

Background:

On Tuesday, February 18, the South Lynnwood Co-Design Committee met for their first meeting. Seventeen (17) committee members participated. The purpose of this first meeting was to kick-off the co-design committee process; build trust among committee; review background research and analysis; share visions, aspirations, and concerns for the future of South Lynnwood. This will identify priorities and lay the groundwork for the neighborhood planning process.

Newspaper Headlines Activity

Committee members participated in a “Newspaper Headline Activity” in which they were asked to write 4-5 newspaper headlines for the year 2030. Participants were asked to think of what they envision, who will be there, what won’t be there, and how they might use the neighborhood. They got into small groups to share with fellow committee members, and then reported out to the whole committee.

Summary: The committee members’ headlines generally fell into these four common themes.

- 1) A vibrant community that **celebrates diversity** with **businesses and residents working together**.
- 2) A neighborhood in which **households, families, and businesses are preserved and stable**.
- 3) A built environment that has **safe, walkable streets and recreational activities** at specific open spaces in the neighborhood (i.e., Scriber Lake Park and South Lynnwood Park).
- 4) Economic development through **employment opportunities, access to social services, and positive use of the Opportunity Zone** designation.

Below are key words derived from headlines. Check marks next to statements represent similar or repeated statements (transcribed from wall graphic included on the last page):

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| • Amazon builds | • Scriber Lake Park (√√√) |
| • Celebrate Diversity (√√) | • Sidewalks |
| • Vibrant Communities (√√√√) | • Increased heights (building) |
| • Social Services | • Recreational activities |
| • Safer/Public Safety (√√) | • Opportunity Zones |
| • Economic Vitality (√√) | • Business + residents work together |
| • Remodel S. Lynnwood Park (√) | • Engagement Opportunities |
| • Affordable Housing | • Walkable communities |
| • Neighborhood Identity | • Arts Center |

Review of Existing Conditions

The consultant team reviewed quantitative and qualitative findings from their pre-engagement work and review of existing conditions. This was intended to provide a foundation of the existing conditions in South Lynnwood, which will inform the rest of the planning process. The committee members were then asked three questions:

- 1) What resonated with you from these findings?
- 2) What concerns or questions do you have for the future of South Lynnwood?
- 3) Who are local influencers who can help address these issues?
- 4) What other initiatives, projects, or events should we know about?

What Resonated with you?

Summary: The risk of displacement of South Lynnwood residents resonated strongly with the committee. The displacement risk is related to housing affordability, food security and stable employment. There is a desire for more language and social service resources to be directed to South Lynnwood. Key words:

- Displacement risk (especially for families) -> Schools
- Housing affordability
- Employment vulnerability
- Food insecurity
- Language Access
- Safer pathways around the neighborhood
- Mental health
- Dependency on foundations
- Long wait list for housing

What concerns or questions do you have for the future of Lynnwood?

Summary: There was uncertainty and concern related to the Opportunity Zone designation and its impact on future development and displacement risk of current residents. Committee members questioned the benefits of the Opportunity Zone and asked what role the City could have in helping relocate businesses (during construction) and fostering the existing community identity. Renters' rights and public safety were additional concerns. Key words:

- How much of South Lynnwood can be used as an Opportunity Zone? How does it work?
- Rezoning/zoning
- Lack of information on public projects
- Concerns of getting pushed out
- Who would an opportunity zone benefit? (✓)
- Business relocation -> City's role
- Environmental concerns (✓) (trees)
- What does an opportunity zone benefit look like? City Center vs South Lynnwood
- What does South Lynnwood want for the neighborhood?
 - Joint vision with the city
- How to foster community identity?
- Traffic infrastructure
- Crime
- Noise
- Renter's rights/ lack of access of services from landlord
- In-language support
- Safety for kids

Who are local influencers who can help address these issues?

Summary: The committee identified social service providers, neighborhood groups and government organizations as key local influencers who can help address neighborhood concerns. Most importantly, the co-design committee identified themselves as a critical group who can help address issues through this plan. Key words:

- School districts
- Community transit
- City of Lynnwood
- Co-Design Committee
- Chamber of Commerce
- Elks
- Korean Women's Association
- Kiwanis
- Lynnwood Rotary Club

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- Faith based organizations (Community Life Church)
- Verdant
- Adopt-a-street
- Arts & culture groups

Are there other initiatives, projects or events we should know about?

Summary: The committee noted key events hosted by member organizations that engage the broader South Lynnwood community.

- 3/13/20 Edmonds Foundation Breakfast <https://foundationesd.org/ways-to-give/annual-breakfast-and-lunch/>
- Summer meals (6/22 ~ end of August)
- Back to School Fair

Strengths, Improvables

Summary: The group noted that they enjoyed the wallgraphic and presentation. However, there was an ask for coffee at the meeting and more vegetables.

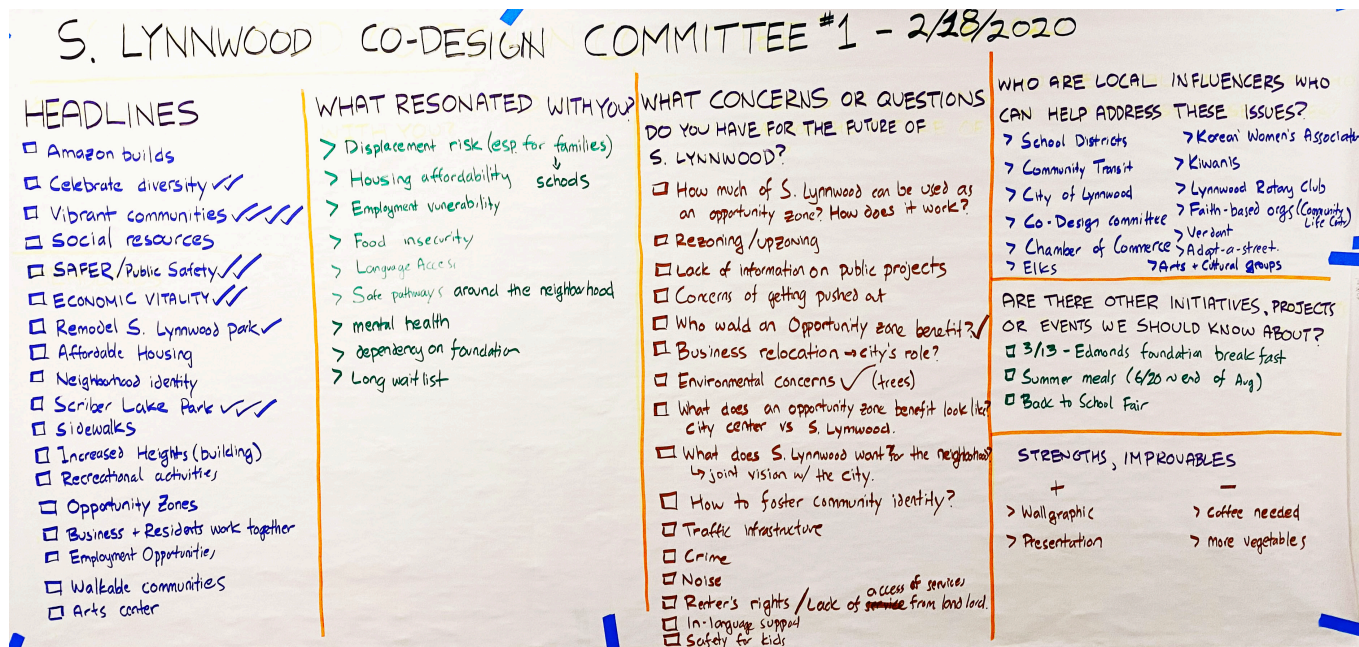
Pros (+)

- Wallgraphic
- Presentation

Cons (-)

- Coffee needed
- More vegetables

An image of the wall graphic from the meeting is below.



Transcription of Newspaper Headlines

Theme	Newspaper Headline
Community (count: 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Cultural Arts Center Opens • SLN voted best live/work neighborhood in Sno Co • Vibrant Neighborhood celebrates diversity • Multi-cultural festival day • Lynnwood has become the most welcoming city to all people in the Seattle area. Displaying love and inclusion • Interurban trail used for community art • Lynnwood preserve neighborhood Identity • Best Place for Everyone to Live and Do Business • Most family friendly neighborhood in Snohomish County • Most diverse and family friendly place to be! • Great community feel, access to light rail • Desired neighborhood • South Lynnwood Park brings community together over picnics and soccer • LETI celebrates completion of new offices
Economic Vitality (count: 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Annual Taco Truck festival opens this weekend • Functional blend of single family, higher density residences, along with small businesses • High tech employer Amazon buys affordable high rise for families • Amazon builds new headquarters in Lynnwood • Vibrant restaurant scene in S.N getting reviews • Lynnwood is a growing economic hub, attracting new businesses to provide lots of employment opportunities • Business owners and commercial property owners work with residential owners • Opportunity zone meant development in So Cty Lynnwood • South Lynnwood opens new Business District
Open and Green Space (count: 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lynnwood Neighborhood plans to celebrate 20 years since remodeling of South Lynnwood Park (El vecindario de Sur de Lynnwood planea celebrar 20 años de la remodelación del parque de Sur Lynnwood) • Mayor cuts ribbon on newly clean Scriber Lake • Ribbon cutting event set to celebrate completion of scriber creek trail redevelopment • Scriber Lake Park is the Greenlake of the north • ESD partners with SLN Parks and Rec For... • New Scriber Lake Park- more open and easier to access • Scriber Lake Recreation Park/ + fields open
Land Use/Growth (count: 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Members Celebrate Growth • Edmonds C.C Expands campus & housing for students • Light Rail didn't displace this thriving community • Fastest Growing Area in Lynnwood behind City Center

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Lynnwood residents and city council approves increased height to 10 stories
Public Safety (count: 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime drops for the first time in 20 years• Celebrating a year-by-year reduction in crime• Police South Precinct does new community resource center• Lowest crime statistics for all of Lynnwood
Transportation Infrastructure (count: 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light rail transforms SLN to vibrant, walkable neighborhood• New sidewalks coming to SLN• 196th Widening Complete