

Attachment 2: Recommended Amendments

Neighborhood Planning Element:

B-30 University Community Urban Center

goals

- UC-G1** Stable residential neighborhoods that can accommodate projected growth and foster desirable living conditions.
- UC-G2** Vibrant commercial districts serving local needs and offering regional attractions.~~((specialties. (See Map on Figure 1 for locations of principal commercial districts.)))~~
- UC-G3** An efficient transportation system that balances different modes, including public transit, pedestrian, bicycle and automobile, and minimizes negative impacts to the community.
- UC-G4** A community in which the housing needs and affordability levels of major demographic groups, including students, young adults, families with children, empty nesters, and seniors, are met and which balances home ownership opportunities with rental unit supply.
- UC-G5** A community with a wide range of neighborhood recreation facilities and open space and which meets the Comprehensive Plan's open space goals.
- UC-G6** A community that builds a unique physical identity on its historical and architectural resources, attractive streets, university campus, and special features.
- UC-G7** An urban center that is home to the University of Washington; the region's foremost educational institution which is expanding to meet new challenges while enhancing the surrounding community.
- UC-G8** A community in which public education resources are readily available.
- UC-G9** A community that is regionally recognized for its arts and cultural activities and that uses cultural activities as a community building asset.
- UC-G10** An integrated social service delivery network that serves the entire community.
- UC-G11** A community where people are and feel safe.

UC-G12 A community where the historic resources, natural elements, and other elements that add to the community's sense of history and unique character are conserved.

UC-G13 A community that supports innovation, discovery, and job creation through collaboration between businesses and the University.

policies

UC-P1 In pursuit of Comprehensive Plan Housing Element policies, ~~((Policy H12,))~~ encourage ~~((ground-related))~~ lower density housing types in the Roosevelt, University Heights ~~((portions of the northern tier))~~, and Ravenna areas of the community, with options at a variety of affordability levels.

UC-P2 ~~((Encourage high-quality development, up to 65 feet, or about five stories, south of NE 43rd Street, and from just east of Brooklyn to the west))~~ South of 50th and west of 15th, encourage high quality development with a variety of building types, ((to enhance this residential)) enhancing a vibrant mixed-use area with excellent proximity to the University and to the Sound Transit Light Rail ~~((LRT))~~ stations.

~~((UC-P3— Encourage a vibrant mixed-use residential neighborhood in the University Gardens Core area (between NE 50th Street, Brooklyn Avenue NE, NE 43rd Street, and 9th Avenue NE.))~~

~~((UC-P4— These goals and policies of the UCUC Neighborhood Plan are not intended to change the policy basis for consideration of rezones proposed after adoption of these goals and policies.))~~

UC-P~~((5))~~3 Continue to ~~((S))~~ strengthen pedestrian-oriented retail on University Way through physical improvements to the street and sidewalk and encouraging ~~((private-))~~ property and business owners to improve ~~((their properties))~~ frontages. Encourage new improvements to University Way north of NE 50th St.

UC-P~~((6))~~4 Strengthen a diverse mix of retail and commercial activities on NE 45th Street and Roosevelt Avenue NE.

UC-P~~((7))~~5 Support the University Village Shopping Center's activities in a way that furthers economic and housing goals while requiring mitigation of significant and cumulative impacts according to SEPA.

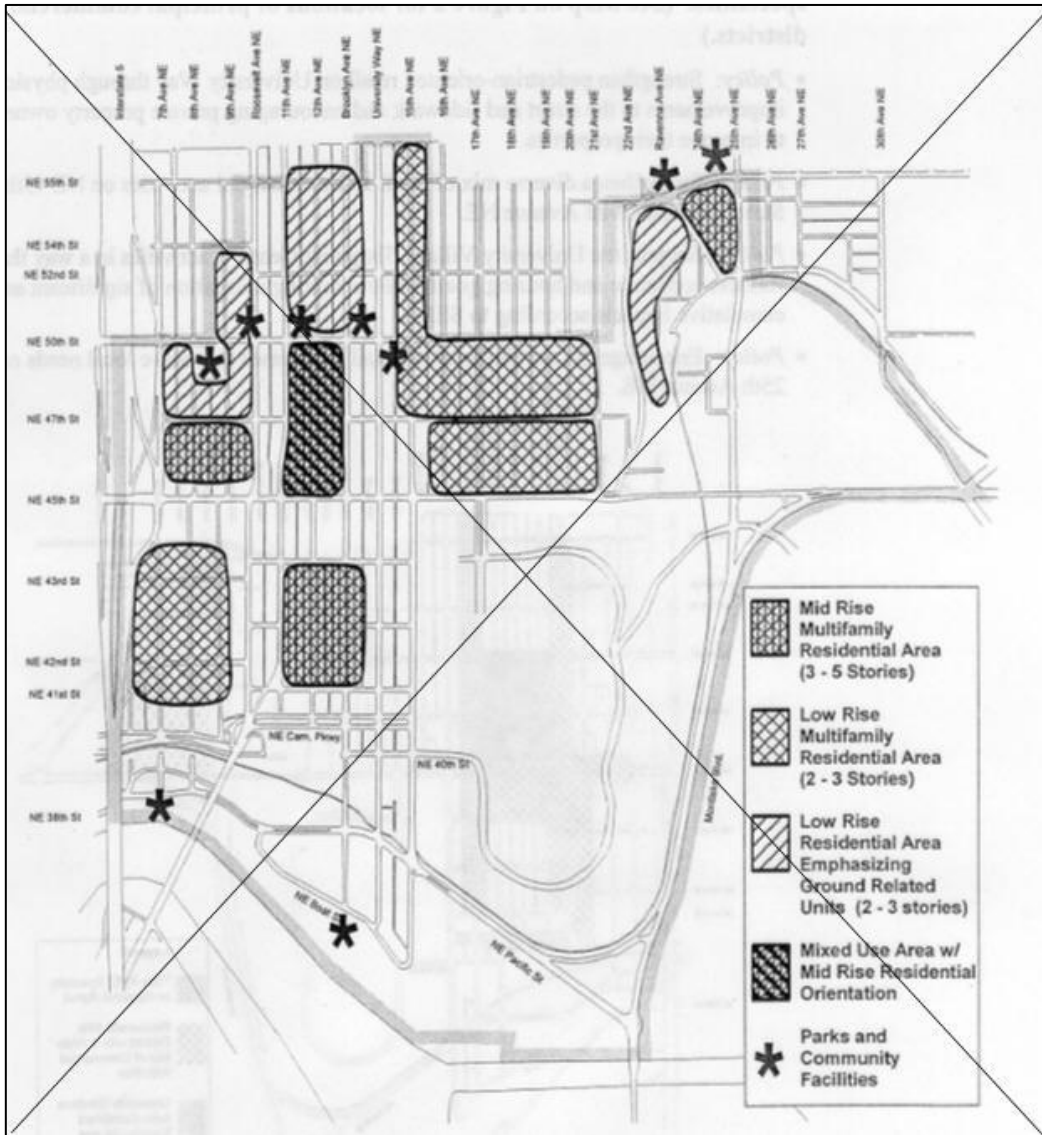
UC-P~~((8))~~6 Encourage the development of retail businesses that serve local needs on 25th Avenue NE, and encourage the redevelopment of a diverse mix of housing and compatible retail, where appropriate, in adjacent areas.

UC-P((9))7 Involve the community and contiguous neighborhoods in the monitoring of traffic, and the identification of actions needed to preserve the multi-modal capacity of the principal arterial streets, to accommodate projected growth and protect residential streets from the effects of through-traffic. ~~((Give priority to transit, bicycle and pedestrian modes for those networks identified in the Comprehensive Plan and where specific mode improvements are noted on the map in Figure 2.))~~

UC-P((10))8 In pursuit of Comprehensive Plan Transportation Policies ((T42, T43, and T44)), emphasize comfortable, safe, attractive pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the center, especially those routes identified in ~~((Figure 2))~~ citywide modal plans.

UC-P((11))9 Take advantage of Sound Transit improvements ~~((to address))~~ and coordinate local transportation needs and impacts and facilitate intermodal connections, such as bus ~~((and monorail))~~, streetcar, bicycle, pedestrian travel, and surface vehicle traffic.

**((Figure 1
 Schematic Map of Residential Neighborhoods))**



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UC-P((42))10 Work with King County Metro and Community Transit to create efficient bus circulation. Address bus layover impacts, bus routing, and transfer issues as well as street improvements to facilitate transit.

~~((UC-P13 Explore local shuttle transportation options.))~~

UC-P((44))11 Carefully manage parking to provide needed accessibility while minimizing traffic and on-street parking impacts when considering on-street parking actions, off-street parking requirements for new development, and

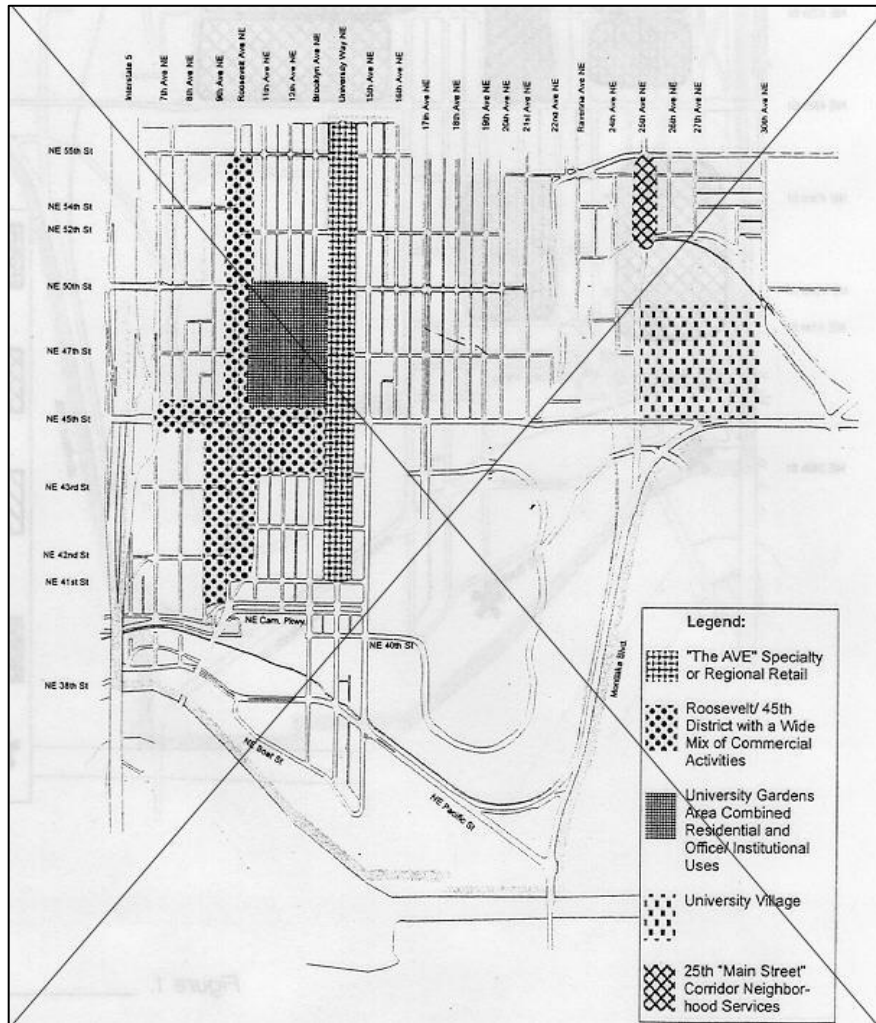
public parking development. Strongly discourage “park-and-ride” parking for commuters.

UC-P((15))12 Employ a variety of ~~((housing types and development))~~ strategies to preserve existing housing while supporting new residential growth that diversifies unit types, sizes, and affordability. ~~((effectively provide for identified needs, including existing housing preservation, code enforcement, accessory units, new ground-related housing, and mixed-use mid-rise residential development.))~~

UC-P13 To maintain safe housing for all, and to reduce conflicts between student and non-student neighbors, encourage collaboration between residents, the City, and the University to enforce code requirements.

UC-P((16))14 Employ a variety of strategies to bring housing development to ~~((desired))~~ the affordability levels identified in the Housing element of the Comprehensive Plan, including development partnerships, zoning modifications, and subsidies.

**((Figure-2 Schematic
 Map of Commercial Areas))**



UC-P((17))15 In order to serve existing residents to the north and emerging residential neighborhoods, support the community((organize-a)) services ((spine))cluster roughly along NE 50th Street, which includes a ((-Include-a wide)) variety of public, recreational, educational, community, and human services, plus churches, playfields, and other facilities. ((-See Figure 3-))

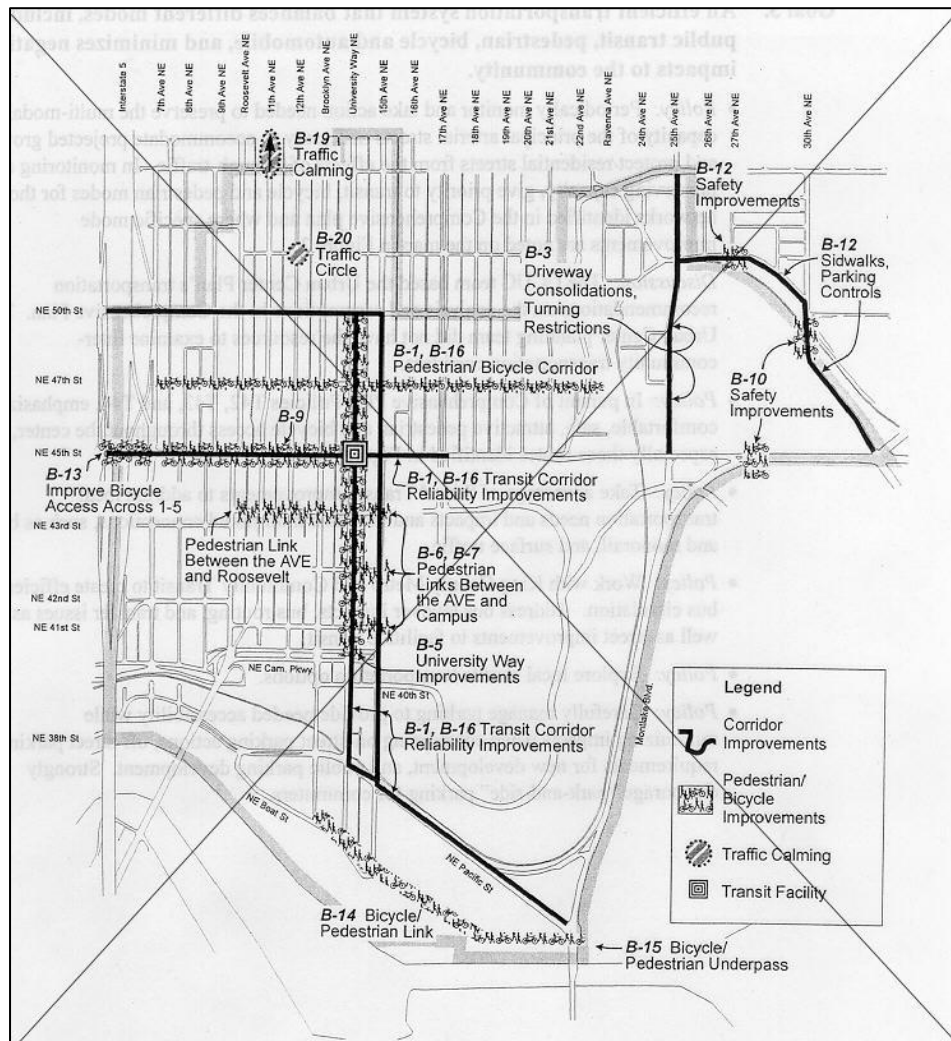
UC-P((18))16 Employ a variety of strategies to increase open space, such as park acquisition through a major open space funding program, improvement of and better access to existing assets, adding open space functions in rights-of-way, and creation of small spaces with new development.

UC-P((49))17 Encourage the establishment of a local open space fund that can be used to purchase and improve small parcels when the opportunity arises, and to support programming and maintenance costs.

~~((UC-P20 Place highest emphasis on open space and recreation facilities projects that will benefit the greatest number of people in areas that are least well served.))~~

~~((UC-P21 In the Southwest Quadrant (the area generally south of NE 45th Street and west of Roosevelt Avenue NE), make convenient pedestrian connections to nearby parks and the waterfront and seek to develop a small shoreline park on the Lake Union shoreline at the south end of 7th Avenue NE.))~~

**((Figure 3
Potential Transportation Activities))**



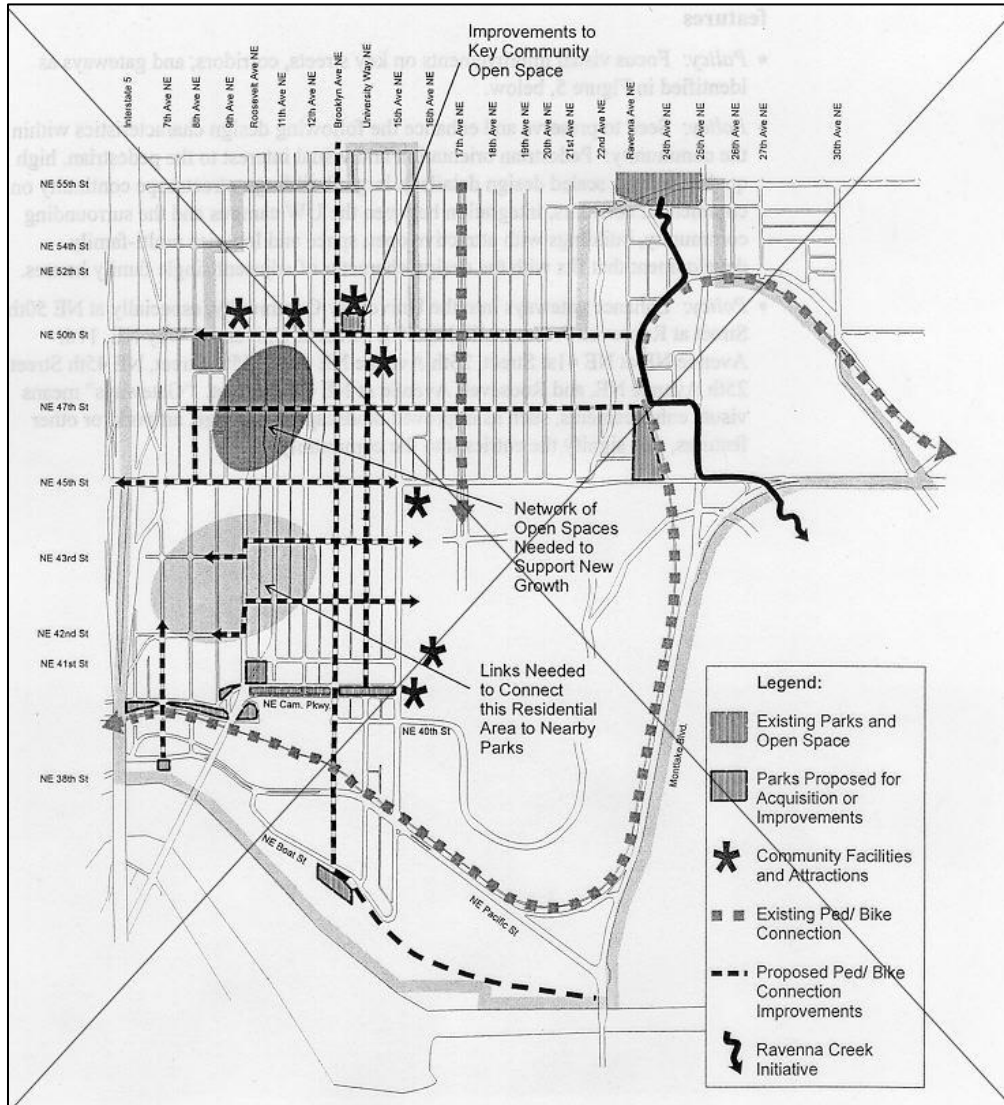
UC-P((22))18 Provide better physical connections from the University District to campus that takes into consideration the U District Urban Design Framework, the UW Landscape Plan, and the UW Master Plan. ~~((In Lower Brooklyn (the area generally south of NE 43rd Street between Roosevelt Avenue NE and the UW campus), provide open space for the large population including residents, workers, and students and strengthen physical connections to the waterfront and campus. Encourage better physical integration between the campus and the community.))~~

UC-P((23))19 ~~((In the University Gardens Core (the area generally between NE 50th Street, Brooklyn Avenue NE, NE 43rd Street, and 9th Avenue NE),))~~ South of NE 50th St and west of 15th Ave NE, create a ((connected))network of open spaces integrated with development, including improved sidewalks and pedestrian pathways that increase accessibility through and along long blocks. Provide open space and recreation facilities for seniors.

UC-P((24))20 Pursue the creation of a centrally-located, flexible open space, ideally within two blocks of the Sound Transit light rail station at Brooklyn and 43rd. Surround this open space with active uses, and manage it to ensure that it is a positive addition to the neighborhood. ~~((In the Northern Tier (the low rise multi-family residential areas above NE 45th Street between 22nd Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE and north of NE 50th Street and west of Brooklyn Avenue NE), seek to establish and enhance a central open space and community facility as part of the NE 50th Street Community Services Spine. (See policy UCUC 17 above).))~~

UC-P((25))21 In University Way-15th Avenue NE corridor between NE 55th Street and NE 41st Street, encourage the provision of more sidewalk cafes, alley activation, and street-oriented public space through both public and private investment.

**((Figure 4
 Schematic Open Space & Community Open Space))**



UC-P22((26)) In the Ravenna Urban Village, seek to protect and enhance natural areas and features.

~~((UC-P27 Focus visual improvements on key streets, corridors, and gateways as identified in Figure 4.))~~

UC-P((28))23 Seek to preserve and enhance the following design characteristics within the community: Pedestrian orientation and visual interest to the pedestrian, high quality, human-scaled design details in larger buildings, streetscape continuity on commercial corridors, integration between the UW campus and the surrounding community, buildings with attractive

open space and low rise multi-family development that fits with the design character of adjacent single-family houses.

UC-P((29))24 Enhance gateways into the University Community, especially at NE 45th St and 7th Ave NE, NE 50th Street at Roosevelt Avenue NE, ((NE 50th Street-))NE 45th St at 15th Ave((at University Way)) NE, the Sound Transit light rail station, the “landing” of the University Bridge at NE 40th St((11th Avenue NE at NE 41st Street)), 25th Avenue NE at NE 55th Street, and NE 45th Street at 25th Avenue NE((, and Roosevelt Avenue at NE 42nd Street)). “Gateways” means visual enhancements that signify entries into the community, such as improved landscaping, signage, artwork, or architectural features((~~other features, that signify the entries into the community~~)).

UC-P((30))25 Accommodate new ((~~u~~))University growth in a way that benefits the surrounding community.

UC-P((34))26 Work to connect and integrate the campus and the community visually, ((~~and~~))physically, socially, and functionally.

UC-P((32))27 ((~~In pursuit of Comprehensive Plan Policy L130, e~~))Ensure that the University Community plays an active role in the UW’s Campus Master Plan on subjects of mutual interest.

UC-P((33))28 Pursue opportunities to work with Seattle Public School District #1 in locating a public school in the community, capitalizing on the area’s excellent accessibility and proximity to the University of Washington.

UC-P((34))29 Work with Seattle Public School District #1 to ensure appropriate, equitable school resources are available in the community, including after-school activities and facilities.

UC-P((35))30 Encourage the local coordination of arts and cultural activities, including museums, theaters, commercial activities, galleries, classes, performance halls, arts groups and informal performance groups, for the mutual enhancement of those efforts.

UC-P((36))31 Provide the opportunity for local public involvement in City-sponsored art projects and the design of major public facilities.

UC-P((37))32 Ensure that the full range of cultural activities and backgrounds is represented in publicly-funded arts.

UC-P((38))33 Foster the coordinated efforts of local social service providers to identify and meet the specific service delivery needs in the urban center.

UC-P((39))34 ~~((As called for in Comprehensive Plan Policies HD 44-53, e))~~ Encourage effective partnerships between service providers and integrate these efforts into other community improvement activities.

UC-P((40))35 Place a high priority on controlling illegal activities on streets and in public spaces.

UC-P((41))36 Encourage legitimate uses and a sense of ownership in parks and public spaces.

UC-P((42))37 Support public safety through urban design.

UC-P((43))38 Seek to conserve the special historic and cultural resources in the University Community including significant structures on commercial corridors, registered landmarks, and significant public structures.

UC-P((44))39 Identify and conserve areas of special design character, such as Greek Row and 17th Avenue NE boulevard.

Capital facilities & utilities

The goals and policies of the capital facilities and utilities elements of the Comprehensive Plan express the vision of the University Community Urban Center.

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