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# Newport Neighborhood Area Plan Update

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## Nesse, Katherine

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**From:** Brod, Brooke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** jane lanford; Nesse, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Newport Neighborhood Plan

Hello Jane,

Thank you for reaching out. I can make sure you are added to the email list to receive updates and invitations to future events. We have completed the first phase of engagement last fall and are currently processing input. We expect to have our next event sometime in February to share what we learned and get feedback on some initial policy ideas that came out of the first phase of engagement. There will also be additional opportunities during the Spring.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.



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

*- James Thurber*

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**Subject:** Newport Neighborhood Plan

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Hello -

If I have done my research correctly, I think you are the appropriate contacts handling the early stages of any Newport Hills neighborhood plans and/or redevelopment plans for the commercial area in Newport Hills.

If so, I would like to be added to the interested persons list for meetings and updates. I think I have registered accurately on the city website, but also wanted to reach out directly.

I live in Newport Hills and work across the entire Bellevue market so will find it informative and important to be included in the future discussions.

Thanks for confirming I have reached the right team.

Best,

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## Nesse, Katherine

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**From:** Nesse, Katherine  
**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2025 7:47 AM  
**To:** Ann Brashear; Brod, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: Great Neighborhoods - Newport - feedback

Thanks, Ann. I will make sure this is included.

Kate

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**From:** Ann Brashear <[abrashear@comcast.net](mailto:abrashear@comcast.net)>  
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thought of another “pin” and the map won’t take it (keeps telling me I need to sign in even though I \*am\* signed in, I assume because you’ve turned it off at this point)

we have that pocket park at the top of SE 60<sup>th</sup> – it used to have a bench, but PSE pulled the bench out when doing a big project up there and never put it back. Suggestion for improvement – that “park” is a real nothing now, just an empty space that most of the neighborhood doesn’t even know about. Definitely please put some benches in there. What about a little stage backdrop in one corner, for singalongs and stuff? Would it be possible to add power?

## Nesse, Katherine

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**From:** sue.baugh@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2025 4:36 PM  
**To:** Brod, Brooke; 'Deborah Duitch'  
**Cc:** Nesse, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Scans

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Hi, Brooke- I appreciate your sending the follow up email with the neighborhood scan available to access within the document. Because the time is short before it is due to the city, I planned to simply forward your email with the embedded document to Lake Heights's residents. I try to test anything that requires accessing embedded documents before I send them to assure the document comes up. Unfortunately, I was unable to access the document on Bellevue's website, maybe because I was trying to access it from a forwarded document. Bottom line...I use a computer all the time but I'm not a tech master nor did I need to be a techno geek in my previous work. I'm sorry, but I can't get this form to LH residents. If Kate will bring a few of these forms to our meeting on Thursday, that would be great. If there are people willing to provide comments, I will have them bring me their comments, and I'll bring them to you by the deadline.

BTW- As ubiquitous as QR Codes are, they are a pain to use and access to every QR code seems to be different. Bellevue has a significant number of older residents and/or those not super familiar with tech related things which result in your getting opinions and comments only from younger, computer savvy respondents. Bellevue may want to consider getting a group of older "tester" to try out forms Bellevue plans to send to Bellevue residents.

I appreciate your efforts to include us in the process. Thanks. Sue

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**From:** Brod, Brooke <BBrod@bellevuewa.gov>  
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**Cc:** Nesse, Katherine <KNesse@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Scans

Hello Sue and Deborah,

We had planned to provide you with some copies of the neighborhood scan exercise tonight at the Planning Commission meeting, but in an abundance of caution City Hall is closing at 5 p.m. and the Planning Commission meeting is cancelled.

As of now, we're still planning on being in Newport tomorrow for our pop-up. I could bring copies of the scans to you then.



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