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Introduction

The purpose of a neighborhood action plan is to identify issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood, and to devise strategies for addressing these concerns. In conjunction with broader policies and implementation measures contained within the City's comprehensive plan, the neighborhood action planning process is intended to protect and enhance the livability within specific neighborhoods, as well as to help fulfill the overall community vision and to create a more livable city. More specifically, neighborhood action plans are intended to:

- Educate both city government and neighborhood residents about each other's concerns and visions for the future.
- Promote collaboration between the city and the neighborhood in order to achieve mutual goals and a shared sense of responsibility.
- Create a "sense of place" within the community by identifying and developing the assets within each neighborhood.
- Initiate change, rather than simply reacting to it, by addressing specific issues and opportunities.
- Achieve sensible and coordinated project and program planning within each neighborhood and between all the city neighborhoods.
- Provide a framework for residents of the neighborhood to discuss issues and develop consensus among themselves.

Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

In general, a comprehensive plan is intended to provide broad policy direction, which is implemented through more specific development regulations and capital expenditure programs. Comprehensive plans do not, however, typically address the more immediate needs and concerns of individual neighborhoods. This is the purpose of a sub-area or neighborhood plan.

The City's Comprehensive Plan, entitled *Vancouver Comprehensive Plan 2003-2023* was adopted in May 2004. One of the Comprehensive Plan's specific goals is to: *"Maintain and facilitate development of stable, multi-use neighborhoods that contain a compatible mix of housing, jobs, stores, and open and public spaces in well planned, safe pedestrian environment."* (CD-6)

The purpose of the Arnada Neighborhood Action Plan is to integrate neighborhood needs into the City's budget process, Six-Year Street Improvement Program, Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, and other planning and funding programs. The general policy statements included in the Action Plan may also be used by the City Council to guide future decisions involving development proposals and plan amendments affecting the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Action Planning Process

The Arnada Neighborhood Association with assistance from the Office of Neighborhoods has developed this plan. The actual preparation of this plan is being coordinated by the Neighborhood Action Planning Committee, whose members were appointed by the Neighborhood Association to represent the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.

A survey was taken and a draft version of this Action Plan has made available to each household in Arnada for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan has been approved by the Neighborhood Association according to their specific by-laws. After neighborhood approval the NAP will be forwarded to City Council for consideration and acceptance by resolution.

It is intended that city agencies will utilize the action plans as input in developing more specific work programs and helping to establish citywide funding priorities. It is recognized that many of the recommendations contained in the action plans are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater detail, both individually and in relationship to other recommendations. It should also be emphasized that financial resources may not exist for implementing all of the recommendations identified in the plan.

Overview of the Plan

This Plan contains four components. The NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE contains a general description of the current conditions within the neighborhood. The VISION STATEMENT describes the neighborhood's sense of identity and vision for its future. The NEIGHBORHOOD OBJECTIVES identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood. The NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION STEPS includes specific potential strategies for accomplishing the identified objectives. Each Action Step is prioritized and identifies the responsible parties for implementing those strategies.

Funding and Financial Resources

Having the Neighborhood Action Plan does not guarantee the funding. The Vancouver City Council does appropriate grant funding annually to help implement action steps. In addition, your neighborhood may be eligible for many private, federal and state funding programs.

Neighborhood Profile

THE ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD is located a few blocks to the northeast of Vancouver's downtown business district. It is a relatively small neighborhood occupying an area of approximately 55 square blocks. The neighborhood boundaries are defined by Fourth Plain Boulevard to the north, I-5 to the east, 16th St. to the south, and Main Street to the west (see vicinity map below).

Arnada is one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, characterized by vintage homes and mature trees. Many homes have detached garages, some of which are accessed from rear service alleys. Despite the diversity of architectural styles, the homes blend well together to create a neighborhood with an overall traditional feeling. Other significant features in the neighborhood include Arnada Community Park which provides open space for recreation, community gatherings, and entertainment. Bicycle routes along McLoughlin and F Streets provide additional recreational opportunities and access to and from the neighborhood.

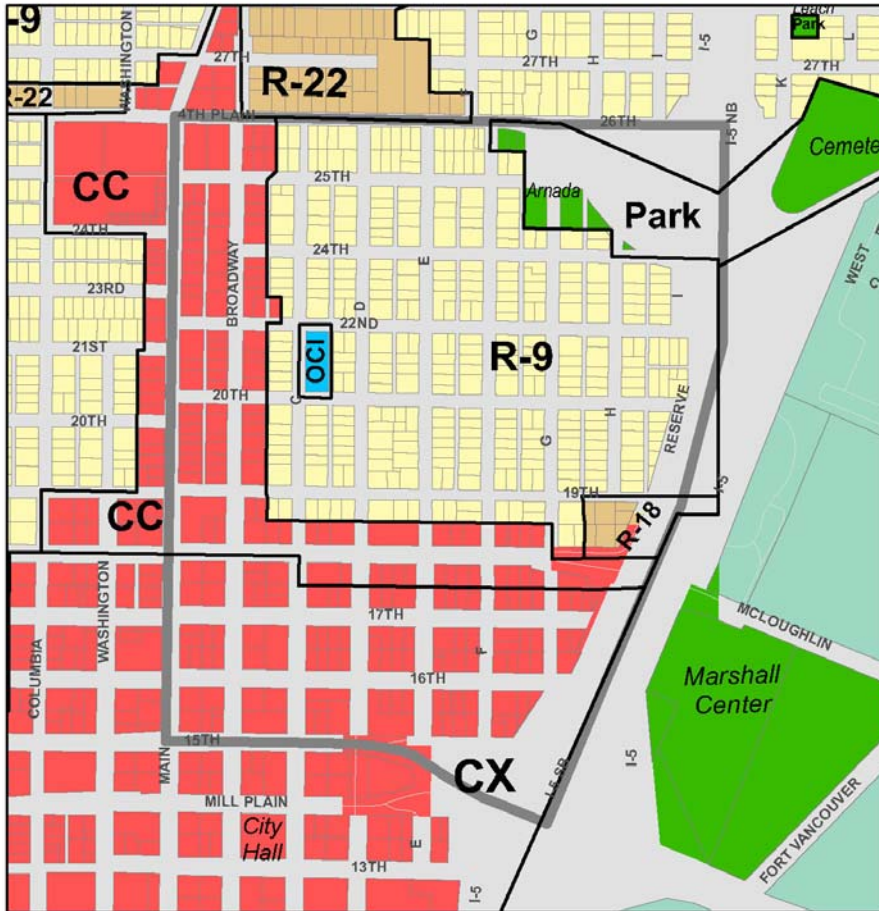
As a neighborhood we value and would like to preserve our mature trees and open space to reflect a northwest look and feel. We recognize the benefits of trees (cleanse the air, provide oxygen, reduce amount of energy to cool and heat our homes, intercepting storm water, contribute to neighborhood livability, how they improve shopping districts, reduce city noise and glare, and they calm and slow traffic, improve habitat for endangered fish, migratory birds, and other wildlife, reduce erosion, and mitigate flooding) and unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20 percent higher than houses in neighborhoods without trees. All neighborhood residents actively work to increase neighborhood tree canopy to maximize the environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees by planting new trees wherever possible and by preserving mature trees through proper maintenance. Therefore we will strive to increase our urban canopy to the city's average of 18% within our neighborhood to maximize these benefits.

Arnada's proximity to downtown provides its residents with convenient access to many services and amenities. Much of the neighborhood's perimeter is surrounded by community commercial activity, most notably along North Main and along McLoughlin. Many residents are able to walk, bicycle, or use public transit in traveling to business, shopping, or entertainment destinations. Although this proximity to services is generally considered to be an amenity, residents are concerned with potential negative impacts—especially parking and traffic problems—associated with being located adjacent to the central business district.

In general, zoning in the Arnada neighborhood reflects the existing land use patterns. The single family core of the neighborhood north of McLoughlin is designated R1-5, which allows for 5,000 s.f. lots (approximately 8 dwelling units per acre). Similarly, commercial activities along North Main and along McLoughlin are designated as Community Commercial (CC). Some exception to this convention can be seen in the southern portion of the neighborhood, south of McLoughlin, which is zoned City Center Commercial in

accordance with the Vancouver City Center Vision (VCCV) Plan adopted in May 2007. There are also a number of non-conforming uses in the area north of McLoughlin (e.g., union hall, medical office buildings). These uses were established in the past when different zoning designations applied. All commercial development within the Arnada Neighborhood is subject to the City's design review process (VMC Chapter 20.61). Many of the concerns identified in this plan by residents of the neighborhood relate to traffic and infrastructure maintenance. Other important issues include Arnada's desire to ensure that its historic ambiance is protected from the expanding downtown core area.

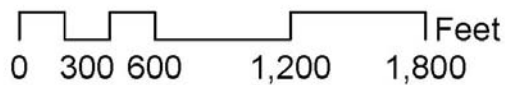
Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



Legend

- Urban Lower Density Residential
- Urban Higher Density Residential
- Commercial & Mixed Use
- Industrial
- Public Facility
- Open Space

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Vision Statement

THE RESIDENTS OF ARNADA desire to maintain the quality of their neighborhood as a comfortable and secure residential community. It should remain a place where neighbors are concerned about each other and involved in working together to preserve the qualities that originally attracted them to the neighborhood. In order to fulfill this overall vision for the neighborhood, the following general goals have been identified (not necessarily in order of priority).

- Maintain the historic quality of the neighborhood.
- Provide adequate streets, sidewalks, and lighting.
- Promote security, neighborhood cohesion, aesthetic appeal, and enhance overall livability.
- Maintain neighborhood amenities (e.g., parks, trees, pedestrian orientation).
- Encourage the viability of community commercial activities, but ensure that single-family residential remains the predominant use in the neighborhood.
- Ensure that redevelopment occurring in the southern portion of the neighborhood (south of McLoughlin) is appropriate in scale and compatible in use with the rest of the neighborhood.

Objectives and Action Steps

The following action items identified as having a "high" priority are considered by the Neighborhood Association to be most important. "Medium" priority action steps are somewhat less important. "Low" priority action steps are considered least important.

Priority was assigned by the Neighborhood Association for each action step without regard for the time frame within which the recommendation can realistically be accomplished (short-range, long-range) and without concern for whether funding sources can be practically identified. Accordingly, it is possible that a "High" priority item may not be realized for many years. In contrast, some "Low" priority items could be potentially accomplished in a relatively short amount of time without significant capital expense.

List of abbreviations for the various responsible parties used throughout the document:

ABBREVIATIONS:

ANA	Arnada Neighborhood Association
BC	Business Community
CITY	All Responsible City Departments
CC	Clark County
CCES	Clark County Emergency Services
CMS	Community Mediation Services
CPU	Clark Public Utilities
CRC	Columbia River Crossing
CTRAN	CTRAN
DRS	Development Review Services
DVP	Developers
FOT	Friends of Trees
OTH	Other organizations
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PDX	Portland International Airport
PORT	Port of Vancouver
VCMO	City Manager's Office
PMG	Property Management Groups
PO	Postal Office
VCC	Vancouver Code Compliance
VCPD	Vancouver Community Planning Department
V-CPRD	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department
VFD	Vancouver Fire Department
VHPO	City of Vancouver Historic Preservation Officer
OoN	Office of Neighborhoods
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works
VSWS	Vancouver Solid Waste Services
VTD	Vancouver Transportation Department
VUF	Vancouver Urban Forestry
WSDOT	Washington State Dept of Transportation

I. General

Objective #1

Identify, organize and utilize the abilities and energy of the residents within in the neighborhood.

The residents of Arnada recognize that the city alone cannot address all of the concerns that exist within the neighborhood. Some issues must be addressed by the residents of the neighborhood themselves. One strategy that many neighborhoods have used successfully is to capitalize on the willingness of residents to contribute their individual time, effort, and skills toward improving the safety, appearance, and sense of community within the neighborhood. Examples include organizing neighborhood clean-up days, sharing skills, and volunteering to assist elderly residents and other neighbors with special needs.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an assessment of community assets within the neighborhood. Publish and distribute the results of the assessment and establish strategies for organizing individuals. 	H	ANA, VON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage business owners to participate in neighborhood activities (e.g., annual picnic, holiday party, community tree plantings etc.). 	M	ANA, BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to organize community-based volunteer tree plantings in the neighborhood. New trees will beautify the neighborhood and provide other environmental, social, and economic benefits. The tree planting itself will be a community-building activity that brings neighbors together in an effort to improve the neighborhood. 	H	ANA, UF, FOT

II. Traffic Management-Vehicle, Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity

Listed below are various traffic concerns that have been identified by the neighborhood. For each issue, one or more possible solutions have been identified. It should be emphasized that at this stage in the planning process, the recommendations are conceptual only and not necessarily supported by everyone in the neighborhood. It is understood that each issue and possible solution will need to be analyzed in greater detail by the City's Transportation Services Department, both individually and in relationship to other potential improvements, as well as to the traffic system as a whole. Before any improvement is made, the neighborhood will be formally polled by the Public Works Department to ensure that there is a consensus among residents.

Objective #1

Reduce non-neighborhood cut-through traffic.

Arnada is surrounded by major arterials north, south, east and west: I-5, Broadway, Main, and Fourth Plain, McLoughlin and Mill Plain. As a convenient short cut, many non-resident motorists use D, E and F Streets to avoid the more heavily traveled Broadway and Main. 22nd and 24th streets are often mistaken as possible short cuts over I-5, resulting in frustrated motorists racing through the neighborhood looking for ways to cross under or over I-5. Residents of the neighborhood consider this cut-through traffic to be disruptive and dangerous.

Write a grant for the purpose of conducting a sub-area study of traffic patterns in the vicinity of Arnada Neighborhood. Educate residents and businesses, install signs, barricades, and other traffic-calming devices as required in order to mitigate cut-through traffic. Before any improvement is made, the neighborhood will be formally polled to ensure that there is a high percentage of residents supporting the proposed change.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a sub-area analysis of travel patterns in the vicinity of the Arnada Neighborhood. If appropriate, install diverters and other traffic calming devices as required in order to mitigate through traffic (and promote bike traffic). 	H	VTD, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement 2001 NTM Plan for Arnada Neighborhood 	H	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a parking permit plan to reduce regional traffic parking on residential streets in Arnada. 	M	ANA, VTD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with City and CRC on establishing a LRT alignment that fosters redevelopment of Arnada south of McLoughlin. Investigate the addition of a LRT station south of McLoughlin in Arnada. 	<p>H</p>	<p>ANA, VTD, CTRAN</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect safe bicycle and pedestrian access on McLoughlin through to the high school, Clark College, and Marshall Community Center. 	<p>H</p>	<p>ANA, VTD</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with area employers on minimizing employee and student parking in Arnada. 	<p>M</p>	<p>ANA, DRS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to extend parking enforcement and parking meters along Main, McLoughlin and Broadway - to minimize spill over of downtown employee parking. 	<p>M</p>	<p>ANA, DRS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with C-TRAN to consolidate bus stops, upgrade existing bus stops with shelters and schedules, and provide minimum headways of 10 minutes peak hour. 	<p>L</p>	<p>ANA, CTRAN</p>

Objective #2

Discouraging speeding in Arnada Neighborhood

Speeding vehicles are a common problem in Arnada, both on residential streets and on McLoughlin, Fourth Plain and Mill Plain. Some of this speeding is associated with cut-through traffic mentioned above. An equally large percentage of the speeding however, may be attributed to vehicles driven by employees and customers of businesses located within the neighborhood, or residents and visitors of the neighborhood themselves. We have enjoyed an increased number of families with young children residing in Arnada Neighborhood. Our attention to slowing vehicles as they travel through our streets should continue to be monitored frequently. Our children need increased safety measures in crossing Fourth Plain to attend the two schools directly north of Arnada, Discovery Middle School and Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, west to Hough Elementary, east to Hudson's Bay High School, Clark College, Marshall Community Center, and Central Park, and south to the eventual location of the new main library.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to explore alternative calming devices, as well as the possibility of installing traffic calming devices such as traffic circles and stop signs, with particular emphasis on D, E, F Streets, and 22nd Streets. 	H	VTD, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider adding a sufficient number of stop signs in areas where there are more than two or more blocks of uninterrupted traffic flow. Develop an area wide stop sign plan - Denver style. 	H	VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enforcement of speed limit regulations within the neighborhood in general. 	H	VPD, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a neighborhood-based program to educate businesses and residents about the importance of navigating our streets safely and honoring speed limits within the neighborhood. 	H	VTD, ANA, VPD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant street trees as a traffic-calming technique. Street trees narrow a driver's field of vision and reducing traffic speed. 	H	VTD, ANA, UF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with city and state to establish pilot for slow streets (<15 mph). 	M	ANA, COV, WA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with residents of Arnada to drive to work at least one day less per week, using alternative modes of travel or telecommuting. 	M	VTD, ANA

Objective #3

Improve pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity, safety and circulation.

Despite Arnada's close proximity to downtown, pedestrian access to and from the neighborhood is somewhat restricted and often unsafe. Fourth Plain, Mill Plain, McLoughlin, Broadway and Main Streets can be very dangerous to cross, especially during peak traffic periods. Part of the difficulty is traffic volume, some drivers running through red lights and speeding. Some pedestrians and bicyclists do not obey safety rules. Other difficulties are related to the large width of the streets and the fact that there are not enough crosswalks. Because of the age of the neighborhood, many of the sidewalks are also in serious disrepair or have become overgrown with vegetation and other obstructions.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study the feasibility of installing another traffic light and pedestrian crossing along Fourth Plain, possibly near D Street, and/or the possibility of a pedestrian/bicyclist bridge over Fourth Plain. 	M	VTD, VPW, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install additional crosswalks on Main Street between 22nd and 15th Street (This supports Arnada's 2001 NTM Plan and safe routes to schools) 	H	VTD, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install additional crosswalks on Broadway between 25th and 15th Streets. 	H	VTD, VPW

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the feasibility of slowing traffic and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety at intersections. This may include using curb extensions (i.e.,” bulb-outs”) or shifting parking (e.g. back-in diagonal parking in a chicane layout) on 22nd 	M	ANA,VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually monitor and identify sidewalk improvement priorities and initiate repairs as required. 	M	VTD, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form and maintain a committee within the neighborhood to monitor traffic on Mill Plain and Fourth Plain. The committee will inform the Arnada Neighborhood Association of any traffic changes or forecasted changes on Mill Plain, 15th Street, Fourth Plain, I-5 and traffic interchanges that may effect our neighborhood’s traffic/bicycle/pedestrian patterns. 	M	OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the engineering modifications necessary to enhance a marked pedestrian crossing or over crossing of Fourth Plain near D Street 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve awareness of the existing bicycle route along F Street, which is already funded. Place appropriate signage to improve awareness. [Consider linking this route to C Street at McLoughlin - with a 1 block bike lane contra-flow with bike entry island.] 	M	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to implement a “complete streets” policy for Arnada. 	M	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to install one bike rack per commercial block (minimum) and paid bike lockers for local employment sites/ commercial corridors. 	M	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with state to provide pedestrian connections to Fourth Plain from H Street/ park. 	M	ANA, VTD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with state to extend bike lane from E Street east to P Street. 	M	ANA, WSDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with CRC and State to establish north side sidewalk on Fourth Plain across I-5. 	M	ANA, CTRAN, WSDOT

Objective #4

Redirect truck traffic away from Arnada Neighborhood.

Arnada Neighborhood is surrounded by the I-5, Mill Plain and Fourth Plain, major arterials to the Port of Vancouver. Although the Mill Plain Boulevard project (establishing it as a preferred truck route) was completed, Fourth Plain continues to provide trucks a major access route to Port of Vancouver. Heavy truck traffic on Fourth Plain results in unsafe crossing, speeding and serious accidents.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collectively support mandatory notification at the onset of all land use planning in or near our neighborhood in order to address potential increases in traffic, changing traffic patterns and parking impacts in a timely manner noting that we meet as a neighborhood monthly. 	H	ANA, VTD, WSDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to mitigate planned traffic growth on I-5, Fourth Plain and Mill Plain. Request mandatory notification by WSDOT, Clark County and City Of Vancouver concerning The Columbia River Crossing project. 	H	ANA, WSDOT, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be responsible as a neighborhood association to stay informed on progress of the CRC Project and how it may affect traffic on Fourth Plain, McLoughlin and Mill Plain, as well as how this may impact the safety and 	H	ANA

<p>livability of our neighborhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the transfer of hazardous materials to one east-west route through the West Side residential areas, preferably Mill Plain, and to avoid this transfer during peak traffic hours. • Establish air quality monitoring stations along freight routes. • Work with Port to establish using green fuel / low emission diesel. 	<p>H</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>PORT, VPW, RTC, ANA</p> <p>ANA, WSDOT</p> <p>ANA, PORT</p>
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Objective #5

Plan for increased parking demand.

The Arnada neighborhood is zoned for commercial from McLoughlin South to 15th and Broadway West to Main and also has several commercial buildings throughout the residential area. As higher intensity development occurs within this area Arnada understands that the demand on parking will grow and impact the residential zones. Arnada intends to proactively work with the Vancouver Transportation Department to address current issues as well as plan for growing parking demand.

Action Steps:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the city to study current and future parking demand in and around Arnada Neighborhood and develop a plan for the implementation of tools and approaches for ensuring that the residents within Arnada are not overly burdened. • Form and maintain a committee within the neighborhood to monitor parking issues as they arise and work with the city on solutions to them. 	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>DRS, ANA</p> <p>OWN</p>
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III. HOUSING

Objective #1

Preserve the neighborhood’s existing housing stock.

One of Arnada’s highest priorities is a desire to maintain high quality housing that is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. Arnada, and the adjacent Hough neighborhood, collectively have the largest concentration of Vancouver’s housing built before World War II. More than half of the homes in the neighborhood were built before 1940.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise and promote existing funding programs—and advocate new programs for providing assistance to individuals, groups or neighborhoods for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and rehabilitating the historical integrity of the Arnada neighborhood. (Explore linking with local Eagle Scout troops.) 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek support for preservation education programs provided free or for modest cost. 	M	VHPO, VON, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek official recognition (e.g., historic district, character district, etc.) of the distinct characteristics of the Arnada neighborhood and its individual homes. Establish visual symbols of neighborhood identity and organize regular activities to promote and maintain the neighborhood’s historic character. 	M	ANA

Objective #2

Ensure that new single-family residential construction is consistent with the architectural character of the neighborhood.

On vacant infill lots zoned for single-family residential use, Arnada encourages building new, compatible single-family homes and relocating high quality, pre-World War II single-family homes facing demolition. All housing new to Arnada should be compatible with the area's typical homes built before 1940 in terms of architectural style, materials, scale, and street orientation.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a subcommittee to work with the City to develop city-wide or neighborhood-wide design guidelines for newly constructed housing, relocated housing, and major housing rehabilitation projects.	H	ANA,VCPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inventory potential sites for locating new single family housing.	M	ANA, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make efforts to establish dialogue with developers early in the process.	M	ANA, VCPD, VDRS

Objective #3

Minimize the adverse impact of new multi-family/small business developments within the neighborhood.

New multi-family development in the Arnada neighborhood is subject to the City’s existing design review process (i.e., Project Review; see VMC Chapter 20.61). In general, the Arnada Neighborhood Association encourages any new multi-family structures to be appropriately sited, economically and demographically mixed, of appropriate scale and architectural style, and situated on lots providing adequate landscaping and open space. Individual developments should be designed to be well- integrated into the surrounding neighborhood. As a general policy, residents of the neighborhood prefer owner-occupied forms of multi-family housing (e.g., townhouses, condominiums), rather than conventional apartment complexes.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to achieve a mix--within the neighborhood as a whole and within individual developments--of unit sizes and number of owner occupied, market-rate rental, and subsidized units. 	H	VCDD, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that new multi-family projects incorporate a combination of private outdoor spaces for each unit as well as larger common areas that are attractive, usable, and well-maintained. 	H	VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On those sites where multi-family housing is being proposed, encourage and support the development of attractive town homes (i.e., row houses) as an alternative to conventional complexes. 	H	ANA, VCDD

Objective #4 (see also Land Use chapter, Objective # 5)

Ensure there is a balance between office, retail and residential development occurring within the neighborhood’s city center commercial zones.

The rezoning of Arnada neighborhood south of McLoughlin Blvd. created a large inventory of underutilized properties which, over time will likely yield to development benefiting from this new City Center Commercial zoning. The Arnada Neighborhood Association supported the rezone in the belief that that city would continue to encourage mixed-use within the Vancouver City Center Vision sub area. The association believes that adding to the population is essential in insuring that Arnada continues on its way to becoming part of a truly safe, vibrant and walk able neighborhood.

The Arnada Neighborhood Association believes that the difference between a safe and vibrant urban community and a deteriorating one is related to the number of people who do not leave the area after 5 pm and consider the community their home. A strong resident population continues to support the small businesses beyond office hours and help ensure their success. A strong resident population encourages social connections within the neighborhood and also provides ‘eyes on the street’ which deters criminal activity.

To that end the Neighborhood prefers to see a high percentage of mixed-use development that balances office, retail and residential uses. We also prefer to see new residential units which are capable of supporting an economically and demographically mixed community.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to achieve a mix of unit sizes and number of owner-occupied, market-rate rentals and subsidized units. 	H	ANA, VCDD, VHPO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development that brings a balance of services, stores, restaurants and housing and employment opportunities to support Arnada’s vision of a walkable community. 	H	ANA, VCDD

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective #1

Educate residents on existing crime prevention resources and facilitate residents' use of these resources.

The degree to which residents feel they and their property are safe is dependent on a number of factors. Real and/or perceived levels of public safety are rooted in social connections, monitoring of business and commercial interests, and managing the transportation system in the neighborhood. Updated police statistics document lower crime rates in Arnada than in surrounding neighborhoods. Some attribute this fact to the high degree of neighbor social connections, walkable grid layout of the neighborhood, and an increase in mixed use with an emphasis on single family homes. Arnada Neighborhood Association recommends building on these successes with an emphasis on public safety education and citizen involvement.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the status of the City's Neighborhood Crime Watch program. Educate the neighborhood on this program and determine the scope of active neighborhood involvement. 	H	ANA, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the status of the city's anti-graffiti program. Educate the neighborhood on this program and determine the scope of active neighborhood involvement. 	M	VPD, VON, ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents on how to document lighting needs and how to advocate for improved lighting. 	M	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate opportunities for neighbors to get to know each other. 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate opportunities for residents to know public safety providers (police and fire). 	M	ANA, VPD, VFD

Objective #2

Educate and empower citizens to participate in crime prevention efforts and respond appropriately to crime in the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen relationship with Vancouver Police Department through the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) and Neighbors on Watch program. Provide opportunities for NPO to educate the neighborhood. Promote and encourage participation in Neighbors on Watch program 	H	ANA, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate opportunities for the neighborhood to participate in fire prevention and safety awareness programs 	M	ANA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover if all or any parts of our ANA are in a flood plain or another type of high-risk area. Discuss any special needs or strategies to help protect people from injury in advance. Resource: http://www.emd.wa.gov/hazards/haz_index.shtml 	?	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate ANA participation in the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) disaster preparedness program. Explore the range of neighbor needs that program can help address, including checking on neighbors during inclement or severe weather and/or the creation of a neighbor support network that helps neighbors help each other with tasks such as snow shoveling. 	?	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the organization and maintenance of one or more neighborhood CERT Teams, 	?	ANA, VFD

<p>comprised of several cooperating neighbors.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the same way a treasurer’s report is delivered at each meeting, include a “standing report” on the ANA agenda from CERT team members. This could include updates on CERT activities, training, drills and special safety or preparedness initiatives. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local fire Station Captain to learn how firefighting companies are trained to respond during a significant natural or man-made disaster; report information back to association members. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for updates to the City’s www.cityofvancouver.wa.us/prepare and/or www.vanfire.org websites. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and assess special needs and outreach to elderly, disabled or non-English-speaking neighbors. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify strategies and partners to support smoke alarm installation, development of home fire escape plans and establishment of meeting place to support fire and life safety. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA, VFD</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage households to prepare themselves with a custom 72-hour family self-sufficiency kit. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA, VFD</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a committee chairperson to coordinate activities and initiate reminders for publications and group gatherings. Work would include researching Vancouver/Clark County sources for kit contents such as tools and first aid kit contents. 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish regular newsletter articles/tips focused on building and maintaining 72-hour kits, including links to online 	<p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p>

<p>sources of information including the Red Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite speakers to ANA meetings to demonstrate various home 72-hour kits, including those customized for special needs such as elders, infants, pets, offices and automobiles. • Distribute information on Shelter In Place strategies via ANA newsletter. • Incorporate displays of neighbors' 72-hour kits at ANA functions. 	<p>?</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p>	<p>ANA</p> <p>ANA</p> <p>ANA</p>
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Objective #3

Provide adequate security at Arnada Park.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with Police Department to encourage routine patrol of Arnada Community Park and to redirect transients away from the neighborhood.	H	VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan neighborhood events in the park in order to encourage neighbors to use the park more often, thus demonstrating that Arnada Community Park is a family-oriented place.	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize a quarterly park clean- up event.	M	ANA

Objective #4

Prevent graffiti and other vandalism.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate residents about the City's anti-graffiti program.	M	ANA, VPD, VON
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct an annual "Spring Clean Up" sponsored by the neighborhood association.	M	ANA, VSWS

Objective #5

Improve street lighting within the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood. Install supplemental lighting as required.	M	ANA, VPD, VTD

Objective #6

Educate citizens on emergency and disaster preparedness recommendations and coordinate neighborhood involvement with related city and county programs.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate neighbors on recommended strategies and guidelines for personal and family emergency/disaster preparedness. 	H	ANA,VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate neighborhood participation in the city’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Promote and encourage participation in CERT and provide opportunities for CERT volunteers to educate the neighborhood on emergency procedures. 	H	ANA, VFD, CCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate neighborhood participation in the Map Your Neighborhood program. Explore the range of neighbor needs the program can help address, including checking on neighbors during inclement or severe weather and/or the creation of a neighbor support network that facilitates neighbors helping one another with tasks such as raking leaves and shoveling snow. 	M	ANA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain communication with adjacent neighborhoods, city officials, and city staff to ensure Arnada’s neighborhood safety plans align with other city, county, and national safety plans. 	H	ANA

V. LAND USE

Objective #1

Support business and retail revitalization along Broadway and Main.

In order to preserve the vitality of the neighborhood, and the availability of services, it is in the interest of the neighborhood to encourage the attraction and retention of local neighborhood-based commercial activity.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Action Steps:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate residents about the importance of supporting neighborhood-based businesses. Possible strategies include featuring a local business in each newsletter. 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local business owners to minimize the noise, traffic, and parking impacts associated with commercial activities. 	M	ANA, VTD, BC

Objective #2

Ensure that all agencies and businesses located within the neighborhood are properly sited and regulated.

The City of Vancouver Zoning Ordinance regulates the location and operation of facilities providing social services to special-needs citizens within the community. Several such facilities are located within the Arnada neighborhood. The residents of the neighborhood want to ensure that all facilities comply with all local, state, and federal regulation affecting their operation.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with agencies and the COV and businesses and the COV to ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations. 	<p>H</p>	<p>ANA, VCDD</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the COV, agencies, and businesses to initiate and continue discussions with the neighborhood early in the site process in order to mitigate potential impacts. Encourage pre-notice, regular communications, and periodic updates. 	<p>H</p>	<p>ANA, VCDD, service & business providers</p>

Objective #3

Encourage development within the City Center Commercial zoned section of the neighborhood south of McLoughlin Blvd. The southern portion of the neighborhood, south of McLoughlin Blvd., was recently re-designated to City Center Commercial zoning. Arnada Neighborhood Association prefers to see mixed use development within this area and avoid the area becoming heavily commercialized. Because these properties are in close proximity to residential and community commercial zoning, mixed use development with strong residential and retail/service store front are much more compatible and conflict less than pure commercial. The neighborhood embraces the vision of a walkable neighborhood with pedestrian access to products, services, entertainment and employment and believes this vision is achievable by balancing residential, services, retail and commercial.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor requests by property owners to obtain or modify conditional use permits at the time nonconforming uses change from one owner/use to another (see 20.04.240; public notice provided by City to neighborhood association). Develop a unified position either in support or opposition to proposed use.	H	ANA

Objective #5 (See also Housing chapter Objective #3)

The rezoning of Arnada neighborhood south of McLoughlin Blvd. created a large inventory of underutilized properties which, over time will likely yield to development benefiting from this new City Center Commercial zoning. The Arnada Neighborhood Association supported the rezone in the belief that that city would continue to encourage mixed-use within the Vancouver City Center Vision sub area. The association believes that adding to the population is essential in insuring that Arnada continues on its way to becoming part of a truly safe, vibrant and walk able neighborhood.

The Arnada Neighborhood Association believes that the difference between a safe and vibrant urban community and a deteriorating one is related to the number of people who do not leave the area after 5 pm and consider the community their home. A strong resident population continues to support the small businesses beyond office hours and help ensure their success. A strong resident population encourages social connections within the neighborhood and also provides ‘eyes on the street’ which deters criminal activity.

To that end the Neighborhood prefers to see a high percentage of mixed-use development that balances office, retail and residential uses. We also prefer to see new residential units which are capable of supporting an economically and demographically mixed community.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to achieve a mix of unit sizes and number of owner-occupied, market-rate rentals and subsidized units. 	H	ANA, CP, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development that brings a balance of services, stores, restaurants and housing which support Arnada’s vision of a walkable community. 	H	ANA, CP, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor requests by property owners to obtain or modify conditional use permits at the time non-conforming uses change from one owner/use to another. 	H	ANA, VCDD

VI. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Objective #1

Encourage residents of the neighborhood to maintain their homes and properties.

The character of the neighborhood is reflected in the maintenance of homes and yards. Well-maintained homes and yards enhance the integrity and charm of a neighborhood. Arnada encourages its residents to take pride in their homes and yards and to cooperate in the upkeep of the entire neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents about the importance of maintaining their properties 	H	ANA, VON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New construction and remodeling to maintain or include features that match the neighborhood feel 	H	ANA, CP, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace streetlamps to double acorn style 	L	ANA, CTRAN, VTD, CPU
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote display of “year built” signs 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install benches in street easements (one per block). 1920’s style. 	M	ANA, CTRAN, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and enforce neighborhood design conformity of architecture ...by City Design Review Board. 	M	ANA, CP, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep shrubs and trees pruned for visibility and walkability and discourage tree topping. 	H	OWN, ANA, UF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue annual clean-up of junk and yard debris 	H	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish and explain codes in the 		

newsletter to educate neighbors		
• Sidewalk repair and ADA upgrades through matching city grants	H	ANA
• Retain buggy bumpers, dates, street names and horse rings when repairing sidewalks.	M	ANA, VTD, OWN
	M	ANA, VTD, OWN

Objective #2

Eliminate nuisances within the neighborhood.

The City’s minimum property maintenance code benefits the neighborhood by requiring homeowners to clean up lots that are overgrown with weeds or littered with garbage and debris. Other city regulations require that homeowners maintain their sidewalks and ensure that vegetation on corner lots does not impair the vision of drivers (i.e., “sight distance”). The Arnada Neighborhood Association supports these ordinances and desires to work with the City to enhance enforcement and make them even more effective. The neighborhood also supports the city-sponsored neighborhood clean-up program (for junk) and chipping program (for yard debris). Each year, new features are added that make it easier for neighbors to participate.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
• Increase enforcement of the City’s minimum property maintenance code, and other existing regulations intended to ensure that properties are properly maintained.	H	VCC, ANA
• Continue and expand the neighborhood clean-up program to include neighborhood-wide pick up, perhaps for an entire weekend. Coordinate neighbor-to-neighbor assistance for those who need help getting their refuse to the drop site.	M	ANA, VSWS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a neighborhood-wide litter pick-up day to coincide with the city-sponsored clean-up program. 	M	ANA, VND, VSWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness of, and participation in the Solid Waste Services “chipping” program, intended to assist with the removal of yard debris. 	M	ANA, VND, VSWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the City to explore the possibility of establishing new regulations requiring rental properties to be periodically registered and properly maintained. Study similar regulations requiring owner-occupied properties to be maintained. 	M	VCDD

VII. TREE CANOPY & URBAN WILDLIFE - Flora and Fauna

Objective #1

Protect significant neighborhood trees and identify additional Heritage Tree candidates.

Arnada recognizes some of its most important assets are the large mature trees found throughout the neighborhood. These primarily deciduous trees contribute to the older character of the neighborhood that residents identify with. Arnada is home to three Heritage Trees: California Bay Tree, *Umbellularia californica*, location: 401 E 22nd St.; Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra*, location: Arnada Park; Old Apple Tree Offspring, *Malus* spp., location: Clark Co. Historical Museum.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory significant or potential heritage trees within the neighborhood 	M	ANA, VUF, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory neighborhood canopy and compare data with previous inventory records 	M	ANA, VUF, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish committee to educate new property owners about existing trees and regulations regarding removal and pruning. 	M	ANA, VUF, VPW

Objective #2

Encourage tree planting in public right of ways and on private property.

Because Arnada values its leafiness, we want to continue to add to the tree population with continued plantings.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to identify funding sources for neighborhood tree planting efforts (e.g., CDBG, NAP, etc.)	M-H	ANA, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue partnership with Friends of Trees and their annual tree planting	H	ANA, FOT, UF
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with developers to encourage preserving existing trees and with new tree plantings	M	ANA, UF, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate business owners along Broadway and Main Streets as to the business benefits of trees surrounding their businesses	M	ANA, VUF, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate neighbors about the important part trees play in urban wildlife	M	ANA, VUF, Audubon Society

Objective #3

Educate neighbors about the benefits of trees and proper tree care.

Trees increase real estate values and create a pleasant environment. In addition, trees can reduce ambient noise and help clean the air, which given Arnada’s proximity to I-5 would be a boon.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate neighbors about the benefits of trees such as increased real estate value, creating a pleasing environment, decreasing ambient noise, etc. 	M-H	ANA, VUF,VPW, VND, FOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate private property owners about tree maintenance through Vancouver NeighborWoods Program and NeighborWoods Stewards 	M-H	ANA, VUF, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate neighbors about noxious and invasive weeds that threaten tree health such as English ivy; ANA, Master Gardeners of Clark County 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor occasional ivy-removal parties in Arnada Park and/or throughout the neighborhood; ANA, Parks and Recreation 	M	ANA, VCPRD, VUF

Objective #4

Educate neighbors about City of Vancouver Street Tree and Tree Conservation Municipal Codes

In order to continue to have a healthy tree canopy, neighbors must be knowledgeable of appropriate tree care and the regulations around tree maintenance and removal.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with the City to study options for increasing the scope of the new tree ordinance	M	ANA, VUF,VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage at least one resident to participate in NeighborWoods program annually. Utilize that NeighborWoods Steward as a resource to help educate residents about the benefits of trees, proper tree care, and the City's tree codes and to help plan neighborhood tree planting projects.	M	ANA, VUF

Objective #5

Encourage environmentally friendly gardening practices.

In order to maintain healthy trees, birds and other wildlife, neighbors must be knowledgeable of growing methods that create and sustain healthy soil.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with the Master Gardeners of Clark County to educate neighbors about garden-friendly insects	M	ANA, Master Gardeners of Clark County
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with the Master Composters to teach neighbors how to create their own compost (thereby also reducing the amount of garbage going into our landfills)	M	ANA, Master Composters
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educate neighbors regarding benefits of using non-synthetic fertilizers	M	ANA, Master Gardeners of Clark County

VIII. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Objective #1

Acquire and develop additional urban open space and other recreational opportunities.

Currently, Arnada Park is the only public open space within the neighborhood. The Arnada Neighborhood Association has identified a need to establish additional urban open spaces to provide refuge from the activity of surrounding commercial development, foster social connectivity, and help prevent and reduce crime in the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, acquire, and develop additional urban open space within the neighborhood. 	M	ANA, VCPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop neighborhood-oriented recreation programs and opportunities for people of all ages and incomes. Special priority should be given to involving teens in activities within the neighborhood. 	L	ANA, VCPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support organized events such as picnics, fun walks/runs, croquet matches, Frisbee golf tournaments, Senior Fun Wagon, music and theater performances. Accommodate appropriate commercial enterprises (e.g., refreshment stands, other vendors) during such events. 	L	ANA, VCPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Neighborhood Association members to determine interest in and support for establishing a community garden. If there is sufficient support, investigate possible locations for establishing the garden, either public or private property (temporary use, with agreement of owner). 	M	ANA, VCPRD

Objective #2

Maintain and/or replace playground equipment at Arnada Park.

Arnada Community Park has a wonderful playground that provides family recreational opportunities and encourages physical activity for children and adults. It is important to keep the equipment in good shape to prevent failure or deterioration. This includes repairing or replacing equipment as necessary.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add to or replace playground equipment with structures that meet current safety standards.	M	ANA,VCPRD

Objective #3

Improve usability of Arnada Park.

Define and develop additional activities and uses for park.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask neighbors for ideas on what kind of improvements they would add to the value of the park. Examples may include additional seating or play equipment.	M	ANA,VCPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the variety of neighborhood activities held at the park and include park cleaning and repair as part of the activities. Consider asking local merchants for give-aways such as coupons for drinks and pizza or sandwiches as incentives.	M	ANA

IX. NOISE AND OTHER NUISANCES

Objective #1

Mitigate noise impacts from I-5.

The traffic noise from Interstate 5, Fourth Plain and Mill Plain detract from the livability of Arnada. The impact is exacerbated at the Fourth Plain and I-5 interchange due to the frequent emergency vehicle traffic to and from the Veteran's Administration complex. The two most common strategies used to mitigate highway noise include constructing sound walls and placing restrictions on the use of un-muffled engine exhaust brakes. Currently there is a sound wall that extends along I-5 from 25th Street to 20th Street. Residents of the neighborhood would like to see this wall extended the length of the neighborhood from Fourth Plain to 15th Street. Funding for the construction of sound walls along existing highways is usually provided only in conjunction with other road improvements. Sound walls are also usually not installed adjacent to commercial areas (i.e., south of 16th Street). Restrictions on the use of exhaust brakes is a function of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a noise study and develop strategies for mitigating noise along I-5 and Fourth Plain, including possibly restricting the use of un-muffled engine exhaust brakes, and resurfacing Fourth Plain Boulevard with rubberized asphalt. 	L	ANA, VTD, WSDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with WSDOT to identify possible strategies for funding the extension of a soundwall to 16th Street. 	H	ANA, WSDOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with WSDOT to identify possible areas for additional tree plantings to reduce noise and create additional screening from I-5. 	M	ANA, WSDOT, VUF

Objective #2

Mitigate noise impacts from Portland International Airport.

Arnada is subject to substantial noise impacts from Portland International Airport (PDX), especially from flights utilizing the north runway. The Port of Portland is currently conducting an “Airside Capacity Study” to forecast the aircraft operations required to support the region’s future air passenger and cargo requirements. The Port is also conducting a periodic review of the airport’s Noise Plan which establishes the policies and procedures for reducing the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding communities. Both the City of Vancouver and Clark County have representatives on the Noise Abatement Advisory Committee which is participating in the development and review of these documents. Public input into the studies is also invited.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
• Continue to participate in the Portland International Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Committee.	M	ANA,PDX
• Encourage residents of the neighborhood to attend workshops and public hearings to provide citizen input into the Airside Capacity Study and Noise Plan Update, and the work of the PDX Airport Futures Group.	M	ANA, PDX

X. COMMUNITY OF PLACE

Objective #1

Create opportunities for the people of Arnada to interact, become acquainted and strengthen their sense of community.

Some of the most enduring and attractive features of the Arnada Neighborhood include our physically intimate relationship to our neighbors and the wonderful connections our homes have to the street. We are a neighborhood of small lots, alley garages and front porches. These are attributes that just beckon for social interaction. People move here because of it.

These physical attributes help neighbors within any one block to become acquainted but expanding connections beyond that requires some help. The Arnada Neighborhood Association should be that helping hand.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to sponsor the Memorial Day picnic and winter holiday party in some manner annually. 	H	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for common interests within the neighborhood and explore the possibility of turning them into Arnada events. Activities such as yard sales, spring clean-up or Independence Day celebrations could become traditions. 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn work parties into celebrations combining the satisfaction of accomplishment with the pleasure of socialization. 	M	ANA

Objective #2

Expand the number of public gathering places within Arnada.

A gathering place is any place where people are able to congregate and build connections to others within the community. Arnada is blessed with a wonderful public gathering place known as Arnada Park but we need more. The 22nd and D Street kiosk and mural project is a recent effort to recapture a public intersection and turn it into a gathering place. Arnada needs additional gathering places spread throughout the neighborhood to foster Community of Place.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the 22nd and D Street intersection ‘Gathering Place’ concept of recapturing public streets for gathering places. Strive to create a new gathering place every two years. 	H	ANA,VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the properties within the City Center Commercial zone south of McLoughlin develop, work with the city and developers to ensure the inclusion of quality public gathering places. 	H	ANA, VTD, CP

Objective #3

Facilitate neighborhood connections to link residents with like needs and interests. Develop a system by which neighbors in need of assistance are connected with neighbors available to help in a given situation or circumstance.

Arnada neighborhood residents are a mix of families with pre-school and school age children, working and retired adults. Some are new and established home owners and others are renters. Many residents bring potential interests and skills to contribute in the support of other residents and the neighborhood community as a whole. Connecting residents for social enjoyment and/or receiving or providing assistance will improve the quality of life by establishing new contacts and friendships.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a system by which neighbors with similar interests or circumstances can connect to share in support and enjoyment of one another. Examples may include a toy or clothing exchange, combined yard sales, or holiday-related activities. 	M	ANA, VCPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage interaction with public service agencies to provide education, recreation and entertainment opportunities for neighborhood groups. 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a system by which neighbors in need of assistance are matched with those who can provide help. Examples may include yard work or errands. Establish a set of guidelines for the protection of all parties. 	M	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold neighborhood meetings or social gatherings at local business. Encourage businesses to participate in the Neighborhood Association. 	H	ANA, BC

XI. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKABILITY

The degree to which a neighborhood is walkable is positively associated with improved health of the residents, increases in real and perceived public safety, increase in social connectivity, and a sense of ownership by residents and commercial interests in the neighborhood at large. Walkable neighborhoods are defined as having schools, jobs, and essential goods and services available within a reasonable walking distance. Arnada largely enjoys a high degree of walkability with its grid pattern, style of homes, tree canopy, and close proximity to some schools, employment opportunities, and essential goods and services. The Arnada Neighborhood Association recommends protecting and enhancing the walkability of our neighborhood with the following objectives.

Objective #1

Assess and monitor the neighborhood’s level of walkability and educate residents and commercial interests in their role in improving and sustaining this attribute.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a neighborhood walkability audit every two years. Use results of audit to educate neighborhood and city on status of Arnada’s walkability and to make recommendations and evaluate potential projects. Include data from audits when applying for grants. 	H	ANA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate neighbors and commercial interests via meetings, newsletters, and information station on their role pedestrian access and safety. 	H	ANA

Objective #2

Advocate for pedestrian safety and access (connectivity) in the Arnada neighborhood and in development south of McLoughlin.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure neighborhood association representation in discussions related to downtown development, especially in accordance with the Vancouver City Center Vision plan and the Downtown Transportation Management Association. Encourage policies that promote active transportation and connectivity between Arnada and essential services.	H	ANA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess feasibility of greater recognition for Arnada's proximity to and relationship with Hough Elementary, School for the Arts, Discovery Middle School, Hudson's Bay High School, and Clark Community College.	M	ANA, VSD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate and strengthen neighborhood support and options for creating safe routes for kids to walk and bike to school and pedestrian safety and access in general. Demonstrate neighborhood commitment to addressing walkability barriers by identifying potential solutions including funding sources and participating in application process.	H	ANA, VTD

XII. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Objective #1

Preserve the neighborhood’s historic character and qualities.

Arnada needs to maintain high quality single-family housing that is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. A large percentage of the homes in the Arnada neighborhood were built before World War II. Many more were built before 1950.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek official recognition (e.g. historic district) of the distinct characteristics of the Arnada neighborhood and its individual historic homes. 	H	ANA, VCP, Clark Co. Historical Society
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize regular activities to promote and maintain the neighborhood’s historic character. 	H	ANA, Clark Co. Historical Society, VCPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to individual homeowners for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and rehabilitating the historical integrity of their houses. 	H	ANA, VCP, Clark Co. Historical Society