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On June 3, 2023, the City of Tacoma and the Proctor Neighborhood Plan Steering Group held an open house at Wheelock Library to share the potential Proctor Plan priorities, hear community members' project ideas through an interactive comment activity, and share other resources and information with the community. Free coffee from Civic Roasters, pastries from Russo Catering, and kids crafts and balloon animals were provided. There were about 100 attendees who learned about the Proctor Neighborhood Plan and its priorities, as well as the ongoing work of Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, North End Neighborhood Council, Friends of Cushman, Historic Tacoma, Tacoma Historical Society, SNAP, Tacoma Public Library, and Metro Parks. Neighborhood Planning materials were available in Russian and Ukrainian, and a community



ambassador was at the event for in-person interpretation.

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 focusing on five priority areas: outdoor community space; h housing and commercial affordability; pedestrian safety and comfort; and climate adaptation and neighborhood sustainability.

The program begins with a robust community engagement phase, and then moves into implementation of key neighborhood strategies. The Proctor Open House was the final event in the first phase of outreach efforts intended to collect feedback on Plan priorities and project ideas. The Steering Group will guide the creation of a draft Plan based on this feedback. The next phase of engagement will collect feedback on the draft Plan actions.

What We Heard

At the open house, we asked participants to share their ideas for actions that would implement the five priority areas:

- Outdoor community space
- Human-scale design (pedestrian-orientation; urban design; historic preservation)
- Affordability of housing and commercial space
- Pedestrian safety and comfort
- Climate adaptation and neighborhood sustainability

We recorded the responses on interactive boards and paper and online surveys. We heard the following ideas from community members:

	What we heard
OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACE	 What we heard Preserve the community garden Pickleball court next to Adams Substation; in general, public sport courts Bigger Farmers' Market Events for kids and safe places for teens to hang out Petting zoo Dog park Community center (indoor and outdoor gathering); some comments suggested Cushman Substation could be an opportunity for this Community space with grass Community clean-ups No pesticide use on grass where kids walk and play Public restroom Beer garden Trash cans Playgrounds (e.g., replace street parking with micro-playgrounds; keep Washington Elementary playground unlocked) Public fountain and benches Village green Outdoor venue for concerts and events Community pool
URBAN DESIGN	 Community pool Quality design and construction Parking; parking garage; off-street parking; parking restrictions in neighborhoods Ending parking subsidies Taller buildings and more density; promote these things thoughtfully Public art, murals, sidewalk plaques Preserve, rehabilitate, and reuse historic buildings in Proctor for their variety and scale Design that will blend in with older styles
AFFORDABILITY	 Mix of sizes and styles of housing and commercial spaces Consider housing affordability for people of a range of ages; support aging in place; affordable places for young people to live Affordable commercial spaces to help small businesses start; a place where small businesses can thrive Encourage ADUs and duplexes; more range of housing options; infill housing; mixed-income housing Continue to build mixed-use housing and businesses

	 No more apartment buildings in neighborhoods No mixed housing with single family housing Affordable housing options; affordable options for solo parents; affordable options for seniors Pop-up space, food trucks, and more small businesses in general Everyday-use small business spaces; businesses that serve the community and are affordable to community members
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	 More space for pedestrians creates outdoor community space Bike safety: protected bike lanes, bike paths, improved safety on N 24th St bike path Safe crossings to Farmers' Market, library, and schools Police visibility and law enforcement Traffic calming Speed cameras Traffic diverter on bikeway near Lowell Pedestrianized streets; close streets in business district to cars; create a town square/plaza on N 26th ADA accessibility; stroller accessibility Follow Transportation Master Plan Motion sensor lights Left turn lane on Stevens and N 30th Post 20 MPH speed limit signs permanently More crosswalks and lights Sidewalk on N 21st and generally ensure all roads have sidewalks Maintain bike lanes and sidewalks, make sure they are not blocked by parked cars
CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY	 Tree canopy Transit center More public transit and more frequent bus service Expand the light rail/trolley to Proctor Streetcar More frequent bus service Align bus service with commuter rail Sewer treatment plant capacity Year-round resilience hub Native plant garden Glass drop-off Expand neighborhood offerings so there are fewer reasons to drive a car (for example, healthcare)

Interactive Boards from the Event







Event Photos









