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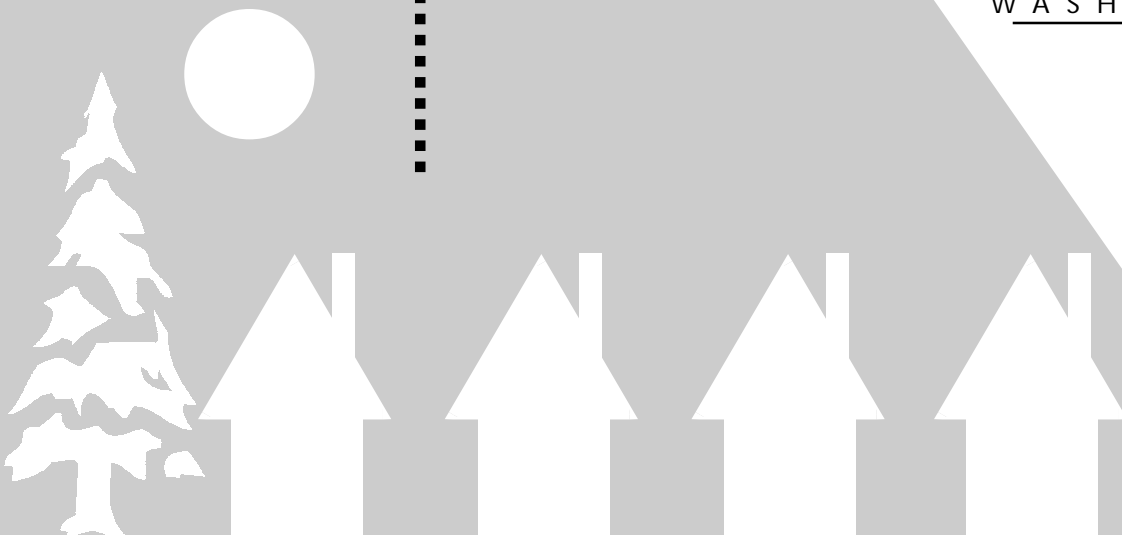
## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

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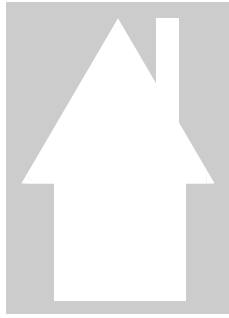
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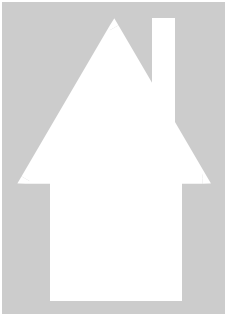
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# Introduction

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**T**HE 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 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.
- 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 Edgewood 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 was developed by the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association with assistance from the City of Vancouver Department of Community Preservation and Development. The actual preparation of the plan was 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 was advertised

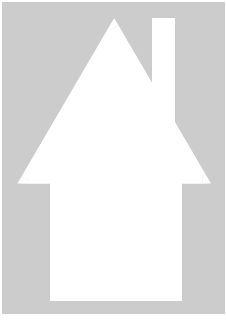
and made available for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan was endorsed by the Neighborhood Association according to its specific by-laws, and then forwarded to the Planning Commission for its consideration. The City Council adopted the Plan by resolution.

It is intended that City agencies will utilize the action plans as input in developing more specific work programs and in establishing 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.



## 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. It is the backdrop against which development of the neighborhood is to be evaluated and guided. The **NEIGHBORHOOD OBJECTIVES** section identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood and potential strategies for addressing those concerns. Implementation of these strategies should move the neighborhood toward fulfillment of its vision. 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

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EDGEWOOD PARK is centrally located within the Vancouver city limits. The neighborhood boundaries are Grand Boulevard to the west, 5th Street to the south and Blandford Drive to the east. The northern border extends east along Mill Plain for a short distance, then turns southeast between Edgewood Drive and Rhododendron Street to the intersection of Blandford and Evergreen.

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The neighborhood is characterized by single-family residential development to the east and multi-family and retail districts to the west. The majority of the neighborhood is zoned R1-7.5 (single-family, 7,500 square foot lots). Two pockets of R1-5 zoning (single-family, 5,000 square foot lots) are

located on Evergreen Boulevard between Ash and Beech, and along Edgewood Drive just north of Edgewood Park. Multi-family zoning at densities of 18 and 30 units to the acre is designated along Grand, the western portions of Evergreen Boulevard and Mill Plain, and along Grove. Commu-

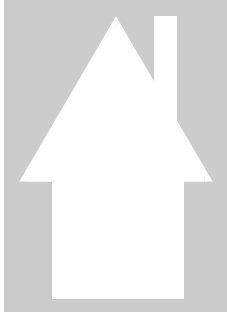
nity Commercial zoning is also designated along Grand and Evergreen.

Edgewood Park is distinguished from other neighborhoods by the multiplicity of housing options it provides. Historic properties and new development, owner-occupied homes, rental homes, duplexes, and apartments, all blend together around the community elementary school. Mature vegetation gives the neighborhood a traditional feel.

The neighborhood amenities include two schools, The Washington State School for the Deaf and Harney Elementary. Edgewood Park, the neighborhood namesake, adjoins the elementary school grounds. A bluff above 5th Street provides a breathtaking view of the Columbia River and nearby Portland. Just outside the neighborhood boundary to the northeast, Blandford Greenway provides another setting for solace and passive recreation. The forested ridge below Mill Plain creates a visual sense of scale and a soft edge for the neighborhood.





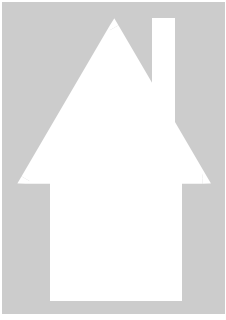


# Vision Statement

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EDGEWOOD PARK NEIGHBORS RESPECT ONE ANOTHER, taking pride in their unique blend of people and place.

*The history of Vancouver has been preserved and is reflected in the variety of houses, duplexes, apartments, businesses, and institutions found in the neighborhood. Older residences stand refurbished next to newer ones, each in keeping with the scale, desirable characteristics, and charm of its neighbors. The schools are centers for recreational and social gatherings. Neighborhood shops and businesses provide residents with the essentials of day-to-day living. Vehicles and people move comfortably and safely along attractive tree-lined streets. Bicycle and pedestrian paths connect residents to local shops and greenspaces, Officer's Row, and Downtown. Neighbors work together to maintain a sustainable and livable future.*



# 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: Support cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity.**

Edgewood Park neighbors feel strongly that the diversity of people who live and work in the neighborhood is one of the most important elements making Edgewood 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.

#### *Recommended Action Steps:*

- Identify the special gifts, talents, and resources of the neighbors, and create avenues for sharing them with each other.
- Continue to pursue involvement of all the neighborhood populations (youth, middle-aged,

single, elderly, disabled, deaf, business owners and managers, landlords, renters, homeowners, teachers) in neighborhood activities.

### **OBJECTIVE 2: Identify, preserve, and honor the culturally or historically significant neighborhood properties.**

The Edgewood Park neighborhood contains some culturally or historically significant properties, such as the Kaiser home, the original site of Fort Vancouver, the Igloo, and the Washington State School for the Deaf. The homes here span a range of architectural styles which help illustrate the history and growth of this area.

#### *Recommended Action Steps:*

- Heighten awareness of culturally or historically significant properties and work for the preservation of the remains or structures.
- Encourage historic tour routes to include, and City trails to connect with, historic sites in the neighborhood.

## Economic Development

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Encourage businesses to be neighborhood-oriented.**

Edgewood Park recognizes the value of the commercial area within the neighborhood. It is desir-

able for neighborhood businesses to participate in neighborhood activities, to be responsive to the needs of the residents, and to be sensitive to the overall residential character of the neighborhood. Edgewood Park neighbors wish to enhance their relationship with the neighborhood businesses.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Invite commercial property owners to participate in a dialogue with nearby residents about increasing their interest in patronizing neighborhood businesses.
- Invite neighborhood businesses to participate actively in neighborhood activities.
- Reconsider the siting of adult entertainment businesses.



### **Sensitive Lands**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain the steep slopes on the edges of the neighborhood.**

Edgewood Park neighbors enjoy the benefits of the steep slopes that define the neighborhood, and wish to maintain them.

**Recommended Action Step**

- Ensure that the forested ridge on the south side of Mill Plain, the vegetated ridge on the north side of 5th Street, and the Blandford Greenway are protected from clearing and erosion.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve significant trees and stands of trees in the neighborhood.**

Its mature vegetation is one essential facet of the Edgewood Park neighborhood's charm and vitality. The neighbors find it important to conserve and preserve mature individual and groups of trees. The mature trees on the westernmost grounds of Harney

Elementary School is one example of a stand of trees the neighbors consider necessary to maintain.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Develop a program to encourage care and preservation of mature trees, especially significant stands of trees.



### **Open Space and Recreation**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Preserve, maintain, enhance, and increase the amount of open space within and surrounding the neighborhood.**

Edgewood Park, for which the neighborhood is named, is a 5-acre park on the Harney Elementary School grounds in the north central part of the neighborhood. It is flanked by multi-family housing along Evergreen Boulevard and by single-family housing along Edgewood Drive. Edgewood Park neighbors would like to make the park more visually accessible, particularly along Evergreen Boulevard, to be enjoyed by the public and the large number of residents who live to the south.

The southern part of the neighborhood has the greatest portion of the neighborhood population, but no dedicated open space. The wide, winding, well-landscaped Wauna Vista Drive is often used as a trail by neighbors. The neighborhood would like to explore the possibility of using the Bonneville Power Administration's land at the eastern end of the neighborhood for recreational purposes.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Enhance and enlarge Edgewood Park, and improve its visibility from Evergreen Boulevard.
- Pursue an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for recreational use of their land by neighbors.
- Establish a dialogue with the Vancouver

School District to determine uses for the old Harney Elementary School site which integrate its grounds into the neighborhood.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Improve access to public open spaces.**

To the east of the neighborhood, the Blandford Greenway provides an opportunity for passive recreation. However, there is no safe pedestrian pathway accessing the Greenway from the Edgewood Park neighborhood. This makes it difficult for Edgewood Park neighbors to fully enjoy the Greenway.

**Recommended Action Step:**

- Establish a safe pedestrian pathway connecting Edgewood Park to the Blandford Greenway.


 **Land Use**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain the characteristic mix of uses in the neighborhood.**

Edgewood Park neighbors value the diversity and interrelationships of the designated land uses in the neighborhood which attract people from a variety of cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, making the neighborhood a desirable place to live.

**Recommended Action Step:**

- Monitor land use and development applications in the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to maintain the current single-family, multi-family, and commercial land use designations.

 **Housing**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Continue to support a variety of housing options in the neighborhood.**

The housing options in the Edgewood Park neighborhood are as varied as its population is diverse. There are single-family homes occupied by both owners and renters, duplexes, dormitories, and apartments in a variety of styles. It is important to the neighborhood to maintain such a variety in housing options to support diversity among residents.

**Recommended Action Step:**

- Monitor land use and development applications in the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to ensure that residential development projects continue to provide a variety of housing choices supporting the cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity of the neighborhood.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Encourage neighborhood homes and properties to be maintained in good condition.**

Most neighbors take great care and pride in keeping their homes and yards in good condition, and such attention is a strong asset for the neighborhood. There are some properties throughout the neighborhood, however, which are not regularly maintained. Neighbors are interested in exploring ways to help each other improve and maintain all properties in good condition.

**Recommended Action Step:**

- Develop a program which would help neighbors help each other improve and maintain their properties.
- Identify and access programs which assist in home improvement and maintenance.

 **Community Appearance**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Establish and maintain attractive and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.**

Although the Edgewood Park neighborhood has many characteristics which make it attractive, its appearance could be improved in a number of ways. Neighbors would like to soften the visual impact of the industrial lands to the south, bury the utility cables in the neighborhood, improve the easement along Evergreen Boulevard, and encourage landscaping and tree planting.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Use vegetation to buffer the south side of 5th Street from the industrial activity located there. Soften the view of the industrial activity for neighbors living above it by landscaping as much as possible.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Negotiate with the appropriate authorities to bury the utility cables in the neighborhood, particularly along Evergreen Boulevard.
- Improve the easement on Evergreen Boulevard west of Evergreen Drive.
- Continue the neighborhood Spring Cleanup program.
- Develop programs to encourage landscaping and tree planting throughout the neighborhood.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve the desirable and distinctive characteristics of the neighborhood.**

It is important to Edgewood Park neighbors that infill and redevelopment projects are designed to be compatible with and enhance the neighborhood's character and appearance. Neighbors must be proactive, working with the City to establish design guidelines and becoming involved in the development review process.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Establish design guidelines for infill and rede-

velopment in the neighborhood to ensure that the appearance of the neighborhood is maintained or enhanced, and that the character of the neighborhood is preserved.

- Monitor development in the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to ensure that the established design guidelines are applied appropriately.



**OBJECTIVE 1: Improve circulation throughout the neighborhood.**

Four major thoroughfares traverse the borders of the neighborhood and a fifth divides it into northern and southern portions. Mill Plain and 5th Street on the north and south respectively, and Evergreen Boulevard link the Edgewood Park neighborhood with Downtown. Grand Boulevard provides an important connection with other neighborhoods from 5th Street north across Fourth Plain Boulevard. Blandford Drive provides access to SR-14. Though very well connected, the neighborhood is troubled by the related speeding, traffic, and pedestrian circulation concerns.

**Recommended Action Steps:**

- Participate in the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program to identify and address traffic circulation and safety concerns.
- Develop an action plan to reduce speeding, particularly on 5th Street, on Grand Boulevard between 5th Street and Evergreen Boulevard, and on Evergreen Boulevard.
- Construct continuous sidewalks and bicycle paths along at least one side of Evergreen Boulevard and 5th Street, connecting the neighborhood with downtown Vancouver.
- Improve the pathway from the Washington State School for the Deaf to 5th Street.
- Develop an action plan to restrict truck traffic

on Evergreen in both directions.

## **OBJECTIVE 2: Improve traffic safety.**

There are several visibility and pedestrian safety issues in the neighborhood. It is important to protect the neighborhood's deaf population in a sensitive manner. Grand Boulevard is dangerously steep and curved, with lane changes and parking incorporated on the curve near the Washington State School for the Deaf. There is also a visibility problem at the intersection of Evergreen Boulevard and Blandford Drive. 5th Street is very dark at night.

### ***Recommended Action Steps:***

- Improve the 5th Street crossing for students at the Washington State School for the Deaf. Ensure that the warning signs for the crossing are properly maintained and visible.
- Install sensitively-designed street signs in the vicinity of the Washington State School for the Deaf informing drivers of the presence of deaf pedestrians.
- Improve visibility for drivers at key points in the neighborhood. For example:
  1. It is difficult to see around the curve heading south on Grand between Evergreen Boulevard and 5th Street.

2. It is difficult to see pedestrians and vehicles when approaching Evergreen Boulevard heading west from Blandford Road.

3. Improve lighting on 5th Street between Grand Boulevard and Blandford Drive.

- Reconfigure the intersection of Grand Boulevard and 5th Street, and the uphill segment of Grand Boulevard from that intersection to Evergreen Boulevard.

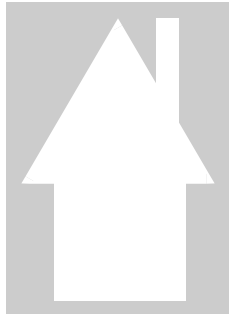


## **OBJECTIVE 1: Foster communication and respect among neighbors.**

The valued diversity of Edgewood Park's population offers opportunities for dialogue, education, interaction, understanding, and exchange among neighbors. Edgewood Park neighbors wish to make the most of these opportunities for building respect and a greater sense of community.

### ***Recommended Action Steps:***

- Create opportunities for positive interaction among all the neighbors.
- Develop methods for improving understanding and relationships among neighbors.



# Action Chart

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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 steps identified as having a “High” priority are considered by the Neighborhood Association to be most important, or to need immediate action. “Medium” priority action steps are somewhat less important, or do not require prompt action. “Low” priority action steps are considered least important, or action can be delayed.

Priority has been 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 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.

The following is a list of abbreviations used in the table:

- BPA ..... Bonneville Power Administration
- BUS ..... Neighborhood Businesses
- EPNA ..... Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association
- OTH ..... Others as Identified
- OWN ..... Neighborhood Property Owners
- VCPAD ..... City of Vancouver Department of Community Preservation and Development
- 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
- WSSD ..... Washington State School for the Deaf

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps	Priority	Responsible Party
<b>CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>		
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: Support cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity.</b>		
Action Step: Identify the special gifts, talents, and resources of the neighbors, and create avenues for sharing them with each other.	Medium	EPNA, VON
Action Step: Continue to pursue involvement of all the neighborhood populations (youth, middle-aged, single, elderly, disabled, deaf, business owners and managers, landlords, renters, homeowners, teachers) in neighborhood activities.	High	EPNA
<b>OBJECTIVE 2: Identify, preserve, and honor the culturally or historically significant neighborhood properties.</b>		
Action Step: Heighten awareness of culturally or historically significant properties and work for the preservation of the remains or structures.	Low	EPNA, VOHS, OWN
Action Step: Encourage historic tour routes to include, and City trails to connect with, historic sites in the neighborhood.	Low	EPNA, VOHS
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: Encourage businesses to be neighborhood-oriented.</b>		
Action Step: Invite commercial property owners to participate in a dialogue with nearby residents about increasing their interest in patronizing neighborhood businesses.	Medium	EPNA, BUS
Action Step: Invite neighborhood businesses to participate actively in neighborhood activities.	High	EPNA, BUS
Action Step: Reconsider the siting of adult entertainment businesses.	Low	EPNA, VCPAD
<b>SENSITIVE LANDS</b>		
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain the steep slopes on the edges of the neighborhood.</b>		
Action Step: Ensure that the forested ridge on the south side of Mill Plain, the vegetated ridge on the north side of 5th Street, and the Blandford Greenway are protected from clearing and erosion.	High	EPNA, OWN, VPR, VPW, OTH



Objectives and Recommended Action Steps	Priority	Responsible Party
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve significant trees and stands of trees in the neighborhood.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Develop a program to encourage care and preservation of mature trees, especially significant stands of trees.</p>	High	EPNA, VSD, OWN, VPR
<b>OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION</b>		
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1: Preserve, maintain, enhance, and increase the amount of open space within and surrounding the neighborhood.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Enhance and enlarge Edgewood Park, and improve its visibility from Evergreen Boulevard.</p> <p>Action Step: Pursue an agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for recreational use of their land by neighbors.</p> <p>Action Step: Establish a dialogue with the Vancouver School District to determine uses for the old Harney Elementary School site which integrate its grounds into the neighborhood.</p>	High Low High	EPNA, VSD, VPR, OTH EPNA, BPA EPNA, VSD, VPR
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 2: Improve access to public open spaces.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Establish a safe pedestrian pathway connecting Edgewood Park to the Blandford Greenway.</p>	Low	EPNA, VPR, VPW, OTH
<b>LAND USE</b>		
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain the characteristic mix of uses in the neighborhood.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Monitor land use and development applications in the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to maintain the current single-family, multi-family, and commercial land use designations.</p>	High	EPNA, VCPAD
<b>HOUSING</b>		
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1: Continue to support a variety of housing options in the neighborhood.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Monitor land use and development applications in</p>	High	EPNA, VCPAD

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<p>the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to ensure that residential development projects continue to provide a variety of housing choices supporting the cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity of the neighborhood.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE 2: Encourage neighborhood homes and properties to be maintained in good condition.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Develop a program which would help neighbors help each other improve and maintain their properties.</p> <p>Action Step: Identify and access programs which assist in home improvement and maintenance.</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>EPNA, VON</p> <p>EPNA, VON</p>
<b>COMMUNITY APPEARANCE</b>		
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1: Establish and maintain attractive and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Use vegetation to buffer the south side of 5th Street from the industrial activity located there. Soften the view of the industrial activity for neighbors living above it by landscaping as much as possible.</p> <p>Action Step: Negotiate with the appropriate authorities to bury the utility cables in the neighborhood, particularly along Evergreen Boulevard.</p> <p>Action Step: Improve the easement on Evergreen Boulevard west of Evergreen Drive.</p> <p>Action Step: Continue the neighborhood Spring Cleanup program.</p> <p>Action Step: Develop programs to encourage landscaping and tree planting throughout the neighborhood.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve the desirable and distinctive characteristics of the neighborhood.</b></p> <p>Action Step: Establish design guidelines for infill and redevelopment in the neighborhood to ensure that the appearance of the neighborhood is maintained or enhanced, and that the character of the neighborhood is preserved.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>	<p>EPNA, VCPAD</p> <p>EPNA, VPW, OTH</p> <p>EPNA, VPW, OTH</p> <p>EPNA, VON</p> <p>EPNA, VON, VPR, BUS, VSD, WSSD, OTH</p> <p>EPNA, VCPAD</p>

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps		Priority	Responsible Party
Action Step:	Monitor development in the neighborhood and participate actively in review processes to ensure that the established design guidelines are applied appropriately.	High	EPNA, VCPAD
<b>MOBILITY MANAGEMENT</b>			
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: Improve circulation throughout the neighborhood.</b>			
Action Step:	Participate in the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program to identify and address traffic circulation and safety concerns.	High	EPNA, VPW
Action Step:	Develop an action plan to reduce speeding, particularly on 5th Street, on Grand Boulevard between 5th Street and Evergreen Boulevard, and on Evergreen Boulevard.	High	EPNA, VPD, VPW
Action Step:	Construct continuous sidewalks and bicycle paths along at least one side of Evergreen Boulevard and 5th Street, connecting the neighborhood with downtown Vancouver.	Medium	EPNA, VPW, VPR, VCPAD
Action Step:	Improve the pathway from the Washington State School for the Deaf to 5th Street.	Low	EPNA, WSSD, VPR, VPW
Action Step:	Develop an action plan to restrict truck traffic on Evergreen in both directions.	High	EPNA, VPW
<b>OBJECTIVE 2: Improve traffic safety.</b>			
Action Step:	Improve the 5th Street crossing for students at the Washington State School for the Deaf. Ensure that the warning signs for the crossing are properly maintained and visible.	Medium	EPNA, WSSD, VPW
Action Step:	Install sensitively-designed street signs in the vicinity of the Washington State School for the Deaf informing drivers of the presence of deaf pedestrians.	Medium	EPNA, WSSD, VPW
Action Step:	Improve visibility for drivers at key points in the neighborhood. For example: 1. It is difficult to see around the curve heading south on Grand between Evergreen Boulevard and 5th Street. 2. It is difficult to see pedestrians and vehicles when approaching Evergreen Boulevard heading west from Blandford Road. 3. Improve lighting on 5th Street between	Medium	EPNA, VPW, VPR

Objectives and Recommended Action Steps	Priority	Responsible Party
Action Step: Grand Boulevard and Blandford Drive. Reconfigure the intersection of Grand Boulevard and 5th Street, and the uphill segment of Grand Boulevard from that intersection to Evergreen Boulevard.	Medium	EPNA, VPW, WSSD
<b>COMMUNITY-BUILDING</b>		
<b><u>OBJECTIVE 1:</u> Foster communication and respect among neighbors.</b>		
Action Step: Create opportunities for positive interaction among all the neighbors.	Low	EPNA, VSD, VON, OTH
Action Step: Develop methods for improving understanding and relationships among neighbors.	Low	EPNA, VON, OTH