

South Lynnwood Co-Design Meeting 2
May 19th, 2020
Meeting Summary

Background:

On Tuesday, May 19th, the South Lynnwood Co-Design Committee met for their second meeting virtually through Zoom. Sixteen (16) members participated. The purpose of this meeting was to affirm key themes and priorities for the South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan which were developed in the previous meeting and build on them to develop key measures for success.

A note on the Movement for Black Lives

Six days following the second co-design committee meeting, the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police on May 25th, 2020 reinvigorated a movement for Black lives on a national and global scale. The response of this movement has permeated all corners of the country and has illuminated the need for true accountability on racial equity and justice across all areas of government, governance, and society. This moment reminds us of the importance of rooting the foundation of the South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan and the co-design committee process with racial equity as a guiding value and overarching expectation.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the South Lynnwood Neighborhood?

The committee noted that the city has done a great job in partnering with community organizations like Homage in checking in with senior residents and for keeping public parks open to the public as a resource. However, the committee notes that the pandemic has continued to exacerbate ongoing issues. First, there is a need to provide technology and internet resources to families and folks living in shelters to increase access to their schools and address social isolation. Second, the full impact of the pandemic is difficult to gauge because the largest impact is with folks with undocumented students and families.

Validation of the 4 emerging themes:

Based on feedback from the previous co-design committee, the following four emerging priorities for South Lynnwood were developed:

South Lynnwood Neighborhood Emerging Priorities:

- Residents, businesses, and community partners **work together** to create a vibrant community which **celebrates diversity**.
- Households, families, community partners, and businesses are **preserved and stable**.
- The neighborhood is home to **safe walking networks, parks, open spaces, and gathering places**.
- Economic development progresses through **employment opportunities** and **access to social services**.

In this meeting, the committee agreed that the four emerging priorities listed above, speak to the community resiliency of the neighborhood. Furthermore, the themes (bolded) reflect

collaboration between the community members and the city and want this planning process to provide additional opportunities for the neighborhood.

What do these themes mean to you?

For each of the four emerging priorities, the co-design committee were asked to discuss what each of the themes (bolded above) means for the neighborhood. First, the neighborhood plan should **support all families and businesses in the area and honor diversity**. This includes supporting WMBE businesses and community anchors and designing public resources that support all families through language support and have more diversity within the city. Next, policy recommendations should **minimize any negative impacts of gentrification**, and ensure that South Lynnwood is maintained as an affordable neighborhood. Finally, **public space should continue to be an asset for all residents as it has been during this pandemic** transportation planning recommendations should connect social service providers as key stakeholders in encouraging the use of off-road trails and parks as a neighborhood asset.

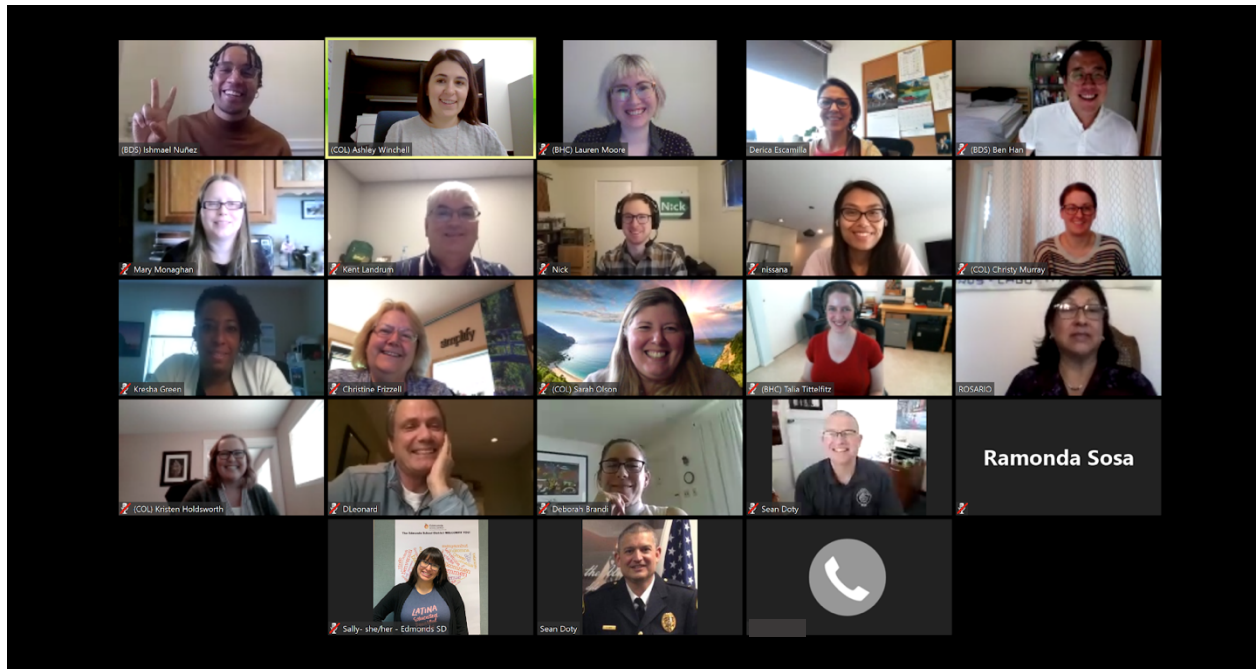
Emerging Theme	What do these themes mean to you?
Residents, businesses, and community partners work together to create a vibrant community which celebrates diversity .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support women and minority owned businesses • Build public space where everyone belongs • Protect ALL families • Honor diversity NOT through a deficit mindset • Accommodate stakeholders and support linguistically diverse families.
Households, families, community partners, and businesses are preserved and stable .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address gentrification risks • Minimize risk of sacrifice
The neighborhood is home to safe walking networks, parks, open spaces, and gathering places .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect physical spaces with neighborhood uses and services. • Increase awareness of trail infrastructure
Economic development progresses through employment opportunities and access to social services .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support South Lynnwood anchors to elevate the neighborhood as a destination, not just a bedroom community • Explore Arts and Cultural opportunities • Expand entrepreneurial opportunities within Lynnwood • Increase job and educational opportunities.

What does success look like to you?

Success for the neighborhood plan is defined by seeing increased social connectivity as the foundation for future capital planning and neighborhood design. South Lynnwood will thrive with a stronger relationship with the city through a more diverse workforce, more conversations with police officers outside of uniform, and continue to co-sponsor events for everyone. Building trust is the first step in designing new physical infrastructure and urban design.

Emerging Theme	What does success look like?
Residents, businesses, and community partners work together to create a vibrant community which celebrates diversity .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular events co-sponsored by city and community together that are multi-generational and bring all partners together.• Highlight diversity in the neighborhood• Create a feedback loop between city and community• Increase community participation at events• Host conversations with LPD officers out of uniform• Increase diversity within the City of Lynnwood workforce• Increase outreach to hard to reach communities
Households, families, community partners, and businesses are preserved and stable .	
The neighborhood is home to safe walking networks, parks, open spaces, and gathering places .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase social connectivity to increase physical connectivity<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Physical infrastructure costs money and hosting events are effective strategies to start making a social and physical connection◦ When events are held, they should be culturally competent
Economic development progresses through employment opportunities and access to social services .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the workforce to have multiple touch points reflective of the community.• Support family advocates within schools and how to support its capacity• Support job opportunities for immigrants and honor various educational pathways

Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support family advocates and ensure that they are equipped to support families to participate • Build trust is important in getting families attend and participate
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