Incoln Heights DISTRICT CENTER



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Lincoln Heights District Center

Open House

September 30, 2015





Introductions

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

South Hill Coalition

Studio Cascade

City of Spokane Planning & Development



Previous work in Lincoln Heights

- 1996 Plan
- 2001 City's
 Comprehensive Plan
- Centers & Corridors:
 District Center land use designation





Previous work (continued)

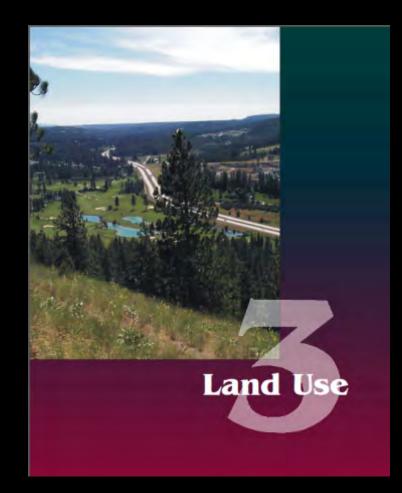
- Mayor's Institute on City Design, New Orleans March 2013
- November 2013 Open House
- Walkability Audit, Spring 2014 EWU student
- South Hill Coalition Plan 2014
- Urban Land Institute visit June 2015



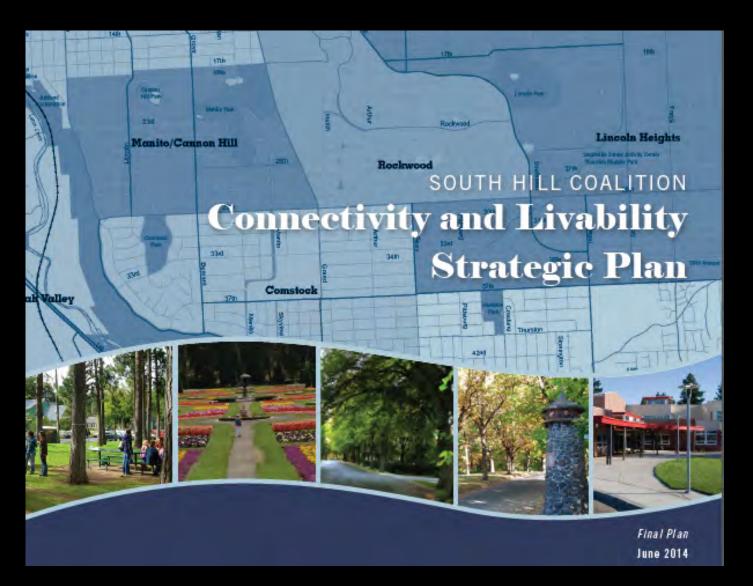
Comprehensive Plan Policy

District Center:

- To enhance the pedestrian environment, plazas, green space, or a civic green
- Higher density housing in and around the center.
- Pedestrian access between residential areas and the district center
- **Link** the center to downtown through transit, bikeways.









Tonight's Goals

Review Urban Land Institute Report

Validate Issues

Provide feedback and direction for further investigation

Final Product

Master Plan/Action Plan





ULI Technical Assistance Panel Recommendations

City of Spokane - Lincoln Heights

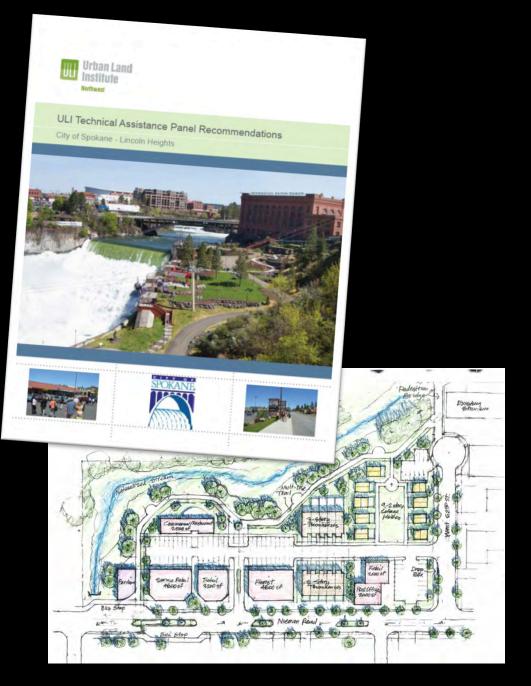












Master Plan

Assess priorities

Identify action sites

Test options

Create action steps



1. Policy & Leadership Strategies

Rate the concepts: City or agency-led efforts



"Mixing it up" with Seniors (activate, include elders)

"Senior citizens, a potentially expanding market for many businesses, can be encouraged to get out, enjoy the neighborhood and spend money. For example, a liaison between a merchant's association and a taxi cab company could encourage seniors to make trips to stores and other neighborhood attractions without adding substantially to traffic pressure."

Best Reasons For: Low-cost way to engage important community resource

Main Actors: City, care facilities, landowners/developers, neighborhood, (potential) district association



Create a merchants' and owners' association

"Through an association of retailers and property owners, neighborhood businesses can work together to develop and implement common marketing and promotion strategies for the district. This type of association could be politically powerful and effective in raising the value of all property within the district."

Best Reasons For: Offers opportunity to advance a wide range of objectives, provides means for operations and management of district

Main Actors: City, developers/landowners, neighborhood



Create a parking management strategy

"Lincoln Heights District Center is overparked, with expanses of unused and underused space that lend a feeling of neglect. A parking management strategy wherein owners allow for reciprocal parking would contribute toward reducing blacktop and allowing parking lots to be developed to a higher and better use."

Best Reasons For: Low-cost means to improve walkability and apparent vitality; creates opportunities for redevelopment

Main Actors: City, developers/landowners, (potential) district association



Customize the code with incentives

"The development code - including zoning and design guidelines - can be used to set appropriate standards for the Lincoln Heights Center. The "right" height for housing might be two-tiered, with an incentivized maximum at about 75 feet. Structured parking is likely to be unaffordable, but could be partially tucked under buildings where the topography creates opportunity."

Best Reasons For: Low-cost way to spur the creation of housing.

Main Actors: City, neighborhood, (potential) district association



Questions

Topics
Tradeoffs
Discussion
Comment



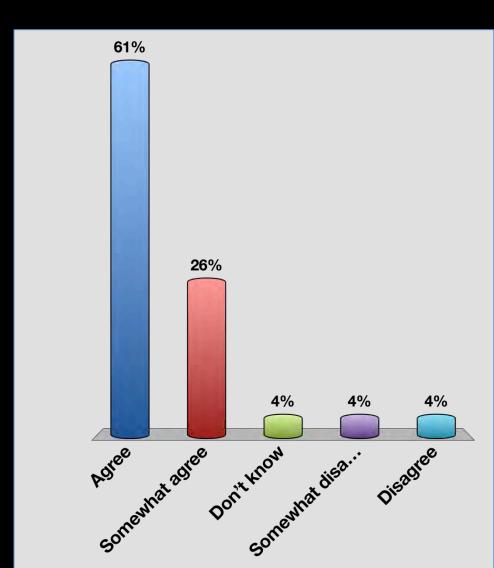
Test

Issue: Can't choose appropriate shoes Proposal: Pay attention to wife



Paying attention to my wife's shoe recommendations would be valuable

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- E. Disagree

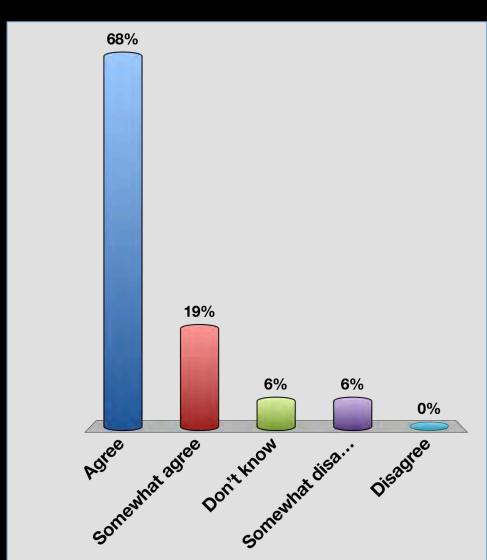


Policy/Leadership



Thinking long-term, a streetscape design strategy would be valuable

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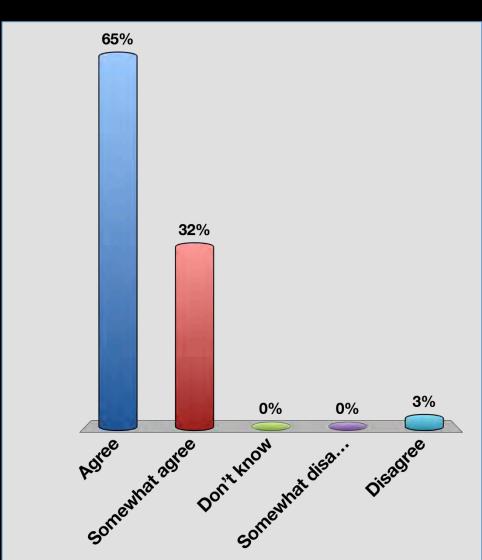


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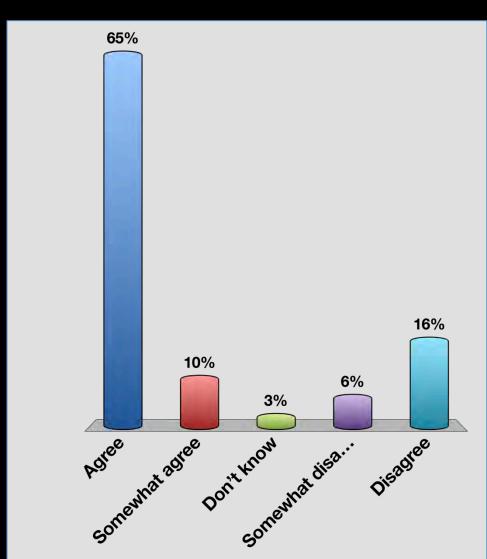
Vehicles

Issue: Speedy cars and trucks
Proposal: Slow traffic



In the long-term, a strategy to slow traffic would be valuable

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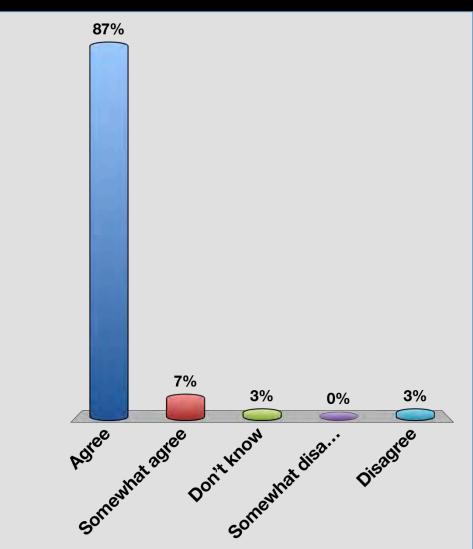


Vehicles



Thinking long-term, an intersection design strategy would be valuable

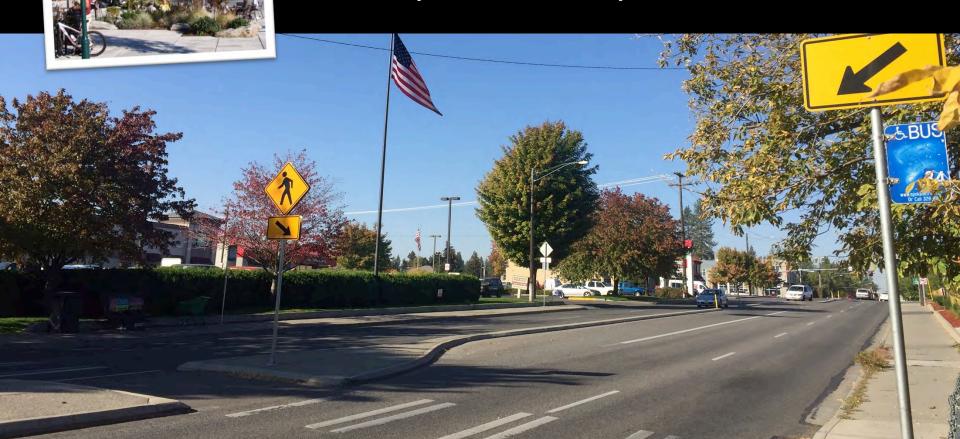
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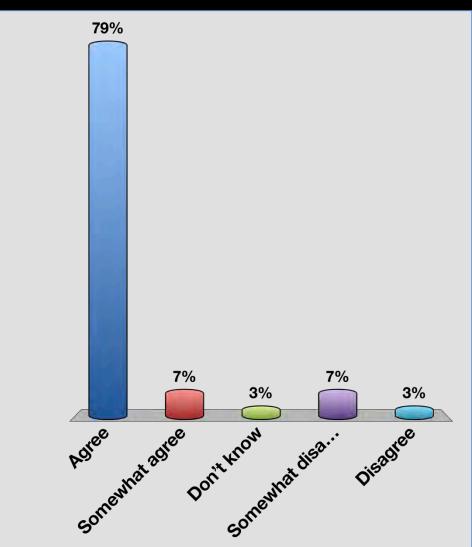
Issue: Unpleasant & inconvenient

Proposal: New ped/bike facilities



In the long-term, a pedstrian/bike strategy would be valuable

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Pedestrians

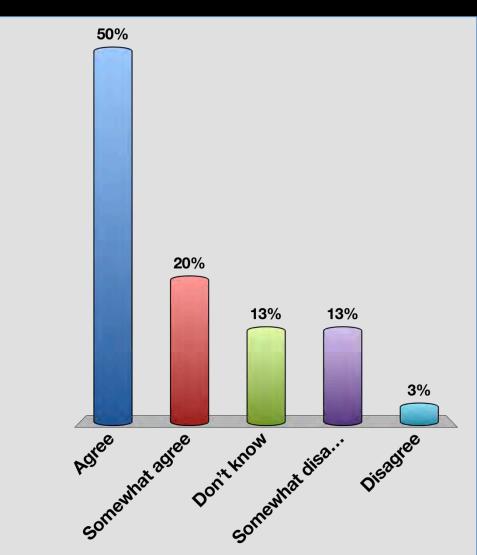
Issue: Connections too few

Proposal: Mid-block pathways



A strategy to improve connections would be valuable

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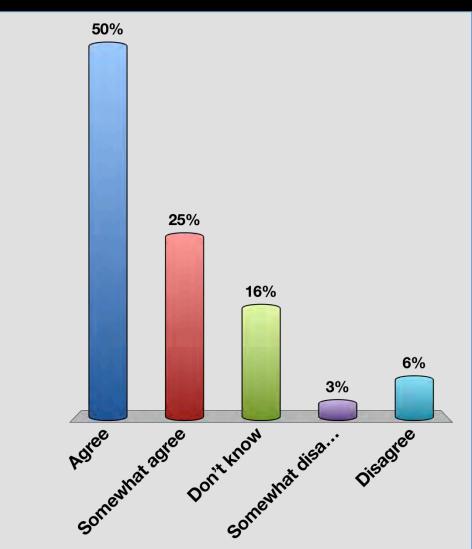


Building Context



In the long term, making entries welcoming would be valuable

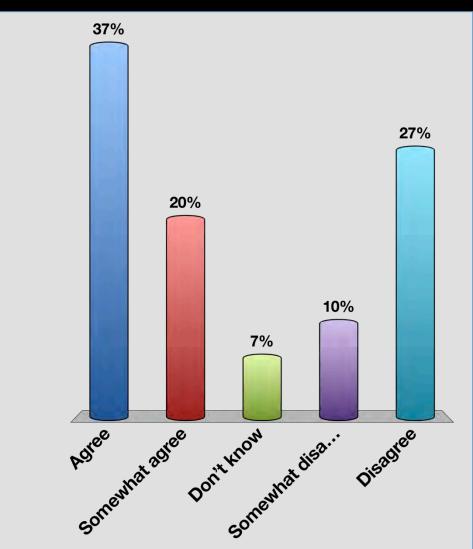
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In the long term, a strategy to increase housing would be valuable

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Big Ideas

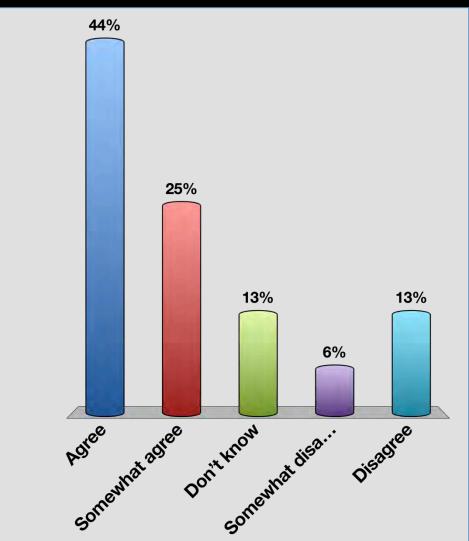
Issue: Relatively bland

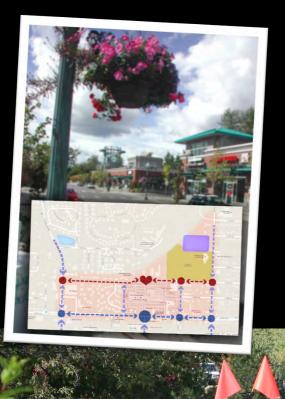
Proposal: Celebrate gateways



A strategy to announce the district's gateways would be valuable

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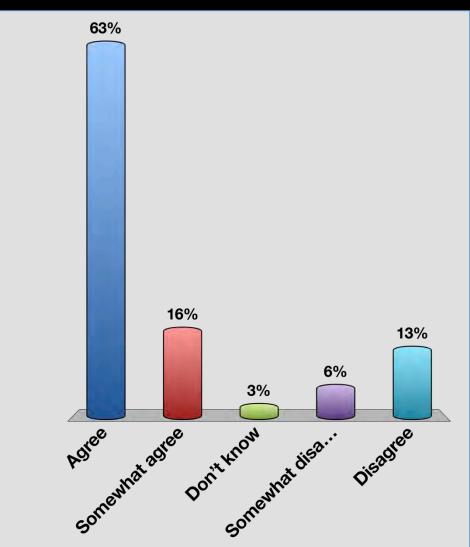
Big Ideas

Issue: Lacking a slow, safe place Proposal: Reconfigure 27th Ave



A strategy to make 27th more ped/ bike friendly would be valuable

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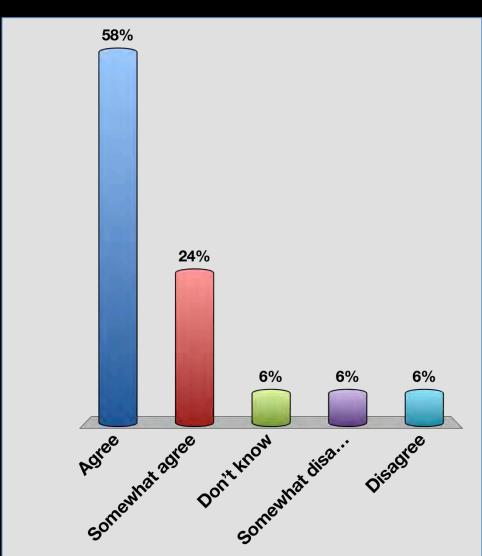
Issue: Lacking community social space

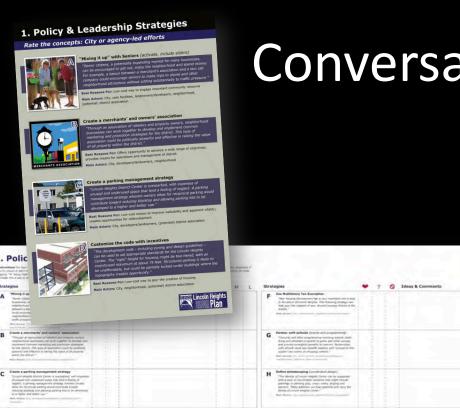
Proposal: Develop activity anchor(s)



A strategy to encourage social/civic activities would be valuable

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Conversations/Comments

Policy/Leadership
Vehicles/streets
Pedestrians/Bikes
Building context
Big ideas





Next Steps

Assessment

Community studio (November)

All-day activity

Community workshop

Plan recommendations



Thank you!

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