

Raleigh Hills Business Association – 6-3-20 – Crafting A Vision

My notes from meeting (including Zoom Chat comments)

Raleigh Hills Today

- What do you like about it?
 - Variety of businesses, many of them unique small businesses. Lots of services, places to dine. Variety – not just retail.
 - Access/convenience. Centrally located.
 - (but not so accessible for pedestrians – see below)
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- What would you like to see changed?
 - Lack of cohesion
 - Auto dominant – not comfortable for pedestrians
 - Lack of sidewalks
 - Intersection needs to be fixed – 6 corners “a MESS”
 - County diverted funds intended for the intersection to other parts of the County where more tax revenue would be generated. Makes those of us in East County feel like we lack representation.
 - Strip malls incoherent – lack of cohesion
 - We need the BCC to focus more on RH.
 - John notes Pam’s genuine interest in engaging.
 - Would love a food cart pod like the Biggi food cart pod in Central Beaverton. It brings community together.
 - The old Safeway could be a good space, once cleaned out.
 - International marketplace to address the growing diversity
 - Small spaces in a common area. Food/artifacts/apparel
 - Additional mixed use spaces
- Other Comments (some in response to the images I showed in my PPT: Orenco, Jamison Square, Beaverton’s summer cinema in the park, a woonerf – walkable street, food cart pod, and farmer’s market; with some of these images I was trying to show how there are cheap interventions that can start to introduce walkability)
 - “I’m in Garden Home – we don’t have a Biz Assn so I tag on to RHBA. We share many of the same assets, along with a degree of walkability – e.g. neighborhoods closer to businesses, library, community center.
 - John needs to run for Governor.
 - Beautiful area at Granville Island (John had mentioned it as a great place)
 - THPRD does some of these things (referring to images in my PPT), and is a good partner for UUA
 - Are the open spaces public or private?
 - John – typically public, but not always.

Raleigh Hills in the Future

- The Vision Thing
- How do we create a Vision”
- Whose Vision?

Next Steps:

- John meet with Deanna (and others? Informal subcommittee?) to begin to frame what a Raleigh Hills vision could look like, what the process could look like.
- John meet with key property owners, other key stakeholders.
- Engage Commissioner Treece