



Smart Growth in Crown Hill Urban Village

2017 Recommendations

The [Crown Hill Urban Village \(CHUV\) Committee for Smart Growth](#) hosts an audience of over 500 subscribed neighbors living in and near CHUV. We count amongst our partners several community organizations, including: Crown Hill Neighbors, Crown Hill Business Association, Whittier Heights Community Council, Olympic Manor Community Club and Greenwood Community Council.

We support smart growth for a more livable, vibrant community for all CHUV neighbors. In 2016, our Committee recommended and advocated for [basic smart growth principles](#) in our neighborhood. Our updated 2017 recommendations reflect [extensive neighborhood feedback on draft rezone maps](#) the City introduced in Fall 2016.

1. **Planning and Design Guidelines to support smart growth in our community** to maintain affordable housing options and minimize displacement, ease the impacts on neighbors adjacent to arterials to create a cohesive, true urban village.

Specifically:

- **Create a planned Urban Village Neighborhood Center** located in the area north of 85th and East of 15th where there is underutilized space as Commercial Zoning is changed to Neighborhood Commercial. Planning includes design and pedestrian and infrastructure upgrades.
 - **Add incentives to develop our Neighborhood Center and arterials first.** Prioritize creating a vibrant neighborhood center that maximizes affordable (MHA) housing units. Include on-site affordable units to address displacement concerns.
 - **Mitigate impacts to neighbors along 16th, Mary and 14th,** which will be rezoned from Residential to Commercial, and upzoned from Single Family to NC 75 and NC 55.
2. **Invest in building infrastructure to accommodate growth**, with an emphasis on:
 - **Transit Investments** to accommodate the additional demand, particularly bus service
 - Integrate **safe pedestrian paths** in neighborhood side streets and integrate sidewalks within Greenways. Build safe, planned pedestrian walkways over and around arterials for safe pedestrian access.
 - **Fix storm water drainage** and flooding north of 85th
 3. **Create better, more vibrant commercial spaces and a true business district.** Integrate planning and economic development tools and include a variety of spaces that are affordable for small local businesses and office space.

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