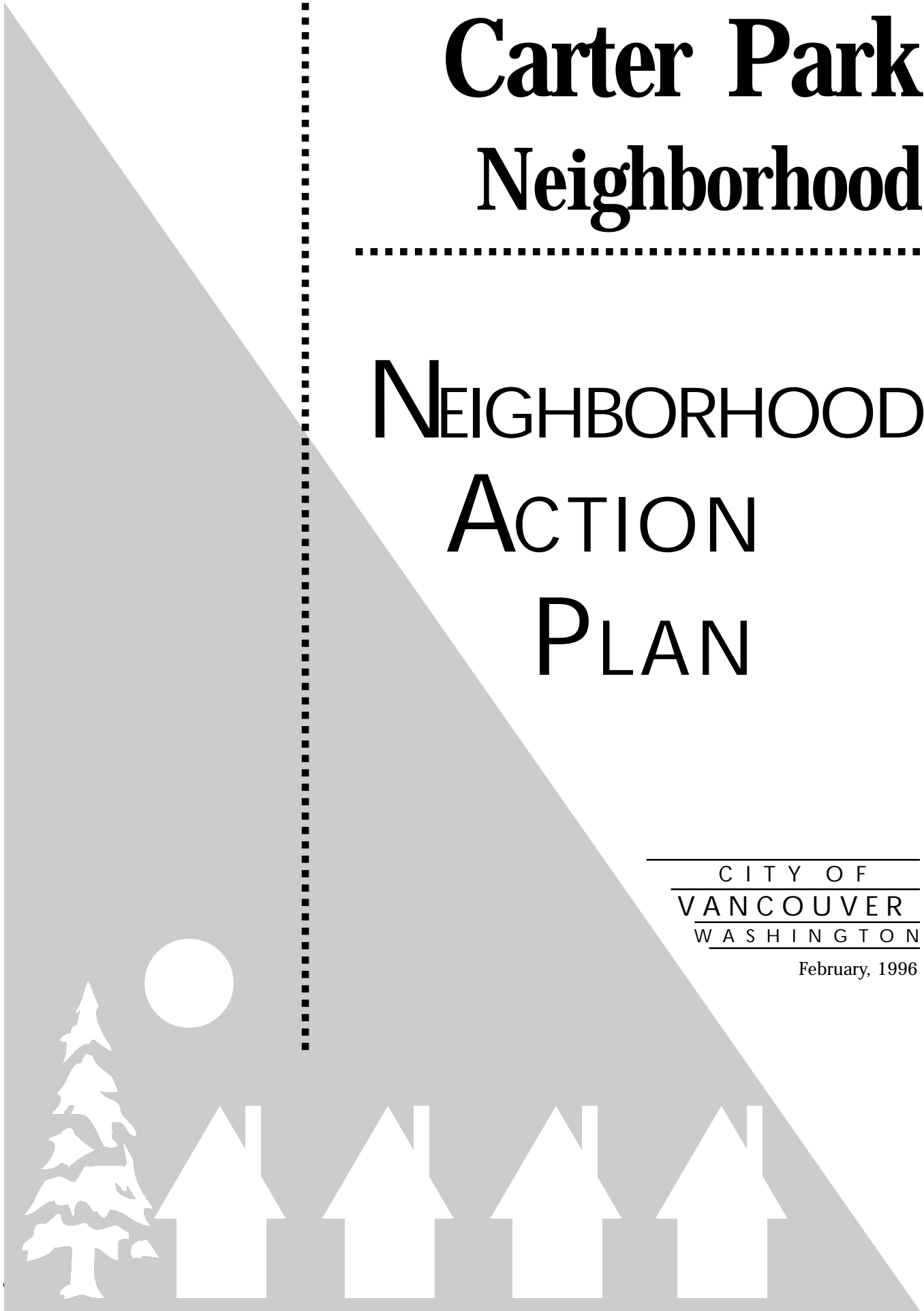


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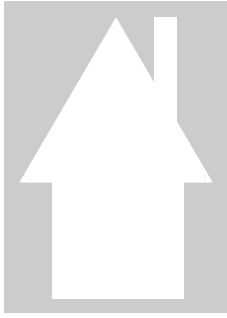
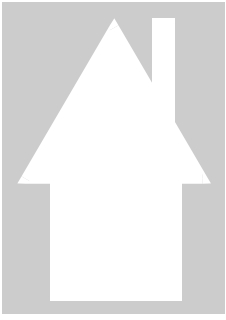


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Introduction

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 government and residents about each others' concerns and visions for the future.
- Promote a productive collaboration between the city and residents 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's neighborhoods.
- Strengthen neighborhoods.

Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

In general, a comprehensive plan is intended to provide broad policy direction which is then 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 new comprehensive plan, entitled *Visions for the Vancouver Urban Area*, was adopted in December of 1994. The Plan specifically states that the City should: "create neighborhood plans by assisting neighborhood organizations in identifying issues, policies and implementation measures specific to their areas."

The purpose of the Carter Park 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

This plan has been developed by the Carter Park Neighborhood Association with assistance from the City of Vancouver Department of Community Preservation and Development. The actual preparation of the 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 draft version of the Action Plan has been advertised and made available for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan has been endorsed by the Neighborhood Association according to their specific by-laws, and forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. The City Council has adopted the Plan by resolution and transmitted copies to various city agencies.

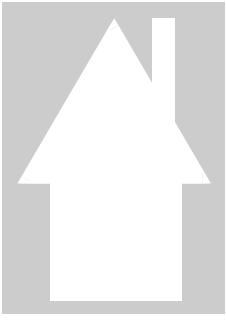
It is intended that city agencies will utilize the action plans as input in developing more specific work programs and in establishing city-wide funding priorities. It is recognized that many of the recommendations contained in the action plans are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater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

plan. Some of the actions identified in the plan are intended to be initiated and implemented by residents of the neighborhood.



Overview of the Plan

The Plan is organized into four sections. 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** section identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood and potential strategies for addressing those concerns. Finally, the **ACTION CHART** summarizes in table format the strategies developed in the previous section along with additional information identifying responsibilities and priorities.



Neighborhood Profile

THE CARTER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD is located approximately ten blocks north of the downtown central business district. The neighborhood, which consists of approximately 50 blocks, is bounded on the south by West Fourth Plain Boulevard, on the west by the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, on the north by the alley immediately north of West 33rd Street, and on the east by Main Street.

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The predominant zoning in the neighborhood is R1-5 (Low Density Single Family Residential, 5,000 square foot lots), but smaller areas of higher density residential zoning (R-18 and R-22) exist along Main Street, Fourth Plain, Harney and Kauffman Avenue.

A very small area zoned Community Commercial is located at Fourth Plain and Kauffman Avenue. Much of the land between Kauffman and the railroad tracks to the west is zoned for industrial uses (ML and MH). With the exception of a few vacant lots, Carter Park

Neighborhood is entirely developed, primarily for small-lot single family residences with localized areas of commercial and multi-family uses. Notable features in the neighborhood include: Carter Park, a small neighborhood park; Southwest Washington Medical Center (at the northern boundary of the neighborhood); and a mid-size grocery store and shopping center in the southwest corner of the neighborhood.

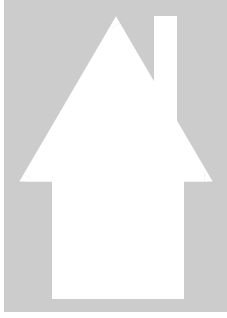
Some industrial uses are located in the western third of the neighborhood, west of Kauffman Avenue.

The housing stock includes a number of 1920-1940 craftsman-style bungalows and other vernacular styles, as well as more recent infill housing that is more contemporary in design. Carter Park Neighborhood has sidewalks along almost every block, garages located on alleys, and numerous large trees,

particularly along streets, which gives the neighborhood a pedestrian-friendly quality and charm.

Residents in Carter Park have relatively good access to local shops and services, including grocery stores, both along Main Street and at the corner of Fourth Plain Boulevard and Kauffman Avenue.

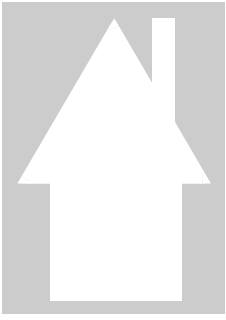
A majority of the concerns identified in this plan are related to transportation and parks. The transportation concerns are mostly a result of the neighborhood being bordered on two of four sides by minor arterial streets which carry substantial amounts of traffic, most notably large commercial trucks (Main Street and Fourth Plain Boulevard). The lack of adequate parks and open space to serve the neighborhood, particularly in the western half, is also identified as a major concern of the neighborhood.



Vision Statement

WE ENVISION CARTER PARK *as a peaceful neighborhood of narrow tree-lined streets.*

Safe and well maintained pocket parks are interspersed throughout our neighborhood to balance residential densities. One of our neighborhood strengths and attractions is its cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity with duplexes, bungalows, and apartments interspersed in a neighborhood dominated by single-family owner-occupied homes. Businesses are “neighbor-oriented” and we enjoy patronizing businesses within walking distance in the neighborhood. All buildings, residential and commercial, fit into this neighborhood both in terms of style and character. Improvements have created a better walking and bicycling environment, while at the same time funneling automobile traffic along Fourth Plain Boulevard, Main Street, Kauffman Avenue, 33rd Street, and Columbia Street. Large truck traffic is rerouted away from Fourth Plain Boulevard. Neighbors actively participate in neighborhood activities which helps maintain a friendly and safe atmosphere.



Neighborhood Objectives

THIS SECTION identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood, along with potential “action steps” for addressing these concerns. The issues, which are stated in terms of “objectives,” are categorized by topics similar to those found in the City of Vancouver comprehensive plan. The order in which objectives and action steps appear do not necessarily correspond to their relative degree of importance. For a more detailed description of priorities, along with a list of various agencies responsible for implementing each action step, see the ACTION CHART presented in the final section of this report.

Cultural and Historic Resources

OBJECTIVE 1: Identify and enhance cultural and historic resources.

Interest in learning more about the historical resources of the Carter Park Neighborhood has been expressed by some residents. Awareness of the history of the neighborhood and any historical resources can foster a greater sense of neighborhood identity.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Create a neighborhood committee to inventory historical resources.
- Research the historical significance of Hidden Brick in the development of Vancouver.

OBJECTIVE 2: Support cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity.

The residents of Carter Park Neighborhood feel strongly that the diversity of people who live and work in the neighborhood is one of the most important elements in making Carter Park a favorable place to live. Support for and respect of people of diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds has been identified as a value shared throughout the neighborhood. School-age children are also a valuable resource to the neighborhood and the Tapping the Talents of Teens Program is one example of a resource Carter Park could utilize.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Pursue more diverse representation on neighborhood board including renters and landlords.
- Encourage more social interaction between neighbors (block parties, walk your neighborhood events, Citizens Emergency Response Training (CERT), Neighborhood Watch Program, etc.).
- Assess needs within the neighborhood and resources or skills that neighbors have to share, include school children.

Economic Development

OBJECTIVE 1: Encourage businesses to be “neighbor-oriented.”

The residents of Carter Park Neighborhood recognize the importance of having stores that are close enough to serve the needs of the neighborhood. It is also desirable to have businesses in the neighbor-

hood which participate in neighborhood activities, are responsive to the needs of the residents of the area, and conduct their business in a way that is sensitive to the overall residential character of the neighborhood.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Encourage participation from businesses in neighborhood association activities.
- Approach business owners with suggestions on how to increase patronage by neighbors.
- Work with adjoining neighborhoods to recommend a commercial character for Main Street (north of Fourth Plain Boulevard).

OBJECTIVE 2: Encourage businesses to be pedestrian-friendly and blend architecturally with the neighborhood.

The residents feel strongly that businesses located in close proximity to residential areas should be oriented more to pedestrians in terms of design, scale, and services, instead of automobiles. Commercial establishments, both existing and new, should attempt to achieve a pedestrian-friendly quality to attract nearby residents. City ordinances should also attempt to achieve these goals through building and use permits.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Participate in the City’s yearly review of the Transit Overlay District (along Main Street) and make suggestions for improvements, as identified.
- Monitor and make suggestions to development applications.

 **Sensitive Lands**

OBJECTIVE 1: Protect significant trees and encourage tree planting.

Carter Park Neighborhood has a number of exceptionally large evergreen trees, particularly in the

neighborhood park and on both sides of West 32nd Street between Franklin and Daniels Streets. These trees are a major asset to the neighborhood, especially since it is within a fully-developed urban area. Residents are in favor of protecting these trees.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Advocate for a city ordinance that will result in the inventory and protection of significant trees in the neighborhood.
- Develop a city-endorsed “Best Management Practices” list for tree maintenance and care.
- Identify opportunities for more neighborhood tree planting.
- Educate private property owners about tree maintenance and care.

OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve and encourage features that serve as habitat for various species of wildlife.

Although Carter Park is for the most part developed as an urban residential neighborhood, residents feel that is important to provide for as much habitat for a variety of wildlife as possible.

Recommended Action Step:

- Include habitat and food trees in triangle "park", Memorial Hospital and other developments.

 **Open Space and Recreation**

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase the number of safe and well-maintained parks, open spaces and public areas.

The neighborhood has one small (0.39 acre park), Carter Park, which has a variety of play equipment and picnic tables and is located south of West 33rd Street between Columbia and Washington Streets. This one park, although a major asset to the area, is insufficient to serve the entire neighborhood and substantially more parkland and open space is

needed, particularly in the western portion of the result of the hospital redevelopment.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Acquire land on the west side of the neighborhood for a park, taking into consideration design and public safety.
- Pursue city acquisition of Main Street Commons as a community gardens, park, and open space.
- Work with the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) to maximize open space at Main Street Commons if it is developed.
- Pursue the dedication of land for parks from any future development.
- Make land acquisition for parks in Carter Park a City priority.

OBJECTIVE 2: Establish and improve gateways to the neighborhood.

Due to several major streets which run adjacent to or through Carter Park Neighborhood, there is an opportunity to create “gateways” at the more significant entrance points to the neighborhood, such as at 33rd Street and Main, along Main Street, and Columbia Street at Fourth Plain. These gateways or entrances would serve to define the boundaries of the neighborhood and provide a positive statement about the neighborhood to the rest of the community.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Pursue and maintain improvements for triangle "park".
- Encourage public open space as part of the Memorial Hospital redevelopment plan.

OBJECTIVE 3: Ensure maintenance and safety of parks, open spaces and public areas.

The one park in the neighborhood is Carter Park, which is generally a clean, safe area for picnics and

playing. Residents favor maintaining this park as a quality facility for family recreation.

Recommended Action Step:

- Monitor Neighborhood Parks to ensure they are clean and safe play areas with routine police patrols.



OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain a predominately owner-occupied, single family residential character.

Residents of the neighborhood value the diversity of housing densities in the area. At the same time, however, there is a strong desire to maintain the overall character of the neighborhood which is a result of the predominance of single family residences that are owner-occupied.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Maintain the current single-family zoning to prevent residences from converting to other uses.
- Participate in the development review process (especially multi-family developments west of Kauffman).
- Any property with an accessory dwelling unit should retain owner-occupation in one of the units.

OBJECTIVE 2: Continue to encourage the Memorial Hospital redevelopment as proposed, but limit encroachment onto adjacent properties.

Carter Park Neighborhood recognizes Memorial Hospital as an integral part of the neighborhood, and the neighborhood association has established a good “working relationship” with the hospital to ensure concerns of the neighborhood are addressed in the proposed redevelopment of the campus.

Residents are concerned that more residences surrounding the hospital will be converted to medical offices as a result of the hospital development.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Encourage a Memorial Hospital representative to participate in neighborhood planning efforts.
- Pursue neighborhood participation on Hospital advisory boards.
- Discourage any further encroachment of medical offices into residential properties adjacent to the hospital.
- Encourage Memorial Hospital to provide daycare facilities to serve the neighborhood.
- Encourage family physicians to locate on the west side of town.

Housing

OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain a diversity of housing types (both in density and style) with an emphasis on promoting a single-family residential character.

Recommended Action Step:

- Maintain the current amount of multi-family zoning.

OBJECTIVE 2: Infill housing should be compatible in design with existing nearby housing.

The predominant character of the Carter Park Neighborhood is one of single family residences on relatively small lots. The residents feel strongly that new infill projects on vacant lots should be designed to be in keeping with the scale, setbacks, and overall appearance of nearby residences.

Recommended Action Step:

- Participate in the development review process for infill housing projects.

Community Appearance

OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure that all owners and occupants maintain their properties for appearance and safety.

Most residents in Carter Park take great pride in keeping their homes and yards in good condition, and this pride and care is a strong asset to the neighborhood. There are various properties throughout the neighborhood, however, that are not always maintained in a way that enhances the appearance of the neighborhood, and some residents have expressed an interest in looking at ways to encourage all residents to be concerned about maintaining their properties in an attractive manner.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Work with City Code Enforcement to achieve compliance for continually unkempt properties as complaints arise.
- Encourage participation in the annual Spring Clean-up and yard debris chipper programs.
- Offer neighborhood assistance to help with property maintenance by setting up a network of neighborhood volunteers with skills in home repair or yard maintenance.
- Educate home-owners and landlords about responsibilities for property and building maintenance.

OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain and improve the pleasant streetscape.

Residents of Carter Park have noted that the streetscape of the neighborhood (generally considered to be the street, sidewalk, and front yards of buildings) is attractive and should be maintained and improved where needed. The fact that few garages are attached to the front of the houses, there are many large street trees, and residents in general take care of their front yards all contribute to this pleasant streetscape.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Discourage tall front yard fences or overgrown landscaping.
- Encourage the planting of appropriate trees in the planting strips next to sidewalks as recommended by the Urban Forestry Commission.
- Maintain mailboxes on houses, not on posts along the street.
- Encourage residents to park in alleys.
- Discourage new driveway curbcuts to lots which have access to alleys.
- Continue the Neighborhood Tree Committee program and work with the city to obtain additional trees for streetscape planting.

 **Public Facilities and Services**

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve street lighting where appropriate.

Several residents have noted concerns in regard to pedestrian safety at night along many of the streets in the neighborhood, due to inadequate street lighting. Although residents do not favor high intensity/auto-oriented street lights, additional low intensity lights are seen as being needed along particularly dark streets.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Install additional street lighting where requested by neighbors.
- Encourage residents to provide front yard lighting.

OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain storm drains in properly operating condition so streets do not flood.

Several residents have noted that occasionally storm drains become clogged with leaves or other debris, which results in localized flooding of streets during severe storms. With awareness, neighbors can help to keep storm drains along their streets from becoming clogged.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Encourage the residents to help keep storm drains free of debris. Encourage the city to monitor these facilities.

 **Mobility Management**

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve pedestrian accessibility within the neighborhood and to adjacent neighborhoods.

The residents of Carter Park value the excellent pedestrian accessibility throughout the neighborhood. Virtually all streets have sidewalks, which are for the most part in good condition. There is room for improvement, however, and a number of residents have commented on the need for safe pedestrian crossings at major street intersections and curbcuts at street corners throughout the neighborhood particularly for elderly and disabled residents, as well as for strollers.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Encourage curb-cuts/ramps at corners of blocks to enhance pedestrian accessibility,
- Pursue improvements (to correct sidewalk cracks and overgrown landscaping).
- Provide a painted cross-walk, signage, and flashing yellow light at the intersection of 29th Street and Main Street.

OBJECTIVE 2: Designate and provide safe bicycle routes without reducing on-street parking.

Two streets which have been identified by the neighborhood as desirable bicycle routes are along 29th Street and Daniels Street, provided no on-street parking spaces are removed. 29th Street crosses Main Street and I-5, which would allow for a bicycle connection to Shumway School (and playground area), Shumway Neighborhood and even Rosemere Neighborhood. A safe crossing of Main Street would have to be provided for the crossing of Main Street.

Daniels Street is used by the children of Carter Park to bike to Hough Elementary School to the south, and Lincoln Elementary to the north, and a bicycle lane would improve their safety along this street. Residents have also expressed a desire to eventually connect Carter Park Neighborhood with the Columbia River Renaissance Trail through the designation of a bicycle path or similar linkage.

Recommended Action Step:

- Designate 29th Street and Daniels Street as bicycle routes with improved signage and without reducing on-street parking.
- Provide bicycle linkages to local schools, the Columbia River Renaissance Trail, and the Discovery Trail.

OBJECTIVE 3: Maintain adequate bus service to the neighborhood.

Carter Park is served by several C-Tran bus routes, including Main Street (Hazel Dell, Route #6), Columbia Street (Capitol Hill, Route #2), and Fruit Valley Road (Route #1).

Recommended Action Step:

- Maintain the current level of bus service.
- Provide a covered shelter at bus stop on Main Street across from Shumway School.

OBJECTIVE 4: Slow traffic on neighborhood streets and reduce cut-through traffic.

One major complaint of residents in the neighborhood is related to the fast speed of motorists which seem to be “cutting through” the neighborhood. It is desired that the neighborhood and City explore ways to reduce the speed of vehicles as well as curtail the ability of motorists to use Carter Park streets as shortcuts to other places.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Block off Division Street at 33rd Street to dis-

courage cut-through traffic to-and-from the hospital. Provide landscaping and connecting sidewalks.

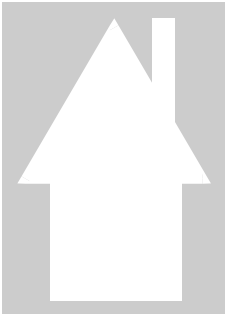
- Evaluate the possibility of stop signs at 32nd Street and Daniels Street.
- Evaluate the possibility of speed humps and/or stop signs on Columbia, Washington, and 33rd Streets.
- Evaluate and mitigate traffic impacts from possible development of Main Street Commons.

OBJECTIVE 5: Reduce impacts to neighborhood from the commercial truck traffic on Fourth Plain Boulevard and traffic signal delays along Broadway, Main and Columbia Streets at Fourth Plain Boulevard.

Fourth Plain Boulevard is used as the main connection between I-5 to the Port of Vancouver and as such, large amounts of commercial truck traffic utilize this road. This creates significant amounts of noise and air pollution, and in some areas, hazards to pedestrians walking along Fourth Plain. The truck traffic on this street was identified by the neighborhood as perhaps the most negative influence on the area. Residents have also noted lengthy traffic signal delays along Main Street, Broadway, and Columbia Streets at Fourth Plain Boulevard.

Recommended Action Steps:

- Complete the Mill Plain Boulevard Extension project.
- Improve the efficiency of the traffic signals along Fourth Plain at Broadway, Main, and Columbia Streets.
- Reduce commercial truck traffic on Fourth Plain Boulevard.
- Repair and maintain pavement on Fourth Plain.



Action Chart

THE ACTION CHART on the following pages summarizes in table format the objectives and action steps identified in the previous section. Additional information identifying the relative priority of each action step, along with those agencies and organizations responsible for implementing the action steps, is also provided.

Recommended 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 the least important.

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

A list of abbreviations used in the table is provided below.

- BAC** Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee
- BUS** Neighborhood businesses
- CC** Clark County
- CPNA** Carter Park Neighborhood Association
- CPU** Clark Public Utilities
- CTRAN** C-Tran (transit agency)
- DVA** Downtown Vancouver Association
- HTF** Memorial Hospital Task Force
- MC** Southwest Washington Medical Center - Memorial Campus
- NC** Vancouver Neighborhood Coalition
- OTH** Others as identified
- OWN** Neighborhood property owners
- SHL** Neighborhood schools (both public and private)
- UVDC** Upland Village Design Committee
- UBA** Uptown Business Association
- USPO** United States Post Office
- VCC** Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

- VCMO** City of Vancouver, City Manager’s Office
- VCPAD** City of Vancouver, Department of Community Preservation and Development
- VHA** Vancouver Housing Authority
- VHM** Vancouver Historical Museum
- VOHS** City of Vancouver, Office of Heritage Services
- VON** City of Vancouver, Office of Neighborhoods
- VPD** City of Vancouver, Police Department
- VPR** City of Vancouver, Parks and Recreation Department
- VPW** City of Vancouver Public Works Department
- VSD** Vancouver School District
- VUFC** City of Vancouver, Urban Forestry Commission
- WSDOT** State of Washington Department of Transportation

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps	Prior-	Responsible Party
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES		
OBJECTIVE 1: Identify and enhance cultural and historic resources.		
Action Step: Create a neighborhood historical committee to inventory resources	Low	CPNA, VOHS
Action Step: Research the significance of the Hidden Brick site in the development of Vancouver.	Medium	CPNA, VOHS, BUS, VHM
OBJECTIVE 2: Support cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity.		
Action Step: Pursue more diverse representation on the neighborhood board including renters and landlords.	High	CPNA
Action Step: Encourage more interaction between neighbors (block parties, walk your neighborhood event, Neighborhood Watch Program, CERT, etc.).	High	CPNA, VON
Action Step: Assess needs within the neighborhood and resources or skills that neighbors have to share. Include middle school children.	Medium	CPNA, SHL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
OBJECTIVE 1: Encourage businesses to be “neighbor-oriented.”		
Action Step: Encourage participation from businesses in neighborhood association activities.	Medium/High	CPNA, BUS, VCC, UBA, DVA
Action Step: Approach business owners with suggestions on how to increase patronage by neighbors.	Medium	CPNA, BUS
Action Step: Work with adjoining neighborhoods to recommend a commercial character for Main Street (north of Fourth Plain Blvd.).	Medium	CPNA, VON, NC, UBA, BUS
OBJECTIVE 2: Encourage businesses be pedestrian friendly and blend architecturally with the neighborhood.		
Action Step: Participate in the City’s yearly review of the Transit Overlay District (along Main St.) and make suggestions for improvements.	Medium/High	VCPAD, CPNA
Action Step: Monitor and make suggestions to development applications.	High	VCPAD, CPNA
SENSITIVE LANDS		
OBJECTIVE 1: Protect significant trees and encourage tree planting.		

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps		Priority	Responsible Party
Action Step:	Advocate for a city ordinance which will result in the inventory and protection of significant trees in the neighborhood.	High	CPNA, VUFC, VCPAD
Action Step:	Develop a city-endorsed “Best Management Practices” list for tree maintenance and care.	High	VPR, VCPAD, VUFC, CPNA
Action Step:	Identify opportunities for more neighborhood tree planting.	High	CPNA, VPR
Action Step:	Educate private property owners about tree maintenance and care.	High	CPNA, VPR, VON
OBJECTIVE 2:	Preserve and encourage features that serve as habitat to various species of wildlife.		
Action Step:	Include habitat and food trees in triangle park, Memorial hospital, and other developments.	High	VPR, CPNA, HTF
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION			
OBJECTIVE 1:	Increase the number of safe and well-maintained parks, open spaces, and public areas.		
Action Step:	Acquire land on the west side of the neighborhood for a park, taking into consideration park design and public safety.	High	VPR, VCMO
Action Step:	Pursue city acquisition of Main Street Commons as a community gardens, park and open space.	High	VPR
Action Step:	Work with V.H.A to maximize open space at the Main Street Commons if it is developed.	High	CPNA, VHA, UVDC
Action Step:	Pursue the dedication of land for parks from any future development.	High	VPR, VCPAD
Action Step:	Make land acquisition for parks in Carter Park a city priority.	High	VPR, VCMO, CPNA
OBJECTIVE 2:	Establish and improve gateways to the neighborhood.		
Action Step:	Pursue and maintain improvements for triangle "park."	High	VPR, VPW, CTRAN, CPNA
Action Step:	Encourage public open space as part of the Memorial Hospital redevelopment plan.	High	VCPAD, CPNA, HTF
OBJECTIVE 3:	Ensure maintenance and safety of parks, open spaces, and public areas.		
Action Step:	Monitor neighborhood parks to ensure that they are clean and safe play areas with routine police patrols.	Medium	CPNA, VPD, VPR

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps	Priority	Responsible Party
LAND USE		
<p>OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain a predominantly owner-occupied, single-family residential character.</p>		
<p>Action Step: Maintain the current single-family zoning to prevent residences from converting to other uses.</p>	High	VCPAD
<p>Action Step: Participate in the development review process (especially multi-family developments along Kauffman).</p>	Medium	VCPAD, CPNA
<p>Action Step: Any property with accessory dwelling units should retain owner-occupation in one of the units.</p>	High	VCPAD
<p>OBJECTIVE 2: Continue to encourage the Memorial Hospital redevelopment but limit encroachment onto adjacent properties.</p>		
<p>Action Step: Encourage a Memorial Hospital representative to participate in neighborhood planning efforts.</p>	High	MC, HTF, CPNA
<p>Action Step: Pursue neighborhood participation on Hospital advisory boards.</p>	High	MC, HTF, CPNA, NC
<p>Action Step: Discourage any further encroachment of medical offices into residential properties adjacent to the hospital.</p>	High	VCPAD, MC
<p>Action Step: Encourage memorial Hospital to provide daycare facilities to serve the neighborhood.</p>	High	MC, HTF, CPNA, NC
<p>Action Step: Encourage family physicians to locate on the west side of town.</p>	High	MC, HTF, CPNA, NC
HOUSING		
<p>OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain a diversity of housing types (both in density and style) with an emphasis on promoting a single-family residential character.</p>		
<p>Action Step: Maintain the current amount of multi-family zoning.</p>	Medium	VCPAD
<p>OBJECTIVE 2: Infill housing should be compatible in design with existing housing.</p>		
<p>Action Step: Participate in the development review process for infill housing projects.</p>	Medium/High	VCPAD, CPNA

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COMMUNITY APPEARANCE		
<p>OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure that all owners and occupants maintain their properties for appearance and safety.</p> <p>Action Step: Work with City Code Enforcement to achieve compliance for continually unkempt properties as complaints arise.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage participation in the Spring Clean-up, yard-debris and chipper programs.</p> <p>Action Step: Offer neighborhood assistance with property maintenance by setting up a network of volunteers with skill in home repair or yard maintenance.</p> <p>Action Step: Educate home-owners and landlords about responsibilities for property and building maintenance.</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain and improve a pleasant streetscape.</p> <p>Action Step: Discourage tall front yard fences or overgrown landscaping.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage the planting of appropriate trees in the planting strips next to sidewalks as recommended by the Urban Forestry Commission.</p> <p>Action Step: Maintain mailboxes on houses; not on posts along the street.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage residents to park in alleys.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage new garages to open onto alleys</p> <p>Action Step: Continue the Neighborhood Tree committee program and work with the city to obtain additional trees for streetscape planting.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>CPNA, VCPAD</p> <p>CPNA, VON</p> <p>CPNA</p> <p>CPNA, VCPAD</p> <p>CPNA, VCPAD</p> <p>CPNA, VUFC, VPR</p> <p>PO</p> <p>CPNA, VCPAD</p> <p>VCPAD</p> <p>CPNA, VPR</p>
PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
<p>OBJECTIVE 1: Improve streetlighting where appropriate.</p> <p>Action Step: Install additional streetlighting where requested by neighbors.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage residents to provide front-yard lighting.</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain stormdrains in proper operating condition so streets do not flood.</p> <p>Action Step: Encourage residents to help keep storm drains free of debris. Encourage the city to monitor these facilities.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>CPNA, VPW, CPU</p> <p>CPNA</p> <p>CPNA, VPW</p>

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MOBILITY MANAGEMENT		
<u>OBJECTIVE 1:</u> Improve pedestrian accessibility within the neighborhood and to adjoining neighborhoods.		
Action Step: Provide curb-cuts/ramps at corners of blocks to enhance pedestrian accessibility.	Medium	VPW, VCPAD
Action Step: Pursue improvements to correct sidewalk cracks and overgrown landscaping.	High	VPW, VCPAD, CPNA
Action Step: Provide a painted cross-walk, signage and flashing yellow light at the intersection of 29th Street and Main Street.	High	VPW
<u>OBJECTIVE 2:</u> Designate and provide safe bicycle routes without reducing on-street parking.		
Action Step: Designate 29th Street and Daniels Street as bicycle routes with improved signage without reducing on-street parking.	High	VPW, BAC, VPR, VSD
Action Step: Provide bicycle linkages to local schools, the Columbia River Renaissance Trail, and the Discovery Trail.	Low	VPW, BAC, VPR, VSD
<u>OBJECTIVE 3:</u> Maintain adequate bus service to the neighborhood.		
Action Step: Maintain the current level of bus service.	Low	CTRAN
Action Step: Provide covered shelters at bus stops on Main Street across from Shumway School.	High	CPNA, CTRAN
<u>OBJECTIVE 4:</u> Slow traffic on neighborhood streets and reduce cut-through traffic.		
Action Step: Block off Division Street at 33rd Street, to discourage cut through traffic to-and-from the hospital. Provide landscaping and connecting sidewalks.	High	VPW
Action Step: Evaluate the possibility of stop signs at 32nd Street and Daniels.	Medium	VPW
Action Step: Evaluate the possibility of speed humps and/or stop signs to slow traffic on Columbia, Washington, and 33rd St.	Medium	VPW
Action Step: Participate in the neighborhood speedwatch program.	High	CPNA, VON
Action Step: Evaluate and mitigate traffic impacts from possible development of Main Street Commons.	Low	VPW, WSDOT

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<u>OBJECTIVE 5:</u> Reduce commercial truck traffic on Fourth Plain Boulevard and reduce traffic signal delays along major abutting streets.		
Action Step: Complete the Mill Plain Extension project.	High	VPW, WSDOT
Action Step: Improve the efficiency of traffic signals along Fourth Plain at Broadway, Main, and Columbia Streets.	High	VPW, WSDOT
Action Step: Reduce commercial truck traffic on Fourth Plain.	High	VPW, WSDOT
Action Step: Repair and maintain pavement on Fourth Plain Blvd.	High	VPW, WSDOT