

The comments below were transmitted to staff on October 1, 2021 by a group of Northeast Bellevue residents.

Sense of Place

- S-NE-1: add at the end: "and ramblers, especially since these allow residents to age in place and are more readily ADA compliant".
- S-NE-2: add language to minimize existing ramblers being torn down and replaced with mega mansions that take up virtually the entire lot.
- S-NE-4: add "both in Bellevue and in Redmond. 156th Ave NE should remain a dividing line between the residential uses to the east and the higher density and commercial uses to the west."
- S-NE-5: this policy should not only apply to the public right of way; reword: "Require design features such as landscape buffers where appropriate to separate Northeast Bellevue's single-family areas from adjacent higher intensity uses."
- S-NE-6: add the requirement for the tree buffer along District 1 and District 2 as well.
- S-NE-10: add "and when major road or utilities repair work is being undertaken". E.g. when the road is torn up to replace sewer or water lines (West Lake Sammamish Parkway, NE 24th St).
- S-NE-11: reword: "Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that their plans do not adversely impact NE Bellevue." NE 24th Street and BelRed Road are heavily impacted by decisions made in Redmond; West Lake Sammamish Parkway and Northop are heavily impacted by decisions made in Redmond, Issaquah, etc.

Sense of Community

- S-NE-14: reword, as there are few public gathering places now; there are private options; we need more public spaces to recreate: "Create new public gathering places for families and community members to..."
- add a policy after S-NE-19: "Ensure that the primary neighborhood value of safety is addressed through proactive processes to reduce crime and ensure safety of residents, especially in view of increased density."
- S-NE-20: what does "explore" look like? What will the process be? When will this happen? How can neighbors determine the kinds of dwellings that work best with their neighborhood? These are big topics that affect every neighborhood resident and need to be decided on before we finalize our neighborhood plan. Whatever is allowed in the end, it needs to be complementary to the neighborhood character and preserve tree canopy.
- S-NE-23: add "physically and financially": "... programs that physically and financially support older adults..."
- add a policy: "Ensure that homeless shelters/housing in or affecting NE Bellevue are compatible with neighborhood demographics and services (e.g. families, elderly residents, schools)."
- add a policy: "Ensure the neighborhood community is informed and involved in homeless shelter/housing integration into the neighborhood, starting in the early stages of a particular location, so that our neighborhood can be welcoming to all residents."
- add a policy with respect to affordability: ties back to S-NE-1: we need ramblers to provide an entry-level option for first-time homeowners and single parents, elderly, disabled residents, etc.

Mobility and Access Goals and Policies

- S-NE-24: street, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements
- S-NE-26: add "especially at school arrival and dismissal times" at the end
- S-NE-28: reword: Continue to monitor the safety performance and traffic volumes of streets against clear data metrics. Refine and adjust strategies to improve the safety for all users of the streets.
- after S-NE-28 add a new policy "Limit the impact of on-street parking that affects movement and safety on neighborhood streets as well as arterials."
- S-NE-31: what are these bicycle facilities? Is it bicycle infrastructure? (bike lanes?)
- S-NE-36: can we list the arterials? 156th Ave NE, Northup Way, NE 24th St, BelRed Rd

Environment

- S-NE-51 - should this go under "sense of community" instead (i.e. right below S-NE-19)