

May 2012 Open Houses

Comments - "What are your great ideas for the West End?"

- Please preserve our heritage buildings & our heritage space e.g. 1200 Block Harwood St & around Beach Towers - no more density please - we are not Yaletown
- People who work full time get parking permits
- affordable housing rent 1/4 of annual income
- music events along the seawall in the summer
- dig up tunnels, Rogers Mansion *Delilahs* English Bay for Tours & ART
- let's incorporate solar energy in every bldg built
- Denman Street - High Street - consider closing a lane - the Rambles
- Keep up free events in the summer
- West End Planning Committee by citizens. For the W.E. By the W.E. every decision made by us. Locally made coffee houses, local markets, local theatres
- No more tall buildings - they cast shadows over all the green spaces!
- No change in 12 storey bylaw
- Stop Developers! Eco-Density is a Contradiction of Terms. The STIR Program cheats taxpayers of money to pay for Infrastructure. Super Saturated Development. More Development is Moronic. Preserve rather than demolish. The bulldozing of the Comox church before
- more community gardens please
- community gardens & affordable apartments
- Different types of dancing on top of Bathhouse
- The pollution is medium, the little car-2-GO idea is very good. It would be nice if the amount of buses went up and cars went down :)
- a theatre 150 seats a; 300 seats b; 600 seats c.
- lots of rentals, walk to DT, keep the livable charm
- more buses, lower fares!
- upgrade amenities *keep the 1 tower per block policy
- speak at the public hearing on 22 storey tower on St. John's church site. June 11, 2012 City Hall
- no high buildings & gardens on top of bldgs.
- Please create a Public Benefits Strategy for the West End
- Housing, not shelter
- Our bus fares are reasonable. Make the bums pay
- Traffic is on the rise. Develop good routes for cars and separate routes for bikes and pedestrians.
- More 3 Bdrm housing for families
- Improved architecture of buildings
- Maintain: - Character - Birds - Quiet - Sky
- Free concerts 1. symphony orchestra. 2. our ballet company once a year at English Bay. Build a Venue.
- Too many rentals already, 80%?!?! Not fair
- Another community closer to English Bay!
- No High Rise 19 storey + up at St. John's site - more reasonable heights please!!
- Think "IMBY" "In My Backyard", Liveability/Diversity/Community with heart, sunshine, sky...all now achieved in W.E. the most densely populated community in all of Vancouver if not Canada. Kits/old & new const. 3 floors, 6 floors, 8 - 10 floors and a few more

- Green/improve the alleys (like Mole Hill block)
 - limit footprint, height of bldgs - improve style of new towers
- Pls build a wharf at English Bay
- Free canoes at English Bay
- Can anything be done about the architecture? New developments would be easier to take if they were at least visually appealing - reflected the hood
- No Yaletown (separate comment: "Agree") 2. Affordable housing for 55++ This does not mean 300 + 400 sq ft units 3. Keep height bylaw to 12 storeys.
- Let the developer co-operate in providing social house in Exchange for extra density. For example allow 6 building to profit and in exchange ask for the build a social house by mean of contribution from each of six builders
- Don't just think NIMBY!
- Have an artist in residence program rent free in trade for open rehearsals.
- Don't forget social housing!
- Pressure provincial & Federal Governments to re-instate the old tax programs to encourage Purpose Built, Really affordable housing. It is the only thing that worked & built our beautiful com.
- More bike routes with clear signs
- free shuttle bus from offsite parking to reduce immediate local parking demand.
- No more facadism that's not Heritage preservation
- Mostly unobstructed views. No high rises over 19 stories.
- DDD Densify Denman & Davie. Living, Employment, Tourism uses.
- Don't forget social housing!
- Increase height restriction - more diversity
- more street parties/festivals
- Diverse built form, Preservation of architectural values e.g. 1950's - 70's
- View corridors in the city are disappearing - from Jericho all you see is a mess of buildings
- Emphasize empty ground space around buildings - setbacks currently insufficient
- More school/recreative spaces will attract families from the outlying areas. Many are getting sicker and sicker of the long commute which isn't getting easier. This is a great place to raise kids, if there are larger apartments (but not as pricey as Coal Ha
- Bring mini-parks to the high streets (like Bute at Robson and Davie)
- Mix commercial dev't with residential
 - Explore pocket-commercial uses (corner stores, coffee shops, small restaurants) within the West End (off Davie, Denman, Robson). - Rezoning of core areas around Thurlow & Davie, Davie & Denman, Denman & Robson, Thurlow & Robson for higher density with
- Keep it West End as the Village it was designed & intended to be - no more highrises - Low rises - no more than 6 stories, a centre with facilities for amateur theatre 1201 would have been perfect. Lots of mixed use - owned & rental, small businesses & NO
- Let's be creative, design & add new housing/rentals with great care, so not to spoil what deserves to be kept, preserved
- The present pleasant atmosphere of the West End cannot be pressured if Yaletown-style buildings extending right out to the sidewalks are allowed. If I wanted to live in a Yaletown I would live in Yaletown.
- Not a wall of hi-rises along beach or in West End. This is an opportunity to make Vancouver really green, really diverse.
- Good as it is.
- No grey concrete commercial buildings.

- Green! Trees, lawns blvds around buildings!
- Mixed-use, 2-4 storey development along Denman
- Walkable sidewalks - get rid of sandwich boards
- Don't do stuff that's going to price me out of my house. PLEASE.
- Be realistic in our goals. Increased population & diversity should be welcome in our community. The biggest challenge is to replace old, shoddy rental stock with new but equally affordable housing. This is an exciting opportunity!
- Reduce traffic - designate thru streets - green/promenade smaller streets
- Less cars - Add a bike lane on Comox
- Please fix approach to Burrard bridge along Pacific
- Yes!
- No cars - 1. Massive car share, rideshare program 2. only commercial/service vehicles
- More greenways, culture, museums, less towers
- More family oriented and affordable co-ops!
- Ensure that no more buildings are built on the water side of English Bay (ie. Cactus Club) - still don't understand how that happened!
- Keep the promise 1401 Comox Senior Housing and Community Space. As the developer promised. - Sheila Baite
- Free parking for scooters and motorbikes
- Free scooter permit parking to encourage less car traffic
- Coop & subsidized housing. Market rental stock isn't that answer.
- As a senior who has lived in the West End for 50 yrs I am not able to walk between high rises because of the wind tunnels they create
- Create a separated bike land - West-East Comox Greenway link, Emphasize the gay character of Davie Village, more laneways like in Mole Hill!
- Please may we have some idea re: light at crosswalk at Broughton & Davie. There are seniors living around that area. Thanks.
- Please build something NOT at market value. Thanks
- For Senior's Housing: A complex of independent living, ____ living, residential ch__ - sharing of common areas for entertainment etc maybe
- More supertall towers with social housing. Pocket parks along Denman, Davie, Robson
- What do you mean "more"? Really? There is none of this now. (referring to comment above)
- Whenever I see a travelogue about Europe, I love the spaces with no cars and children playing safely and people having coffee/drinks with NO FUMES!
- Donate elevator to our wonderful cinema then we senior's handicapped could go to movies, could be used for more community events
- No high rises because they create wind tunnels - hard to walk as a senior
- No more MoneyMarts
- Get rid of pedestrian bulges on Thurlow at Davie
- Repair MacKenzie St please!
- Repaint bicycle decals on Pender Street b/t Georgia & Howe
- make everything look like Mole Hill, especially the laneway
- LANEWAYS - green - safe - speeding not stopping for pedestrians, suggestion speed bumps - crosswalk not safe cars speed through - laneway at denman and nelson - safety a concern a ped crossing
- Model of urban sustainability - energy - green space - housing mix - business/employment
- Library/community centre should be modernized, and enlarged. I'd like to see it become a central facility for activities, support and relaxation.

- No more density! Please! Church demolished before hearing. SHAMEFUL!
- Larger library - better traffic/pedestrian control (perhaps one light stage for pedestrians to cross in all directions - don't cross when traffic has light)
- Drastically reduce cars. Pedestrian signal to all crossing in all directions
- Take into consideration the fact that many long-term residents are hitting their senior years - even sidewalks - more benches - buses that don't "jolt"
- Build 350 sf studios, 400 sf one's, 550sf two's & 700 sf three's - all rental
- Shut Comox to cars & beach maybe
- Scrap Comox Greenway - Fix vehicle access to Burrard Bridge - No more 20+ storey hi rises - No more tiny suites such as building going up @ Maxim's - More benches @ transit stops & on-street - Less vehicles on Denman accessing Georgia for Lion's Gate bridge
- Live @ Comox & Bidwell w/2 children; SCRAP the Comox Greenway - No need for it, spend the \$ on upgrading the community centre
- Bring back the West End trams.
- Comox bike lane Y
- Support local & small businesses, no chain stores on main streets
- Transform Denman into a calmer traffic street. Make it more pedestrian friendly.
- Protect the ability of West End's current seniors to continue to age in place!! - Senior's are integral to the W/E Diversity!
- Farmers Mkts on a weekly basis like in Europe
- Creating age-friendly streets/parks is good for everyone - accessibility = liveability
- Get rid of sandwich board on our sidewalks.
- Instead of increasing density concentrating on continuing to house the West End's low income seniors by increasing pressure on Province for more social bldg
- Limit traffic - Make sure new buildings fit into the aesthetic of the neighbourhood - i.e. they are attractive not concrete, sexy or ugly rectangular high rises
- WECC wonderful - but needs more. Bigger Library. Playground outside - use of field - beautiful!!
- More affordable housing! More pet friendly housing! And no more towers!!
- Slow traffic to 30k/hr at all areas no cars on Denman!,
- Free downtown bus service like in Portland!
- Keep the new building low rise! Note Yaletown!
- Community Garden Walk
- Comox Bike Lane :)
- Food scraps recycling for apartments
- Above Blenz on Denman - Empty restaurant space - we need a healthy restaurant that is kid friendly. Like Little Nest off Commercial. Plus yoga/community space. More Family Friendly.
- Closed off car traffic only pedestrians, cyclists etc
- Preserve our heritage buildings. Don't create façades like Moxie's
- Welcoming visitors while protecting residents.
- A pony
- the joy of the city - English Bay seawall
- Bylaw against car alarms after 11pm!
- A mural for the ugly bare concrete space under the Burrard Bridge next to the Aquatic Ctr
- 3 bedroom apt. so growing families can stay & afford to stay. So HARD!
- Leftover foods to be recycled, for compost etc. Make it mandatory for apt buildings.
- Make social housing a requirement of STIR projects!

- Fun Beach Days!
- More community gardens
- More green space & parks - Incentives for developer & building owner to create smoke free buildings
- More park spaces
- S.T.I.R. only increases the pressure on the W/End's overtaxed community amenities - schools, community centre & library. STOP S.T.I.R.'s
- Community Centre Land waste/misuse. Area around community centre playground, community garden - A field that is accessible...so much dead space there.