

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning

Walkability Committee – Meeting #2

February 2, 2023

AGENDA

- Introductions
- McKinley Neighborhood Planning Updates
- Site Visit Recap
- E Division Ln and McKinley Intersection
- Next Steps



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

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:** Tree planting outreach, East I Street landscaping, McKinley Overlook activation/design



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



COMMUNITY BOOSTER PROJECT



Intersection safety enhancement at East Division Ln and McKinley Ave – Temporary bulb-outs, repainted crosswalk, and painted street mural to calm traffic

E Division Ln and McKinley Ave Intersection – Traffic Calming

- Narrowing roadway to calm traffic into business district
- Artist-designed mural (coordination with Arts committee)

Quick-Build Examples with Art



RED CURB PAINTING

Walkability Committee:

- Project Limits
 - McKinley Ave
 - Side streets
- Outreach (example to right)
 - Letter/Door hangers
 - Perception of parking loss
- Painting day
 - City staff to oversee painting and to provide materials/equipment
 - Weekend, one day, weather dependent



Dear Community Member.

Recently the 6th Avenue Business District spearheaded a volunteer effort to increase the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers within the district by refreshing the painting of the curbs in no parking areas red. Painting the curbs red makes existing NO PARKING areas more visible to parkers and makes it easier to understand where a vehicle can legally and safely park.

Red curbs = No stopping, standing, or parking.

Where?

In various segments along 6th Ave from N Alder St to State Street, both sides.



Why?

- ⇒ Improves the safety for ALL users of the right of way (streets and sidewalks).
- ⇒ Promotes good parking behaviors through stronger visual cues of NO PARKING areas
- ⇒ Improves usability of our streets and sidewalks for everybody by enhancing sight lines and establishing buffers for our more vulnerable users.
- ⇒ Reduces the number of potential infractions. State law prohibits parking in these areas already, painting the curbs red will help would be parkers make better and more informed decisions.

More info?

For more details on this project, please contact the 6th Ave Business District at:

ON6THAVETACOMA@GMAIL.COM

If you are a resident of the area, this project may increase parking pressures in your neighborhood. We recommend checking out CITYOFTACOMA.ORG/RESIDENTIALPARKINGPROGRAM for more info on options to enhance the livability of your neighborhood.

Thank you!

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