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It was the group's consensus that some changes to your proposed additional bullet is worthy. Please let me know if you would like to discuss further. -- Thanks.

Suggested Revisions

"Our community defines "neighborhood character" as to include accessible, sustainable, and culturally inclusive neighborhoods.

- *Accessible: Includes ADA compliancy, multi-mobility, and housing affordability.*
- *Sustainable: Promotes a healthy environment, a diverse and resilient local economy, and historic preservation, including, reuse, and adaptability of existing buildings.*
- *Culturally inclusive: Recognizes, supports and promotes diverse housing types, strong arts and historic preservation, and the various contributions of diverse Olympians past and present.*

Added Bullet

Neighborhood character is an amalgam of various elements that give a neighborhood its distinct "identity." Neighborhood characteristics are not stagnant and will change over time. Consideration of neighborhood character will vary by the unique features of a neighborhood and includes its physical, social and economic attributes that contribute to its sense of place and identity. These elements may include a neighborhood's land use, urban design, visual resources, historic resources, socioeconomics, traffic, and/or noise. This includes design elements of buildings (mass, scale, materials, setting, and setbacks), parking, parks and open space, provision of City utilities, street grids and connections, and street trees.

The City will balance its goals and policies by considering potential impacts to the unique geography, character or historical context of a residential neighborhood to provide the best outcome for the community as a whole.

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