,

Your comments were included as a part of the public comments that have been

submitted during the process to date and are published on our webpage, accessible [here](#).

Street maintenance is an issue that also came up during the November meeting I had with your neighbors living on NE 13th Place.

I have been in regular contact with the neighbors' group since to answer their questions and share resources, including on street maintenance and other topics that are not part of the scope of the Great Neighborhoods program. I also shared information about the City's 148th Avenue NE Beautification project that might be of interest to you.

If you would like me to, I can share the same resources and information with you.

Best,

Teun

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It has been nearly two months since I sent your department and those associated with it an email. Since then not one of you spineless tools had had the integrity to respond! This fully confirms my suspicions of the absolute waste of tax payer dollars supporting your positions. My hope is that in this new era of fiscal responsibility your pointless jobs will be the first eliminated. Be assured I will be sending this suggestion and my notes to those empowered with making these decisions. To conclude, my Neighborhood would be much better off without your involvement. Sincerely, John Berger

On Thu, Nov 28, 2024, 2:49 PM John <amalgammail@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is John Berger and my family has lived on 13th pl. here in Bellevue for better than 50 years. I didn't attend your meeting at the Hilberts house the other night because, frankly, I'm so disgusted with the mismanagement of the area that I have seen over the years (especially since Covid) that I am now turning my thoughts to moving very far away. Let me give you just one example - 148th. When they expanded 148th from 2 lanes to 4, the city made the community a promise that it would be kept well maintained and attractive. There were also commitments made to preserve certain natural features in the landscape. This has not been the case, especially since Covid. We used to have our street cleaned about once a month along with 148th, now it only happens if multiple neighbors call and beg for the service. When they do clean 148th, there isn't any coordination between them and the subcontractors that are supposed to clean the walkways, so that as soon as the wind blows it cancels their efforts out. Speaking of these subcontractors, the quality of their work is deplorable. They used to pick up all the debris regularly. That is no longer the case. Now they simply push the majority into the beds, choking off the nice plantings and eventually killing them. At which point they are just left in the ground as an eyesore. I live next to a street drain and in 50 years it never flooded, until this year. I have flooded 4 times this year and every time it has been with debris pushed down from 148th. I clean my drainage. I maintain my entire streets drainage and I have no problem with that because I like my neighbors and neighborhood, but when I have my possessions ruined from flooding directly caused by the city's negligence, it absolutely infuriates me! In case you didn't pick up on it, one of the other many issues is that none of the plants that have died (or been killed) are being replaced. There is also the problem with English Ivy. This is an invasive species that the city planted in the center medians when they expanded the avenue. Since then it has infiltrated into every property, backyard and greenbelt for most of the avenue's length! In the three decades that this has been a problem, the city has made absolutely no effort to provide eradication or collaring teams, or any kind of assistance to the homeowners who are left with the responsibility of dealing with this issue. The city's policy is to ignore it. If you don't believe me you can see for yourself. Just north of 16th on the west side of 148th there is a ivy choked tree on city property that has fallen over, taken out part of a fence, and is currently hanging over the sidewalk endangering public safety and the city has done nothing. This may be because they no longer do the regular tree maintenance that they used to do. This inaction largely contributes to the enormous amount of debris we have every time the wind blows. Speaking of debris, I want to address one of the Most Infuriating issues, and that is the fact that not one of these agencies or contractors is obligated to pick up trash! There are old signs, car parts and other assorted garbage that has been in our planter beds for over a year! No one has any accountability. We were promised that the large Redwood between 15th ct. and 16th would be protected. It is

not. The base is being so aggressively choked off that it is forcing the tree to grow in an unnatural square shape. The sidewalk that butts up to it is so damaged it's almost impassable for anyone with impairment, and has been for years! You have now decided to adopt the same soft approach policies for dealing with the homeless camping in public spaces that failed in Seattle and Burien making removing them from our parks a long and arduous process, when the police used to be able to do it in minutes. Because the city decided to make the expansion to 405 a private highway for the rich (that the majority of people can't afford), 148th has to accommodate way more traffic than was ever initially considered. If I want to leave my house around 2:00pm, it can take a half hour just to get to the U-turn! This is ridiculous! These are all examples of the failings of the city for the management of just one small piece of roadway, how can I possibly be expected to have any faith that you will do a better job with more responsibility! If you want to impress me, first make the city honor the commitments that they have already made! Sincerely, John Berger

From: [Brod, Brooke](#)
To: [Andrea Kline](#)
Cc: [Deuling, Teun](#)
Subject: RE: Crossroads Neighborhood Planning Event this Saturday
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:41:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Andrea,

Thanks for sending these notes on. Please let us know about any potential March or first week of April dates that might work for Silver Glen.



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"It's better to know some of the questions, than all of the answers"
- James Thurber

From: Andrea Kline <andreamimona@gmail.com>
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To: Brod, Brooke <BBrod@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: Crossroads Neighborhood Planning Event this Saturday

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Brooke,

I will look for dates. In the mean time I had a discussion with some of the residents yesterday. The hot button issues for improvement still seem to be :

- 1)evaluation of the intersection of 152 Ave NE and BelRed with regard to vehicular traffic, pedestrian crossing, and bus shelter
 - 2)improvement of the empty lot owned by the school district between Silver Glen and Chevy Chase
 - 3)Electric vehicle shuttle to Crossroads Mall and LINK station
- Sent from my iPad
Andrea

On Mar 10, 2025, at 2:58 PM, Brod, Brooke <BBrod@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrea,

That sounds great. If you have some options for dates in later March, let us know so we can set some time aside on the calendar.

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"It's better to know some of the questions, than all of the answers"
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From: Andrea Kline <andreamon@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 2:52 PM

To: Brod, Brooke <BBrod@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Re: Crossroads Neighborhood Planning Event this Saturday

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Brooke,

I have printed copies of this for the community bulletin board in the 3 buildings. I will also see if I can get an email sent out. It would be great to have you come back. I can usually do a better job of getting participation for events that are on our campus.

I will attend Saturday. I wanted to catch the one at Highland but had other commitments that day.

Andrea

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 10, 2025, at 12:46 PM, Brod, Brooke

<BBrod@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Help the City of Bellevue plan for great public spaces!

When you're out walking in the neighborhood, running errands, catching a bus do you see things that could be improved? The City of Bellevue wants to hear from **you**. During the month of March the Great Neighborhoods planning team will be hosting a

series of events where people will get an opportunity to participate in neighborhood walks and hands-on activities to help identify ways to make streets, trails, and public space more attractive, accessible, safe, and fun. Residents of Silver Glen are encouraged to attend.

Neighborhood Workshop

Sat., March 15 | 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Crossroads Community Center (16000 NE 10th St)

Neighborhood Walk

Thurs., March 27 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Bellevue Aquatic Center (601 143rd Ave NE)

These are all drop-in events; people can come at any time, no registration required. With family-friendly and accessible activities for kids and adults, people of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend.

From: [Andrea Kline](#)
To: [Brod, Brooke](#)
Cc: [Deuling, Teun](#)
Subject: The School District lot
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 11:59:58 AM

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Brooke,

I was walking yesterday and want to give you a few examples of why the lot under School board jurisdiction is not helping to create a positive neighborhood. Don't think beer cans and dead microwaves are what your team is hoping for.

Andrea





Sent from my iPhone