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



The Neighborhood Action Planning Process

This plan has been developed by the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association with assistance from the City of Vancouver Community Development Department's Growth Management Division. The actual preparation of the plan was coordinated by the Neighborhood Action Planning Committee, whose members were appointed by the Neighborhood Association officers to represent the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.

After holding several meetings of the Neighborhood Association, and workshops to focus on Action Planning, the Association chose to implement a Survey, consisting of both residential and business components, to provide better access to the process of Action Planning, and to facilitate gathering opinions and ideas from the entire neighborhood. The survey results were discussed in an advertised public forum, and are reflected in the Objectives and Action Steps. 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 their by-laws. The Plan will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. The City Council may then endorse 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.



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.

Neighborhood Profile

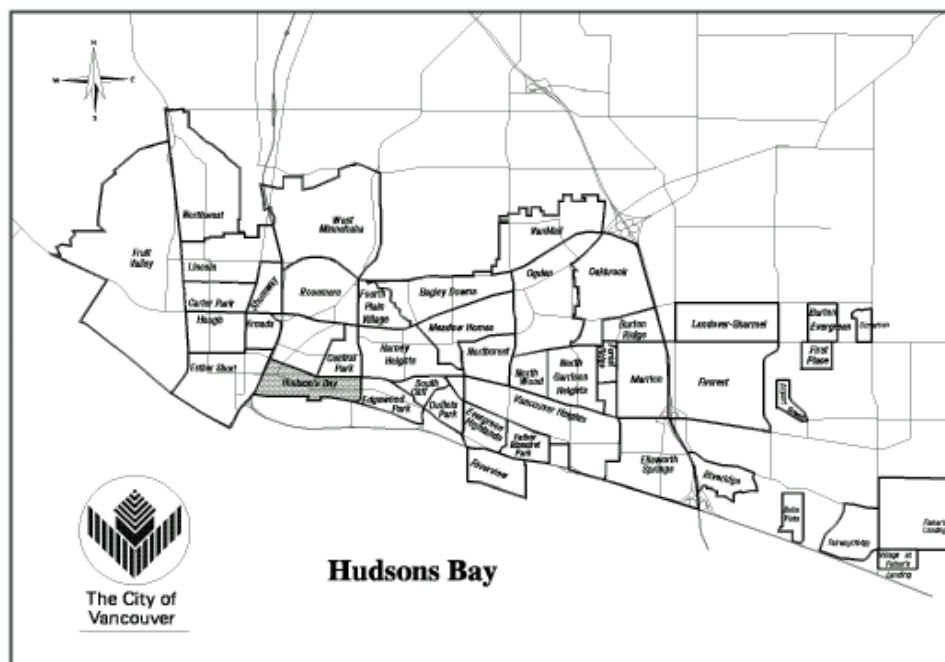
Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood History

The land upon which the Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood rests has been the site of human occupancy for thousands of years. Prior to the arrival of Lewis and Clark in 1806, and other explorers, the Native American Chinook tribe flourished along the banks of the Columbia. When the British established the original Fort Vancouver to house the Hudson’s Bay Company’s fur trading business, the natives and new tenants of the land lived peacefully together. The current Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood boundaries are adjacent to both of the historic Fort Vancouver sites, one now the site of the Washington State School for the Deaf, and the other, the site of the National Park Service replica, south of 5th Street. The established Neighborhood dates back to the Fort Vancouver years, developing in the 1820’s through the 1840’s.

The US Army arrived in 1849 to protect the new American territory. The original nine log cabins built for Army officers were built on what is Evergreen Boulevard today. To this day, there has been a continuous presence of the Army in the Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood. The active Army military installation spanned a hundred years here, including two World Wars; it is now operated primarily as a reserve facility.

The Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood was the original “East Vancouver”. It is an area of rich history, exemplified by its residents and commercial development. Evergreen Boulevard and 5th Street were once the main highways to Camas and the Columbia Gorge, where many businesses served these highways as well as the thriving neighborhood. The Hudson’s Bay neighborhood has always been a center of activity and community pride in the City of Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest.

Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood Characteristics



The Neighborhood is located in Section 26 of Township 2 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, the southeastern quadrant of Vancouver. The neighborhood boundaries are: Interstate-5 to the west; Mill Plain Boulevard to the north; Grand Boulevard to the east; and 5th Street to the south.

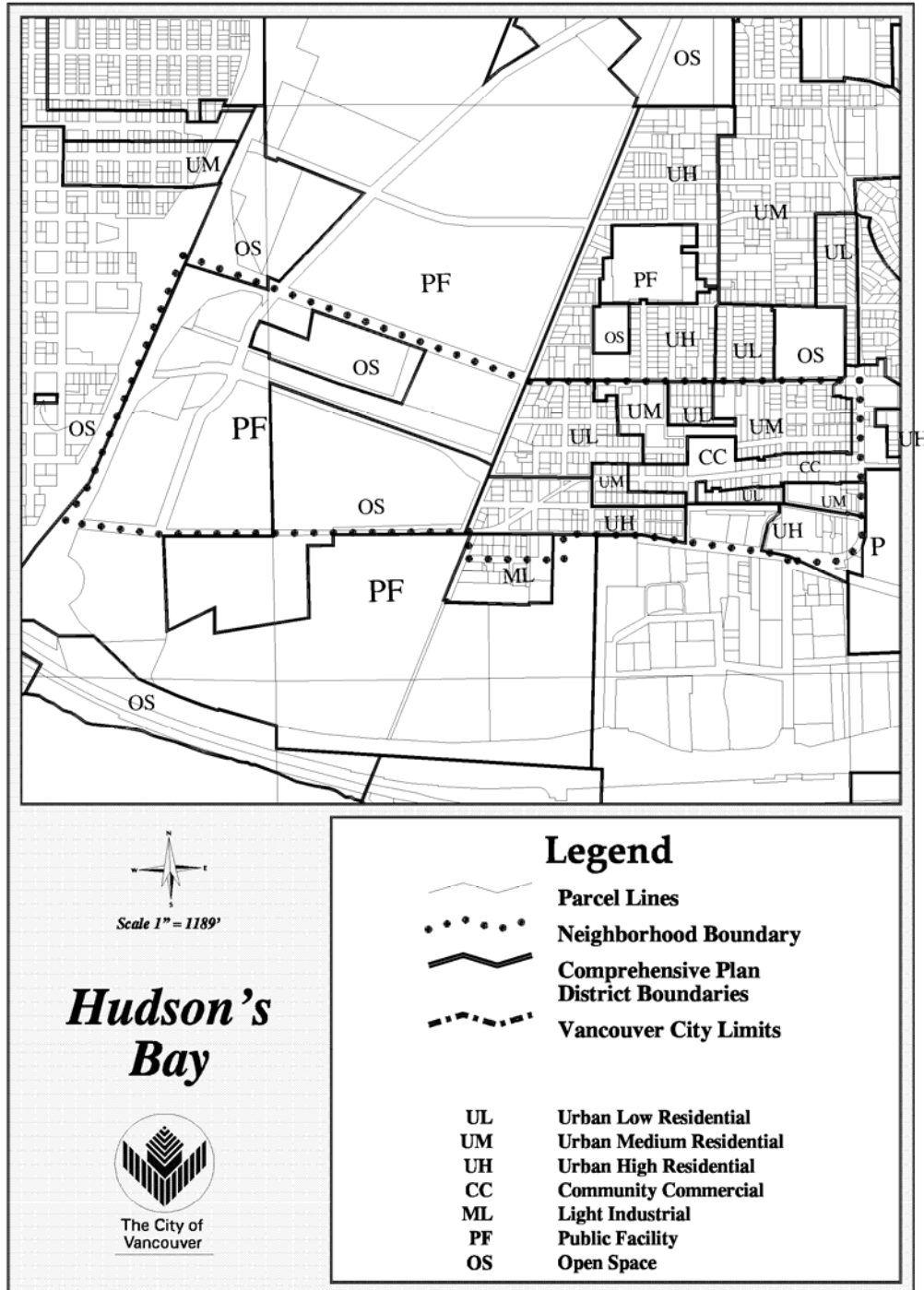
Hudson's Bay is characterized by tidy older homes, scattered apartment houses, condominium buildings, a community commercial area, and areas of light industrial use. The early homes of the area are a combination of (late 1800 - early 1900s) two-story frame houses and the bungalow style of the 1930's. The restored Officer's Row residences are on the National Register of Historic Housing. Several other homes in the neighborhood may qualify as historic housing, as well. The remaining stock of single-family residences are modest homes that were built during and after World War II. There are several vacant parcels in the neighborhood. Many homes are built on double sized lots, where additional homes or multi-family residential units could be built. There are many multi-family uses spread throughout the neighborhood, but the majority are south of Evergreen Boulevard. These apartment buildings, townhouse/condominiums, and accessory dwelling units were primarily built in the period from 1970 to present. It is estimated that 78 percent of the residents rent their homes, which accounts for relatively high population turnover.

The commercial area within Hudson's Bay consists of mostly small service-oriented businesses, a rather large medical clinic and a bowling alley. Because eastbound traffic is routed onto Mill Plain Boulevard, and Evergreen is not often used as a business route for general commercial uses, those businesses along Evergreen are limited in their exposure to prevalent traffic patterns. Grand Avenue, which forms the eastern boundary of the neighborhood, is a major arterial for north-south traffic connecting light industrial areas near SR-14 and the waterfront with residential and commercial areas to the north. Several existing commercial uses of Hudson's Bay cross into other zoning districts (mainly into multi-family), but there are no obvious conflicts of uses. Several vacant parcels in the commercial zone are available for further development.

The health care service industry is a major commercial theme in the neighborhood, with the existence of a Kaiser Permanente Clinic on Mill Plain, a large dental clinic, and chiropractic services.

Transition of the light industrial zone area from residential to the designated use could mean the loss of some homes with possible historical significance. The interface of the industrial zone with the multi-family uses established north of 5th Street could create conflicts of use, unless these impacts can be mitigated through the design of future developments in the light industrial area. The mix of uses within the Neighborhood makes it one of the most diverse in the community. It is the desire of the Neighborhood to embrace this unique character, and work to maintain an active neighborhood environment where people live and work.

Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



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Vision Statement

The Hudson's Bay Neighborhood takes great pride in being the oldest neighborhood in the Pacific Northwest. The neighborhood encompasses the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, as well as the residential and business community east of East Reserve Street. The Neighborhood and the City of Vancouver share an important history, beginning with the Hudson's Bay Fur Trading Company and the original Fort Vancouver. The neighborhood will encourage the rehabilitation of historical buildings and well-planned new development that reflects our architectural and cultural significance.

The Hudson's Bay Neighborhood values the diverse population that works and resides within its boundaries. The Neighborhood wants to provide a place for the community to safely live, work, play and do business, meeting most of residents' daily needs. The Neighborhood wishes to maintain the current balance of single-family homes, multi-family housing and commercial uses. Quality of life is a high priority for the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood. Future commercial development will emphasize services intended to benefit the Neighborhood's residents. Its beautiful park-like setting will be maintained for recreational uses and cultural events. The friendly community will be designed to encourage more pedestrians, bicycle and transit use. A future goal of the Association is to discover and treasure the talents and skills of community members. Through the act of community building, it is hoped that residents and businesses would develop a strong sense of belonging and interdependence, encouraging neighborhood stability.

Objectives and Action Steps

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 have been stated as "objectives," and are organized into categories similar to those found in the Vancouver Urban Area comprehensive plan. The order in which objectives and action steps appear does not reflect their degree of importance.

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:

BAC	Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee
BUS	Neighborhood Businesses
CC	Clark County
CCHBA	Clark County Home Builders Association
CITY	Mayor's Office
CTRAN	C TRAN
FHA	Federal Highway Administration
EPNA	Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association
HBNA	Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association
NPS	National Park Service
OPAT	One Place Across Time
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PDX	Portland International Airport
PUD	Clark Public Utilities
RTC	Regional Transportation Council
VNA	Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance
VCC	Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
VCDD	Vancouver Community Development Department
VCMO	City Manager's Office
VHA	Vancouver Housing Authority
VON	Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPR	Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department
VPW	Vancouver Public Works
VSD	Vancouver School District
VTD	City of Vancouver Transportation Division
WS	State of Washington

I. CULTURAL / HISTORIC

Objective #1

Support the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

As the Vancouver National Historic Reserve is located primarily within the Neighborhood, it is important that the Neighborhood and Reserve maintain an ongoing dialogue to discuss issues of interest or concern to both organizations. Because the neighborhood and Reserve are inextricably linked by history and their location, their future plans should reflect that relationship.

Action Steps:

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Neighborhood will actively participate in the planning process to determine the future of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. 	High	NPS, HBNA, OPAT, VADA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the boundaries of the Neighborhood to include Fort Vancouver, Pearson Airpark, and the area west to Interstate 5, including the Military Reserve Base, not presently within a neighborhood association. 	High	NPS, VCDD, VON, OPAT, HBNA, FHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support completing the reproduction of Fort Vancouver begun in 1973, and restoration efforts of the military barracks as suggested by the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Planning Committee. 	High	NPS, US Army, OPAT

CULTURAL / HISTORIC

Objective #2

To carry the historic theme of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve into the neighborhood east of Reserve Street.

Hudson’s Bay is the oldest neighborhood in the Pacific Northwest and contains historic sites that date back to the early 1800s. Many sites and homes of historical significance are located here.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue the historic “shepherd’s hook lamp” lighting east on Evergreen Boulevard to Grand Avenue. 	High	CVPW, VCDD, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with owners of historically significant properties, both residential and commercial, to heighten their awareness and preserve significant features. Support applications for the National Register of Historic Housing. 	Medium	CVPR, SHPO, CC Historical Museum, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create architectural standards for future development and restoration efforts to reflect the history of the neighborhood. 	High	VCDD, CVPW, HBNA, CCHBA, VCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue dedication of the triangular piece of property at Evergreen Boulevard, Davis and “T” Streets to the Neighborhood Association, for use in some manner to reflect the historical character of the neighborhood. 	Medium	VCDD, CVPW, HBNA, CC Assessor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish historic signs throughout the neighborhood to commemorate its history. 	Low	CVPW, VCDD, HBNA, CC Historical Museum

CULTURAL/HISTORIC

Objective #3

To create an oral and written history of the neighborhood based on residents' experiences and research.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with the Historic Reserve staff, the Clark County Historical Museum, residents and others, to document the history of the Hudson's Bay neighborhood and its importance to the community.	Medium	NPS, CC Historical Museum

CULTURAL/HISTORIC

Objective #4

To support and celebrate the cultural, ethnic and economic resources and diversity of the neighborhood.

The Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood contains a wide cross-section of people, representative of Vancouver’s overall population. Given its unique lineage, the neighborhood’s residents and businesses support opportunities to bring neighbors together, sharing their talents and culture.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify special gifts, talents and resources of the residents through a neighborhood inventory. 	Low	HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more interaction between residents and businesses through cultural events in the Neighborhood, such as picnics, cultural fairs, or street parties and fun-walks. 	Medium	HBNA, CVPW, CVPR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pursue the involvement of neighbors of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (residents, businesses, landlords, etc.) Make use of the City’s Senior Fun Wagon and the Summer Fun Wagon for youth and families. 	Medium	HBNA, VSD

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective #1

Service-oriented businesses to be encouraged within the Neighborhood.

In the Neighborhood and Business surveys distributed within the Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood, there was strong support for the development of new business within existing commercial areas, that are service-oriented. Because of limited access to regional arterials, and the primarily residential character of the neighborhood, large-scale retail and wholesale commercial activity would likely be incompatible with the existing business and residential uses of Hudson’s Bay. The Neighborhood wishes to encourage commercial district development that emphasizes easy travel routes for pedestrians and storefronts that face the street.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate discussion with the Planning Commission regarding a zone change from Community Commercial to Neighborhood Commercial, to promote more “localized” service-oriented businesses. 	High	VCDD, HBNA, VCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request redevelopment study for the Evergreen Boulevard area, to consider master-planned development projects, such as Vancouver’s “Upper Main Street”. 	High	VCDD, CVPW, CV Office of Econ. Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the list of “preferred businesses” (generated through the neighborhood survey) to the Chamber and Economic Development office to encourage specific commercial development within the neighborhood. 	Medium	HBNA, VCC, CV Office of Econ. Development, SBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek business liaisons to work with the neighborhood association to plan for joint projects, and enhance communication between residents and business owners/operators in Hudson’s Bay. 	Medium	HBNA, BUS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective #2

Increase and improve parking for commercial areas as a whole, and discourage parking on residential access streets.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a neighborhood traffic study, to include on-street parking and trips generated by the commercial areas, and implement measures identified.	High	CVPA, VPD, HBNA, VSD, BUS

III. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Objective #1

Improve pedestrian access to public open spaces, adding trees and improving landscaping along access routes.

The Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood is adjacent to (and includes) a great deal of public open space, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, Vancouver Central Park, the newly designated Hazel Hart Park, Quarenberg Park and the Mill Plain Cemetery. These open spaces are primarily oriented to pedestrians and non-motorized recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, children’s play areas, walking and historic-site tours. Natural and landscaped areas enhance these activities, and the neighborhood wishes to promote pedestrian walkways that “expand” the feeling of open space throughout the neighborhood and encourage more use of public open space by residents.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install sidewalks along East Reserve from Mill Plain south to E. 5th Street, establishing a pedestrian connection to Central Park. 	High	VCDD (CDBG), CVPW, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the gravel parking lot at the East Reserve Street entrance to the soccer field and track. 	High	VCDD (CDBG), VCPW, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood to develop plans for the small triangular open space area at Evergreen Boulevard and “T” Street. 	Medium	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase plantings of native tree species in open spaces. 	Medium	VCDD (CDBG), CVPW, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the use of existing open space, by providing benches, picnic tables and advertising events in the Neighborhood newsletter. 	Medium	NPS, VCDD, WSU Extension HBNA, CVPR, CVPW, NPS

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Objective #2

Expand Neighborhood Association involvement in the management and activities of Vancouver Central Park.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighborhood Association will request permanent membership on the Fourth of July Committee. 	High	FV4th Comm., HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic control boundaries will be studied and recommendations forwarded to the City of Vancouver for Fourth of July and other major events planned for Central Park. 	High	BHNA, CVPW, Advisory Committee, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighborhood may schedule events to coordinate with those in Vancouver Central Park. 	Low	HBNA, VCPR, NPS, VSD, Clark College
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighborhood will request expanded litter control east of Officer's Row after major events in Central Park and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. 	High	HBNA, VCPW, FV 4 th Comm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood to establish a schedule for contact between Association officers and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Partners, including the National Park Service Superintendent and representatives of the City of Vancouver, the U.S. Army, and the State of Washington. 	Low	HBNA, NPS

IV. LAND USE

Objective #1

Increased involvement of residents in land development projects in the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood recognizes the significance of higher-density residential housing in those urban areas close to downtown. With much of Hudson’s Bay already zoned for multi-family housing, the Neighborhood will encourage new projects to be compatible with the design, local historic characteristics and existing traffic (including pedestrian) patterns of the area. The Association wishes to meet with project managers early in the development planning process, to ensure that residential, commercial and industrial projects proposed in the area are compatible with existing uses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Association to attend or respond to pre-application conferences, and invite development interests to attend neighborhood meetings to present their projects. 	Medium	VCDD, HBNA, BUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage communication with Land Development Services to remain well-informed on project-level issues. 	Medium	VCDD, HBNA, CVPW

LAND USE

Objective #2

Collectively represent positions on city-wide zoning provisions, the public process and design standards.

The Neighborhood wishes to promote residential and commercial design standards as a way to encourage quality development that is consistent with the historic character of the neighborhood, emphasizing more owner-occupied residences and businesses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents and businesses about their zoning designation. 	Low	HBNA, VCDD, BUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote attendance at Planning Commission and Council meetings. 	Low	HBNA, VCDD, BUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue communication with the Growth Management Division on neighborhood planning and development goals. 	High	HBNA, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in annual review process to request appropriate zoning designations within the neighborhood. 	High	HBNA, VCDD

Objective #3

Encourage owner-occupied housing and businesses.

Of the residences in the neighborhood, approximately 22 percent are owner-occupied. The continued vitality of the neighborhood is dependent on maintaining the presence of property owners in both residential and commercial uses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents on development practices, and develop incentives for construction of owner-occupied housing in multi-family zoning districts. 	High	HBNA, VCDD

V. HOUSING

Objective #1

Preserve both residential and commercial historic buildings.

The Hudson’s Bay Neighborhood includes a mix of owner-occupied and rental single family homes, multi-family housing, and small businesses. Given the location of the Neighborhood and the present zoning designations, we will encourage development that provides quality housing that maintains property values, while emphasizing the historic character of the area.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment on development applications to ensure that builders consider the historic theme of the neighborhood in the design and general appearance of their buildings and grounds. 	High	HBNA, VCDD, CCHBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information on loan and grant programs, or community organizations as sources of possible funding or other assistance to homeowners. 	High	BNA, VCDD (CDBG)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify existing historic building and/or locations with signs or plaques as identification. 	Low	HBNA, CVPR, CC Historical Museum

Objective #2

Encourage in-fill construction to blend with current architecture and new design standards.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the development of design standards for new residential and commercial construction. 	High	VCDD, HBNA, CCHBA, CC Board of Realtors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Neighborhood Association will attend or respond to pre-application conferences, and contact project managers early in the development review process. 	High	HBNA, VCDD, BUS

VI. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Objective #1

Promote the character of the Neighborhood and undertake improvements and maintenance that enhances the visual aspects of buildings, streets and open spaces.

Scattered throughout the neighborhood are historic homes and business buildings, open spaces with cultural significance, and other visual amenities that contribute to the overall livability and character of the area. Some homes and businesses have fallen into disrepair, (which is not attractive for existing or prospective residents) and owner-occupied homes needed to ensure long-term investment in neighborhood properties. Neighborhood improvements must be continued that will enhance the visible qualities of the area, and encourage upkeep of residences and businesses.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents and businesses on property upkeep and maintenance tips, including awareness of neighborhood “clean-up days”, Chipping Program, Paint Program, and other property improvement programs. 	High	CVPW, VCDD, VON, BUS, The Columbian, Vancouver Business Journal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and comment on development applications, and help to develop design standards by participating in updates of the City’s Zoning Ordinance. 	Medium	CVPW, CDDCCHBA, VCC, CVPR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use existing funding programs (CDBG, etc.) and develop new sources of financial assistance to support individuals, groups or the Neighborhood in preserving and restoring the historical theme of housing. 	High	CVPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop visual symbols consistent with neighborhood identity and history, including: signs; streetlights; pedestrian benches; building facades and trees. 	Medium	HBNA, VCDD, VON

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Objective #2

Encourage maintenance, tree planting and landscaping, particularly along traffic corridors, to create pedestrian-friendly “streetscaping”.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant street trees along Evergreen Boulevard and Grand Avenue. • Remove graffiti from buildings; remove or rehabilitate dilapidated structures in the neighborhood. 	High	HBNA, CVPW
	Low	HBNA, VPD

VII. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Objective #1

Provide multi-modal access to and within the neighborhood for all levels of ability.

The Hudson’s Bay neighborhood is largely pedestrian-friendly, and residents here are proud of the fact that they can walk to public transportation and to many of the cultural events held in or near Vancouver’s Central Park. The infrastructure is incomplete, however, and needs to connect important routes of pedestrian travel. All new pedestrian access should be accessible to persons with disabilities.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish building sidewalks, particularly on: East Reserve, 6th Street, Davis and along side streets that connect to Evergreen Boulevard. 	High	CVPW, VCDD (CDBG)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install reflective and raised designations for crosswalks on Evergreen and Mill Plain. 	Low	CVPW, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb-cuts and wheelchair access ramps will be improved throughout the neighborhood. 	High	CVPW, VCDD (CDBG), VSD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue a maintenance schedule for sidewalks in the neighborhood. 	Low	CVPW, VSD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the extension of C-Tran’s free bus service into the neighborhood. 	High	HBNA, C-TRAN

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Objective #2

Public streets, storm drain systems and lighting to be improved and maintained to provide safe travel along neighborhood streets.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General street maintenance should be an ongoing effort. Storm water systems will be developed as streets are improved and new developments built. 	High	CVPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve street lighting on Evergreen Boulevard and at uncontrolled intersections. 	High	CVPW, VCDD (CDBG)

Objective #3

Increase citizen participation in neighborhood safety programs.

Hudson’s Bay neighbors acknowledge the police and fire service that is provided by the City of Vancouver; the response to vandalism and property crimes has generally been prompt and thorough. Some Neighborhood Watch programs have emerged, but more information, and coordination of a *single* program is needed.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate any existing Neighborhood Watch programs, coordinating the administration of the program and providing training or information to attract new participants. 	High	VPD, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish regular contacts with Fire and Police precincts that serve the neighborhood. 	Medium	VPD, HBNA, VFD

VIII. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

Objective #1

Prevent automobiles from speeding within the neighborhood.

Traffic management is implemented through stop signs and speed limits in the Neighborhood; but these have been ineffective in controlling speed on Evergreen and Mill Plain Boulevards and Grand Avenue, and in providing safety at uncontrolled intersections on neighborhood access streets.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify strategic locations for installing traffic calming devices such as speed humps, traffic circles, narrowing-angle curb-outs, and stop signs. 	High	CVPW, HBNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase enforcement of speed limits within the neighborhood in general. 	High	CVPW, HBNA, VPD

Objective #2

Improve traffic management within the Neighborhood, including better connections to adjoining areas for bicycles and pedestrians.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the adjoining Edgewood Park and Central Park Neighborhood Associations to develop access routes for all modes of transportation. 	Medium	EPNA, CPNA, BAC, CVPW, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a bicycle path along Evergreen Boulevard, east of Officer's Row. 	Low	BAC, CVPW, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for opportunities for better traffic management on arterials and neighborhood access roads. 	Medium	CVPW, VCDD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct and implement a Traffic Management study. 	High	CVPW