

McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning

Open Space Committee – Meeting #1

November 9, 2022

AGENDA

- Introductions
- McKinley Neighborhood Planning Background
- Open Space "Quick Wins"
- McKinley Overlook - Enhancement Design
- Next Steps



INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- What's your connection to McKinley Hill? How have you been involved in McKinley Hill Neighborhood Planning?
- What's your favorite open space in Tacoma?



MCKINLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

- **Working with you and your neighbors since early 2022**
- **Developing a goal and vision for the future of McKinley**
- **4 focus areas**
- **Moving into implementation:**
 - Project Committees
 - Budget



OUTREACH OVERVIEW

- **5 Community Events**
- **Social Pinpoint online survey**
 - 64 survey responses
 - 97 community booster project votes
- **Neighborhood Fair booth**
 - 66 post-it note comments
 - 93 community booster project votes
- **Focus Group Roundtables**
 - Dia de los Muertos; Slavic community



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.



TIMELINE



Summer 2022

- Prioritize projects
- Engagement events
- Launch project groups

Early Fall 2022

- Bring draft projects and actions to community
- Large public event
- Online platform

Late Fall/ Winter 2023

- Updates to draft plan
- Begin implementation

Spring 2023

- Adoption
- Ongoing implementation

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



OPEN SPACE GOALS

Key projects:

- Open space activation at McKinley Overlook
- Support traffic calming along East I St
- Neighborhood "gateways" (north and south) along McKinley Ave
- Tree-planting outreach and support

Park and Open Space Actions Map



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

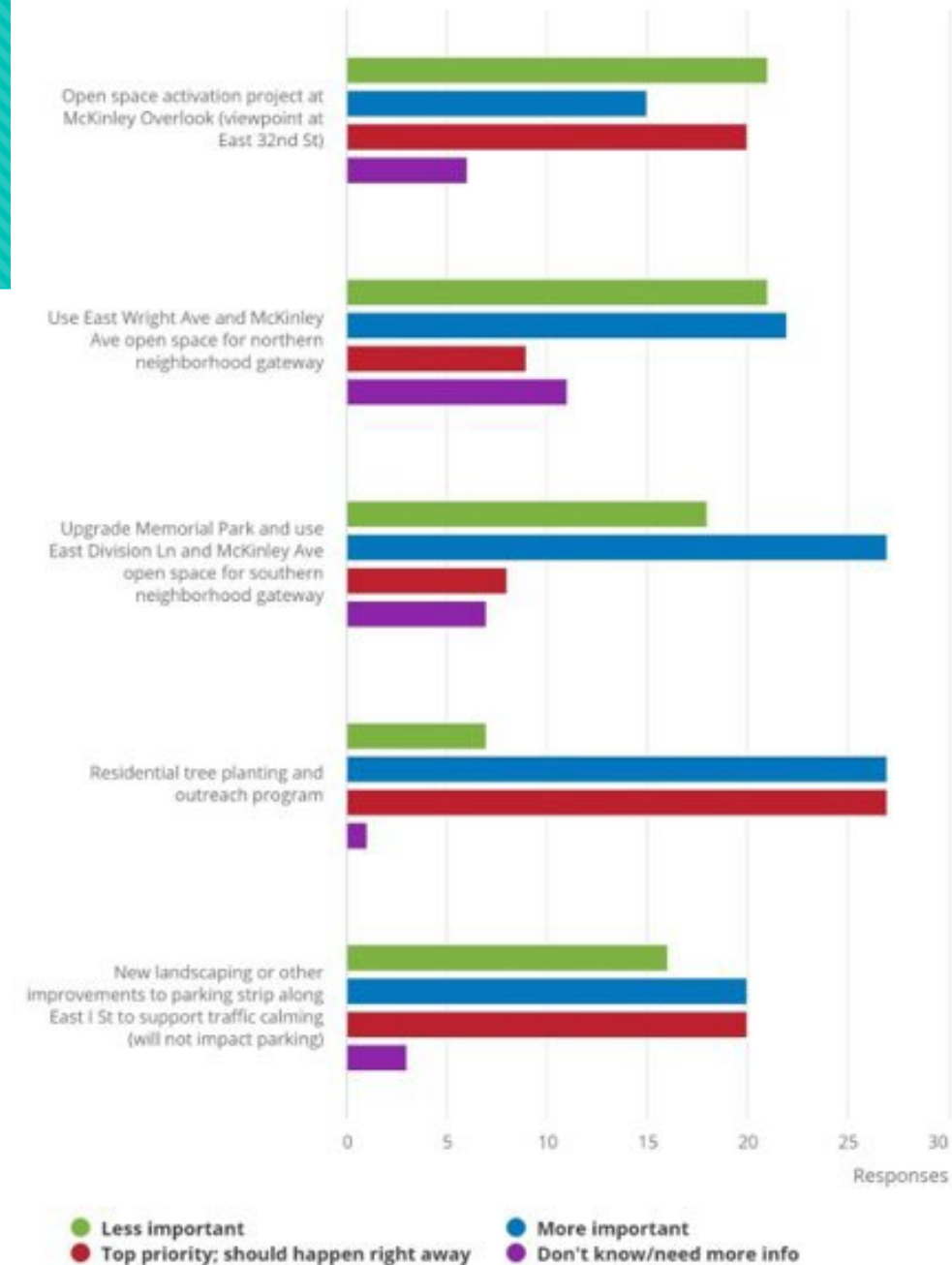
Survey Results: Open Space

"Top Priority – should happen right away:"

- Tree planting / Grit City trees outreach
- East I Street landscaping and trees to support traffic calming
- McKinley Overlook activation/design

Q14. How urgent is the following project to you?

63 answers

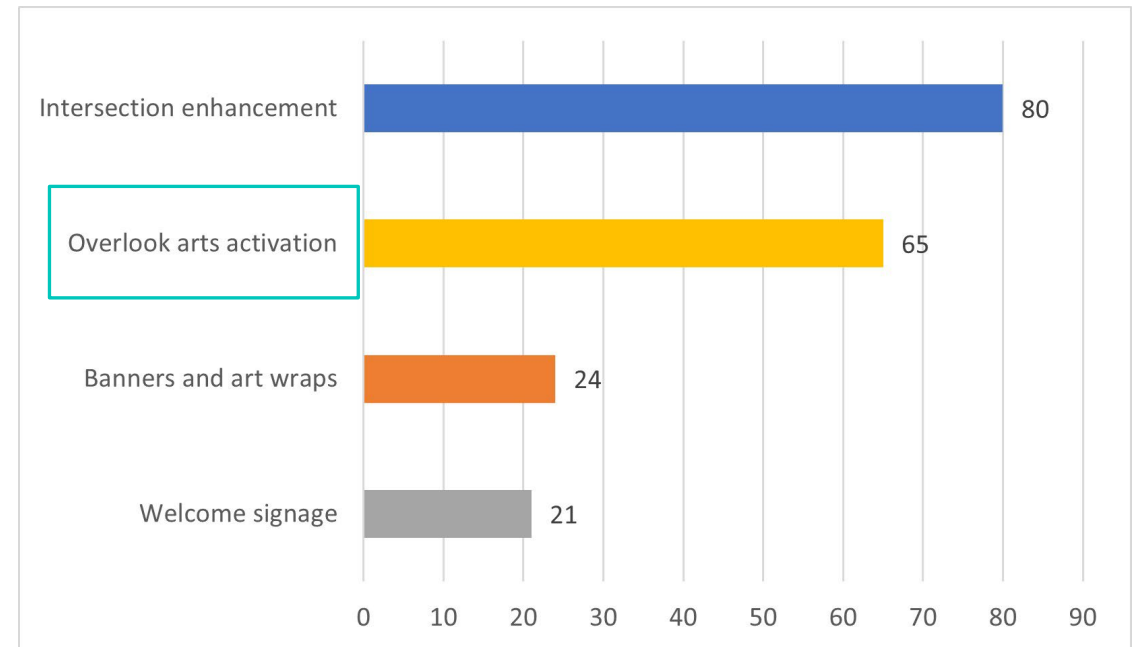


COMMUNITY BOOSTER PROJECT



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

Final results:



We will look for other funding sources to support the other three projects!

QUICK WINS

Actions	Timeline	Committee	Responsible Party
Bike parking/corral	2022	Business District	Public Works
Drinking water fountains	2022	Business District	TPU
Speed reduction for business district	2022/2023	Business District	Public Works
Wall murals	2022	Arts	Spaceworks
Intersection safety and placemaking at Division and McKinley	2022/2023	Walkability Arts	Public Works Arts Office
Crosswalk re-painting	2022/2023	Walkability	Public Works
Red curb painting	2022/2023	Walkability	Public Works
Utility pole painting	2023	Walkability/Arts	TPU
Storm water stencils	2022	Walkability/Arts	Arts Office
Planting strip improvements on East I St	2022/2023	Open Space	PW
Grit City Trees	2022/ 2023	Open Space	Urban Forestry

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

- **Depave and Tree Outreach**
 - Help identify tree planting locations
 - Reach out to property owners – postcards & follow-up door-to-door
- **Branch Out: This Weekend!**
 - Friday and Saturday at the VFW – pick up a free tree or help with planting!
 - [Tacomatreefoundation.org/branchout](https://tacomatreefoundation.org/branchout)



Branch Out
The Great Tree Giveaway

Delivery
November 11th
Pick Up
November 11-12th

Get trees delivered
or pick up at:
McKinley VFW Hall
3510 E McKinley Ave,
Tacoma, WA 98404

Take home free trees for your property! You can pick up your tree(s) at the McKinley VFW Hall all weekend during the open hours. Volunteer planting support is also available upon request. Priority given to Hilltop, Eastside, South End, and South Tacoma zipcodes.

Learn more and request your trees at:
tacomatreefoundation.org/branch-out

The poster features an illustration of two people planting a tree. One person is kneeling and planting a sapling, while the other is standing and using a shovel to dig a hole. A large, stylized tree with heart-shaped leaves stands in the background. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a green grassy field.

MCKINLEY OVERLOOK

Makers Architects to support:

- Design process:
 - Goals/issues - site visit
 - Analysis/feasibility
 - Options – conceptual design
- Funding sources:
 - Participatory budgeting?
 - Future budget request



Open Space Activation Examples



NEXT STEPS

- **McKinley Overlook**
 - Site visit – December 10th?
 - Combined with Walkability Committee



Thank you!

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