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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 others' 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.
- 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 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 Central Park Neighborhood Association 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 objective statements and action steps 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 Central Park Neighborhood Association, with assistance of managers and staff members from the City of Vancouver, has developed this plan. The Neighborhood Action Planning Committee, the Neighborhood Association officers, and other volunteers wanting to make a difference in the quality of life in this neighborhood updated our 2000 plan in preparation for the coming decade.

A survey was conducted within the neighborhood to collect data from property owners. We hand-delivered 260 surveys to owner-occupied residences and received 48 completed surveys (about 18% return). The survey addressed issues for the primary purpose of creating goals for our updated action plan. Property owners sent a clear message as reflected in the following action items and projects. Using the neighborhood Action Plan, the Central Park Neighborhood Association will promote public works and public services.

A draft version of the Action Plan was advertised and made available for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan was endorsed by the Central Park Neighborhood Association at a general meeting called for that purpose. The plan will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. The City Council may then accept the Plan.

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 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 and city departments.

Neighborhood Profile

The Past

Typical of the era, the growth of this area was natural, not planned. Some of the early houses were built to serve as additional homes for officers and soldiers allowed to live off grounds of Fort Vancouver. Some neighbors have dug up various artifacts from the past (square nails, broken pieces of china) now shown at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Museum.

The Old City Cemetery is one of the oldest in the state and is the burial site of many of

Vancouver's pioneer families, going back to Esther Short. There are several heritage trees located in the Old City Cemetery. In September, 2009, CPNA received a NAP Grant to create a master plan for the cemetery. We are working with a number of local agencies to develop this historic landmark as one of our goals.

Located in the heart of Central Park neighborhood is the Washington State School for the Blind. It was established in 1886, when we were a territory. Its mission was to provide specialized quality educational service to visually-impaired youth. It has had a long, distinguished history. WSSB has been a supportive partner of CPNA and provides use of its cafeteria for the bi-monthly pot luck meetings at no charge.

We are an old neighborhood with very little vacant land for development. A number of the original owners of homes built in the '40's and '50's still live in them. Most of the lots are small. Many of these have been meticulously maintained, some have not. Others have changed hands and are rented. Some of these have deteriorated as owners waited for the opportunity to buy adjoining lots in order to demolish the existing homes and build multi-family units. However, with the rezoning of Central Park Neighborhood in 2000 to retain single family residences, the trend is now turning to renovation of existing homes resulting in improved quality of homes throughout our neighborhood. One of our goals as we move to this next decade will be to educate and encourage land owners in the renovation process.

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 stormwater, contribute to neighborhood livability, and they calm and slow traffic, improve wildlife habitat, reduce erosion and mitigate flooding) and unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. We also realize houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20 percent higher than houses in neighborhoods without trees. Many 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.

The Present

Our current neighborhood boundaries generally encompass the area south of Fourth Plain Blvd., north of Mill Plain Blvd, east of Interstate 5 and west of Grand Blvd. This covers approximately 270 acres. The actual site area subject to the Central Park Overlay District is approximately 110 acres and includes the area east of E. Reserve Street. The Central Park Neighborhood as a whole is primarily developed with a mix of single-family and multi-family residential uses (approximately 60% single family and 40% multi-family). Uses excluded from the Central Park Overlay District include commercial uses along Fourth Plain and Grand Blvd, and on the corner of Mill Plain and Grand Blvd. The majority of the neighborhood is designed for residential uses. About 2.5 acres is considered vacant and buildable. The average single family density, existing and planned, is 6 units per acre. The average multi-family density is 12 units per acre for

both existing and planned land uses.

The Central Park Neighborhood Association requested and received a comprehensive plan amendment and zone change for all properties currently designated residential within the Central Park Overlay District. The intent is to allow the present mix of uses in the Central Park Neighborhood Overlay District to continue while maintaining the residential character of the neighborhood and the R9 zone.

Central Park Neighborhood Vision and Mission Statements

Sound land use planning is central to the mission of Vancouver to provide responsive services. Parks and green spaces should be designed into the community along with an accessible and efficient transportation system. Investments in infrastructure should be a priority to ensure sustainable growth consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act. The character of the neighborhoods should be protected and quality development should be encouraged. Partnerships should continue to be fostered with our businesses and other neighborhoods.

Vision

Our vision includes upgrading the area to meet current standards with sidewalks, good traffic design and mitigation, storm drains, lighting and police and fire protection. Property owners should see their tax dollars at work in their own neighborhood. Increased community awareness of city planning issues will help us be both productive and viable. Encouraging rehabilitation of structures as time and weather initiate deterioration will be included in our action items.

Mission

To maintain successful evolution of the historic Central Park Neighborhood, working through the City and State regulations and land use activities to: (a) retain the neighborhood's essential residential characteristics, (b) preserve its historical values, and (c) promote improved quality in existing and replacement housing, all contributing to its livability as part of Greater Vancouver USA.

Central Park Neighborhood Association Plan

On the following pages our plan is organized into eleven categories: 1) neighborhood boundaries 2) public safety 3) mobility management 4) public streets 5) land uses 6) open space and recreation 7) street-sides 8) community appearance 9) housing 10) community-building and 11) historic preservation. A priority has been assigned to each action step without regard for the time frame within which the goal can realistically be attained and without concern for whether funding sources can be practically identified.

Below are abbreviations for the various associations with which CPNA will work to attain the action steps in this document.

CC	Clark County
COV	City of Vancouver
CCC	Clark College
CCGS	Clark County Genealogical Society
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CCHS	Clark County Historical Society
CPNA	Central Park Neighborhood Association
CPU	Clark Public Utilities
DRS	Development Review Services
FVNT	Fort Vancouver National Trust
FOT	Friends of Trees
HBHS	Hudson's Bay High School
MCC	Marshall Community Center
OON	Office of Neighborhoods
VCP	Vancouver Community Planning
VHA	Vancouver Housing Authority
VNA	Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance
VPD	City of Vancouver Police Department
VPR	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works Functions
VTD	City of Vancouver Transportation Division
VUF	City of Vancouver Urban Forestry Division
WSSB	Washington State School for the Blind
VCC	Vancouver Code Compliance
VFD	Vancouver Fire Department

1. Neighborhood Boundaries

Objective #1 Continue our stewardship west of East Reserve Street.

Since its inception, Central Park Neighborhood Association has been a champion in the preservation of the Vancouver Central Park (VCP) Plan. That relationship was formalized making CPNA one of the representative neighborhood bodies.

<p>Action Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate as an advocate for improvements in Central Park as a member of the Vancouver Central Park Plan team. The VCP District Ordinance directly affects CPNA. 	<p>Priority:</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Solution Participants:</p> <p>CPNA , VPR, FVNT, COV, City consultants</p>
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1. Neighborhood Boundaries

Objective #2 Create and Maintain a cohesive neighborhood.

When City staff set the northern boundary for the Central Park Neighborhood Association they did not recognize the bluff between 18th and 19th Street to be the divide that it is. The neighborhood north of 18th Street with homes and a small group of businesses facing Fourth Plain Boulevard is secluded from the greater Central Park Neighborhood. It should be assigned to another neighborhood association.

<p>Action Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek reassignment of the north portion of CPNA to an adjacent neighborhood association for a more neighborly connection. 	<p>Priorities:</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Solution Participants:</p> <p>CPNA, Other neighborhood associations, Office of Neighborhoods Vancouver City Council</p>
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2. Public Safety

Objective #1 Improve street lighting within the neighborhood.

Survey results show that street lighting could be improved in some areas of the neighborhood. Among those locations that have been cited are the areas near the parks, cemetery, and where gang graffiti has occurred.

Action Steps:	Priorities:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the City to identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood and remind neighbors to report outages to city operations. 	High	City of Vancouver Operations and Maintenance, CPNA, Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install supplemental low intensity lighting as required. 	Medium	Clark Public Utilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage residents to provide front and backyard lighting and upgrade to more efficient lighting alternatives. 	Medium	Property owners, CPU, VPD

3. Traffic Management

Objective #1 Discourage speeding in the neighborhood.

Speeding vehicles are a common problem in our neighborhood. Our survey indicated that speeding is viewed as a top priority problem. McLoughlin Blvd., Mill Plain Blvd. and E. Reserve are all associated with speeding and cut-through traffic. The “straight shots” of E. 16th and E. 13th continue to be problematic.

Action Steps:	Priorities:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the City to prepare a Neighborhood Traffic Plan specific to our neighborhood. 	High	CPNA, Vancouver Transportation Division
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide CPNA residents information on how to obtain a temporary traffic speed monitoring device. 	High	CPNA, VTD, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate residents of the importance of honoring speed limits. 	High	CPNA, VTD, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Clark College and Hudson's Bay High School on speed awareness. 	High	CPNA, Clark College, HBHS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider issuing “Slow Down” yard signs at critical locations to post off-and-on as reminders to speeding traffic. 	High	CPNA residents, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore feasibility of installing speed deterrents in high traffic or troubled areas with the City's transportation department. 	High	CPNA, VTD
<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. 	Medium	CPNA, FOT, VUF, VTP

4. Mobility Management

Objective#1 Improve and maintain sidewalks and street crossings

Pedestrian accommodations in Central Park are problematic. Numerous students walk to and from school. Mill Plain Blvd., McLoughlin Blvd., and East Reserve can be very difficult to cross, especially during peak traffic periods. Blind students practice mobility exercises throughout the neighborhood. We continue our decade-long effort to complete sidewalks along E.13th Street.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve crosswalks at locations determined by neighbors and City staff. 	High	CPNA , Vancouver Transportation Department, CDBG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve sidewalks at locations determined by neighbors and City staff 	High	CPNA, Vancouver Transportation Department
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the City Code Compliance for property maintenance concerning sidewalks. 	Medium	Vancouver Code Compliance, Property owners, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek solutions for driving, parking and safety on our narrow “Heritage Streets” working with City Transportation. 	High	Vancouver Transportation Department, City of Vancouver, CPNA, Property owners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve Pedestrian Friendly reputation through ADA compliance, partnerships with schools, inclusion in the Discovery Loop Trail and local walk programs. 	High	Community Choices, FVNT, CPNA

5. Infrastructure

Objective #1 Improve the public infrastructure to ensure safe travel and livability within our neighborhood. Central Park Neighborhood was developed long before the current building and street codes took effect. Some street right-of-ways are not wide enough to accommodate current designs. They lack the curbs and sidewalks intended for safe travel within the neighborhood. Storm drainage continues to be a problem on E. 13th Street as the runoff from McLoughlin is not controlled.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform an annual survey of curbs, sidewalks and storm drains. 	Medium	CPNA, Vancouver Transportation Dept., Vancouver Public Works
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for CDBG funds to pay for street/sidewalk improvements throughout the neighborhood 	High	CDBG, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue our Heritage Street study / recommendations as performed by the Transportation Dept. 	High	Vancouver Transportation Department, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider changing plans and design to improve certain street usage. The successful elimination of extra lanes on Grand Blvd is an example. 	High	Vancouver Transportation Department, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request a study to solve the drainage problems on E. 13th Street. 	High	Vancouver Public Works, Vancouver Transportation Department, CPNA, NAP grant process

6. Land Use

Objective #1 Minimize the adverse impact of new multi-family development within the neighborhood. Accept a fair-share burden of housing density, but no more than other comparable City of Vancouver neighborhoods.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to achieve a viable mix, both within the neighborhood as whole as well as within individual developments, of unit sizes and number of owner-occupied, market-rate rental and subsidized units. 	Medium	Community Planning, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support the development of attractive town homes or condominiums, appropriate infill or cottage housing as an alternative to conventional multi-family complexes. 	Medium	CPNA, Development Review Services, Community Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend, to contribute and protect neighborhood interests, any pre-application conferences scheduled by City staff to address CPN property.] High	CPNA, Development Review Services, Community Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education to residents on the permit process for revitalization or new construction of homes in our neighborhood. 	Medium	CPNA, Development Review Services, Community Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide adequate landscaping and street trees to reflect the character of the neighborhood. 	Medium	CPNA, DRS, VUE

7. Open Space and Recreation

Objective #1 Increase and maintain the open spaces and public areas.

We are the stewards for open space east of I-5 to include the Marshall Community Center, the Veteran's Administration Complex and Waterworks Park. Our legacy of open space continues to be our most difficult challenge.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain good relations with the schools to remain welcome to use their open spaces for neighborhood use. 	Medium	CPNA, Hudson's Bay High School, Clark Community College, WSSB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the schools and City of Vancouver to improve their facilities as deemed necessary. 	Medium	CPNA, Vancouver School District
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign a neighborhood representative to the Central Park Plan board and perform due diligence as the plan evolves. 	High	Fort Vancouver National Trust, City Consultants, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively discourage for-profit entities in Central Park's open space (sports arena or stadium) 	High	CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek approval for the addition of our Old City Cemetery to be included on the Discovery Loop Trail and the Fort Vancouver Walking Tour. 	High	VCPRD, Fort Vancouver National Trust, Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of property around Marshall Community Center for Light Rail and Park-n-Ride. 	High	CPNA, Columbia River Crossing, Vancouver Transportation Department
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a community garden 	Medium	CPNA, OOF, Neighborhood Action Plan grant process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Urban Forestry to plant additional trees in appropriate areas. 	High	CPNA, VUF

8. Street Sides

Objective #1 Maintain properties to their greatest potential.

Many streets in Central Park would benefit from beautification. We need to take advantage of available programs and pursue new possibilities to encourage property owners to keep their properties in great repair.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of the NeighborWoods program offered by Vancouver Urban Forestry. 	High	CPNA, Vancouver Urban Forestry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign and support a coordinator to work with VUF and Friends of Trees to reach the canopy goals set by the City. 	High	CPNA, VUF, Friends of Trees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available at meetings the City approved list of desirable trees for street and yards. Educate the neighborhood on noxious “weed trees” and work with the City Forester on an abatement plan. 	High	CPNA, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the East Reserve median beautification project. 	High	CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the traffic circle at E.13th and Z Street. 	Medium	CPNA, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalize on opportunities to work with the city on beautification projects. Cooperation between the City, the land owner and the neighborhood representatives ended successfully as we worked to save a healthy tree in the path of a sidewalk project. 	Varies	CPNA

9. Community Appearance

Objective #1 To promote safety and aesthetic value to residents, visitors and potential buyers in our neighborhood. While many properties are well maintained, there are problems. We intend to improve appearances through example, education, encouragement and full use of the Vancouver Code Compliance Department when necessary.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate and support neighbors about the importance of maintaining their property. 	Medium	CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support enforcement of the City’s junk ordinance, and other existing regulations intended to ensure that properties are properly maintained. 	High	Vancouver Code Compliance, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually schedule and promote the COV “chipping” program to help neighbors maintain their trees and shrubs. Promote tree preservation and proper tree pruning. 	Medium	OON, Vancouver Public Works, CPNA, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the annual Spring Clean-Up developed by the City of Vancouver 	High	CPNA, OON, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek funding sources to improve and maintain sidewalks and curbs throughout the neighborhood. 	High	CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage residents to protect trees and encourage planting of carefully selected trees for air quality, beauty and noise buffers. 	Medium	VUF, Friends of Trees, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a curb appeal program to promote beautification and community pride. 	High	COV, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the COV “Sparkles” program. 	Medium	COV, CPN

9. Community Appearance

Objective #2 Prevent and reduce graffiti and other vandalism.

Graffiti and vandalism in the neighborhood diminishes the residents' sense of pride, security and well being. The neighborhood recognizes the need to work together with the City to keep the neighborhood clean and safe.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate the residents about graffiti gang “tagging” and the City’s anti-graffiti program. 	High	VPD, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a “Graffiti Clean-up Day” sponsored by CPNA to help remove graffiti and other acts of vandalism to public properties that have been ignored. 	Medium	CPNA, OON, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage landlords/managers to learn more about screening prospective tenants and removing problem tenants 	Medium	CPNA, Property owners, CC Rental Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage landlords and apartment managers to revitalize properties. 	Medium	CPNA, Property owners, CC Rental Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Hudson's Bay High School's community service program to include Quarnberg Park as well as the school property in their litter clean-up activities. 	Medium	CPNA, HBHS

10. Housing

Objective #1 Preserve the neighborhood's existing housing stock.

Among Central Park’s priorities is the desire to maintain quality housing that is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. Most residents in Central Park take pride in keeping their homes and yards in good condition, and this pride and care is a strong asset to the neighborhood. Our goal is to make this sense of pride and caring universal in the neighborhood.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise and promote existing funding programs to property owners interested in preserving, restoring, and rehabilitating the historical integrity of housing in the Central Park Neighborhood. 	Medium	Clark County Historical Society, CPNA, City of Vancouver, Clark County Home Builders Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with City Code Compliance to achieve compliance for continually unkempt properties as complaints arise. 	High	Code Compliance, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate property owners on the permit process and encourage the City to offer services that motivate citizens to keep up their homes. 	High	VCP, Clark County Home Builders Association, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate property owners about responsibilities for property and building maintenance. 	Medium	Vancouver Code Compliance. CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage participation in the annual Spring Clean-Up and yard debris chipper program. 	High	OON, CPNA, Property owners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of the ReStore as a resource for do-it-yourself building. 	High	CPNA

11. Community Building

Objective #1 Provide recreational programs for the neighborhood.

Individuals, families and children need recreation opportunities within the neighborhood. Special priority should be given to involving the elderly. Include technology training and usage to those who might broaden their contact with the community through computers and the internet.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Solution Participants:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access and use of the schools by residents of the neighborhood. Support the WSSB tactile museum. 	Medium	HBHS, WSSB, CCC, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support organized events such as picnics, fun runs/walks, music and parades. Involve CPNA in the July 4th celebration. 	Medium	CPNA, OON, adjacent neighborhoods, Community Choices, Non-profits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue ways to increase active participation in the neighborhood association. 	High	OON, CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community groups to create a master plan for the Old City Cemetery. Support the creation of Friends of the Cemetery and support its inclusion to the Discovery Loop Walk. 	High	CPNA, Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors, Clark County Genealogical Society, COV, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and encourage our City sponsored newsletter and web page. Recognize our editor and the distribution team. Set up an annual “Thank You” gathering. 	High	CPNA, OON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage seniors and shut-ins to become technically competent. Close the communication gap by creating a computer and internet mentoring program. 	Medium	CPNA, neighbors

12. Historic Preservation

Objective #1 Preserve the neighborhood's historic character.

Most of the homes in the neighborhood were built before or shortly after World War II. Providing assistance to individual homeowners for the purpose of preserving, restoring and rehabilitating the historic integrity of housing in Central Park will enhance the distinct characteristics of the neighborhood and establish visual symbols of our identity and history. As stewards of The Old City Cemetery we will support every effort to preserve the site and seek to establish it as an official historic site.

Action Steps:	Priority:	Responsible Parties:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek official recognition of the distinct characteristics of the Central Park Neighborhood and its individual homes. 	Medium	VCP, CPNA, Historic Preservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish visual symbols for neighborhood identity. 	Low	OON, CPNA, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize regular volunteer activities to promote and maintain the neighborhood's historic character. Activities would include trimming around cemetery gravestones and assisting the Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors annual event in the cemetery. 	Medium	CPNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the Old City Cemetery with the National Trust for Historic Preservation 	High	CPNA, COV, Historic Preservation Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a master plan for the Old City Cemetery to highlight its value to the community and insure it will be preserved as a distinguished part of Central Park Neighborhood. 	High	CPNA, COV, Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors, Clark County Genealogical Society, Mason's, Clark County Historical Society

On-Going Central Park Neighborhood Association Events and Activities

Establishing a livable neighborhood requires that the neighbors interact, be aware of who their neighbors are, be informed of neighborhood and community issues, and be supportive in times of crisis and adversity. The Central Park Neighborhood Association promotes this interaction through the following activities and events:

- Bi-monthly association meetings
- Annual summer neighborhood picnic
- Annual winter holiday party
- Annual neighborhood spring clean-up day
- July 4th Childrens' Parade
- Annual neighborhood yard sale
- Neighborhood newsletter and web page
- Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance
- Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Alliance
- Vancouver police department National Night Out
- Annual Friends of Trees plantings

Ongoing CPNA Community Partnerships

A neighborhood does not exist in isolation. Partnerships and community support are vital to maintain livability and positive interaction. CPNA will continue to partner with the following community:

- Utilize and disseminate information provided by the **Office of Neighborhoods**
- Interact with **Clark College** on issues that may impact neighborhood residents such as parking, traffic, new construction and public events
- Support the **Washington State School for the Blind** programs and student activities
Continue utilization of its facility for CPNA meetings
- Interact with **Parks & Recreation Department** on maintenance and expansion of services in Waterworks Park, Quarnberg Park and Marshall Community Park
- Receive information and support from the **Clark County Rental Association**
- Nurture community involvement from the **Vancouver Police Dept. West Precinct**
- Utilize expertise of **City departments**, such as Transportation, Police, Social Services, Parks and Recreation, Office of Neighborhoods, and Urban Forestry on problems and issues impacting the neighborhood
- Provide speakers and presentations from **City of Vancouver** programs, healthcare services, and educators at neighborhood meetings
- Provide opportunities to **Hudson's Bay High School** students to develop community service projects in the Central Park Neighborhood

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CHAPTER 20. _____ CENTRAL PARK COMBING DISTRICT

20. _____ PURPOSE. To allow the present mix of uses in the Central Park Combing District (as defined in Section _____) to continue while maintaining the residential character of the neighborhood and the R1-5 zone

20. _____ ESTABLISHMENT OF BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the Central Park District are as shown on Exhibit _____ (Central Park Combing District Boundary Map Boundary Map).

20. _____ PROVISIONS.

The provisions of this Section shall apply only to residentially zoned properties within the existing boundaries of the Central Park Combing District, and other legally established uses and shall not affect any commercially zoned properties.

A. Structures used for multi-family and non-residential uses may be rebuilt, even if they are destroyed by more than 75 percent of the appraised value of the structure (s) as determined by the records of the County Assessor for the year preceding destruction when the following conditions are met:

1. Building plans for the new structure must be submitted to the City within three years of the date that the structure was destroyed.
2. Construction must begin within one calendar year after building plans are approved.
3. The rebuilt structure shall be used for similar use as the structure being replaced.

B. Redevelopment / Remodel of residential zoned property (s)
Shall not exceed the total number of units approved for construction as of the effective date of this ordinance.

4. Section 4. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application of a provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, then the remainder of this ordinance, or the application or such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

AFFIRMATION OF REVIEW

I hereby affirm that the below listed individuals, both officers of the Central Park Neighborhood Association elected on January 28, 2009 and active members of the NAP Committee have each reviewed this Neighborhood Action Plan as revised in November 2009.

Chairperson	Dick Malin
Vice-Chair	Norma Watson
Treasurer	Sylvia Bailey

Committee volunteers: Joyce Malin
Carole Schafer
Rich Hovey
Jim Thomas
Frank Fannick
Becky Potter

I also affirm that at the Central Park Neighborhood Association general membership meeting on _____ it was moved, seconded and carried that this Plan be submitted as presented. The reviewed document will be presented to the general membership at the next business meeting.



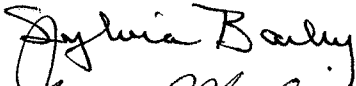





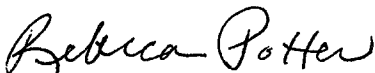
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Richard C. Malin
Chairperson

_____ 2010

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We hereby affirm that the below listed individuals, both officers of the Central Park Neighborhood Association elected in January of 2010 and active members of the NAP Committee have each reviewed this Neighborhood Action Plan as revised.

Chairperson	Richard Malin	
Vice-Chair	Norma Watson	
Treasurer	Sylvia Bailey	
Committee volunteers:	Joyce Malin	
	Carole Schafer	
	Richard Hovey	
	James Thomas	
	Frances Fannick	
	Rebecca Potter	

We also affirm that during the Central Park Neighborhood Association general membership meeting on April 7, 2010, a vote to accept this plan was approved as presented.

This statement is submitted in accordance with this NAP, and as required by the Central Park Neighborhood Association By-Laws.



Richard (Dick) Malin
Chairperson