

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning

Open Space Committee – Meeting #2

February 8, 2023

AGENDA

- Introductions
- McKinley Neighborhood Planning Updates
- McKinley Overlook - Enhancement Concepts
- Next Steps



INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Connection to McKinley
- What's your favorite spring flower or flowering plant?



MCKINLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

- **Community-identified goals:**
 - **Business district vitality**—a strong business district with McKinley's unique sense of place, public art, and amenities for all ages.
 - **Transportation**—to have safe, accessible connections in and out of the neighborhood for people walking, rolling, biking, and on transit.
 - **Open space**—to have abundant, active, and well-maintained greenery and public spaces that contribute to neighborhood identity.
 - **Development**—growth that adds options for food, housing, services, and amenities in the neighborhood.



QUICK WINS

Actions	Committee	Responsible Party	Status
Bike parking/corral	Business District	Public Works	Underway
Drinking water fountains	Business District	TPU	Underway
Speed reduction for business district	Business District	Public Works	Complete
Wall mural	Arts	Spaceworks	Underway
Intersection safety and placemaking at Division and McKinley	Walkability Arts	Public Works Arts Office	Underway
Crosswalk re-painting	Walkability	Public Works	Planned
Red curb painting	Walkability	Public Works	Planned
Utility pole painting	Walkability/Arts	TPU	Planned
Storm water stencils	Walkability/Arts	Arts Office	Planned
Planting strip improvements on East I St	Open Space	PW	Planned
Grit City Trees outreach	Open Space	Urban Forestry	Planned

BUDGET UPDATE

- **Streetscape enhancement design included in City budget!**
 - McKinley Ave between E 34th St and E Division Ln
 - **Goals:**
 - Create more usable sidewalk and public space
 - Accommodate bicycles and address parking
 - Add street amenities
 - Create neighborhood “gateway” open spaces



PROJECT COMMITTEES

- **Arts Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** Spaceworks mural project
 - **Future:** Placemaking Plan
- **Walkability Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** Intersection traffic calming; red curb painting; other quick wins
 - **Future:** Streetscape enhancement design
- **Open Space Committee:** *active*
 - **Focus:** McKinley Overlook activation/design
 - **Future:** Tree planting outreach, East I Street Depave



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Goals for today:

- Recap December 10 site visit
- Review initial design ideas for McKinley Overlook activation
- Discuss next steps



MCKINLEY OVERLOOK

- Develop a design/vision:
 - ✓ Goals/issues - site visit
 - ✓ Analysis/feasibility
 - ❑ Develop conceptual designs (TODAY)
 - ❑ Refine designs
 - ❑ Seek funding
- Not currently funded - possible funding sources:
 - Participatory budgeting?
 - Future budget request
 - Puyallup Tribe grant program



EAST I ST – TREES + LANDSCAPING

Partnership project with Depave & Green Blocks Programs

- **Spring/summer 2023:** City and partners to work with property owners to identify tree planting locations and species
- **Late summer 2023:** City to provide in-kind services – prepping tree wells, TAGRO, mulch
- **Fall 2023:** Pierce Conservation District to assist with neighbor outreach and tree planting day



NEXT STEPS

- **Next meeting – March 8 or April 5**
 - McKinley Overlook – refine design
 - Tree Planting Outreach Planning



Thank you!

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