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
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
• **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
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
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:

1. Intersection enhancement: 80
2. Overlook arts activation: 65
3. Banners and art wraps: 24
4. Welcome signage: 21

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

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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
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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