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Introduction

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

- Educate both city government and neighborhood residents about each other's concerns and visions for the future.
- Promote collaboration between the city and the neighborhood in order to achieve mutual goals and a shared sense of responsibility.
- Create a "sense of place" within the community by identifying and developing the assets within each neighborhood.
- Initiate change, rather than simply reacting to it, by addressing specific issues and opportunities.
- Achieve sensible and coordinated project and program planning within each neighborhood and between all the city neighborhoods.
- 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 *Visions for the Vancouver Urban Area*, was adopted in December of 1994 and updated in 2002. 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 Hough Neighborhood Action Plan is to integrate neighborhood needs into the City's budget process, Six-Year Street Improvement Program, Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, and other planning and funding programs. The general policy statements included in the Action Plan may also be used by the City Council to guide future decisions involving development proposals and plan amendments affecting the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Action Planning Process

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

A survey was taken and a draft version of this Action Plan has made available to each household in 2009 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. After neighborhood approval the NAP will be forwarded to City Council for consideration and acceptance by resolution.

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

Overview of the Plan

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

Funding and Financial Resources

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

Neighborhood Profile

The Hough neighborhood is located immediately to the northwest of the downtown central business district. Hough is one of the City's oldest neighborhoods. The predominant architectural styles are early 20th century (including bungalows and four squares) and Victorian. Some smaller-scale apartment complexes can be found in the southern portion of the neighborhood, most notably along 15th and along McLoughlin. Two larger complexes are located in the northeastern corner of the neighborhood (Columbia House and Fort Vancouver Apartments). Approximately 31% of the housing units are owner occupied (city-wide average 46%). Hough's special proximity to downtown provides its residents convenient access to many services and amenities. Much of the neighborhood's perimeter is surrounded by community-scale commercial activity, most notably Main Street and a portion of Fourth Plain to the west of Harney Street. Many residents are able to walk, bicycle, or use public transit in traveling to business, shopping, or entertainment destinations. Although this proximity to services is generally considered to be an amenity, residents are concerned with the negative impacts--especially traffic and transportation problems--associated with being located adjacent to the central business district. Other significant features in the neighborhood include John Ball Park and Hough Elementary School, both of which provide open space for recreation, community gatherings, and entertainment. Some light industrial and heavy industrial uses exist along the western edge of the neighborhood, adjacent to the railroad tracks.

The story of Patrick Hough (*From an Article by the Columbian*)

Patrick Hough (pronounced Howk) an educator transplanted from the banks of the River Shannon, Ireland, has left an indelible imprint on Vancouver. Today, Paddy as he was affectionately known, is memorialized in the Hough Neighborhood and the Hough School at 1900 Daniels St.

Paddy Hough might seem an odd character to have inspired two generations of Children here. Short in stature, with a scraggly beard and only one arm, he did not fit the stereotype of a born leader. They say his eyes were as blue as Irish skies and his heart as big as all of Killarney. He overcame his physical shortcomings with an overflowing love for learning and for children.

He was Born on St. Patrick's Day, 1846, and began teaching there at an early age. Later, when the Franco-Prussian War broke out in 1870 he volunteered as a stretcher bearer on the battlefields of France. It was there that a German artillery shell robbed him of his lower left arm.

Hough went home to Ireland and scraped up \$400 for passage to the New World. He taught 13 years in New Westminster, B.C. then immigrated to the United States.

He was lured to Vancouver by a job as head of Holy Angels College, an institution long gone. He taught there all day, and then spent his nights training other students to become teachers.

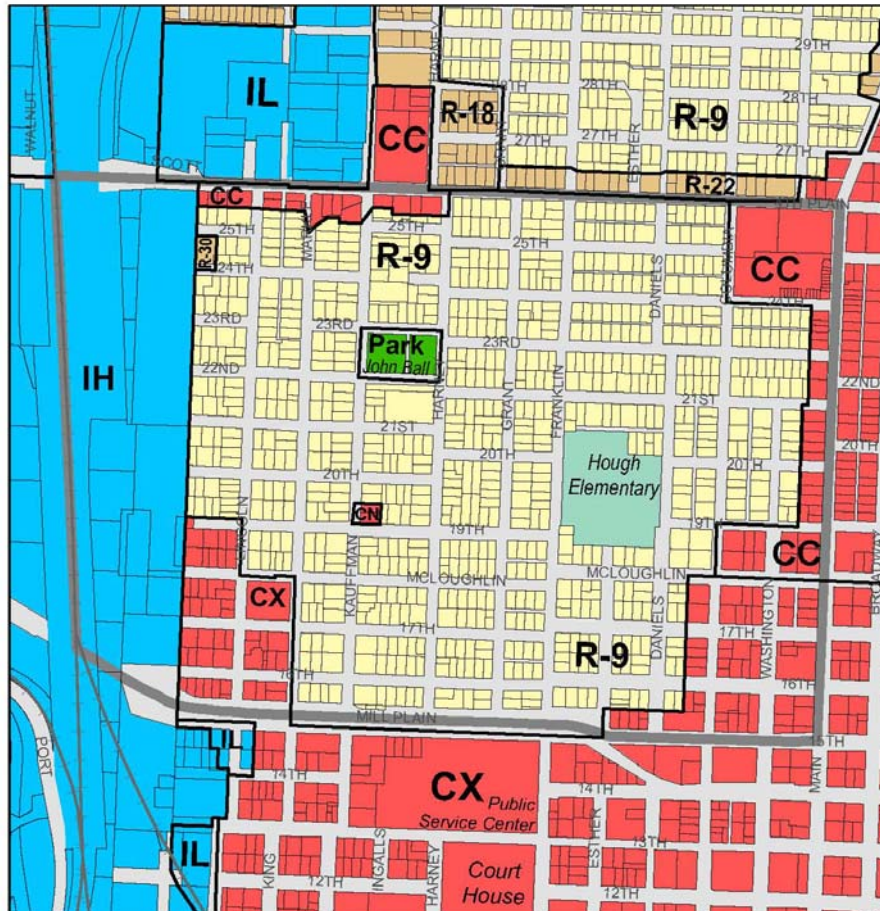
Hough left the parochial schools in 1891 to become principal of the Columbian School on Kauffman Avenue. In 1899 he became principal of Vancouver High School, a position he held until his retirement in 1908.

His retirement didn't last long and Hough served as Deputy Superintendent of county schools and as a substitute teacher during World War I.

Paddy Hough died of a heart attack at his home on Dec 17, 1925 and the whole City mourned the quiet man who had inspired them and their children to seek the loftier things in life. A Vancouver High School 1909 yearbook dedication summed up the feelings of his former pupils:

“To Patrick Hough, our dear old professor, whose sympathetic advice and Christian example have been to us an inspiration to live higher and nobler lives, this is affectionately dedicated. “

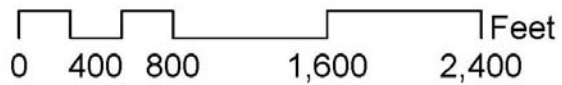
Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



Legend

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

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Vision Statement

IN NOVEMBER of 1994, the Hough Neighborhood Association (HNA) adopted the Hough Vision Plan. The Neighborhood Action Plan (this document) is a further refinement of the Vision Plan, reformatted to be consistent with other neighborhood action plans being prepared by the City.

Both the Vision Plan and the Neighborhood Action Plan are intended to provide a broad vision of what residents see as a desirable future for their neighborhood, as well as presenting a unified position on numerous specific policy issues. A summary of this overall vision is provided below. Details of the neighborhood's vision are provided in the next section of this report addressing more specific planning topics.

- *Strengthen the neighborhood's character as a historic and livable downtown neighborhood where a variety of people can safely reside, attend school, work, shop, do business, and play.*
- *Maintain a small town feel while responsibly managing the neighborhood's connection to the city and larger urban area.*
- *Maintain and develop high quality housing that is compatible with the neighborhood's historic character as the highest priority. Ensure livability and flexibility in accommodating a diverse population.*
- *Maintain the balance between housing and commercial uses.*
- *Provide adequate streets and sidewalks within and around the neighborhood, especially emphasizing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.*
- *Develop a variety of recreational opportunities within the neighborhood. Make improvements to and enhance the character of existing public gathering places and active play and sports sites.*
- *Promote security, neighborhood cohesion, aesthetic appeal, and enhance overall livability.*

. Objectives and Action Steps

The following 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 least important.

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 be practically identified. Accordingly, it is possible that a "High" priority item may not be realized for many years. In contrast, some "Low" priority items could be potentially accomplished in a relatively short amount of time without significant capital expense.

Listed below are abbreviations for the various responsible parties used throughout the document:

ABBREVIATIONS:

BC	Business Community
CITY	All Responsible City Departments
CMS	Community Mediation Services
CP	Community Planning
CPU	Clark Public Utilities
CTRAN	CTRAN
DRS	Development Review Services
DVP	Developers
FOT	Friends of Trees
HF	Hough Foundation
HNA	Hough Neighborhood Association
OTH	Other organizations
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PMG	Property Management Groups
PS	Postal Services
VCC	Vancouver Code Compliance
V-CPRD	Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department
VFD	Vancouver Fire Department
VON	Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works
VSWS	Vancouver Solid Waste Services
VTD	Vancouver Transportation Department
VUF	Vancouver Urban Forestry
WM	Waste Management

I. NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS

The residents of Hough recognize that the City alone cannot address all of the concerns that exist within our Neighborhood. Some of these issues must be addressed and resolved by the neighborhood residents ourselves. One strategy that many neighborhoods successfully use, is to capitalize on the willingness of residents to contribute their individual time, effort and skills toward improving the safety, appearance and sense of community within the neighborhood. Examples include organizing neighborhood clean-up days, neighborhood tree plantings, planning community events, sharing skills and volunteering to assist elderly residents and other neighbors with special needs.

Objective #1

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

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an ongoing assessment of community assets within the neighborhood. Publish and distribute the results of the assessment and establish strategies for organizing individuals. 	H	HNA, HF, VON
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to organize community-based volunteer tree plantings in the neighborhood. New trees will beautify the neighborhood and provide other environmental, social, and economic benefits. The tree planting itself will be a community-building activity that brings neighbors together in an effort to improve the neighborhood. 	M	HNA, FOT, UF

Objective #2**Increase participation from our residents.**

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a welcome package for new residents that explains the mission of the association, a brief history of our neighborhood and the current issues we are dealing with. Educate business and real estate agencies thru community.	H	HNA, BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade and use the Hough web site.	H	HNA, VON

II. NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING

HNA’s highest priority is to maintain high quality housing that is compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood. Hough Neighborhood has the largest concentration (nearly a quarter) of Vancouver’s housing built before WWII. More than half of the homes in the neighborhood were built before 1940. HNA is committed to recognizing and preserving these homes.

Objective #1

Preserve the neighborhood's existing housing stock.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing funding programs and advocate for new programs that provide assistance to individuals, groups, or neighborhoods for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and rehabilitating the historical integrity of housing in Hough neighborhood. 	H	HNA, CP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use our historic status to seek support for preservation education programs provided free or for modest cost. 	M	HNA, CP,DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On vacant in-fill lots zoned for single-family residential use, HNA encourages building new, compatible single-family homes and relocating high quality pre WWII single-family homes facing demolition. All housing new to Hough should be compatible with the areas typical homes build before 1940 in terms of architectural style, material, scale and street orientation. 	H	HNA, DRS

Objective #2

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

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a standing "Housing Review Committee" within the Neighborhood Association. In the absence of an active committee, the HNA officers will serve as such. This committee's duties are listed below and their decisions shall be referenced to this document: 	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory potential sites for new housing; establish site-specific recommendations for appropriate types of housing. 	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop criteria for newly constructed housing, relocated housing, and major housing rehabilitation projects. 	H	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make our criteria known to developers, investors, and public agencies that have either decision-making authority or resources available to assist development. 	H	HNA, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with potential developers early in the building process to streamline these action items. 	H	HNA, DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Multi-family structures are appropriately sited, economically and demographically mixed, of 	M	DRS

<p>appropriate scale and architecture and situated on lots that provide adequate green space. Individual developments should be designed to integrate into the surrounding neighborhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding new state legislation requiring jurisdictions to allow homeowners the opportunity to create one additional accessory dwelling unit (“Granny Flat”) on lots already containing single family homes, HNA recommends that this opportunity be provided in a way that does not cumulatively and permanently undermine single family housing stock and home ownership in any part of the neighborhood. HNA has a special concern that these opportunities not be abused as many single-family homes here were converted to multi-family use without proper controls, especially during WWII. • Provide adequate landscaping and street trees to reflect the character of the neighborhood. 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>HNA, DRS</p> <p>HNA, DRS, VUF</p>
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Objective #3

Minimize the adverse impact of new multi-family housing within the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strive to achieve mixed use within the neighborhood and within individual developments. Consider unit sizes and number of owner-occupied, market-rate rental, and subsidized units.	L	VCPAD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that new multi-family projects incorporate a combination of private outdoor spaces and landscape areas for each unit as well as larger common areas that are attractive, useable, and likely to be well maintained	M	VCPAD
<p>Because of the Neighborhood's close proximity to downtown, opportunities exist in Hough for innovative urban housing design and financing. For example affordable townhouses or condominiums are an alternative to detached homes on conventional lots or large independent apartment complexes. Providing a variety of housing types will expand options for those who wish to own a home but who are not financially able to purchase a single-family home on an individual lot. HNA is committed to maintaining a diversity of housing types that enable a variety of people to find homes and to potentially stay in the neighborhood, even as their housing needs change.</p>	M	HNA, DRS

Objective #4**Encourage innovation and diversity in housing type.**

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage and support development proposals for a wide variety of housing types that incorporate innovative design and provide housing opportunities for individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.	M	CP,DRS, HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursue funding and other assistance for innovative, experimental housing projects.	L	CITY, HNA, HF
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage greater housing accessibility for people with disabilities.	M	HNA

Objective #5**Promote neighborhood stability.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote home ownership within the neighborhood.	H	HNA, CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage responsibility by homeowners, landlords and tenants in maintaining properties.	H	HNA, CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote social and economic diversity as a key element of neighborhood stability.	M	HNA, CITY

III. OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

HNA has identified a need to establish additional urban open spaces to allow for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors provide refuge from the activity of surrounding commercial development and serve as a venue for community gatherings. Two specific projects have been identified.

The first site is located within the block bounded by 15th, 16th, Main and Washington Streets. HNA recommends that all or part of this block be acquired and developed as a community plaza. A public square at this location would serve many functions including: providing a link between uptown development and the Central Business district; act as a catalyst for the redevelopment of surrounding blocks; complement the historic Carnegie Library building to the east provide a site for numerous city-wide activities and provide daytime open space for downtown employees and residents of all three downtown neighborhoods.

Objective #1

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

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire and develop all or part of the block bounded by 15th, 16th, Main and Washington streets as a community plaza. 	M	HNA, CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the empty lot at Fourth Plain and Lincoln as a northern gateway to the neighborhood. 	M	HNA, CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HNA recommends the Neighborhood accept and support the City and County's current green-space plan. 	M	HNA, VPR

Objective #2

Improve the quality of existing park facilities and neighborhood open space.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Ball Park is one of several primary community-gathering places in the Hough neighborhood. It is suggested that a master plan be prepared by HNA, in cooperation with the city and others, identifying specific goals and recommendations for site improvements. Possible improvements include: constructing a covered picnic area with clustered benches/tables; designing an improved play area with the participation of neighborhood children and pursuing other modifications to existing topography in order to accommodate other special uses. Emphasis should be placed on safety, cleanliness, and strategies for increasing use of the park.	M	HNA, VPR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hough Elementary School is another important community gathering place in the neighborhood. Both the school and the playground should be recognized and promoted as an asset.	M	HNA, HF, VSD

Objective #3

Provide recreational programs, adequate access to park facilities, and other open space.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop neighborhood-oriented recreation programs and opportunities for people of all ages and incomes. Special priority should be given to involving teens in activities within the neighborhood.	M	HNA, VPR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase access and use of the Hough School facility by residents of the neighborhood. Work with the School District to explore the possibility of establishing a "community center" within the school building.	M	HNA, HF, VSD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage and support organized events such as picnics, fun walks/runs, croquet matches, Frisbee golf tournaments, Kickball, music and theater performances. Accommodate appropriate commercial enterprises (e.g., refreshment stands, other vendors) during such events.	M	HNA, VPR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to support the Hough Foundation in promoting Hough Pool as a neighborhood asset.	L	HNA, HF

IV. LAND USE

HNA believes that a healthy mix of both residential and commercial uses will contribute to the convenience of the residents, the security of the businesses, and the overall sense of activity within the neighborhood. The overall character of the neighborhood, however, should remain residential. The following general land use policies and actions are recommended for the Hough neighborhood.

Objective #1

Maintain a balance between commercial and residential land uses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain all existing single-family zoning. Single-family zoning should not be changed to accommodate additional multi-family housing or commercial activity. Density should be kept as low as possible. 	M	HNA, CP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain Fourth Plain Boulevard east of Harney Street as residential. 	M	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit commercial zoning and uses to the perimeter of the neighborhood. 	M	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home-based businesses should be allowed only to the extent that they do not change the appearance of the home from a residential use to a business. 	M	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other non-residential uses not strictly defined as "commercial" uses, such as Human Service providers, should be held to the same standards and constraints as commercial uses. 	M	HNA, City

Objective #2

Collectively take positions on citywide zoning classification and decisions on particular pieces of land.

Action Steps:	Priority	Responsible Parties
• Re-designate the tract of land on the southern edge of the neighborhood currently designated for multi-family use (R-22) for single-family use (R1-5).	M	HNA, CP
• Maintain industrial plan and zoning designations along western edge of neighborhood to prevent further encroachment of industrial and residential areas into each other.	M	HNA, CP
• Ensure the Neighborhood or its representatives review all zoning changes to determine if the change fits our NAP	H	HNA

V. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

The architectural features of existing historic buildings should be enhanced and complemented. New construction should be designed to complement the historic architectural details found in the existing development. As a mechanism to ensure architectural compatibility, HNA supports the City's "Design Review" process for commercial development in Downtown. To be effective, however, the Neighborhood feels that the design guidelines need to be further updated to include standards for historic preservation and renovation, enhancement of architectural character, and improvement of land use.

Objective #1

Ensure that commercial development is consistent with the historic architectural character of the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise the Design Review process to improve its effectiveness and include the neighborhood association. 	M	HNA, CP,DRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Downtown Design Guidelines to include clear standards for historic preservation and renovation, enhancement of architectural character, and improvement of land use. 	L	HNA,CP,DRS
Apply guidelines given in the Downtown Vancouver Association (DVA) Facade Improvement Plan in renovating and rehabilitating existing commercial buildings.	H	HNA, DRS

Objective #2

Enhance landscaping within the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate, widen the planting strips along streets to 4-foot wide 	L	HNA, VPW, VUF

<p>minimum to allow planting larger canopy forming trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue partnership with Friends of Trees to seek grants for the annual tree planting in Hough. • Encourage homeowners and public utilities to maintain their older trees by properly pruning them through pruning services approved by Urban Forestry; discourage tree topping . • Maintain and publish an inventory of larger trees. Preserve and recognize the United Nations tree at the corner of 4th Plain Boulevard and Main Street and other significant trees in the neighborhood. • Encourage property owners to keep vegetation from impeding pedestrian access on sidewalks. Use Code Compliance if necessary. • Encourage at least one resident to participate in NeighborWoods program annually. Utilize that NeighborWoods Steward as a resource to help educate residents about the benefits of trees, proper tree care, and the City’s tree codes and to help plan neighborhood tree planting projects. 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>H</p> <p>M</p>	<p>HNA, FOT, VUF</p> <p>HNA, CPU, VUF</p> <p>HNA, VHA, VUF</p> <p>HNA, VPW, CC</p> <p>HNA, VUF</p>
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Objective #3

Recognize, celebrate, and maintain the neighborhood's distinct character.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate that the City adopt ordinances providing for the recognition of "character" districts.	L	HNA, CP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote and market attractively designed exterior home markers stating historical information.	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include a regular column in the neighborhood newsletter highlighting historic structures, interesting history of specific homes, etc.	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct annual historic neighborhood tours using the walking tour brochure in cooperation with the Vancouver Historic Museum.	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make better use of the Vancouver Sparkles program to seek outside recognition and present neighborhood awards to individuals for rehabilitation efforts that exemplify the neighborhood's historic character.	H	HNA, City, WM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erect a permanent marker celebrating the historic site of Vancouver High School near Anthem Park.	L	HNA, VSD, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace existing streetlights with shorter, vintage style lights such as those installed on North Main Street.	L	HNA, VPW

VI. PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES

Because of the age of the Hough Neighborhood, some of the homes are still on existing septic systems. These septic systems should be eliminated as soon as possible and the homes connected to the City's sanitary sewer.

Objective #1

Eliminate the use of on-site sewage disposal systems.

Action Steps:

- Ensure that residents are informed about the City's septic system elimination program and other available incentive programs and funding mechanisms that could be used to eliminate on-site sewage disposal systems.

Priority

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Responsible Parties

HNA, VPW

Objective #2

Relocate overhead utilities.

Overhead utilities in the Hough neighborhood (telephone, electric, cable TV, etc.) clutter the view, require more maintenance, and are often used as an excuse to top or aggressively over-prune mature trees. Opportunities exist for relocating these utilities underground. Major public works projects such as street reconstruction, could include burying the utilities in the right-of-way. Another opportunity exists when major work or replacement of the utilities is undertaken or any other construction that might afford an opportunity to bury utilities should be considered.

Action Steps:

- Take advantage of opportunities to relocate overhead utilities at the time major public works projects are undertaken.

Priority

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Responsible Parties

HNA, CPU,VPW

Objective #3

Improve the level of public safety within the neighborhood.

Safety and security is a continuing concern in Hough. HNA supports all efforts to make the neighborhood safe and to educate our residents about safety issues.

Action Steps:	Priority	Responsible Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research the following website to discover if all or any parts of our HNA is in a flood plain or another type of high-risk area. Discuss any special needs or strategies to help protect people from injury in advance. http://www.emd.wa.gov/hazards/haz_index.shtml.	L	HNA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate participation in the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) disaster preparedness program. Explore the range of neighbor needs that program can help address, including checking on neighbors during inclement or severe weather and/or the creation of a neighbor support network that helps neighbors help each other with tasks such as snow shoveling.	M	HNA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the organization and maintenance of one or more neighborhood CERT Teams, comprised of several cooperating neighbors.	M	HNA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact local fire Station Captain to learn how firefighting companies are trained to respond during a significant natural or man-made disaster; report information back to association members.	H	HNA, VFD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the same way a treasurer’s report is delivered at each meeting, include a “standing report” on the HNA agenda from CERT team members. This could include updates on CERT activities, training, drills and special safety or preparedness initiatives. • Sign up for updates to the City’s www.cityofvancouver.wa.us/prepare and/or www.vanfire.org websites. • Consider and assess special needs and outreach to elderly, disabled or non-English-speaking neighbors. • Identify strategies and partners to support smoke alarm installation, development of home fire escape plans and establishment of meeting place to support fire and life safety. 	M	HNA, VFD
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Objective #4

Eliminate nuisances within the neighborhood.

Use of the City’s junk ordinance benefits the neighborhood by helping to clean up lots that are overgrown with weeds or unsightly due to garbage and debris. HNA supports this ordinance and desires to work with the City to enhance enforcement and make it even more effective. The neighborhood also supports the city-sponsored neighborhood clean-up program. Each year, new features are added that make it easier for neighbors to participate. This should continue, and more pick-ups at homes should be incorporated. In addition, a neighborhood-wide litter pick-up should be scheduled as part of the clean-up efforts.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the use and strength of the City's junk ordinance. 	H	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue and expand the neighborhood clean-up program. 	M	HNA, VON

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install more permanent and attractive public trash receptacles at bus stops throughout the neighborhood including one at the entrance to Hough School Playground. 	M	HNA, VPW
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Objective #5
Encourage households to prepare themselves with a custom 72-hour family self-sufficiency kit.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a committee chairperson to coordinate activities and initiate reminders for publications and group gatherings. Work would include researching Vancouver/Clark County sources for kit contents such as tools and first aid kit contents. 	L	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish regular newsletter articles/tips focused on building and maintaining 72-hour kits, including links to online sources of information including the Red Cross. 	L	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite speakers to HNA meetings to demonstrate various home 72-hour kits, including those customized for special needs such as elders, infants, pets, offices and automobiles. Incorporate displays of neighbors' 72-hour kits at HNA functions. 	M	HNA, VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute information on Shelter In Place strategies via HNA newsletter. 	M	HNA, VFD

Objective #6

Utilize community and neighborhood resources to resolve issues and solve problems.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compile and develop informational materials to educate residents about Community Mediation Department or community resources available to resolve issues that arise in the neighborhood.	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoint a committee chairperson to coordinate activities and initiate reminders for publications and group gatherings. Work would include researching Vancouver/Clark County sources for kit contents such as tools and first aid kit contents.	L	HNA
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute information on Shelter In Place strategies via HNA newsletter.	M	HNA, VFD

VII. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Hough's streets are primarily used for access within the neighborhood. To promote safety and slower driving, traffic calming devices such as speed bumps and raised crosswalks should be considered as part of an overall traffic management plan for the neighborhood. Other options could include installing roundabouts or small islands, on selective interior streets within the neighborhood. Priority should be given to streets that are heavily traveled and those in the vicinity of Hough School. The need for special traffic calming measures near the school will increase as the use of the facility expands to include other community activities beyond school hours.

Objective #1

Identify and implement traffic calming strategies within the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase enforcement of 25 MPH speed limit regulations within the neighborhood. 	H	HNA, VPF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify strategic locations for installing traffic calming devices in conjunction with an overall neighborhood traffic plan. 	M	HNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ special traffic calming measures in the vicinity of the school to enhance pedestrian access and improve safety for children. 	M	HNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a neighborhood-based program to educate residents about the importance of honoring speed limits and controlled intersections within the neighborhood. 	M	HNA
<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. 	L	HNA, VTD, VUF

Objective #2

Improve public transportation within the neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide safe and attractive shelters. Post schedules for the buses on each line.	L	HNA, CTRAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synchronize routes in order to allow convenient transfers from one bus to another.	L	HNA, CTRAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use smaller buses as feeder routes to the full-size buses on main arterials and proposed light rail.	L	HNA, CTRAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the development of light rail service within Clark County and stay involved as an association with its development.	H	HNA, City

Objective #3

Redirect truck traffic away from the neighborhood.

HNA does not believe that it is appropriate for any of the streets within the neighborhood to be designated for through truck traffic unless it directly serves the Neighborhood's own residents and businesses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate the designation of streets within neighborhood for through truck traffic, mainly on 4th Plain Blvd.	M	HNA

Objective #4

Facilitate pedestrian, bicycle and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

Action Steps:	Priority	Responsible Parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair and improve existing sidewalks. Install expansion bricks around trees and barrier free curb cuts where appropriate. 	M	HNA, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install new sidewalks along street frontage where currently none exist. 	H	HNA, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install benches on Main Street where people can rest. 	L	HNA, UVA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create bicycle lanes when roads are redone. 	H	HNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide bicycle storage racks in commercial zones. 	L	HNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install permanent trash receptacles and drinking fountains on busier streets. 	M	HNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to streets and buildings for disabled people. 	L	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recapture and develop alleyways for pedestrian walkways, bicycling and parking. 	L	HNA, City
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the City of Vancouver creating a position of Pedestrian Advocate within the Planning Department. Possible responsibilities of such an individual could include: 	M	HNA, City
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1. Monitor development proposals and be responsible for presenting comments on pedestrian concerns after consultation with neighborhood and other pedestrians advocates.
2. Seek opportunities for the city to better serve pedestrian needs
3. Educate government and the public about pedestrian rights and responsibilities
4. Promote bicycle and pedestrian safety education.