Overlake Neighborhood: Single-Family, Residential Open House Summary

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The following is a summary of residents' comments that were shared via comment boards, maps, and a neighborhood survey.

Neighborhood Vision for the Year 2030 (comment board)

Help us envision the Overlake neighborhood twenty years from today. Please describe its look, function, highlights, amenities, character, and more.

- NEIGHBORHOOD FUNCTIONS
 - o A connected community with the downtown core better walking & bike access to Mary moor and Town Center
 - o Better connections downtown, 156th Transit Center & the neighborhood north & northwest of it
- NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES
 - o More green spaces have been officially preserved

CAC thoughts, to date... (comment board)

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has been working through major topics over the last several months. Here are some of their thoughts. To help with continued conversations and to learn of neighborhood preferences, please share your comments on each.

- ENHANCED TRANSIT SERVICES (LOCAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS LIKE A SHUTTLE)
 - o Shuttle to downtown Redmond
 - Shuttle between downtown and Transit Center on 156th that goes down 51st St (not on 520)
- PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY TRAISL AND SIDEWALKS
 - o Safer crossing along 156th and 51st
- TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (156TH, 51ST, 159TH)
 - o 154th NE from 51st
 - o Remove them
 - o If you "calm" 51st you need to give people another way to get where they want to go. Else it just contributes to potential grid-lock
- BENCHES AND OTHER AMENITIES IN PARKS (PLAY STRUCTURE, PLAY AREAS)
 - o Water play area at Westside
 - o Community garden & vegetable stand

Transportation (comment board)

How do you envision traveling in the year 2030? What will the needs of your household members be in twenty years? What improvements and changes would you prefer over the long-term?

- TRANSIT SERVICES
 - o I'd like to see a bus run directly from the neighborhood to Sea-Tac Airport
 - o Need more parking space in transit station on 156th Ave
 - No kidding
 - Shuttle between downtown and up 51sty to the bus stops on both sides of 520. It would be real nice to go in both these directions from 51st & W. Lake Samm.
 - Yes
- · TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS
 - o Complete sidewalk all the way along the south side of 51st
- BIKE PATHS AND LANES
 - Add bike and pedestrian path connection at south end of 159th Ave NE to 156th Ave NE and to NE 40th Street
 - Add bike and pedestrian path (boardwalk) through green belt between ne 48th Street & 166th Ct NE and connect to above route
 - o Charge license fees to bicyclists
 - o Add bike lane to proposed roundabout on W Lake Samm & Bel-Red, for riders staying south on Bel-Red Rd
- ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRAVEL
 - How feasible is rail between downtown Redmond and Issaquah or Woodinville?
- COMPLETE STREETS (AUTO, BIKE, PEDESTRIAN, VEGETATION, BURIED UTILITY LINES, AND STREET LIGHTS)
 - o Consolidate driveway access off NE 51st for 2 parcels (Bella Vista short plat & Adjacent short plat)
 - o Agree, this could become a pretty dangerous stretch of 51st & especially for pedestrians of which there are a lot
- WHAT AREAS REQUIRE ATTENTION IN THE NEARER TERM?
 - o Rush hour traffic on 156th and 65th
 - The intersection of W Lake Samm and Old Red mond Road unworkable to turn left from Old Red Rd onto W Lake Samm at rush hour
 - o 51st and 152nd, give priority to East-west through traffic over construction dump truck entry-exit with police officer, blocks up traffic on 148th
 - Concerned about traffic access at proposed Montessori school, NE 51st near 520
 - Need more Microsoft building & campus way finding for unfamiliar drivers

Housing (comment board)

How will your household change over the next twenty years? In the year 2030, what will your specific housing needs and interest be, such as less space or more space, single-story or office/work space? And that of your parents, children, or grandchildren? Do you or your household members need special amenities to "age in place" for many years?

- HOUSING FEATURES THAT I LIKE
 - o Uniqueness of houses
- HOUSING FEATURES I'D LIKE TO CHANGE
 - o Increased trend toward income property (residential homes becoming rental property). Many rental properties have up to 8 vehicles parking near the rental home, many times using all of the on street parking of surrounding properties. There are also vehicles being stored on the street for months, and in some cases, for years without being moved. This is the case on 158th Pl NE
 - There are pockets of houses being built that are very big and ugly. Some neighborhood houses were remodeled for rental. Like to see both changed.
 - The new construction that packs the houses in on small lots and removes mature trees
 - o No standard for yard up keep and pathway maintenance
 - o "View wars" escalation (literally) that doesn't take existing neighborhood into account
- HOUSING THAT IS MISSING
 - o More affordable housing
- SPECIAL HOUSING NEEDS
 - o Quality, higher density housing by 2030
- PLEASE HELP US DESCRIBE HOUSING IN THE YEAR 2030 WITHIN THE OVERLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD
 - o Denser, but with many ameliorating amenities
 - o Some McMansion have been converted in condos
 - Lots of mature trees with reasonable allowance for the need to keep them maintained

Residential Design (comment board)

Please help define the residential design aspects that you prefer to or currently enjoy seeing in the Overlake neighborhood. Include house details, landscaping, differentiation, site layout, and more. Consider homes in the year 2030.

• Maintain density ratio. Keep green space/built area ratio constant. Question impact of any "McMansion" development that/where house covers too much of lot (like at 51^{st} and 157^{th} north side)

Parks and Recreation (comment board)

How do Overlake's parks serve your family's needs today? And how will they do so in the future? Consider how the parks and services could evolve or remain the same/ tell us what is important to you?

PARKS

- O Used to be a ball field & screen @ Westside
- o New play ground equipment at Westside Park
- O Doubtful it is possible, but the top of Westside park (baseball area) is way too soggy and needs help

TRAILS

- o Better signage how to find/start
- o The gateway from Westside park to Bridle Crest Trail is steep and very slippery during the rainy season. Extend hog fuel higher up trail or in some other way improve traction.
- o Better connection Bridle Crest through Westside to 156th

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

o Seems like the cultural opportunities are mostly on the MS campuses right now

o FACILITIES

o Not that far from Grass Lawn or Mary moor

o NATURAL PARK ENVIRONMENT

 Keep some areas wild, the area from West Lake Samm, Westside Park on Bridle Crest is nice

o OTHER

o Thank you for the care of the parks

Neighborhood Gathering (comment board)

How do you meet your neighbors? Where do you most often chat with neighbors? Does this change with the seasons? Would you like greater opportunity to meet more neighbors?

HOW DO YOU MEET NEIGHBORHOOD FOLKS TODAY?

- At the park or doing yard work
- Block watch, walking on sidewalks & Bridle Crest trails, doing outdoor work
- Walking in area

- WOULD YOU LIKE A PLACE TO GO FOR A CONVERSATION, PLAY DATE, GROUP MEETING IN THE FUTURE?
 - Covered picnic pavilion @ Westside Park
 - Picnic tables
 - Westside Park is a great spot, it needs a bathroom and updated play ground equipment
 - (bathroom) Great idea
 - It would be nice to have more group meeting space, it's at a premium in Redmond
 - Yes! May be espresso stand at West side
- HOW DOES YOUR INTERACTION WITH NEIGHBRS CHANGE WITH THE SEASONS?
 - ∘ In winter/rainy go inside
 - More when the weather is decent, winter activities could be a nice enhancement, also indoor meeting place
 - See a lot more of them in the spring & summer
- DO YOU WANT MORE PLACES OR OPPORTUNITIES/EVENTS TO MEET MORE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS?
 - Out block watch has a late spring block party once a year in the cul-de-sac
 @ the bottom of NE 57th Street. People are busy but in winter we could have a party if there were covered space or indoor space nearby.
 - Yes, block parties would be great
 - A neighborhood pool or wading pool
 - Yes perhaps way to share tools, services, etc
- DO YOU EVER WANT OR ANTICIPATE A NEED FOR A WARM, DAY PLACE OTHER THAN YOU HOUSE?
 - _o May be a picnic pavilion in Westside Park
 - Indoor meeting space
 - A community center
 - o A place to shelter in emergencies, e.g. prolonged power outage
 - A place to go for information in emergencies
- WHERE COULD SUCH A PLACE EXIST THAT YOU COULD WALK OR BIKE TO?
 - Westside Park
 - Yes
 - Ditto
 - Ben Rush
- ARE THERE NEEDS THAT YOU'D LIKE MET OR CERTAIN GOOD YOU'D LIKE AVAILABLE WITHIN A WALKABLE OR BIKABLE DISTANCE?
 - 。 A good café/deli

Trails/Connections (map)

Please share your thoughts regarding possible future trail connections within and around the neighborhood. Trails provide connections as opportunities arise or create formality to existing informal paths.

- Trail at end of 159th Place NE currently exists, add signage
- Trail along stream that runs through protected easements south of 166^{th} Ct NE and north of 154^{th} Pl NE
- Bridge and wooden boardwalk from W Lake Samm @ 51st to Marymoor Park
- Connect to Parking Lot
- Really bad idea to end into dog park, smarter at parking lot
- Great idea

Protected Lands and Critical Areas (map)

- Water concerns identified flowing from NE 60th & 156th to critical areas north of NE 59th Place
- Standing water at NE 57th & 156th Ave and NE 57th & 157th Ave
- Ponding water at 51st St & W Lake Samm Pkwy and NE 50th & W Lake Samm Pkwy
- Possible ponding water at NE 50th Way & W Lake Samm Pkwy

Base Aerial Imagery (map)

• Need a dead end sign (NE 57th Storm drains have sunk along 159th