

Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Why did you choose these values?
Sense of Community	Environment	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	<p>I've lived here since 2003 and want to stay in my home in NW Bellevue until I have to be carried out of here. I am hoping for at least 25 more years. I want a neighborhood that feels friendly, that I can afford to stay in, that isn't bereft of greenery and mature trees and that isn't taken over by residents who don't care about community.</p> <p>As someone with young kids I want to ensure the neighborhood is safe for kids as well as any resident. I want to be able to enjoy the outdoors right outside my front door and not have to battle traffic. I want to be able to invest in my life here and not already know I have to move when my income changes because of high property taxes. I chose to live in this area because of what it has to offer - if it gets too expensive, my investment in friends, community, etc. is wasted - plus the community loses my loyalty.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Age-in-Place	<p>I think all of these are important, so it was difficult to narrow down. When I think of the places I've lived that I've enjoyed the most, the sense of community and inclusive nature of them are what make them stand out. A distinct sense of pride in a neighborhood seems to result in a high likelihood that most, if not all, of the things on this list fall into line.</p>
Sense of Community	Sustainability	Inclusion	Neighborhood Character	<p>We want preservation of the residential neighborhoods around the downtown core. We want property taxes to freeze, and/or have a subsidy for the elderly so they can age in place. Each homeowner should be encouraged to improve their property with renovations and additions without fear of astronomical land tax increases.</p> <p>Everyone over age 55 is moving out of Bellevue neighborhoods because we can't afford the land taxes during retirement.</p> <p>Bellevue is supposed to be the "city of trees" and we want more old-growth evergreens and street trees --everywhere.</p> <p>City planners and City Council MUST stop allowing any more residential high-rise development without FIRST building the infrastructure of schools, traffic and first responders support.</p> <p>Bellevue is desirable because of it's quality of life and schools, but that is going in the toilet if we don't stop overcrowding our schools with these huge high-rises full of condos and young families. City planners MUST SCRAMBLE to get us more land and buildings for schools NOW.</p> <p>STOP forcing out the elderly, make more options for low income, and STEP IT UP for education.</p>
Access for all	Safety	Environment	Age-in-Place	

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Access for all	Connecting	Safety	Environment	<p>Because most of those characteristics existed when we moved here (Ashwood district), and we want to keep and improve on them.</p> <p>Sense of Community - as the high rises are built, it's important for those residents to feel as much of the community as those of us in single family homes. We are all better together, thinking of this NW Bellevue as a collective community.</p> <p>Connecting - there are some traffic choke points in NW Bellevue; for example, there are only two main east/west streets north of NE 8th on 100th Avenue. That is concerning as development is done where QFC is and QFC employee parking just on the north side of 10th street.</p>
Connecting	Sense of Community	Inclusion	Age-in-Place	<p>Aging in place - We are getting older and hope to remain in our home for another 20 years.</p>
Environment	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	<p>These 4 are requisites to having a place to call home- a place to value, prideful of, to work to keep/maintain, characteristics of wellness in my opinion.</p> <p>I chose Resilience, Safety, Connecting, and Economic Well-Being; Safety being the most important, because beyond these things, I believe that government has no place. The government's bloated budgets are in part caused by the thinking that they have to manage every aspect of the community members' lives. Keep us safe, keep the infrastructure up to date, and don't spend more money than the city takes in from local revenue. These are the responsibilities of local government, that's it. Get out of people's way, give them accurate information and then let them make their own decisions.</p>
Connecting Safety	Safety Resilience	Resilience Inclusion	Economic Well-Being Age-in-Place	<p>Its important to have a safe, resilient community for all types, including older folks</p>
Connecting	Resilience	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	<p>I think these are things that can be improved upon.</p> <p>Concerns around our current pandemic and social injustice are areas we need to continue to highlight. Historically Bellevue has focused on parks, safety, transportation...and all of those things are important. But our future, especially in neighborhoods need to focus on connection and supporting one another.</p>
Access for all	Safety	Resilience	Inclusion	<p>Green environment is important for mental and physical health. Connecting - as a resident of Bellevue I should be able to move through my city without having to go miles out of my way because neighborhoods don't want through traffic. Age in place and accessibility are important components of healthy neighborhoods.</p>
Access for all	Connecting	Environment	Age-in-Place	

Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Why did you choose these values?
Access for all	Environment	Sustainability	Diversity	I see these as more overarching and important areas that if achieved or provided, automatically include some of the remaining options, e.g. inclusion, sense of community, recreation, well-being... In my opinion, "Safety - The ability for people to feel secure and safe in the community." should be a given, not an option.
Safety	Recreation	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	I am concerned about the loss of the tree canopy. I am worried seniors are being forced out of their "forever homes" due to the high property taxes and replacing existing homes with huge homes that reduce the green space. I have family members that are disabled and it's important for them to have access to all places as I do. The safety of myself and my family and friends is foremost on my mind these days. I love nature and it should always be preserved. Everyone in the community should have a voice.
Access for all	Safety	Environment	Inclusion	
Safety	Environment	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well-Being	Economics and safety are necessary to keep Bellevue a great place to live.
Safety	Sense of Community	Sustainability	Diversity	I believe we need balance in all aspects - economic, safety, environment and human
Access for all	Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	After living here for 50 years, we have always appreciated the ability to walk/jog safely through the quiet residential neighborhood and have the ability to walk to public and retail services.

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				<p>Because with a sense of community people feel more inclined to help and support each other. People need to feel safe where they live in order to go out and build connections with people and the environment around them.</p> <p>I did not pick diversity because if people have a sense of community and opportunities to "recreation" and to participate in activities for enjoyment and fellowship with one another the hope is they will build relationships to know others and accept others. I work at a hi-tech company and diversity and inclusion training is pushed - while good it is not enough. Screens and training isn't useful if you can't practice and know others. We need community squares and places for people to gather and to interact naturally in both physical and public and private spaces. The parks in Bellevue and the open space must be continued to be prioritized.</p> <p>I love Bellevue because its not Seattle. Please keep prioritizing trails for walking and biking, green spaces, clean air and clean water, safety, art, etc.</p> <p>As far as Age in Place - I love this idea. I know of several families who are wealthy. Their parents came from China or another country. The parents has wealth in their homeland bank and/or transferred to their son's bank account. Now, the parents live in a beautiful 2 bedroom subsidized housing at \$200/month. Somehow loopholes continue to be exploited. I am all for subsidized housing for those in need.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	
Sustainability	Inclusion	Diversity Neighborhood Character	Neighborhood Character	We have lived here for 53 years and have seen incredible growth and change. It is exciting to see the diversity in our neighborhood and I hope this can continue throughout all of the Eastside. Different cultures coming together for the benefit of all can create a dynamic for the benefit of all.
Safety	Environment	Character	Age-in-Place	I feel these are core values.
Access for all	Safety Sense of Community	Environment Economic Well-Being	Sustainability	Recent social disturbance and lack of care for community worries me
Safety			Age-in-Place	I chose values that I think are foundational to successful city culture long-term.

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Connecting	Safety	Environment	Sustainability	All the values are important but I found these 4 most important for my current situation in life.
Access for all	Safety	Sense of Community		Safety is our main concern. We have seen an increase in looting, rioting and personal property damage in the last several months. We would like to see increased police presence for our safety.
Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	I am a long time resident and want to age in place. I believe that the environment is conducive to a population that behaves in a positive manner if it is well maintained
Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability		Beautiful, natural spaces are currently overgrown with invasive species like ivy and blackberries. Our ravine on 103rd place for example. I cut ivy off of 60 trees during the spring.
Connecting	Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	Those are the basics that determine the quality of life for residence of the community.
Sense of Community	Sustainability	Inclusion	Diversity	They are the most important for me to stay in my neighborhood.
Access for all	Safety	Resilience	Environment	요즘 자연재해로 인한 안전의 중요성이 더 커져서 Nowadays, the importance of safety from natural disasters is growing
Connecting	Safety	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	For the convenience of life.
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Diversity	Safety, inclusion, clean environment are three main reasons that I chose Bellevue when I moved to Bellevue, and I would like to see that quality continues.
Access for all	Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	인간이 생활하는데 가장 기본이 되는 항목이라서 It's the most basic item for human life.
Access for all	Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	행복의 조건이라고 생각함 Think of it as a condition of happiness
Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	안전하고 구성원들이 소속감을 느낄 수 있는 커뮤니티가 중요한 것 같아요 I think a community that is safe and where members can feel a sense of belonging is important.

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Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	I want a healthy environment and people to have a sense of purpose from great work and involvement.
Safety	Environment	Neighborhood Character	Age-in-Place	Because they are the ones that align with why I chose to live in Northtowne and reflect my expectations for living out my life in this neighborhood. I am especially angry about all the trees that have been taken down for new development. Several lots in my neighborhood have been stripped of trees in advance of new, bigger houses going in.
Connecting	Sense of Community	Environment	Recreation	A chief concern is that, with all of the construction in the NW Bellevue area, the open spaces will be lost, traffic will be gridlocked and the area will become sterile looking.
Safety	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	most important for me
Safety	Resilience	Environment	Sustainability	I believe our environment and sustainability are most important. We need to protect our natural environment, native plants and trees and wildlife (birds, mammals (including whale) and reptiles. These in turn will protect us against climate change and promote diversity. We need to slow down development that destroys trees and foliage and habitat for our wildlife. We also need to stop using pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. We also need to stop replacing native vegetation with ornamentals and lawns. They are not useful to birds and wildlife. I was born and grew up in Bellevue, I want to continue to live in Bellevue, it's my home, it is getting harder and harder to pay our property taxes, we have applied for senior discount but have not heard back, I want to get out and walk most days and want to feel safe doing so.
Safety	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	Safety, Inclusion and Sense of Community seemed very important. Aging in place is an aspect of all of those.
Safety	Sense of Community	Inclusion	Age-in-Place	With recent political polarization infiltrating into every aspect of how we function and interact, a city's vision to have inclusive programs to fight discrimination toward age, ethnicity, socioeconomic is vital to Bellevue's healthy growth.
Safety	Inclusion	Diversity	Age-in-Place	
Access for all	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	Bellevue is turning into a concrete palace with no green

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Safety	Environment	Sustainability	Age-in-Place	Bellevue is turning into Manhattan and I don't like it. There is no place for our elderly, no place for socio-economic diversity. People over 50 are being taxed out of their family homes and low income service people (including teachers, entry level health care workers, maids, landscapers) come here to work but can't afford to live here. old growth trees are gone. Schools are over crowded and slipping down the ranks. City planners have bent over for building developers and have not held them accountable to establish infrastructure BEFORE mass apartment complexes go up. Where are our parks? roads? Sidewalks? bike Lanes? Fires stations? Schools, Emergency clinics,... etc., to support ALL of these thousands of apartments you've already built? And you keep building more apartments-- cramming us all in like cock roaches. Bellevue is ugly and oppressed.
Connecting	Safety	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	While all the answer have some value, I chose the four which seem most important to focus on right now.
Access for all	Safety	Recreation	Age-in-Place	That is what is important to me, feeling safe walking in my neighborhood and not be forced to move because I can't afford my raising property taxes.
Connecting	Environment	Diversity	Neighborhood Character	Living in Bellevue is a choice for me. I looked for a place to live that had trails and parks nearby but also had ready access to retail, entertainment, and connections to the rest of the Puget Sound region.
Connecting	Sense of Community	Environment	Sustainability	Those are ones that are at risk. I think we do well at safety and economy, and I feel that the four I chose are places where a plan could make the most difference
Safety	Resilience	Sense of Community	Age-in-Place	As I look into the future these four give me peace of mind that I can stay safe in this community for the long term
Safety	Sense of Community	Diversity	Neighborhood Character	Having been a 20+ year Bellevue resident, I have seen lots of changes and want to ensure a neighborhood that allows for diversity, community while maintaining safety.
Access for all	Safety	Sense of Community	Economic Well-Being	I think that safety really matters and that it is hard to feel safe around the community sometimes, especially at night. I think that access for all is similar to safety as well, and it is equally important. I think that economic well-being is also extremely important, especially in this hard time, and the sense of community really can help people feel better about their own situation and find help in others.

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Connecting Safety	Safety Sense of Community	Recreation Environment	Neighborhood Character Neighborhood Character	<p>All of the things you listed are laudable goals, so it was hard to choose just four. I'd like to note that I chose Neighborhood Character because city government seems determined to ruin downtown by transforming it into a collection of giant glass towers, with no character, no ground floor retail, and no feeling of character or inclusiveness.</p> <p>I'd like a neighborhood to be a place you'd like to visit.</p> <p>I think economic well-being and safety are the foundation on which all of the other values depend. Jobs and successful businesses provide the tax revenue that pay for public services as well as a fundamental reason residents choose to live in Bellevue in the first place. Public safety is another essential - people (especially families with children) will not often choose to live in unsafe locales.</p> <p>I think long-term quality of life depends on a sense of community, through civic, social and religious organizations.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Neighborhood Character	Economic Well- Being	<p>Finally neighborhood character is something that allows a unique city like Bellevue to really set ourselves apart from the surrounding suburbs. No other city in the area (besides Seattle) has the diversity of neighborhood types that we do, and I hope we take advantage of it.</p> <p>We want safety. Do not turn into Seattle. We need strong city government that realizes business are very important to our tax base and public well being and safety.</p>
Connecting	Safety	Environment	Economic Well- Being	<p>Add police.</p> <p>我很喜欢这里，希望自己和家人能够长期居住在这里。这些都是我认为必要的条件，特别是安全。I like it very much and hope that I and my family can live here for a long time. These are the conditions I think are necessary, especially safety.</p>
Safety	Sense of Community	Sustainability	Inclusion	<p>안전하고 모든 시설이 접근이 용이하게 편리하게 생활하는 이유로, 비싼 property tax 와 집값에도 벨뷰에서 살고 있는거 같습니다.</p> <p>Safe and convenient access to all facilities</p>
Access for all	Safety	Recreation	Age-in-Place	<p>Because of living, I seem to live in Bellevue even with expensive property taxes and house prices.</p>

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Safety	Environment	Recreation	Economic Well-Being	The primary role of government is to protect the liberties & safety of it's citizens. Citizens and their property MUST be kept safe and justice should befall on criminals (i.e., looters, vandals, porch pirates, etc.) before any other values have any meaning. From there, most of us chose to live here, where the dirt that our homes sit on costs much more than it does just a stones throw away in Kirkland or Redmond (or east Bellevue) because it's livable. Don't make it unlivable with low income housing or other programs that undermine what we're worked for. Bellevue is an predominantly white affluent neighborhood that could do better to be inclusive and equitable to everyone especially black, indigenous and people of color. There are way too many crotchety old white people with outdated conservative values that argue that not everyone 'deserves' to live in Bellevue. the community could and should do more for lower income families, homeless people and people with mental health issues. the community has the money and resources to help those with lesser means.
Sustainability	Inclusion	Diversity	Economic Well-Being	I just moved back to Bellevue from Seattle. We lived in Fremont and it was really connected, I'd like that in Bellevue as well. I moved for safety and community. The Seattle freeze is real. I didn't feel part of the community in Fremont. We need to be healthy and exercise. We are so excited about what Bellevue has been doing with Vision Zero, the Grand Connection, and the Eastrail Corridor. Bellevue is a great place for recreation and we love the direction Bellevue is taking.
Connecting	Safety	Sense of Community	Recreation	long term residents being forced out economically when they retire based on cost of housing. the tree cover and open spaces are disappearing in Bellevue at a rapid rate. ability to easily access other areas via car or public transportation. Our countries strength lies in its diversity, embrace it!
Connecting	Environment	Diversity	Age-in-Place	The Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood is already so well balanced in terms of features and amenities, it doesn't leave a lot to be desired. The natural environment hasn't been excluded, the public spaces are accessible and there are few problems.
Resilience	Environment	Age-in-Place	Age-in-Place	Age-in-Place is a false choice! As people age into 60s and 70s income drops! And drops!! Taxes continue to rise yearly - and at some point, many are forced to downsize, leave Bellevue or leave Washington...after 30, 40 years as contributing citizens. It's unsettling to say the very least - and a loss to the community of it's "wise elders."
Environment	Recreation	Sustainability	Diversity	

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Access for all	Safety	Resilience	Environment	I think it is important to feel safe in my neighborhood. To be able to walk around day/night with confidence I am safe. It is important to have congenial neighbors who we can call our friends to help if needed or be socially active with. We need open spaces/parks for all ages.
Access for all	Safety	Sense of Community	Environment	가족의 안전과 가치. Family safety and values 이번 코비드와 약탈, 폭동사태로 주민의 안전이 가장 중요하다고 느꼈습니다. 그리고 생활권내에 편의성과 노인이 되어서도 편안하게 삶을 살아가야함을 느꼈습니다. I felt that the safety of the residents was the most important due to the covid, looting and riots. In addition, I felt that I had to live my life comfortably even after becoming an elderly person and convenience within the living area.
Safety	Environment	Economic Well-Being	Age-in-Place	

Are there any other values you think are important?

I would have added "Connecting" as a fifth, but that is the reason we selected our NW Bellevue neighborhood to move to in the first place. It is close to everything we value: hospital, shopping, recreation, culture, entertainment, dining and nature.

loyalty - as residents we give the city our volunteer efforts, our wisdom, our commitment to be upstanding citizens and not to mention thousands of dollars in property and sales tax and in return we expect to be able to live here and enjoy this beautiful city - not get priced out.

Education. Education. Education. It solves every problem in society (jails, drugs, teen pregnancy, job prospects, income levels). Also, why is it legal for non-US citizens to buy land in our country?!? 9 out of 10 homes on my street are owned by non-resident Chinese. They are not invested in our community or our ideals. They don't live in these homes, they rent them out, which creates transient communities-- neighbors who are not invested in staying for more than 6-12 months, have no interest in engaging in the community. It is disheartening. We are literally selling our land to China. (*NOTE: this is not about the Chinese as a race, I am all for racial diversity! This complaint is about NON-citizens (in this case, they just so happen to be all Chinese) buying our land and not contributing to our community.)

Serenity, quiet.

Safety - as more crime finds its way into the downtown core.

Not sure at this time.

Limited government. Because it is the people that define our community, not the government.

Diversity is always an important topic

stewardship.

Diversity and inclusion, Bellevue needs more affordable housing!

Listen more to people who live in the city and neighborhoods, less to the profit only focused developers and owners. Tighter regulations of what and how much if it should happen in a city/neighborhood. I'm seeing parks, trees, character going away and being replaced by concrete, never ending construction, dust noise. Sun and light taken away which made Bellevue attractive for me in the first place. Do we need another Seattle just across the lake?

Of course there are many other important such as walkable streets that have increasing traffic and no sidewalks.

Stability. This neighborhood has had changes but the core is stable. This gives a sense of security and connection.

Are there any other values you think are important?

Trust in local government

Friendliness of community and people in the area

Safety and trust in local authority - police, fire fighters, EMT

Medical Care

Access to safe and clean walking and bike trails

Access to Parks, green space, outdoor/indoor recreation - i.e. frisbee golf, basketball courts, etc.

We desperately need outdoor and indoor Swimming Pools

We need a New YMCA with access to indoor recreation - much needed for children, elderly and people with limited mobility

I actually think all the choices listed above are equally as important.

Safety is paramount. We have felt unsafe in our neighborhood in the last couple months and feel that this will be the deciding factor of where the we will live in the next few years. Well we love living in Bellevue given the increased safety concerns and the potential for less police presence we are debating as to whether this is a place that we can continue to live in the next five years.

The safety of residents walking on streets and parks Please change the square footage to 1100sq. ft allowed for adding a rentable or M.I.L. apartments in existing homes . The room sizes of our homes prohibit legal conversions because of the current limitations in sq. footage

Difference - Any unique places or popular things in my area(or town) than other places

The idea that everyone is an important member.

안전, 치안, 도난이나 총기사고로부터 자유로울것: 안전이 제일이므로 Safety, security, free from theft or firearms: safety is the first

생각 않해 받음 I don't think about it

다양한 문화에의 포용성. 아무래도 다인종이 모여사는 벨뷰시니까.. 다른 나라에서 온 이민자들을 포용할 수 있는 문화가 있어야 한다고 생각합니다.

Inclusion of a variety of cultures. I think there should be a culture that can embrace immigrants from other countries because it is a city of Bellevue where people of all races live together.

위에 나열된 대부분의 가치가 골고루 중요하다고 생각합니다. I think most of the values listed above are equally important.

people are living in the houses and apartments. no empty or vacant houses. empty houses are holes in the neighborhood.

Are there any other values you think are important?

I'd like to believe in a sense of community but the Asian families and renters who have moved into our neighborhood keep to themselves. I don't feel like I have neighbors in the community sense of the word. On our street of 15 houses, 7 are rentals and they turn over frequently.

aesthetic of the architecture and development, cleanliness

Yes, sustainability as noted above and protecting our natural environment.

Diversity, Access, Economic and Resilience are all important and I had a hard time choosing

An educational programs to diminish a sense of entitlement based on race.

I am SHOCKED strong schools/education was not on the list. It should definitely be in the top 2. Our city has spent too much time overbuilding apartments and under planning, underfunding schools.

I mostly would like to see a thriving multi-generational community; people being able socioeconomically to be able to live in Bellevue all their life, and opportunities for their children and grandchildren to live here prosperously.

Good schools for my child. We live the small part of Bellevue in the LWSD and the schools are good quality.

Yes, sustainability, recreation and inclusion of the public in issues impacting the neighborhood

I think all of the values above are important, but I also think that diversity and inclusion are very important for a sense of community and safety within that community.

I'd like more spaces where cars are blocked and are meant for walking only. A move more and more towards European village style streets.

I think Age-in-Place is important but difficult due to housing costs. People living in one place for a while allows for a unique depth of community that can't be achieved when living shorter times in one place. Regardless, some people's lives will necessitate such movement, so those people shouldn't be ignored either.

Public safety. Add police

very well maintained roads!

equity.

Are there any other values you think are important?

Fairness. Are people being dealt with fairly. The Livability Initiative bothered me. It seemed to be taking from Peter to pay Paul. I felt that the developer incentives were needlessly increased at the expense of a less livable downtown. Changing building code to create value for developers in order to incentivize development was at the expense of current residents. For example the current standard for parking is being eroded making it hard for people who live here to have guests. The Fana building was approved with .7 parking spaces per unit. Builders escape the expense and encroach on the public good. It's up and down the Livability changes and a main reason why I moved out of downtown.

accessibility - sidewalks, curb cuts, easy & frequent access points to the Eastrail Multi-Use Corridor, easy public transportation options from neighborhoods to the new light rail stations

Retaining some older houses, buildings, etc. to give area a sense of historical character. (e.g. Oak Park, IL; Cooperstown, NY; Fairhaven (Bellingham), WA

安全、繁荣、交通通畅、社区人群类似. Safety, prosperity, smooth traffic, similar communities

지역 공동체. 우리는 모두 같이 살아가는 인간이므로. Local community. Because we are all human beings.

주택공급, 커뮤니티 프로그램. Housing supply, community program

벨뷰는 아시안등 다민족이 거주하는 곳입니다. 더 다양한 문화산업이 필요합니다. Bellevue is a place where Asians and other ethnic groups reside. We need more diverse cultural industries.

DATA WALK

What does this neighborhood data suggest to you about the strengths or challenges facing your community?

neighborhood skews older

Cost of living is pretty high. It's a challenge throughout Bellevue

The residents are very well to do. Average income is high. Older residents that begin to retire might find Bellevue unaffordable.

Financial insecurity may be a concern. Are people in this community talking to each other? Are they listening to each other?

Bellevue is a healthy community with good prosperity.

Aging-in-place would say need to pay attention to accessibility.

Weakness: Data on income vs retirement and affordability

Strengths: People's perception

Generally people are pleased with City

access to Bellevue way from our street--too much traffic

I see how my neighborhood serves a wide range of languages, cultures, size of household and a moderate range of incomes.

shifting demographics and challenge of cultural perspectives of the community

Reinforces my comment on stability

Haves and have nots - too many cost burdened

Reinforces my thoughts on the stability of the neighborhoods, but adds information on the diversity aspect of the residents.

not enough children in the mix

DATA WALK

What does this data about community connection suggest to you about the strengths or challenges facing your community?:

The school district split is a challenge. I feel little to no connection to Bellevue because we go to school in Kirkland (LWSD).

The BAM and farmers market are good for making the community connections. Are there any community centers in this neighborhood? Those would help with getting the community together.

Beautifully situated regarding access to all needs. All well within walking distance.

The city was built based on access via car. We have made really good progress in recent years, but Bellevue could still make improvements for pedestrians and bikers.

Affordability long term is an issue.

Access to walking is bounded by freeways on the E side and N.

While the opportunity is there, it doesn't feel like there are a lot of community connections compared to more suburban type places, especially those with an HOA. Condo residents tend to socialize amongst the owners.

walkability is more than distance. lack of sidewalks, encroachment of vegetation when there is sidewalk, et

highway barriers are real, several commercial spaces do not offer goods and services for regular weekly use, walkability is pretty good and bike cycling is GREAT, sub neighborhoods offer good views of different architectures, garden designs & style

huge amount of diversity within the current definition of NW Bellevue. Makes me think if it should be further segmented

Since parks, schools and commercial establishments (Starbucks and independent coffee houses) are close and within walking distance it is important to make sure they stay

Social connections limited, limited walkability (missing sidewalks in my area)

There are few ways for citizen/resident input to the appropriate individual or department decision makers on specific issues; eg. the street debacle of 108th from 12th to 24th.

the sub neighborhoods are very distinct. I rarely leave mine and wonder about others

DATA WALK

What does this data about environment & sustainability say about the strengths or challenges facing your community:

great access to parks or trails! But still very car based.

The goal for tree canopy and accessibility to parks is very impressive. Residents love this about the city.

Get people out of cars. Keep up the good work on access to green space.

We need to tackle the biggest issues contributing to environmental issues, which seems to be vehicular issues. How to get more people using public transit, walking, cycling, etc.

It shows we are egocentric and do not reach to others to coordinate ride sharing. Of course, the pandemic has really impacted this. need to rethink the use of cars, i am sure this data looks different with WFH (during COVID)

Still a lot of cars...how has Covid changed the statistics on driving to work? Many jobs might continue to be at home and this will change the statistics

We have lost so much tree cover in the 60 years I have lived here. No easy access to the Eastside rail trail near Northrup

It is probably inaccurate since the pandemic and stay at home adult and school children aspects.

needs work of course. The cars are not going away fast enough.

Obviously we need to focus on mitigating emissions across the entire community demographic with special emphasis on vehicle emission mitigation. No more trees to be cut down!!

DATA WALK

What does this data about access & safety say about the strengths or challenges facing your community:

Access has been focused on cars not walking or biking. Lots of opportunity to improve!

NW Bellevue is a safe place to live and work. It is challenging for walkers and bikers. Not clear about the commuting options for public transportation.

Walking and biking have clearly not been a priority in city planning in the past and should be in the immediate future.

Mitigate Bellevue Way and NE 12th /112TH

Form Neighborhood Watch Groups

Figure out why so many people are in their cars and what can be done about it, perhaps bring back the incentive programs, design more walking-friendly (pretty and wide) walkways

Need to deal with the traffic issues, given Bellevue was designed as a "car centric" city and is now evolving to walkable/cycles given the density and philosophy around mixed use development

too much speeding on Bellevue way-need more traffic police

Need more sidewalks on side streets

WE mostly manage traffic safety to moderate level. The 2 hot zones are known areas of accidents so should receive additional monitoring but seems they do not! The crime I hear and see on blogs- half of the autos were unlocked /valuables were visible

since the looting on Memorial Day, I feel less safe in Bellevue. Seems like I am hearing weekly about car break-ins and we increasingly are seeing theft from the mall, (running / being chased on our street)

As to sidewalks and paths, the map showed 108th as sidewalk. However. 1/2 of 108th has the road extension (with a white line) designated as for walking and part of that walking area are city drainage...not good walking

Most traffic concentrated on certain streets. So many areas restrict thru traffic. We are a car centered city.

More BPD traffic enforcement on Bellevue Way, especially north of 112th NE.

The Park is a source of traffic problems. Still we shouldn't get rid of it. It should be patrolled more often

DATA WALK

What does this data about diversity say about the strengths or challenges facing your neighborhood?:

Very diverse population with a very high average income. However seems that one third of the population is cost burdened. This would lead to very different needs- challenging for the city to balance these.

Affordability is an issue.

Community building with diverse cultures would be a good thing to focus on and get creative in how to go about it

Are policies heading in direction of keeping us with high diversity, or trying to assimilate everyone. High diversity makes for a culturally rich city. Eg restaurants, art, activities, etc.

our neighborhood is diverse.

the aging population is loosing its ability to stay with rising taxes and set incomes/retirements and possibly the configuration of space is limiting also.

are we prepared for the aging demographics and need to remain independent? What does this mean for social services i.e. transportation

It has been my experience in my neighborhood that the neighbors who moved here from China have no assistance from the City in helping them understand simple things we take for granted...like garbage, mail, etc. It's confusing to them

Many residents will be in the 65+ category in the next 10 - 20 yrs., what infrastructure is there to support and will it be affordable on retirement income

What is the total population of NW Bellevue? How many residents are participating in this Zoom meeting?

Perhaps a written questionnaire might be an alternative communication mode.

With an ageing population and the new houses are with steps. not congruent

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

How might we provide a variety of housing options for individuals and families of different backgrounds, stages of life, and income brackets?

How might we make it easier for people to stay in their neighborhoods so they can age-in-place?

Declare housing a right

A person in my neighborhood has bought several houses (one so that her child can go to the school district) and then doesn't live in them. That prevents others from buying them who want to live in them full time

Need low income housing

Provide garden space

Allow ADU/backyard cottages (this idea was discussed by several members as a promising idea.)

Allow small businesses and housing above for low impact neighborhoods

Fund tree assessment

Low income housing repair - The city has it now but it's for homeowners. There are many renters in the city, so this is inequitable.

Childcare and nursing build in

Tax or have head taxes for businesses that benefit from being in our area (think Amazon)

If a house is torn down charge builders to fund housing elsewhere.

Have regulations to have lower cost or housing with services

Bring groups together - elderly, teachers, who would like to live in smaller denser housing-share a garden, etc. - Like Ross Chapin model of having smaller, denser community planning for people living together

Do cultural-specific info gather because right now Bellevue is very diverse

reduce property taxes for low income/fixed income residents

My stepmother hired a lawyer to appeal her property taxes, but it was expensive. Most people can't afford to do that. It's an equity issue.

Many people I talk to are worried they can't stay in their homes.

reduce property taxes

Allow ADU-DADUs

Reduce taxes for people on fixed incomes

Create multi-generational smaller house groupings bring different groups together such as those aging in the neighborhood

Figure out ADUs-DADUs - create a task force

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Lessen ADU barriers

Add tax relief

Focus on ADUs-DADUs

Support multi-generational housing/households

Universal design for new construction

Set tax assessment based on home price at purchase

Create a HS and college internship program that helps elderly in variety of ways for example - maintenance, house-cleaning, teaching people how to use phones/technology.

Create a program that helps match people of the same age to possibly room together (often spouses pass away and elderly are left alone).

Rent control

Set property taxes based not on value but based on home price to date at purchase

Support more ADUs

Create more ADUs

ADUs are great if owner occupied

Create more section 8 and ARCH properties

Worried about parking and ADUs

Create dorm style housing

Create more TOD

Require all new buildings to have affordable housing (go beyond incentives)

Create more ADUs

Decrease senior property taxes. Allow it to be repaid upon sale of property - works like a reverse mortgage. Basically a loan on the house that gets repaid upon sale so the city doesn't lose revenue

Consider rent control

Tax corporations instead of property taxes

Place a limit on number of houses that can be demolished to make way for one large house

Provide incentives for long term residents using credits or incentives to reduce rent.

Property tax freeze

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Allow each neighborhood to decide if they want ADUs

Retrofit office space

Cost of living is high, but many times people with lower incomes can't sustain being in Bellevue. We have to assist them to increase diversity. As much assistance as we can afford.

Increasing diversity vs supporting people who are here now are mutually exclusive ideas.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**How might we create new places in our neighborhoods for people to gather together or enhance existing ones?
How might we create opportunities for people from different generations, cultures, and backgrounds and with different abilities to learn about each other and build strong connections?**

Rezone neighborhoods for more cafes/meeting places

Redesign of Hidden Valley Park and/or Zumdieck Park to include picnic areas, pickleball courts, etc.

More block parties and other neighborhood events

Convert existing vacant property in NW Bellevue to pea patch like Marymoor Park

Create a meeting point for Eastside Neighborhood network

Cafes and coffee stands could be gathering places

Themed neighborhood block parties, potlucks to share diverse backgrounds, cultures, arts, foods.

Neighbors kitchen where different cultures meet and cook together

Concerts and performances and invite food trucks, ethnic music, representing cultures

Walking club then coffee afterwards

Park hopping neighborhood group

Block parties. Could tie these to cultures – International block party day, where each block focuses on a different culture. Focus on multi-generational participation.

No-internet zone. Disconnect from your phone – too many people walking around stuck to their phone and not looking around or meeting their neighbors.

Hold events in existing parks

Connect people who want to walk together. “buddy system” – particularly for seniors or those new to the neighborhood

Conversation-benches. Have particular benches in public places be a signal that you are willing to meet a stranger/have a conversation. You sit down and it is an invitation for someone else to join you for a chat.

Book clubs

Use the resources of the residents themselves as people – everyone has skills Yoga, painting, etc.

Musical performances

Park at 20th and Bellevue Way – increase awareness

Dog costume parade already occurs in one neighbor’s area – expand these types of activities

Themed walks for neighbors

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Cultural festivals – invite whole community to learn about culture. Food brings people together. Like Seattle Center - consistent, predictable

Introduce more covered areas - None in NW - issue during COVID, want to be outside while raining. Helpful in summer too.

Add indoor informal gathering. None exist today. Only parks and outdoor space. What do you do the rest of the year?

Add games to parks – like Crossroads chess but for outdoors

Get a list of events that are happening in the neighborhood - perhaps connect to MyBellevue?

Organized walks in parks – like tree ambassadors

Create new places or enhance current one for gatherings

Work with Parks on connecting green spaces and residents

Develop covered spaces for rainy times

big multicultural, multigenerational cultural center for events

Fire Station #10 could use crossover spaces for gatherings with covering

Identify possibility for space donations

Cultural connections are lacking; We want to be connected with new neighbors

There had been a program through BC – Telos (Tellus?) that checked in on senior neighbors

Lock down green space and prevent affordable housing -Increase number of festivals and events

Consider smaller events, by block, that residents can host (comparable to New Orleans “house floats”) to reflect neighborhood cultures

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – MOBILITY & ACCESS

How might we create streets that are safe and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities to walk or bike?

How might we provide more convenient access to stores, cafes, and other services close to home?

Sidewalks need to be wide and continuous

Fix broken sidewalks / complete and connected sidewalks

Curb cuts would help with accessibility

Possible to create walking paths using gravel for less money. This might cost more in maintenance.

Need to make sure people do not have to walk on the roadway

Bike only lanes

Better neighborhood lighting

There may be some need for pedestrian education as well

There needs to be a way to slow traffic in residential areas

Cut through traffic a problem

Cut throughs are a good thing as they save time, Why can't Bellevue residents take Bellevue streets?

Google Maps should direct people to the thoroughfares, not neighborhood streets

Some neighborhood streets (such as by Bellevue Service Center) have speed bumps to reduce speeds and discourage cut-through traffic

If you are walking in neighborhood areas, sometimes the sidewalk cuts out and the street is unsafe when there is a lot of traffic and the cars are going too fast

Close some residential streets to cars for part of the time or for all except those that live on the street

There should be more bike facilities

Lock-ups for bikes - Could it be connected to a charging station for electric bikes? Can you charge electric bikes on a bike rack?

Auditory signals at intersections

Pedestrian ferry to Kirkland/Leschi/West side of Lake Washington. Would encourage people to walk since they could easily get between several downtowns.

Rezoning for pocket retail - need more sidewalk retail/restaurants to encourage folks to walk

The European model of retail and pedestrian areas would be very inviting

This should include childcare – there is a real need in the area for this

Make sure small businesses are involved in the neighborhood retail

Retail that is close by tends to be more expensive

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It is nice to have retail close to your house

Place to charge electric vehicles. Could it be extended to electric bikes?

Neighborhood access to EasTrail

Additional mobility access parking

Bike etiquette needs to be taught. Bikers need to obey the rules of the road

Bike lanes should be wider

Bicycles should be licensed

Sidewalks designed, not just straight but curvy to go with the neighborhood

Isolate Bellevue way and require fly over crossing

Have a CBD accessible path

People have to walk in the road

Lack of continuous sidewalks, poles, curbs, don't meet ADA, can't access

Reallocate funding to complete sidewalks that are wider enough prioritizing on access to city parks

If you take away a bridge like the one over a busy street, put in plan to build it back long term

Light up sidewalks – more lighting so people can feel safe walking

Volunteer walkers to partner with those in need

Near the Lutheran church there is a crosswalk but people don't use it and people can get hurt. Near Sophia's way

Problem on Bellevue way - not a thoughtful design for safe walkway there or safe driveway

consciously develop more community centers in micro neighborhoods

Need sidewalks e.g. on 108th between 12th and 24th - does not have sidewalks

Presently walker have to walk the street where the drains are

Improve street lighting

Presently on 108th Ave NE the lanes for traffic are narrow an the cars are driven in the designated bike/walk lane.

Streets missing sidewalks should have street parking limits

On 108th Ave NE, improve street lighting including for bike lanes

Widen sidewalks on both sides, calm traffic

limit street parking

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As a city we should create linkages. Streets build for cars can be redesigned for bikes and pedestrians e.g. 108th is a wide enough street and could be turned into a linear park

Creatively redesign and rebuild streets.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – TREES & ENVIRONMENT

How might we support residents in caring for and enhancing their trees and green space?

How might we expand access to parks and nature for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities as the community changes?

How might we support residents in making more sustainable choices in their homes?

Tree/leaf cleanup support - could help prevent tree removal. Especially for people who don't have the capacity to do the clean up

Help for tree removal for unhealthy trees - very expensive to remove trees

Help people learn about the value of trees, and also how they grow.

Help people find some of the more hidden parks in Bellevue

Outdoor performance and easy access w/shuttles etc. to get people to lesser known places (tied together in an event)

Create park walking groups

More instruction on recycling and support for special materials (e.g. Styrofoam). It's difficult when the recycling instructions change - e.g. no more shredded paper in the organics

How can we support people who move here from other places without good recycling systems

More pocket parks - provide access for everyone - you don't have to go very far. Neighbors meet each other and get to know one another.

Education on trees - explain how to maintain trees without having them fall - alleviate concerns. If trees aren't maintained, they can get unhealthy - contribute less to society benefits and can get dangerous.

Garden at all the schools - use for education for kids in particular

Label trees in parks for education. Like Botanical Gardens on neighborhood scale.

More dog potty spaces. - Lots of the multi-family areas don't have spaces other than private yards for dogs to do their business. Bad for plants

Pathways with hard surfaces, reduce sharp elevation changes - shallower, longer pathways where possible

Place more benches along pathways, useful to take a break, particularly if there are mobility issues.

Dwarf crabapples along 12 were mostly removed - they were a unique plant with a good scale along the sidewalk.

Incentivize solar on new homes - particularly for builders.

Strict rules – requirements about planting trees, requirements to replace trees, rules about not removing trees

- There should be big fees for cutting down trees without a permit. This should be tracked better so that projects ignoring the rules aren't missed.

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- The fee should be big enough that developers/builders don't ignore it just to get a project constructed.
- Hire a full-time arborist for the City to oversee trees across the city. A tree insurance type program would save money over time by helping mitigate risk and keep the city from losing trees in some instances.
- Utilities and other public works aren't pruning properly but instead hacking off branches abruptly, damaging both the trees and the visual impact of the trees
- Provide financial assistance to help hire arborist for low income families. Would benefit public.
- There should be clear values attributed to types, sizes, ages, quality of different trees. This helps with understanding the value before cutting them down
- Most people don't realize the difference in environmental impact – can the City highlight a demonstration project showing the benefits of a small house designed with best practices over a large house maximizing the lot?
- 5-6000 SF homes are a concern from a sustainability perspective

Access to EastRail trail at multiple points

- Lots of agreement on this one – people miss the small pocket parks that used to exist Downtown and would like to see these in the neighborhoods
- Many people can't go far from their homes but just want a place to sit and rest (accessibility concerns) and meet neighbors for a chat (getting to know one another)
- Suggestion to have City watch for small lots available in the neighborhoods for purchase and transition into small pocket parks scattered throughout so that everyone has access to a park within a short walk

More sidewalks to provide access to parks etc.

- Flyers highlighting tree locations, benefits, and ways to mitigate disagreements and solve problems (see next bullet)
- Education around maintenance
- Not everything has to be a rule – sometimes education is enough
- Lots of disagreements between neighbors about trees – let them know about the Conflict Resolution Center

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- Can the City have a program or offer financial assistance to low-income households needing help with tree maintenance? Often trees get cut down rather than properly pruned (or they fall down dangerously because nobody knows how to look after them)
- Trees should be part of the design review process for all projects – there need to be reasonable reasons for cutting down trees. Clearcutting a site should not be the default option.

Adopt-a-tree program - this would help provide a sense of neighborhood ownership and also help provide education opportunities.

- Company with money, like Forterra, could partner with non-profits to scatter pockets of green space throughout the City

Involve youth in Sustainability conversation

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

1: Safety 2: walkability (sidewalks!!)

A great place for a walk with friendly neighbors and lots of dogs - with minimal traffic and beautiful homes

Ability to walk to several parks

As an empty nester, I would like to stay in my neighborhood that I've lived in for 29 years, but there are no small homes I can afford and property taxes are killing me.

At one time, a second year public school teacher could afford to buy a home here (in 1972)

Beautiful trees and landscaping - setbacks for development should be larger!

Being able to walk to Downtown Bellevue

Bellevue's "City in a Park" motto is important to me. I want future people to enjoy landscaping, city trees and flowers

Biking between Yarrow Point and Bellevue Way - lots of people do this to avoid Bellevue way's steep grade

City parks/Open spaces

Clean streets, clean landscaped yards

Clean water, parks, no homeless tents or people, walkability, clean streets, trees and a great police department

Close to park/lake

Complete the sidewalk on the east side of 100th Ave NE, north to 24th

Continue what you are doing

Continued enjoyment of the cross Kirkland corridor trail

Convenient access to Seattle, Downtown Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond

Cross corridor trail. Access to trails off Lake Washington Blvd in Kirkland

Cross Kirkland Trail/Eastrail King County. Exercise and commuting. Trees - eagles, owls, deer, coyote - keep the forests and trees! Old building - history. Rivers that run through the neighborhood

Cross Kirkland/Jane Hague Way

Cul de sac - makes it possible for kids to play on streets - low traffic, low speed

Douglas firs

Downtown Park - maintenance and fix up. Safety - continue good police and fire departments - safety walking at night.

Easy access to Downtown area via convenient transit

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

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Easy to walk, great parks

Enhanced walkway along NE 12th, east and west of the library

Feeling of community

Feeling removed from the hustle/bustle of downtown Bellevue. Parks and forested spaces very important
freedom from scams, hustles, hassles, and people wanting to buy my house

Garden like atmosphere with well-maintained streets, clean, no transients/tents and affordable rent

Gardens & trees

Goddard Park and Library

Great access to Kirkland Corridor Trail going towards Kirkland. Need better access off of 115th near BSC site

Greenery, sport parks, kids' playgrounds, good access to transit

Greenness

I like the trees. They are very tall and pleasing to the eye

I used to be peaceful and quiet, with lots of trees. Ruined by "improved" access to 520 and addition of apartments in South Kirkland Park and Ride. Increased crime (car prowls, car thefts, vagrants sleeping in wooded areas)

I want seniors, young people and modest income people to be able to rent backyard cottages and stay in the Northtown neighborhood where I live. I want duplex or triplex units to be allowed which would be the same scale and mass as the McMansions now being built after the smaller, original ramblers where I live and rent get torn down

I would like for people to enjoy single family living and a quiet neighborhood

It is a great walking neighborhood. Would be great to have power lines buried to improve beauty for residents and those that walk on 108th Ave NE (N of 12th Street)

It is zoned for single family residences. We are friendly. We have trees

It's neat, clean, walkable. Interesting, neighborly. Keep it safe!

It's proximity to downtown amenities. Mature landscaping, but developers are cutting down all trees prior to getting permits. A sense of history that is currently being lost with huge homes

It's quiet and safe. Views are protected.

It's safe (low crime). It's clean and well kept up

Jane Hague Trail - although it needs mile markers and beaches like the cross-Kirkland trail

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Lake Washington and Meydenbauer Park

Large trees and open space, parks, greenbelts

Larger lots, I love that many of the lots remain larger and haven't been subdivided. It keeps the tree canopy intact without having to regulate. I love that we have so many neighborhood walkers and gardeners. I'd rather have backyard cottages than subdivided lots

less traffic, less through traffic between 108th and Bellevue Way. More services for the elderly that do not drive and don't have/use computers. Property taxes are way out of rational cost.

Like the way it is

Limiting the size and height of houses constructed - avoid removing the many trees

Living on a side street, not a main street (like 100th or 24th)

Local services w/QFC and other small business within walking distance. Extremely walkable neighborhood

Low density, quietness, no traffic, lots of trees, little on street parking

Low traffic low noise

low traffic rate and speed makes it a nice place to walk and spend time outside with neighbors

Lower speed of cars on 100th NE

Maintain the grassy areas in the parks. More green, less cement

Make neighborhood safe, less trespass. Less homeless or tent living.

Mature trees, parks

More frequent farmers market, more flowers

More parking and less traffic

More sidewalks. They are too separate

Mostly single family homes, protected from through traffic on the streets between the arterials (NE 8th and Lake WA Blvd) and limitations on non-locals parking

My neighborhood doesn't have anything particularly noteworthy, but my favorite feature is that my neighborhood feels quiet, safe, and small, yet we are a short walk from all the amenities of Downtown Bellevue. Oh, and I like the nearby Farmer's Market across Bellevue Way.

My neighborhood is safe and quiet. Strangers, homeless, and unknown people bring risks to the safety and security of my neighborhood

nature

Nature

Near bike trails

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Neighborhoods with a sense of ownership in the wellbeing of their neighborhood. Owners are generally more invested. Walking Trees
neighbors relaxed, safe and communicative
Nice residential neighborhood with excellent location to close downtown businesses
nice views, low density
No ADUs in the neighborhood. Parks are great to have.

no homeless/unsheltered living hear DOT-owned infrastructure underneath or near 520. This is not Seattle.
No thru traffic. Wish it was quieter and had fewer signs
non car enjoyment - walking and cycling

Northtowne is a safe, walkable community. I know it's expensive, but having safe crosswalks across Bellevue Way would improve the walkability. Northwest
Center is a nice community center - hope we can keep it!
Northwest Arts Center and grass field

old established neighborhood with old growth flora. Ideal location. No two properties are alike. Access to lake and parks.
on-leash parks and playgrounds

Open green space that large lots provide. Trees and privacy. Wildlife - deer, bobcat, owls, birds of all kinds
Open space.

Open spaces and neighborhood feel. Love how the urban center is close - but the neighborhood is distinct from urban space.
Our unobstructed views
Outdoors and Scenery
Parklike feeling
parks
Parks and green spaces and ability to access without driving and - most importantly - walkable sidewalks (not roadway extensions with a white line to
separate walkers from traffic)
Parks and meaydenbauer beach park
Parks and playgrounds for kids
Parks and their landscaping

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

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parcs and trails. I'm not happy with all the highrise building and megahomes. Bellevue was nicer before 2000.

Parks and trees. Local small businesses

parcs, access to lake

Parks, library, walkable

Parks...more parks. Connecting the city with walkways/pathways

peaceful, water views, walking distance of everything

please preserve the small parks and natural areas (eg Zumdieck Park, Chapin Trail, and the one at NE 18th and 100th Ave NE)

proximity to Downtown

Proximity to Downtown Bellevue - but still quiet with a lot of parks

Proximity to downtown, diverse population

Proximity to parks/open space/community resources like libraries and community centers as well as retail

Quiet

quiet and low traffic

Quiet but close to Downtown

Quiet neighborhood near a busy Downtown

quiet residential streets with little flow-through traffic. Walkable. Safe.

Quiet streets, but still convenient to Downtown

Quiet, not too much traffic. Lots of trees. A way of getting to know your neighbors.

Quiet. Friendly. Peaceful.

Quietness and safety

Ravine

Relative quiet

Residents being able to access our neighborhood via cars. There are only 3 entry/exit points to Vuecrest and 2 out of three (west and south) are affected by rush hour traffic. Replacing nearby retail strips with multi-unit apartments is creating traffic problems for Vuecrest.

Safe and easy walkability to Downtown, no graffiti, no tents

safe walking

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

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Safe, easy walking access to Northtowne shopping center, Downtown Bellevue, and Downtown Kirkland/Cross Kirkland Corridor trail. As a woman, feeling safe walking alone.

Safe, Quiet

Safe, quiet street

Safe, quiet, trees, great parks

safety

Safety

safety and diversity

Safety and low density - we all need a buffer from a burgeoning Downtown Bellevue

safety, low crime rate

same upkeep

sidewalks that are conducive to long walks

sidewalks, parks, walkability

Small parks (keep), less large home development, easy access to bike paths, walkable to downtown

Street light. Roundabout at intersection.

super close to city without having a super busy road running through the neighborhood

That is has such quick and easy access to downtown and yet is a safe, clean residential area

The almost constant construction noise from houses being torn down and new ones built is special. Having the additional noise from the backyard cottages being built will make it even more special. Being under SeaTac's flight path is special too!

The ambience of main street - keeping it small and enabling restaurants and shops the ability to afford to be there.

The beautiful trees, clean streets, wonderful friendly, safe family feel. Clean air too. Very walkable.

The City added bike lanes on both sides of 108th Ave NE, just north of 12th. We see VERY few bicycles using those lanes, but MANY pedestrians, even though there is a pre-existing sidewalk on the eastside (only) of 108th.

The convenience and walk-ability to workplaces, shopping and dining, entertainment and arts venues and events, services

The Downtown Bellevue park - as well as the other smaller "strip parks"

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What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

The garden like appearance of most areas. No highrise condos.

The lack of sidewalks in Lochleven and surrounding areas/roads is a positive aspect, helping to keep car speeds down and helping it be a more relaxing and natural environment

The large old growth trees that are still here

The lush street landscaping. Enough separation between cars and peds so I don't get splashed when walking on rainy days

The nearby City parks!

The old growth evergreen trees! Please STOP allowing folks to remove them.

The parks in the neighborhood are special. Parks on the lake offer water access at a number of locations. Walking access to parks is important. Lake Washington Blvd should be improved with a sidewalk on the lakeside. Old driveway curb cuts on the north side of Lake Washington Blvd should be upgraded to be more walk-friendly

The peace, quietness, the nature. The trees, the safety. The friendly neighborhood

The surrounding trees right in the middle of the city

The trees and general natural growth of plants and forested areas to walk in and around daily, as well as all the neighborhood parks to walk through for peace and quiet (mental health)

The trees and the views

the trees/flowers gardens birds squirrels wildlife

The views and safety of proximity to Downtown

There are so many desirable amenities within walking distance. Pedestrian safety and access should be enhanced and preserved.

This is a very walkable neighborhood

Tree canopy, grass and ability to walk. We could use our public spaces for private development to mitigate necessary tree removal (necessary should be limited scope!)

Trees! Old, big trees that shade the streets and provide nesting for eagles! And lots of birds. There are precious few left.

trees, parks, views, and sidewalks

Trees, quiet, access to Eastside trail and CKC, safety, park, green space. Safety

trees, quiet, views, safe, livable

Trees, walkability, slow speed limits

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

What is something special about your neighborhood that you want people to enjoy in the future

Undeveloped wooded area owned by the city. Would like this property to remain undeveloped

Vibrant Downtown, nice parks, clean and safe.

Views

Views of lake, mountains, trees

views of the lake while walking around Clyde Hill. The trails and loop around neighborhood. Nice trees.

Views. Peace and quiet

Walkability and close proximity to Downtown Bellevue, Parks, shopping

Walkability to amenities and pocket parks/nature. Thank you Georgia Zumdiek

walkability to downtown amenities. Quiet, wooded areas. Clean, well-maintained sidewalks. Nearby parks. Race/ethnic diversity. Good public transportation.

Walkability, parks, single family homes. Convenience to Downtown Bellevue. It's a safe community

walkable, safety, shopping and dining options

walking to Downtown business and parks

Walking, we need sidewalk on west side of 108th north of Bel-Red/12th

Water access, walkability, underground wires!

we are all enjoying the two beautiful parks in our neighborhood - Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Park at present

We have 3 fantastic parks, Hidden Valley, G Zumdieck, and the one on NE 20th and Bellevue Way

We have most everything - two lovely parks, good sidewalks, easy transportation, restaurants, etc.

We need to have the cell tower located in the lot that was Grace Lutheran Church removed! Or at the very least, please disguise as one of those metal trees I have seen elsewhere

We need you to leave us alone and let us enjoy what we worked our asses off for

What can be done in regards to the litter in all our Bellevue neighborhoods? There is trash EVERYWHERE these days!

wonderful small business operations, options on main street

would be better phrased as what WAS something special... that would be the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of our neighbors. That is no longer true on any level. Sad.

Zumdieck Park, Hidden Valley Park, Walking in the neighborhood

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

Other Comments

Tell Bellevue to stop over taxing the elderly!

Nope to BC - people would price these as high as they could. They would not be more affordable. BC regulations - tear up the grass and trees for a 2nd dwelling on your property? No! Too many small trees are also being unnecessarily removed!

We're happy (with mobility options)

few improvements to be made here, all excellent

Our property taxes went up 30% this year - middle class people will be forced out and mega-homes are being placed on small lots. Horrible

We need sidewalks on both sides of street North of 12th on 108th Ave NE

Oppose changing our neighborhood. Do not want these (backyard cottages) - the form tries to force my support. But still oppose. Stated too many trees... "from Bellevue"

Don't want backyard cottages!!!

more sidewalks please - recommend signs asking people to wear reflective clothes or lights when walking

No no no! (to backyard cottages). Sidewalks! (to walk). Maintain streets and fix potholes (to drive)

Change auxiliary apartment to 1100 SF.

too much of a parking problem in my quiet neighborhood (DADUs), if they are ok'd, parking must be off-street (DADU regs), short trees only - our covenants protect our views

Note: Our neighborhood has already changed a lot. Vuecrest is directly adjacent to Downtown so we now have many, many new condo and apartment buildings next to or very close. Therefore, many new smaller, more affordable housing options are available and/or being built. QFC/Bellevue Village will also be torn down and many new smaller housing options will be built.

Add a sidewalk on NE 10th St. Between 92nd and Lake WA Blvd

too many trees being cut down by the city

Please improve pedestrian safety Downtown

accompanying letter (do not want backyard cottages - there are other options in the neighborhood. Don't want to become Seattle. Too many trees are being cut down)

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

Other Comments

Cut back trees/bushes that impact sidewalks on 8th/108th; pot holes in road; over time remove power poles; fix sidewalks on 8th near 99th/98th ave ne south side

We need better sidewalks to Meydenbauer Bay Park

West Bellevue (Lockleven)

Letter: affordable housing near light rail stations, develop multicultural city, respect nature - build around trees, pea patches, more trash cans in public spaces, promote city walking, include sidewalks in new development

No biking except at parks - too dangerous; hard enough to drive with so many population. Don't need the extra danger of bikes on roads.

Backyard cottages probably still expensive or Airbnb, not really housing. More sidewalks. We would like to feel more connected to Bellevue vs. Kirkland
More sidewalks and undergrounding of power lines

Quit messing with our neighborhoods we work hard to live here. We don't need DADUs. Backyard cottages would create a new ghetto. It's up to the property owner not you (tree removal). Lives in the neighborhood in which we are taxed to death in

rent must be affordable!! Increase in pricing real estate is putting many people at risk, myself included

backyard cottages will only provide more opportunities for non-resident investors and speculators to make more money and price others out of the market!

Can you please restripe the center lane on 108th Ave North of NE 12th. Since the bike lanes were put in years ago it has never been restriped :(

Enforce speed limits. We live on 112th Ave NE (a major arterial) and cars frequently ignore the posted speed limit.

no sidewalks

No (backyard cottages) we have covenants

Parks, close to shopping

Keep it safe!

backyards are for children to play in, not to house more people

only somewhat agree with BC if regulated. Care about parking, not the tree removal.

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING SESSION – QUESTIONNAIRE

Other Comments

condos are ignored by you guys - please note. Please give condo residents some attention - help needed for better services for us!

More overcrowding (DADUs), Parking rights, Trees! Where? You have absolutely betrayed Bellevue with your concrete/glass zonlies looming over our city. It's impossible to walk with all the ?? Wherever one go for a reasonable ???? Are blocking sun. Why bother you don't listen. Resign all of you. You have sold us out where are we supposed to ships(?) this is still Bellevue, not Bel-Air

Who decide to make it "Northwest Bellevue?" I had a neighbor's tree fall on my home in a "president's day" storm. Bike riders should be required to license their bikes to help pay for bike lands and bike signals.

Please re-plant trees! Cars push pedestrians even out of crosswalks

POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

The neighborhood has little character & is being over run by oversized overpriced McMansions & dragged down by crumbling old houses that aren't being maintained Your policies don't address either of these issues

I would LOVE to see the city encourage people to better maintain their homes/yards (POLICY S-NW-3) but I do wonder how effective this will be.

Move traffic off of residential and minor streets such as main and 100 NE

Encourage use of 4th and 8th

To better understand HOW each of these goals and policies can/will be achieved. Right now they read as "aspirational", but I don't see how my neighborhood will benefit.

Make safe walkability a priority. Maintain graffiti free look. No tents, shopping carts full of stuff. Have a plan to keep it in check.

Need more specifics. We live in Vuecrest and do feel the crush of the oncoming high buildings and traffic.

My concern is about the scale of development in my neighborhood. Five million dollar mega-mansions are becoming the norm in a neighborhood of original Bell and Valdez homes. The result is skyrocketing property taxes and setback to setback homes that are in the neighborhood of 6,000 square feet. It is not comfortable to live next door to a home that towers to a height of three stories and "peers" into your yard.

There's no safe routes for bicycles across NW Bellevue north-south. Directing vehicles to arterials is great but the only street out of the north end is a dangerous highway.

Stronger landscape buffers and green areas

"Preserve" and "maintain" the "existing character" reads to me like NIMBY-ism. I want our neighborhood to embrace change, be vibrant, and be welcoming.

Change direct vehicles away from residential streets to prevent commuters from turning residential streets into rush hour arterials.

no cottage homes

clarification of the goals

Keeping sub neighborhood character and existing housing stock would have been nice goal 15 years ago, no longer possible.

I would need to be better informed and understand the respective pros and cons of each policy.

NW should seamlessly integrate into downtown. Density should build as one approaches downtown rather than a hard border.

POLICY SURVEY

What would it take for you to fully support these sense of place goals and policies?

Not sure why I am being asked about NW Bellevue only. Is Meydenbauer Bay NW Bellevue. I don't understand some the policies, e.g., "Preserve the existing sub-neighborhood characters by encouraging rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing housing stock." What does that mean? What are "experimental qualities"?

That you add the need to slow traffic down, especially where kids and parents gather for school buses, and that you add more places where people can safely cross the streets.

The only one I disagree with is POLICY S-NW-3. Although there are challenges with redevelopment (like loss of our older trees in many cases), I view recent high-volume replacement of existing housing stock as a positive. Many (not all) of the older dwellings in my neighborhood have been poorly maintained and their removal is a positive for the neighborhood. In addition, as smaller older homes have been replaced with larger modern homes, this has a) made the neighborhood more attractive to families with young kids, b) better utilized the land in our neighborhood, and c) increased property values and tax revenue for the city. I would NOT want the City of Bellevue to obstruct what I consider progress.

encouragement

Change encourage> require utilities underground with new development. Control speeding along 8th from Downtown to Medina and along Lake Washington Blvd Medina to Main Street.

Sound and privacy barrier along/between McCormick Park and the residential area, just north of NE 12th.

On NW-8. Would like to suggest Maintain McCormick Park and its East Extension as a buffer...

Concerned about the use of "collaborating with neighboring jurisdiction." Not sure what is meant by this term and how it's being used. This needs clarification, what is intended.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these sense of community goals and policies?

Defund the police

Interaction with neighbors is not very important.

I LOVE THIS! I know so few of my neighbors. I wish this was due to living in suburbia, but it was the same issue when I lived in a downtown high-rise.

More parks and complete water front

for seniors to "remain" in the neighborhood as they age, they need to be able to stay in their homes. They don't want to move to "new" senior living spaces.

Taxes are driving many out.

I don't like the idea of tiny houses or units in people's back yard. I love our natural park with the trail North of Devonshire on Bellevue Way.

Not sure what is meant by bringing people together. We seem to have a wonderfully diverse population and it is enjoying strong growth.

Maybe add some detail to POLICY S-NW-11. It seems more vague than the others, and I don't know what it means.

This is liberal speak for spending money on needless projects.

I support seniors staying in place and multi-generational families but not single family houses rented by un-related people.

Parks and the like are already open to all, don't spend money to change

These goals seem more important than the first set of goals to the ongoing vitality of the neighborhood. Neighbors need to connect!

improving lower income housing in downtown bellevue and northwest bellevue for those that qualify.

There is nothing in this that address the high property tax. we need to get smart about how we use our tax dollars and the State keeps adding taxes which will continue to price out diversity in West Bellevue

clarification of the efforts and goals

This is aspirational but I do not think some of these are realistic

More information. Understand the pros & cons.

These all seem very vague. Are we talking about creating senior centers and more community centers? Would they be in the neighborhoods themselves or in the DT area? Are these going to be things that people can walk to? Are we talking about more parks? I like parks but we should look at what parks are most heavily used and for what purposes.

I would Bellevue to have a plan on how to prevent camping and transient camps being built in any parks.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these sense of community goals and policies?

Admittedly, I've only lived in my neighborhood for eleven years, but to suggest there is a history of neighborhood cohesion or even coherent sub-neighborhoods seems like wishful and inaccurate. For instance, investing in the "Northtowne" sign at Bellevue Way and NE 17th was a silly boondoggle as only a handful of residents even consider Northtowne a thing.

I'm somewhat skeptical of city initiatives to foster neighborhood cohesion, outside of providing public spaces for people to gather.

I'm not fully convinced about S-NW-19 - I think that is more likely to create issues with loiterers as it is to provide a benefit to me and my neighbors.

I like S-NW-20 to 22 a lot.

I am not sure the city needs to spend resources on this

encourage mixing smaller lots and/or smaller houses/housing into neighborhoods, which would allow seniors to "age in place" in more affordable resident-owned houses. (also encourages more affordable housing mix in neighborhoods)

Follow through

Stop doubling property tax - no one can afford to stay

On the write up of the "sense of community." Am repelled by the wording of the first line in the second paragraph. I think it expresses a personal statement not a community statement. I would prefer, "residents desire ways to learn about their neighbors"

Under Policy NW-15, or separately, want to encourage more cooperation between the city and BSD for shared use of spaces.

NW-18 - am concerned about the terms "users with a variety of physical abilities" would prefer "for handicapped accessible facilities."

NW-19 instead of "rest" use "interact and engage with each other"

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

How does house sharing help anyone except money grabbing landlords? How does accessory dwellings help?

Build affordable housing

I question whether backyard dwellings are such a good idea.

Please don't encourage this. The reason I bought a home where I did is because the area was safe and free from the crime that tends to follow these low income housing units. The things that you're trying to do here discourage me from walking around my neighborhood with my kids, hurt my home's value, worry about not chaining my grill to a pole, etc. There has been a noticeable uptick in crime (assaults, smash & grabs, etc.) after the low-income apartments went in behind St. Lukes. Please stop. There are plenty of low income housing options in Renton.

I don't agree with ADUs in my neighborhood. Not enough sidewalks - actually none. increased housing in my neighborhood puts more vehicles on the roads, which are not designed for multifamily living. Lots of people walk, with pets, children, and families. Several us walking assisted devices. My neighborhood should remain designated for only single family homes.

No, I don't care for backyard/mother-in-law dwellings. This is a slippery slope and not why we like living here.

Again, I get back to the issue of taxes and livability - the two are intertwined. So-called mother-in-law apartments are something I can live with. In fact, my views about these have become more favorable over the recent years.

Is there any way to slow (or stop) the tearing down of smaller, older houses and the building of multi-million-dollar McMansions on their lots? I see way too much of this going on.

discourage house sharing

NW Bellevue barely has any character remaining. It's all generic mega mansions with three car garages. We're doing the same to West Bellevue now.

We don't want to become Seattle.

I disagree with Policy S-NW-25 -- this is total NIMBY-ism. We should embrace accessory dwelling units and specifically tiny homes. Tiny homes should be allowed per residential zoning laws. They should be able to be visible from the street and should become apart of our character. Housing costs are so extreme here, and allowing a legal way for these homes to exist would make Bellevue more affordable for so many people and would normalize other housing options. Single-family homes are not the only American dream.

let free market sort it out

I think there should be a greater push for lower income housing in downtown bellevue and northwest bellevue. stop allowing these massive useless houses that make little to no sense in the community.

the above proposal should not affect my area of residency

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these housing affordability goals and policies?

Don't subdivide residential properties or rezone residential areas

This is especially important where there are public transit options and walkability to employment centers.

I feel this would decrease our property values

I need to know more about POLICY S-NW-25 before I know whether I support POLICY S-NW-24. From my own personal experience with neighbors making unpermitted additions on their property, I start off skeptical that the regulations *and* enforcement will be sufficient.

in addition to ADUs, would like to see encouragement of small(er) resident-owned (not just renter) houses available within neighborhoods (s-nw-23?).
[currently, all new development appears to maintain lot size with larger and larger houses, reducing any affordability]

Compliance

I also think it is important to restrict the size of new homes built on lots in NW Bellevue. Many smaller older homes in good condition are being torn down and replaced with McMansions, which has changed the neighborhood significantly.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

More focus on safety for cyclists & pedestrians Better transit systems

We need to slow down traffic on Bellevue Way, install more crosswalks where school buses stop.

Local residents should be able to use neighborhood streets to bypass arterials. Arterials are often clogged.

This is a good start, but this needs more thought. You first need to realize that public transportation is useless for most of us (unless I'm trying to get from downtown Bellevue to Microsoft). Personally, I would end up walking about 3 miles plus adding almost an hour to my car commute to work (NW Bellevue to Redmond). That's not practical and it won't ever be. I'd much rather see improvements to onramps and roads than wasted on public transportation. Speeding has been a growing problem in the area over the last few years. How about put some speed traps along Bellevue Way and arterial streets? Police presence has been early nonexistent and many of these roads have gotten dangerous to walk along over the last few years. Please don't add speed bumps...my car bottoms out on some of them in Bellevue so I need to be careful about which routes I drive. Blind corners are another problem that drastically needs to be addressed. This is mostly due to unmaintained landscaping (mostly ivy, blackberries, or overgrown trees). This is an EASY fix that I believe would have the biggest impact on your goals here.

Slow down and discourage traffic on 100 th NE and main. Especially by park , boys and girls club and Rotary play area
Speeding , night racing and commuter traffic will cause accidents

again, HOW will these be achieved? Support, encourage, explore are passive attempts and really mean nothing. What will get funded? How?

There needs to be a safer way to cross Bellevue way by bike at the north side of the 520 overpass. There is no easy way up onto that big sidewalk. It feels unsafe. Love the bike lane on 112th! Would love a better sidewalk buffer of landscape all the way on Bellevue Way. 520 to Downtown always feels 1/2 finished.

Add some speed bumps in the Vuecrest neighborhood

There are two traffic issues that alarm me here in Bellevue. The first is right turning traffic ignoring pedestrians trying to cross in front of them. Perhaps a "walk" sign could flash "on" prior to traffic getting the green "go" light. Bellevue drivers are not particularly considerate of pedestrian traffic.

My second issue is one that, perhaps, the city of Bellevue cannot solve. It is the intersection of the Hwy. 520 off ramp as it exits on to Bellevue way. The jersey barrier is so high that southbound traffic on Bellevue Way cannot see a motorist running a red light until it is too late. I have been a witness to one "T-Bone" accident and one fortuitous near miss. If Bellevue drivers weren't so cavalier about running red lights, I would not be so concerned.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

I don't see anything about speed on Bellevue Way. How long has it been since someone was killed in one of the few crosswalks there? NW Bellevue is a dangerous place to walk when you need to actually go somewhere.

More walking trails within Bellevue.

Bike, pedestrian, metro/bus priority and support is key

Improve pedestrian safety and decrease traffic but increase density with ADUs and household sharing. These goals conflict.
do not over sell light rail

create sidewalks. add more speed bumps or traffic lights - especially in north west bellevue so the fuck tard loud speeding race cars cant speed anymore. Bellevue needs to move to a more carbon neutral less car traffic more pedestrian and bicycle friendly lifestyle. with the move of amazon, google, microsoft and facebook to downtown bellevue there is only going to be a mass increase in traffic and cars should not be the way to go so creating an environment that is better for pedestrian and bicycle traffic would alleviate that.

I live close to downtown Bellevue and walk all over my neighborhood and the downtown area. I think its pretty good but we can improve sidewalks in some neighborhoods with larger arterial streets and more speed bumps to keep the speeding down

Policy 37 and 39 are not clear

Pedestrian priority should also happen in DT. Bellevue Way should be pedestrian only from 4th-8th opening it to a promenade. It is dangerous and dumb to have so much traffic in the heart of shops and restaurants. Traffic should be rerouted to 106th.

Again not sure why I am asked to focus on NW Bellevue. I do ride a bike and walk from Meydenbauer 99th and Lake Wa into town. Traffic on Lak Wa is not safe for walkers, there are no bike lanes as you approach Main st. and additional crossings need to be added for residents.

There are school bus stops all along Bellevue Way North now and parents and kids need more places to safely cross. The blocks are now too long and there are not enough crosswalks by the busstops. This should be fixed before there is a horrible accident.

sidewalks both sides of 100th homes along 100th should maintain their landscape as to not block the sidewalks and not to block views of oncoming traffic at corners

I don't understand exactly what POLICY S-NW-37 has in mind. In general, I think I might support it, but it depends on generally where and what is envisioned by it. As is, it is too vague for me to support.

Support the car speed reduction initiatives, as well as bicycle lanes improvements. Do not support measures for easier access to the neighborhoods.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support all of these mobility and access goals and policies?

include reducing speed limits in residential neighborhood streets (in addition to traffic calming)?

Repave pot holed streets like the north end of 100th Ave NE from NE28thst northbound

I have been an advocate for increasing the number of pedestrian crossings on Bellevue Way, especially at North Towne shopping center and possibly at another location somewhere between 1st Pres Church and NE 24th, to encourage more pedestrian access. I love the idea of increasing the number of gathering places and putting benches along streets, especially for older residents in our hilly neighborhood, to encourage walking.

Enact traffic calming on arterials and have a standard speed of 25 MPH in the city that is enforced.

The write up is good, simple and straightforward.

On NW-28: add "consider traffic calming devices"

On NW-37: this has to do with land-use and would like to add "allow 20-25% expansion of Northtown Shopping Center."

On NW-38: Add in "prioritize multi-modal transportation enhancements"

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

Trees need to be maintained to prevent damage from windstorms. Green spaces cannot become campsites for street people.

Increased tree canopy is only good if the trees are healthy. PLEASE prioritize getting rid of English/Charlie's ivy growing up and choking out trees (and at best making them look very unsightly). This is an issue on numerous residential trees AND even on city land.

Create canopy of trees on corridors

Stop letting developers get away with taking down our mature tree canopy! I can't stand seeing so many mature trees stripped and replaced with spindly little ornamental trees. We are losing birds with every tree that comes down.

again, passive language and lack of accountability and funding make this list virtually meaningless.

Love the replant where a big old tree needs to be removed for safety. I think the park North of Devonshire has been planted so heavily that soon it won't feel safe in there. I love walking the trails, but lots of small evergreens, mostly fir were planted and now it's getting dense. Fyi

However, I see no effort by the City to do anything about tree canopy and the earlier mentioned mega-mansions. Lots are being clear cut to make room for the homes and then given "cookie cutter" landscaping with all the usual ordinary plantings and almost NO bigger trees. I doubt there are many homes that have more tree canopy than mine as the failure to get much sunlight on my garden will testify.

when redeveloping housing site, save most large trees, do not clear cut the lot,

Increase planning requiring greater planting of trees and plants around, on top, and on balconies on all highrise buildings

More trees and more green space

More trees everywhere! Force new construction to keep some trees and plant new ones.

Despite all the housing density added to Downtown, Bellevue has not added 1 park to Downtown or Northwest Bellevue. Disappointing.

i don't believe replacing large trees is a good idea

less focus on roads and car traffic. more focus on pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

I like parks as much as anyone but I do not favor putting any priority on the tree canopy. lets focus our efforts on helping people in need, homeless, mentally ill, drug/alcohol addiction..etc.

restrict owners from removing large trees from property

setting limits, controls of the removal of greenery in new areas of construction

Policy 41 Seems two be punitive to those of us that have older homes.

I am concerned about the mix of uses for Eastrail. I see it as primarily for bike use and worry about encouraging uses that would conflict with this. In general I like the idea of greater access to outdoor recreation and exercise.

POLICY SURVEY

What would be needed for you to fully support these environment goals and policies?

trees should not block views, views need to be protected

As long as it doesn't increase cost of tree maintenance for the residents.

(does this also fit within this category?) include shrubs and other (non-lawn) plants, along with trees. include support for rain gardens.

Justification by owner before removing trees

I love the idea of adding more trees!!! And purchasing space for small neighborhood parks. What a wonderful long term plan for our community! Thank you.

Change/Add: "They desire immediate and continued action to protect and rebuild their tree canopy over time." add in "maintain tree canopy over time"

Maybe cut protect and use "maintain."

Don't like "In particular, they hope that the impact on Northwest Bellevue's tree canopy will be a consideration for any future development regulations that might affect the neighborhood."

POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

Defund the police

Work force housing

What has been presented is overly comprehensive, to be almost impossible to achieve.

Just really want to discourage homeless encampments. Appreciate when one showed up in our street end park it was removed immediately. Love how clean Bellevue is kept from litter and graffiti. I feel like this is the challenge of cities and that strong enforcement is necessary to maintain a City people live and feel safe in.

There needs to be more graduation of development between residential and commercial. Our backyard may soon stare up at 30 stories

I think most of my concerns have been addressed in my previous comments.

No loud car zones

Arterial exit off of 148th instead of Bellevue Way

Downtown is naturally growing, including into NW Bellevue. A simplistic policy of “stop growth” will fail. It’s already failed, creating a series of small “neighborhoods” divided by dangerous high-speed roads. Think instead about how to integrate growth wisely.

Emphasize and enhance safe pedestrian access throughout the neighborhoods to facilitate outdoor enjoyment and walking pets.

Keep our parks clean and safe.

include BIPOC on the board and spaces for them to speak. hopefully there aren't any huge ass companies that are paying their way into these meetings.

we need community support for those in need. The need is only going to increase and we need to get ahead of it so we don't end up like Seattle, Portland or San Francisco

Restrict cutting of large trees

consider setting the limits for the size and expanse of new housing being built

Don't subdivide residential lots, our neighborhoods are dense enough. Seattle has tiny lots with dense neighborhoods, we're not Seattle.

Connecting NW Bellevue to downtown. Too many cars, need a circulator bus or some similar service

Make DT Bellevue more pedestrian friendly. Major intersections lights take way too long for ped crossings. Very concerned about the traffic, walkability and bikeability when all of the new office buildings are complete and full. Would like to see free circulator busses around the core and a few dedicated bike paths through the core.

POLICY SURVEY

Are there other goals and policies you think should be considered?

Crime and homeless population are concerns and should be addressed, the city needs to be a safe place to live and work. I am very worried that the problems the city of Seattle is dealing with are starting to spill over to the Eastside. Things can get out of control quickly.

Request Bellevue School district to install a garden in all school grounds that is maintained by students. 75% of Seattle Schools have a garden
I can't think of anything right now, but I'm sure that I will after I finish!

POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Defund the police

I appreciate the attempt that this initiative has made, truly. But with conflicting values across the populations who live here, there is really no way to make everyone happy. And without funding for what we all want to see happen, people get discouraged. It seems like the residents (tax payers) get asked for input to "feel" included, but nothing significant changes.

Thank you 🙏😊 for asking!

Let's just say that I have been living in this neighborhood since it was possible for a one income family headed by a second year teacher to purchase a home for under \$30,000.00.

I appreciate the process you've been using to gather feedback, and hope you'll continue to seek it as you start to relate actual decisions to the policies you've developed.

We do not want to become Seattle.

Carbon neutral before 2030!

We moved to West Bellevue in 2008. We raised our family here. Families were invested in the community and schools. There were independent businesses. I see your commitment to Downtown. I don't see a commitment to the neighborhoods in your actions.

Looking for more affordable housing.

Great goals!

none

Restrict size of new homes

Don't subdivide residential lots, our neighborhoods are dense enough. Seattle has tiny lots with dense neighborhoods, we're not Seattle.

In our proper and passionate pursuit of community and inclusion, the disorder, vagrants, sanitary conditions and drug use of downtown Seattle, Portland or San Francisco should be an object lesson for us of policies to avoid as we go forward.

Shared ref DT traffic on Bellevue way between 4th & 8th. A pedestrian promenade with kiosks and patio seating and entertainment would level DT Bellevue up as a jewel in the area. It's dangerous already and will become more so when 30k more daytime employees are waking the streets at lunch time. Time to ditch planning around the automobile. As a downtown resident/homeowner, I am happy to reroute my drive to avoid those areas.

Often the plan groups bicyclists and pedestrians together, but I think that is an oversimplification for our neighborhood. From my experience in NW Bellevue, we have more pedestrians than bicyclists, even though the pedestrian infrastructure here is often severely lacking (108th Ave NE doesn't even have sidewalks between NE 20th and 24th Sts.). It seems like a lot of thought and money goes toward bicycling improvements, but much less thought goes into making our neighborhood more safely walkable. Yes, our neighborhood does have some avid cyclists, but every day you can see people from 3 to 93 walking out streets. I'd like to see more thoughtful pedestrian-first planning instead of more bike lanes (which many kids don't use anyway, since they're often restricted by parents to riding on sidewalks).

POLICY SURVEY

Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Stop talking and do something

These are all good policies and goals for our neighborhood. I am concerned that growth from downtown will continue to spread, so I am glad to see this being addressed.

Land-use was spread throughout and would like stronger language throughout.