

Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting Notes

Tuesday November 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

Larry Toedtli, CHNA President, opened the virtual meeting. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and shared their areas of interest for the meeting discussion.

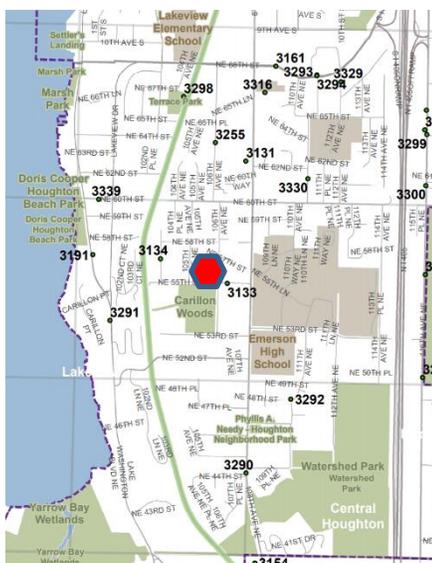
2. 2021 Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) Project Input

Lisa McConnel led the discussion on selecting potential projects for CHNA to submit for the 2021 Neighborhood Safety Program. For the 2020 NSP, the City directed the neighborhood associations to first consider projects from the recently adopted Safer Routes to Schools Action Plan. However, other pedestrian, bicycle, or traffic safety projects also will be considered for the 2020 program.

The City Council voted to adopt the Safer Routes to School Action Plan at the September 1st Council meeting. Now approved, the City Council and staff will use it to guide the City's funding priorities for up to 15 years. (see item 8a below) Project EV04, Install Rapid Flashing Beacons on NE 68th Street at 106th Avenue NE near Lakeview Elementary School, was the highest ranked project in the neighborhood and the City. It comes in at an estimated cost of \$134,800 and was submitted to WSDOT for grant funding. Please visit the interactive map for the other projects that were considered for our neighborhood.

Safer Routes to Schools Web page- [Safer Routes to School](#)

The City's [Suggest a Project Web Page](#) is also a starting point for grants from the [Neighborhood Safety Program](#). These suggestions can also become candidates for inclusion in the Citywide Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Once a project is in the CIP program it can be considered for funding in the City's budget.



Current Project for 2021 Neighborhood Safety Project –

At the meeting, we heard suggestions and will prioritize our **top 2 picks** (combined under \$50K) before December 7. Projects 3329 (sidewalk on east side of 112th Avenue NE between 65th and 68th Streets) & 3330 (sidewalk on west side of 111th Avenue NE between 60th and 62nd Streets) were included in the Safer Routes to School Program. Projects 3290 (108th south of NE 45th) & 3154 (108th north of CKC) are Rapid Flashing Beacons which have become far more expensive than the NSP budget.

The current project CHNA is considering was brought to us by a resident neighbor. It is proposed to make the intersection at the northeast corner of Carillon Woods Park, at NE 55th Street

and 106th Avenue NE, a 4-way stop. (red dot on map). Currently, there are stop signs for east/west traffic but no stop for north/south traffic on 106th Avenue NE, endangering pedestrians, often children, going to park. There are also 3 nearby schools (<.25 mile), although this is not considered an official school walk route.

If you have any questions about our preliminary NSP recommendation or any of the other projects (usually considered for CIP due to high cost of project) please contact CHNA's Neighborhood Safety Project Representative, Lisa McConnell at centralhoughton@gmail.com.

3. 108th Avenue NE Sewer and Water Main Project

See Project Web Page – [here](#)

([https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/108th Avenue Northeast water and sewer upgrade.htm](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/108th_Avenue_Northeast_water_and_sewer_upgrade.htm))

We discussed the lack of timely updates regarding the project and the desire for more frequent updates of the project web page. The website has not been updated since September. Those living along 108th Avenue NE or those that need to use it as their access to/from their home would appreciate more timely updates on closures of the center turn lane. The project is moving toward completion and is currently within budget. Most of the digging and pipe laying were complete by our November 10 meeting. The primary tasks that remain are the contractor cleaning of the site and then repaving. Unfortunately, repaving can only occur when weather is dry and warm enough, so likely will occur in late spring or early summer 2021. There are concerns that the very rough interim patch pavement will be in place until final paving is complete next spring. We will try to get information on equipment removal and updated project schedule. Larry provided comments from our meeting to the City's communication contact for the project.

4. 6700 - 108th Avenue NE Office Building Design Review (Taco Guero site, next to gas station)

The proposed project consists of a 3-story office building, totaling 8,688 square feet, with two stories of office space above a level of structured parking with 28 parking stalls and lobby access. Vehicular access is proposed from 108th Avenue NE.



For more information see:

Design Review Board [Meeting Minutes Link](#)

([http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Boards and Commissions/DRB Meeting Information/Design Review Board Meetings Online.htm](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Boards_and_Commissions/DRB_Meeting_Information/Design_Review_Board_Meetings_Online.htm))

The Design Review Board continued their discussion of the project to their December 7 meeting. You can access that packet a few days in advance at the main DRB web page - [Design Review Board Meeting Information \(kirklandwa.gov\)](#).

5. Tech City Bowl Redevelopment and Rezone.

The owners of the Tech City Bowl (in Bridle Trails) are pursuing a rezone that could allow redevelopment of the bowling alley site to include up to 5 stories of mixed use residential/commercial.

The website ([Project Web Site https://tcbrezone.com/](https://tcbrezone.com/)) has lots of description and drawings of intended development. You can also submit comments and sign up for notices on the project.

The following is the anticipated schedule for the process:

- Starting June 2020 Robust community outreach program
- December 2020 Citizen Amendment Request Submitted
- April 2021 SEPA determination issued
- May 2021 Planning Commission review/recommendation
- June 2021 City Council review/decision

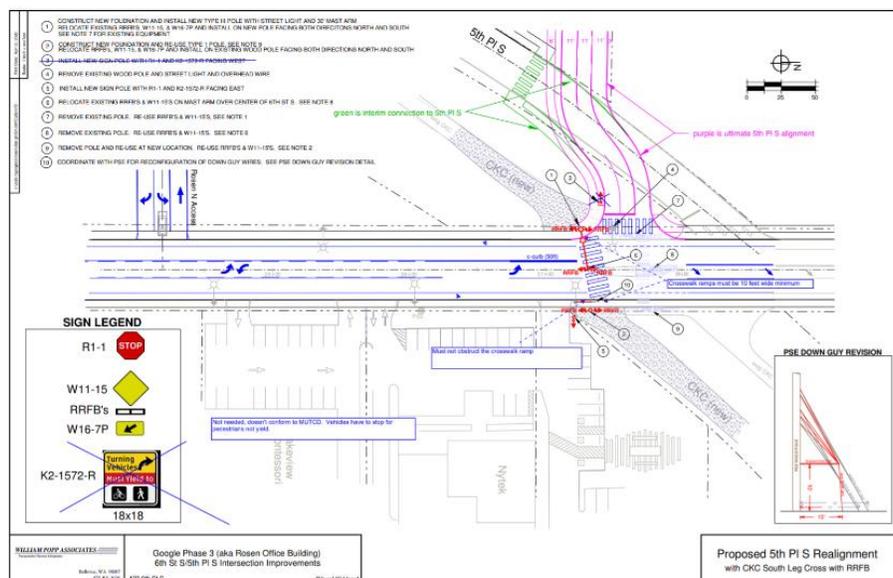
6. Google Phase III

SRM is well underway in its development of Google Phase III on 6th Street S, just north of the current Google campus. For current updates on construction, please visit the SRM website <https://www.srmdevelopment.com/srmkcca-phase-iii/?fbclid=IwAR3Ghsldli1F99ae-lwMNM4Od6Ydc4vQSR71uS9P9jH4mGseYDw7pkAHnRs>

The following provides a link to the application materials and building plans.

[Link to Building Permit http://permits.kirklandwa.gov/WebDocs/2018064000/6d0a867e-a3e0-4a3f-af97-a8d48dfbc7d0.pdf](http://permits.kirklandwa.gov/WebDocs/2018064000/6d0a867e-a3e0-4a3f-af97-a8d48dfbc7d0.pdf) for complete details of the project.

The project also will involve realigning 5th Place S and the CKC at the intersection with 6th Street S. (drawing on the right). This project was defined as part of the [6th Street Corridor Study](#) which was completed in December 2017.



7. I-405 and Other Highway Safety Improvements

Between October 2020 and March 2021, WSDOT has scheduled nighttime work on I-405 and other freeways on the eastside. The work will involve removing and replacing outdated guardrail end pieces. You can sign up for alerts on WSDOT construction and traffic closures at the following link: [Link for Email Updates from WSDOT](#)

8. Upcoming City Topics – Schedule Information

- a. Preliminary City 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing
[City Council Public Hearing November 4, 2020](#)
- b. **Miscellaneous Code Amendments Hearing**
Joint Planning Commission/Houghton Community Council **December 10 Meeting**
You can access the meeting/hearing packet at the [Houghton Community Council](#) or [Planning Commission](#) web pages a few days prior to the hearing.

9. CHNA Business Items

- Winter preparedness and waste pickup schedule for the holidays can be found in the COK bill insert
<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Public+Works/Public+Works+PDFs/Surface+Water/Winter+preparedness+billing+insert+2020.pdf>
 - Latest update from Lake Washington School District <https://www.lwsd.org/fall-2020>
- a. Open Officer Positions
 - b. *Next Regular Meeting* – **Tuesday January 12**

Please email us at <mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com> if you are interested in joining our Board or if you have topics of interest for our future meetings

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comments or suggestions,
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