

Fountain District Urban Village Table Summaries: Top Two Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

Existing mix of businesses can be built on
Proximity to amenities and downtown
Strong sense of community
The Fountain Plaza
Good mix of amenities
"Music district"
Business visibility and access
Walkability due to diversity
Sense of history
Mix of owners/ renters = economic diversity
Historic
Walkability to nearby parks
Sense of community - diverse
Connectivity to other areas
Sense of community - strong sense of identity
Mostly outside core area and bus route
Walkability (past Meridian)
Variety of businesses and access to parks and downtown
Can walk to Haggen easily
Space to develop along Meridian
Diversity and Asian markets
Close to Urban Village - easy access
Mixed uses and historic character
Support of businesses, especially family/local
Single family character is diverse

Weaknesses

Not enough parking
Meridian too fast to be "livable"
Need more crosswalks
Poor visibility for crossing
Parking
Lack of sidewalks
Not bike or pedestrian friendly
Loss of parking affected businesses and residents
Need more shade trees
Need better pedestrian connection to waterfront on Broadway
Power/utility lines
Lack of street trees
Utility lines / poles
More pedestrian crosswalks
No central gathering space
Major arterial divides neighborhood
No major crosswalks / pedestrian safety
Need to buffer Kulshan Street
Not enough room for sidewalks on Meridian
Would like to see a bakery, drugstore, fitness center
Look of Meridian doesn't contribute to aesthetics
Better bike/pedestrian
Too much parking in some areas
Not enough parking
Lack of sidewalks, window shopping opportunities