

Fountain District Urban Village Public Input Workshops

Meeting #1

Introduction, Character & Boundaries

April 1st, 2009

City of Bellingham, Washington

What is an "Urban Village"?



10 Principles of Urban Village Design



Sustainable



Variety of Housing Options



Population to Support
Businesses and Services



Walkable



Connectivity



Quality Design & Materials



Supports Multiple Travel Modes



Mix of Uses



Defined Center and Edge



Quality of Life

EXERCISE

Ground Rules:

- Be bold and creative – all ideas are valid
- Be considerate, polite and constructive
 - Strive to be neighborly and consider others' feelings
- Take turns talking
- Remain calm and keep a sense of humor
- Don't run with scissors

Introduction

In your group

- Introduce yourself and identify why you are here
- Identify one thing you hope for as an outcome
- Pick a scribe

Group Exercise #1: Strengths & Weaknesses

In your group:

- based on what you've heard tonight, identify the area *STRENGTHS* (*things you like*)
- Identify the area *WEAKNESSES* (*opportunities for change*)

(15 minutes)

Group Exercise #2: Study Area

In your group:

- Based on what you've heard tonight, what areas might be included?
- Identify areas that need further study and investigation

(15 minutes)

Remember – this will be an ongoing discussion throughout the planning process!

Group Exercise Summaries

- Group reports *top two findings* for each exercise

Next Meeting

- April 15 Public Realm:
 Streets, Public Spaces &
 Neighborhood Connections
- Homework Neighborhood Connections
- Also *Please share photos you have of the area!*

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Concluding Comments

- Did we forget anything?