



Parkside Neighborhood



NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

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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 Parkside 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 Parkside 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 Parkside 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.

Parkside Neighborhood Profile

Parkside is one of the larger neighborhoods occupying approximately 218 acres. It was recognized as the City's 56th neighborhood association on April 17, 2002. The neighborhood consists primarily of quiet residential properties, one small church, and a small commercial shopping area at the southwest corner of the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood is bounded by the centerline of NE 28th Street on the south, the centerline of NE 137th/138th Avenue on the west, the centerline of NE 39th Street on the north, and boundary line of the 23rd map section on the east. This eastern boundary excludes all properties that border on 152nd Avenue. Parkside Neighborhood is located in an eastern sector of the City of Vancouver, Washington.

The public schools that service our neighborhood include: Burton Elementary School, Cascade Junior High School, Pacific Junior High School, Evergreen High School, and Heritage High School.

In the center of our community is Diamond Park located at NE 145th Avenue, N of 28th Street. This 5.3-acre neighborhood park was developed in part with Real Estate Excise Tax funds and a land donation by Jack White. Our park currently includes play equipment, benches, and an open lawn area. The hours of our park are 7 a.m. to dusk and there are no fees. The park provides a playground for neighborhood children and a place for neighbors to gather, picnic, or walk.

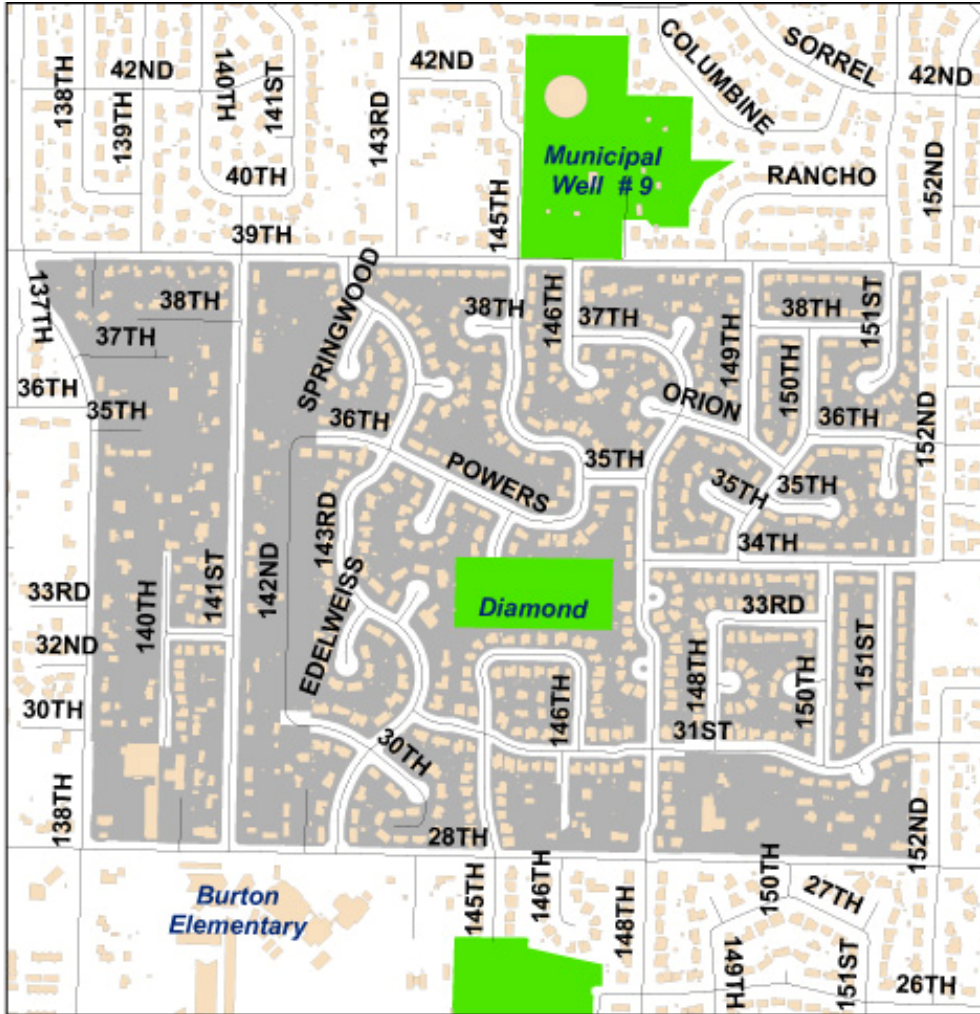
As a neighborhood we value and strive to preserve our mature trees and open space to reflect a northwest look and feel. Based on Vancouver's most recent tree canopy study, Parkside's tree canopy coverage was 26 percent which is above the city's average of 19 percent. We recognize the benefits trees provide (cleanse the air, provide oxygen, reduce amount of energy to cool and heat our homes, intercepting storm water, contribute to neighborhood livability, how they improve shopping districts, reduce city noise and glare, and they calm and slow traffic, improve habitat for endangered fish, migratory birds, and other wildlife, reduce erosion, and mitigate flooding) and unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20 percent higher than houses in neighborhoods without trees. Our neighborhood residents actively work to increase neighborhood tree canopy to maximize the

environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees by planting new trees wherever possible and by preserving mature trees through proper maintenance. Therefore we will strive to sustain and increase our urban canopy within our neighborhood to maximize these benefits.

The Association maintains a full slate of elected officers and has active standing committees to help implement current projects. Membership in the Association consists of all persons who reside within the Neighborhood or who own property within the Neighborhood.

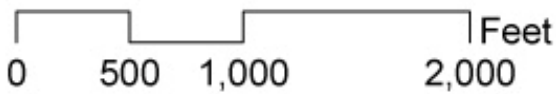
The Parkside Neighborhood Association holds community meetings and annual general elections. With help from the City of Vancouver we put on our annual fundraising event, “Clean Up Day”. This fundraising event is held in the spring of each year.

Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



Parkside

Zoning Map: C-8 & C-9



Vision Statement

The Parkside Neighborhood Association envisions working closely with the Parkside residents to promote their common interests, maintain and improve livability while building a sense of community.

Working with the City of Vancouver, we hope to build communication, enhance community spirit, create a safe environment for our residents and their children, and provide a long term plan for management.

As a committee we value our residents and will work to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood in their best interests.

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
CPU	Clark Public Utilities
CTAN	CTAN
DRS	Development Review Services
DVP	Developers
CP	Community Planning
FOT	Friends of Trees
OTH	Other organizations
OWN	Neighborhood Property Owners
PMG	Property Management Groups
PS	Postal Services
VCE	Vancouver Code Enforcement
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 Waster Services
VTD	Vancouver Transportation Department
VUF	Vancouver Urban Forestry
PNA	Parkside Neighborhood Association

I. Parkside Park Plan

Objective #1

Parkside has a Park Master Plan that was developed in conjunction with the City of Vancouver and Parks and Recreation. Our goal is to see it implemented completely.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the City of Vancouver to obtain grants and funding to complete these items as stated in our Park Master plan; Hard Court Play Area, Asphalt trail(ADA Accessible), lighting, horseshoe pits, bike racks, enhanced entry on the north and south, picnic tables, benches, formal entry, street frontage improvements and new landscaping. (Since the Park Master Plan is ten years old, work with the Parks Department to verify and update the Parks Master Plan to ensure compliance with current Parks/maintenance standards and expectations of the neighbors (especially new neighbors who did not participate in the 1999 plan development). 	HIGH	V-CPRD CITY, BC,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore ways of securing additional funding through grants, corporate or small business contributions, philanthropy, and neighborhood fund raising to complete goals as defined in the Park Master Plan and future goals. 	HIGH	V-CPRD CITY, BC,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with surrounding neighbors to help defer crime and use rewards, incentives and recognition programs to complete goals. 	HIGH	V-CPRD, VPD CITY,OWN,PNA,BC,VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a “Dedication Garden” in the Park. 		CITY, V-CPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all aspects of safety and security and implement programs to keep our 	HIGH	BC,CPD,DRS,OWN,PNA

<p>park crime free.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add necessary structures to increase the future life of the park in a growing environment. Including but not limited to benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, garbage cans, doggie stations, and signage and crime deterrents. 	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>CITY,OWN,PNA,OTH,VUF, V-CPRD</p>
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Diamond Park
 Vancouver Washington
 Vancouver-City Parks and Recreation Department

Final Master Plan
 December 1999 Scale 1"=30'-0"

II. Public Safety and Traffic

Objective #2

Enhance the safety of our neighborhood for pedestrians, people with disabilities, bicyclists, drivers and homeowners.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage enforcement of speed limits through our neighborhood. 	HIGH	CITY,OWN,VPD,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the building of sidewalks and paths along busy public streets in the neighborhood and make them handicap accessible. 	MEDIUM	CITY,OWN,BC,PNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage safety for bikes and Pedestrians. 	HIGH	CITY,OWN,BC,VPD, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to lower the average emergency response time. 	MEDIUM	CITY,VPD,VFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood. Install supplemental lighting as needed. Work for more underground utilities. 	HIGH	CITY,BC,CPD,CPU, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance participation by developing an awards and recognition program. 	MEDIUM	BC,CITY,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use “radar reader boards” more. 	MEDIUM	BC,OWN,VPD, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce non-neighborhood cut-through traffic while reducing speeding on routes that are direct to major arterials especially where child safety is concerned. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,CPD,DRS,PNA, OWN,VTD, VTD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with city to develop a master traffic plan for Parkside that will cover all aspects concerning traffic and safety in Parkside Neighborhood and address the largest problem areas first. Major arterials and problem areas are identified as; 39th Ave, 137th St, 28th Ave 34th St. The cut thru streets are identified as 141st, and 148th. 	HIGH	CITY,CPU,DRS, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize neighborhood volunteers to watch for and report speeding drivers to the Vancouver Police Department. 	HIGH	BC,VPD,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify strategic locations and pursue installation of traffic calming devices such as traffic circles, serpentine roadway, speed humps, street narrowing devices. Stop signs may also be considered where appropriate. 	HIGH	CITY,CPU,VCE, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with subdivision associations to provide for an effective and safe street network to the area arterials using the following: traffic calming, bike lanes, sidewalks, off street pedestrian links, emergency responder gates, etc. with surrounding neighborhood associations. 	MEDIUM	BC,OWN,VPD, CITY,CPD, DRS,PNA, VTD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant street trees as a traffic-calming technique. Research shows street trees narrow a driver's field of vision and reducing traffic speed. 	MEDIUM	PNA, FOT, VUF

III. Crime Watch

Objective #3

Reduce crime through education, awareness and communication to protect our neighborhood and families.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the neighborhood crime watch data base as specified by Vancouver Police Department. 	HIGH	BC,PNA,OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a program to keep team captains active and informed and encourage team meetings. Implement neighborhood watch and Report programs. 	HIGH	PNA,CITY,BC, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with City to get crime watch signs in place once the Data Base is near completion. 	HIGH	CITY,OWN, PNA, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents about crime prevention measures such as dead bolts locks, motion detectors, technology and personal safety. 	HIGH	CITY, PNA, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the rewards, recognition and incentive program to help with involvement and completion of goals. 	MEDIUM	PNA, OWN,BC,CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a plan of action to address aggressively getting all residents to participate in the crime watch program such as a letter with a return envelope for people that are hard to reach or have declined the first time, bulk mailing permit & calling trees. 	HIGH	VCE BC,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a line of communication for the crime watch data base that explains the program in different languages. 	MEDIUM	CITY, PNA, VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize community-based volunteer tree plantings event 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- 	MEDIUM	PNA, FOT, VUF

<p>building activity that brings neighbors together in an effort to get to know neighbors.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate residents about tagging and vandalism in the neighborhood. Implement programs to keep gangs and criminal elements out of Parkside. 	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>CITY, PNA, VPD,BC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to reduce crimes by providing funding, education and programs that will reduce it. Especially those not funded from other sources such as fingerprinting small crimes. 	<p>HIGH</p>	<p>CITY, PNA, VPD,BC,OTH</p>

IV. Communication

Objective #4

Promote and encourage communication with our neighbors, City of Vancouver, and adjacent neighborhoods to reach common goals.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a “Welcome Neighbor Program” 	MEDIUM	PNA,OWN,BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep neighborhood watch phone trees current and active. 	MEDIUM	PNA,OWN,BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the newsletter to inform and educate residents about all issues concerning the neighborhood. 	HIGH	PNA,CITY,OWN,BC,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ways to get the newsletter out Including mailings, bulk mail permits, etc. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,VCE,OWN, PNA,DVP,OTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop areas in the neighborhood where flyers can be distributed in the event that we cannot go door to door. This would include the use of A- Frame signs, flyer boxes, ballot or registration box drop off boxes, or/and digital signage. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,VCE,OWN, PNA,DVP,OTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an emergency preparedness program 	MEDIUM	CIT,BC,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop community bulletin boards. 	HIGH	PNA,CITY,BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of our website and/or implement use of city website. 	HIGH	PNA,CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do community service projects as a neighborhood to foster a good spirit. Reach out to those in our neighborhood that are less fortunate when possible. 	MEDIUM	CIT,BC,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a line of communication to report complaints that may arise. Educate neighbors about the use of city regulations and codes that affect property. 	MEDIUM	CITY,BC,PNA,OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and implement programs that secure additional funding through grants, business contribution,501 c3, neighborhood fundraising, philanthropy, to develop any and all objectives 	HIGH	BC,OWN,CITY,DVP OTH

set forth in our plan.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop relationships in the neighborhood that foster the promotion of businesses. 	MEDIUM	BC,CITY,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize school and youth programs to increase involvement and communication. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,OWN,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a rewards, incentive and recognition program for involvement in the neighborhood association such: as providing tee shirts to groups who deliver newsletters or a coupon to an area business. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,OWN,PNA, DRS, OTH

V. Land Use

Objective #5

Through involvement with the City of Vancouver we hope to be a well advised about our neighborhood and the building and development issues it faces.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply for an Annual Comprehensive Plan/Rezone to change the current zoning of property from apartment zoned to single or duplex housing.	MEDIUM	CITY,CPU,DRS,PNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan to be involved with any and all new construction in the neighborhood.	MEDIUM	CITY,DVP,CPU,VUF,V-CPRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Include and encourage parks, nature trails, quiet places and wildlife habitat. Encourage the planting of native trees, rather than ornamentals, to maintain the character of our neighborhood.	MEDIUM	CITY,BC, DRS, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	MEDIUM	PNA, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participate in city council meetings and testify on behalf of our neighborhood association's goals.	HIGH	CITY,PNA

VI. Neighborhood Appearance

Objective #6

Parkside Neighborhood Association will work to encourage and enable neighbors to maintain and enhance the appearance of their individual properties, common areas, streets, sidewalks, and medians which will generate pride among residents, increase property values and investment, and will increase the overall neighborhood quality.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to inspire owner occupied housing and to increase involvement with the current renters. 	MEDIUM	PNA,CITY,OWN,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to inspire owners of rented property to be involved with the neighborhood and take care of their non-owner occupied property. 	MEDIUM	CITY,VCE,OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue neighborhood clean up day. Utilize the City's free dumpster and chipper programs as well as any other programs or grants. Promote tree preservation and proper tree pruning, specifically encouraging residents not to top their trees. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,OWN, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with designated city agencies such as Parking, Vancouver Police Department and Code Enforcement to abate unlawful acts in the neighborhood. Participate in all programs that deter crime. Implement new programs to reduce crime. 	HIGH	BC,CITY,VCE,VPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add another fund raising day that helps provide a service to the neighborhood while increasing revenue such as a garage sale at a central location. 	HIGH	PNA,OWN,BC,CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the rewards, incentive and recognition program to accomplish goals. 	MEDIUM	PNA,OWN,BC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage neighbors to follow principles of responsible pet ownership and city animal control regulations. 	MEDIUM	CITY,VCE,OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep neighbors informed about assistance provided through City programs such as those with Vancouver Urban Forestry. 	HIGH	VUF,CITY,BC,PNA

