



GEORGETOWN PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

July 31, 2018

Vision:

Five years from now Georgetown is a safe, healthy neighborhood that supports both a range of options for housing and thriving business. The neighborhood supports community services, a grocery store, clean air, an abundant tree canopy, and walkable/bikeable streets. Crime has decreased, and residents and business are working together to continue to maintain the unique spirit of the neighborhood.

Mission:

- Identify strategies for a new model of neighborhood policing, which will build on the micro-policing plans and community policing plans.
- Identify strategies for a culturally and linguistically responsive, and replicable, data-driven approach to improving the City's relations to and effectiveness with the Georgetown neighborhood.

Recommendations:

1. Additional time, support, and resources to develop Task Force goals, priorities, and future organizational structure.
2. Funding for a salaried position for a Georgetown Public Safety Advocate who will be responsible for driving Georgetown's public safety and vitality agenda.
3. Funding to develop a joint working group with the Seattle Police Department to develop innovative and replicable community policing strategies.
4. Resources to conduct a zoning study to identify best practices for adjacent residential / commercial / industrial zoning compatibility; and innovative strategies for addressing the need for more, and different, housing types that balance the City's dire need for affordable housing and Georgetown's unique character.

Looking Ahead:

Task Force members feel strongly that they have the community capacity and willingness to tackle public safety and vitality on a community level. What's required is a commitment for ongoing resources and support from the City of Seattle to hone an equitable and replicable process to address public safety and vitality issues in Georgetown and across other Seattle neighborhoods.