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Downtown Streetscape Draws Interest at Mountlake Terrace Open House

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE--The city continues its efforts to revitalize downtown by identifying trees, benches, bike racks, waste baskets and pedestrian scale street lamps to be used in revitalization projects as Town Center development occurs.

Options for street trees and site furnishings were shown at the Open House on Monday, April 28, 2008. About 30 people attended.

The options shown on the display boards all met specific criteria. For example, the street trees shown are suitable for city life (low maintenance, non-invasive roots) and the street furniture is durable, easy to maintain, preferably made of recycled materials, attractive and available regionally.

Citizens in attendance were enthusiastic about the display boards which illustrated potential enhancements to city streets and sidewalks in the future downtown zoning district of Mountlake Terrace.

Indicating their preference for a style of bench, street tree and other items by placing a sticker next to the illustrations, attendees were also encouraged to write down their ideas and concerns.

Several attendees expressed interest in the street furniture being made “green” or of recycled materials, being energy efficient, safe, and vandal-proof.

The Planning Commission, a seven-member citizen advisory board, reviewed the display boards and preferences of those who attended the Open House.

The Planning Commission also indicated its preferences. Ideas from the Open House and the Commissioner’s recommendations will be prepared for consideration by City Council later in May or early June.

More information about the streetscape options is available from Edith Duttlinger, Senior Planner, at (425) 744-6279.

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