

## Proctor Neighborhood Planning

# Neighborhood Walking Tour



### A Walking Tour of the Proctor Neighborhood

On October 8, 2022, the City of Tacoma and community residents participated in a walking tour of the Proctor Neighborhood to explore the history of the area and help to uncover the parts of this neighborhood that have contributed to its identity. The group of about 40 community members met in front of the Allen C. Mason statue outside of the Tacoma Public Library Wheelock Branch and then walked through the Proctor Neighborhood, ending at the Proctor Farmer's Market. A local guide from Pretty Gritty Tours took the group to key sites and explained the rich history of this area.

This event was free and open to the public as part of the City of Tacoma's Neighborhood Planning Tacoma.

### About the Neighborhood Planning Program

The City of Tacoma's pilot Neighborhood Planning Program enhances planning and development support to help communities create strong, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods. In Proctor, the Neighborhood Planning Program is addressing issues such as community-building, business district vitality, neighborhood livability, equitable development, place identity and history, sustainability, and other special projects as identified by the community.

The program begins with a robust community engagement phase, and then moves into implementation of key neighborhood strategies.

### What We Heard

In addition to exploring the history of the neighborhood, we heard feedback and reflections on the walking tour from some community members.

*What do you love about Proctor?*

- The character of the neighborhood, including the historic commercial buildings and homes
- The variety of businesses, especially small and local ones
- Walkability throughout the Business District and from residential to commercial areas

*Are there specific issues or challenges that you see on the walk today? How could the Neighborhood Plan address these?*

- Challenges with neighborhood character amidst growth
  - Buffering and transitions from an active Business District to quiet residential areas
  - Encourage walking to manage parking in the Business District
  - Design to enhance and maintain unique sense of place
- The Neighborhood Plan could address parks and open space
- The Neighborhood Plan could support varied and active storefronts in the Business District

*Do you see any opportunities to enhance what you love and/or address neighborhood challenges?*

- Addition of parks or other green space, including but not limited to a dog park and playground equipment
- Preservation tools such as landmarking and historical markers
- Addition of a community center
- Reuse of Cushman Adams Substation
- Focus on safety for walking and biking
- Elements in the Business District such as flower baskets on streetlights, and trash cans
- Planning for increased residential density
  - Including, but not limited to design elements such as setbacks
- Supporting and maintaining mature trees

**Event Photos**







