

**Public Comment on**  
**Newport Neighborhood Area Plan**  
**Update**

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April 9, 2025 to June 11, 2025

*Note: Notice of Application published January 9, 2025*

**From:** [Brod, Brooke](#)  
**To:** [pamela johnston](#)  
**Cc:** [Johnson, Thara](#); [Deuling, Teun](#)  
**Subject:** RE: outreach for great neighborhoods,  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:46:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks for sharing this comment, Pam. I will make sure it's part of our record.



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**From:** pamela johnston <pamjjo@msn.com>  
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Consider NEP vote

from NEP website

Three new capital improvement projects will be funded from the \$439,000 Crossroads allotted budget, thanks to the 383 ballots that were returned by residents

Two new capital improvement projects will be funded from the \$282,000 Newport allotted budget, thanks to the 498 ballots that were returned:

— *pamela johnston.*

**425-200-2224**

**From:** [Ann Brashear](#)  
**To:** [Nesse, Katherine](#)  
**Cc:** [Deuling, Teun](#); [Brod, Brooke](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Newport Area Plan draft  
**Date:** Friday, June 6, 2025 3:37:52 PM

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Yes, thank you, Kate. Hope you all have a restful weekend.

A.

On Jun 6, 2025 3:14 PM, "Nesse, Katherine" <KNesse@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Ann,

I don't have a clean copy of the track changes. I can tell you how your comments were addressed and I have attached the public review copy and the copy that Planning Commission is reviewing. Using the policy numbers in the Planning Commission review copy, here is how your comments were addressed.

1. Many residents specifically requested a community center.
2.
  - a. NP-15 – “, such as community center, daycare or senior center” was added following “community serving uses”
  - b. Note that internal review flagged the need for a “resilience hub” – a facility to support residents in the event of an emergency – and a policy was added to support the development of such a facility (S-NP-14). This is not the same thing as a community center but could be related.
3. Economic development is not adequately addressed
4.
  - a. Policies that fell under the “economics” section in the Newport Hills Subarea Plan are now in the Neighborhood Center section. Those two policies are relatively similar S-NH-25 is now S-NP-7 and S-NH-26 is now S-NP-9. In addition, there are more policies about the character of the public space in the neighborhood center.
  - b. Another policy was added since the public review copy was released – S-NP-10 – to encourage the retention of existing businesses.
5. Land Use is not adequately addressed.
6.
  - a. Most of the policies in the Land Use section of the Newport Hills plan were focused on the future of the West Ravine (now Woodlawn Park). S-NP-8 was incorporated into S-NP-6 to address the retention of trees and a forested environment.
  - b. While the land use map is in Volume 1, many land use related policies are now in the Neighborhood Identity section of the Newport Neighborhood Plan.
7. Retain policies on community engagement
8.
  - a. The city's approach to community engagement was updated with more detail on the process in the Community Engagement element of the Comprehensive Plan. Since the approach is guided by this element for all neighborhood plan updates, the policies

from the Newport Hills Plan (S-NH-1 and S-NH-2) were not retained in the update.

I hope that is helpful!

Kate

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**Subject:** FW: Newport Area Plan draft

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hi, haven't heard from Kate about this so trying again – if a draft showing the changes can be provided, please do it today? If I don't get it till Monday it won't be much help in getting comments to the Planning Commission for Tuesday's meeting

thanks as always

Ann B

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**Subject:** Newport Area Plan draft

hi all, thanks for the meeting last night

Kate, would it be possible to share a version of the draft policies that shows the changes made between the initial draft the public saw and the draft that's now gone to the Planning Commission? I know all the narrative text is new, but it would be helpful to see what you changed in the policies in response to the feedback you got. I did not save a copy of the initial draft so I can't do it myself.

thanks

Ann B

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Hi all:

I believe this is the same issue noted by Sue Baugh in Newport NAP comments from Jan 9- April \_\_\_\_, 2025. Seems like it's ongoing.

- Heidi Dean

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On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 1:46 PM, Brod, Brooke  
<BBrod@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Hmmm...That's interesting. I did test all the links before sending out the email to make sure they were correct and working.

It could be an issue with the Engaging Bellevue site. I'll see if I can figure out what is happening.



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**Subject:** RE: Newport Neighborhood Area Plan Goes to Planning Commission

hi Brooke, I did get this (thanks) – FYI the link to Phases 2 & 3 Engagement Report doesn't work in the email (not supported, download doesn't happen). I was able to download it at the Engaging Bellevue – Newport page.

Ann B



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## Documents & Resources

The file "D. Engagement Report Phase 2 (Define) and Phase 3 (Refine).pdf" will begin downloading in a few seconds.

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### Draft Newport Neighborhood Plan Goes to PC

Since launching last fall, the Great Neighborhoods planning team has heard from hundreds of community members about what makes Newport unique how the city can enhance opportunities to gather, improve connectivity, and make public spaces inviting. You can read about the most recent round of input in the [Phases 2 & 3 Engagement Report](#).

The input received has been carefully considered and incorporated into a draft of an updated [neighborhood area plan](#).

updated [neighborhood area plan](#)  
**Wed, June 11 | 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission Study Session**  
 The Planning Commission will begin their review of the draft neighborhood area plan with a study session: **Please note the time change for next week's meeting.** Community members can provide input at the beginning of the meeting either in-person or virtually. Feedback can also be provided in writing ahead of the meeting. For more information on how to sign-up to give testimony visit the [Planning Commission webpage](#).  
 The planning team thanks everyone who participated for their thoughtful comments and engagement with this effort



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