Mandatory Housing Affordability
Summary of HALA Focus Group Input

Comments & Suggestions — Generally Supported

1. Upgrades to sidewalks and drainage are necessary to support additional density north of NW 85th St.

2. Support for zoning changes that focus new development along the arterial roadways: 15th Ave NW, NW 85th St, and Holman Road NW. However, ensure the corridors continue to work well for transportation.

3. Support for changing Commercial (C) zoning to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to encourage more pedestrian-oriented development and provide affordable options for more small business.

4. Provide greater setbacks, stepdowns, or transitions where commercial zoning would be next to Residential Small Lot (RSL) or Lowrise (LR) zoning.

5. Support for creating a neighborhood center or gathering place. Consider nodes of higher zoning along the corridors.

6. Support for neighborhood planning in addition to implementing the MHA zoning changes.

Varied Opinions

1. Many Crown Hill residents do not support extending Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning to a full block deep. NC zoning along Mary Ave NW south of NW 83rd St and along 16th Ave NW would be incompatible with the existing residential character.

2. Encourage development along the arterial corridor first, before allowing additional housing in the proposed LR and RSL zones.

3. Some are concerned that the draft map for Crown Hill does not reflect that bus transit service is not the same level as light rail service. The proposed urban village approach, including the urban village expansion, should not be the same as villages with light rail.