

**Charleston Meeting held on 4/22/2021 at 7PM via Zoom.**

~33 people in attendance at community meeting (not including staff)

**Presentation/Speaker - Mayor Greg Wheeler, Planning Commissioner Faye Flemister,  
Staff - Allison Satter (Planning Manager, Andrea Spencer (Director), and  
Sarah Lynam (City's Project Administrator) .**

**Comments received at Community Meeting:**

1. Mikayla:

- Would like to create an artist space under the overpass.
- Doesn't think seating space at Gateway is necessary.
- Would like to add wayfinding signs for pedestrians.
- Concerned that there is no money for the Charleston area, considering the City's project backlog.
- Wonders how to add parking for the area.

2. Munger:

- Does not want the work of local non-profits to be impeded by any zoning changes.

3. Jill Claridge:

- [Triangle parcel](#) could be better landscaped.
- Add a walkway, stairs, or railings through the 6<sup>th</sup> and Cambrian woods.

*Staff Follow-up comment: The property highlighted in green below is private property and that includes where most of the trees are located. The grassy area is City right-of-way and may be able to see improvements. This comment is being forwarded to Public Works for their consideration on future improvements.*



Public requested walkway, stairs, and/or railing to better access Cambrian Avenue from Kitsap Way

“Triangle parcel” that the public requested get improved is highlighted in green and the area

4. Morse:
  - Reminded the group that Beth from the Echo Artworks tried to start a Neighborhood Association, and her efforts should also be utilized.
  - Good events are already happening in this area.
5. Priya:
  - Pedestrian routes and signage/wayfinding could be much improved
  - Cycling in/around the area on arterials is dangerous, which pushes people onto labyrinthine neighborhood streets.
6. Andy George:
  - Sidewalks are not walkable
  - Lighting is poor, leading to feelings of danger.
  - Wants to 'get the right people' in.
  - Hopes there will be more police support in the area.
7. Mayor Greg Wheeler:
  - City just received grant funding for Haddon Park (which is just right outside this center)
  - To see the concept design of Haddon Park - please click here:  
<http://www.bremertonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8214/Haddon-Park-Concept-PDF?bidId=>
8. Kristin Bauer:
  - Add a sidewalk on Cambrian
  - Would like to see the "Triangle Parcel" on Cambrian improved (as previously recommended).
9. Erinn Hale:
  - The more businesses and people that come to the area, the safer the area feels.
  - Curious about Artist grants for the area.
  - Supports murals on walls.
  - Would like to see more opportunities in this area, including areas for makerspaces and learning place such as the Bainbridge Island Barn.
10. Jake Eckmann:
  - Parking agreement with Gateway Center, since they have so much space that is underutilized at certain times of day.
11. Andy & Angel:
  - Add speedbumps on Callow to slow cars down
12. Kitsap Culture:
  - Continue to support local businesses and current gathering events.
13. Don Fledman:
  - Are there going to be any events or efforts to support this area as an old timey area, when this Center was in it's hay day (in the 40's and 50's)?
14. Drake:
  - Add crosswalks for pedestrian safety, or street design to make it safer for those that use the roadway.