

Public Comment on

# Newport Neighborhood Area Plan Update

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June 12, 2025 to July 20, 2025

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

## Nesse, Katherine

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**From:** Brod, Brooke  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:16 PM  
**To:** Nesse, Katherine  
**Subject:** FW: Newport Neighborhood Area Plan Goes to Planning Commission



**Brooke Brod** (she/her)

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

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**From:** PTR <[ptrehder@4rehder.net](mailto:ptrehder@4rehder.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:21 PM  
**To:** Brod, Brooke <[BBrod@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BBrod@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Newport Neighborhood Area Plan Goes to Planning Commission

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Brooke,  
Wow, I did not read the whole article, but this was so nicely written and thoughtfully done. I tell people often about where I live, a "city in a park." I love that I get to have a say in my community planning and that you over there in the seats of "control" (right?) take us into consideration.  
Thank you for sharing,  
Pamela Rehder-Newport Hills resident

On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 8:44 AM Brooke Brod <[bbrod@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bbrod@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

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## Draft Newport Neighborhood Plan Goes to PC

Planning Commission to hold study session on Wed, June 11

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](#).

### 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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*Pamela Rehder*



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**Fwd: Thoughts on the Newport Neighborhood Plan**

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**From** Council Inquiry <council-inquiry@bellevuewa.gov>

**Date** Mon 7/14/2025 11:45 AM

**To** Johnson, Thara <TMJohnson@bellevuewa.gov>; Nesse, Katherine <KNesse@bellevuewa.gov>

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Sent as FYI. No response needed. Please forward to the team working on this.

Thanks,

Kristin Gulledge

On Fri, 20 Jun at 8:00 AM , Sannamkhulan <sannamkhulan@gmail.com> wrote:

**From:** Sanna Khulan <sannamkhulan@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2025 8:13 PM

**To:** Council Office <CouncilOffice@bellevuewa.gov>

**Subject:** Thoughts on the Newport Neighborhood Plan

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Good Evening Bellevue City Council,

My name is Sanna and I'm a Bellevue High School graduate who lives in Bellevue. I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to ask people in the community what they think about the future of our neighborhoods. I read the Discover Phase report for Newport and thought it was really cool how you actually listened to what people had to say and included their ideas.

As someone who walks a lot, I especially loved that people brought up the Powerline Trail and how important it is. I use it sometimes and totally get why people feel safe and connected on it. It's peaceful and makes you feel like you're in nature, even though you're still in the city. I think making trails like that more accessible—and maybe even adding more of them—would make a big difference for a lot of us, especially teens who don't drive yet.

I also liked how people talked about wanting better gathering spaces. Places like the Newport Hills Shopping Center could be so fun and community-oriented if they were cleaned up a bit or had more stuff like a coffee shop or hangout spots. It would be nice to have a place where people of all ages could go to just relax, meet up, or study.

Overall, I really appreciate how thoughtful the city is being with this plan. It makes me feel like our voices actually matter and that there's a future here that's being built with all of us in mind. Thanks again for working on this and for letting people like me share what we think.

Sincerely,

Sanna

Bellevue, WA