

UNA Town Hall: Campus Vision 2050
Chat Transcript
March 3, 2022, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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From UNA : You are welcome to turn on your cameras but please keep yourselves on mute unless it is your turn to speak.

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From UNA : Three Questions for Today:

1. What do you value about living in the UBC campus neighbourhoods? What are the key elements that we should work hard to preserve?
2. What do you NOT like about living here? What do you hope does NOT happen in the next 10-year Land Use Plan?
3. What would you want UBC to look like in 30 years when you or your children are living here?

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From Jenny C. : I chose to live here pretty much for the same reasons as Bill K. - lots of green space and close to concert hall and Aquatic Centre, etc.

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From Bruno Baron : Same as Bill K and Jenny C, I like the green spaces and the access to all the sport facilities.

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From Jenny C. : I echo Alex! A decent restaurant, not just Starbucks. A

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From Jenny C. : A cinema too would be nice :) We are real residents on campus.

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From Elizabeth Payne : yes to more diverse restaurants and a cinema- maybe a small bookshop and toy shop for kids

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From Jennifer Douglas : Really agree with this point Janice is making! Consultation doesn't always feel like real consultation.

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From Joyce Bradley : Me too!!!

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From Jenny C. : I echo a lot of what Janice is saying too.

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From Carolyn Canfield : I REALLY appreciate a community that nurtures diversity and avoids embedded bias for privilege. Let's be careful that we aren't becoming an enclave for a smug middle or wealthy class. Let's support ALL families and residents. I want to live a part of an inviting community for vibrant diversity that welcomes all, thanks to broadly affordable and supportive housing in our neighbourhoods.

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From Joyce Bradley : how do we make the consultation that has been going on for recent years COUNT?

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From Elizabeth Payne : in terms of what do I not like, I have to agree with Warren that it has not been as easy to connect with neighbours as it has been in the other areas I have lived.

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From Alex Kiy : I'd also love to see more covered green spaces outdoors! It became more apparent with covid - places to gather outdoors with the community even when the weather isn't the best would be wonderful

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From Jennifer Douglas : Yes to the idea of some unstructured space!

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From Guangrui (Maggie) Xia : Another strength of our community is that it is also senior friendly. Comparing to college towns, where young students are the majority of residents, our neighborhood is also senior friendly. Seniors add more family feeling, wisdom, love and sophistication to our culture. It is a beautiful scene to see seniors with children together or enjoying their lives here.

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From Heather Donaldson : Likes: gardens, Spanish Banks, events on campus, farm, walking paths, pool.
Dislikes: construction noise, rapid pace of development with loss of greenspace

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From Jennifer Douglas : Many of us who live here can't afford million dollar plus homes! Planning needs to take seriously that new faculty and staff simply cannot afford to live in this city and should be planning affordable housing in the university neighbourhoods. As well, if they want to retain new faculty, they need to make sure that the neighbourhood feels liveable enough to want to stay here in faculty housing once they get tenure!

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From Bill Klug : Ditto, Heather!

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From Kathy Mullen : Likes: Botanical Garden, Vancouver Institute lectures, Bean Around the World, Green Spaces, Trees, Cycling oppo

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From Carolyn Canfield : Jennifer is right! Let's plan for that diversity now.

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From Kathy Mullen : Dislikes: tower plans for Stadium Neighbourhood

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From Elizabeth Payne : Yes I agree, up to 6 stories is what I'd like to see. Also yes to affordable housing!

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From Jorma and Laura : Towers have a big impact on the neighbouring forests (roots, birds) plus what is design to keep them cool as the climate warms?

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From Joyce Bradley : in my octogenarian inadequacy I haven't been able to connect with Chat but would like to make some comments over 55 years of observing UBC

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From Warren and Janice : Just to mention that on the topic of university and academic cross pollination in services, the hospice is under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine.

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From Jenny C. : My fear: when the sky train comes onto campus. I am anxious that that will be carefully planned so it is not going to disrupt the serenity for residents here.

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From Jorma and Laura : I totally agree about nervous with skytrain coming to campus.

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From Janet Yan : Echo to the above voices, especially the coming high rising buildings squeeze in among the current low rises is annoying not only the nuisances of the years long construction activities but also the future decreasing living comfort of the current living environment. We've been actively participating the open consultations, but don't know at all if we're heard.

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From Jorma and Laura : thanks Joyce for your remarks and great to have you in this neighbourhood!

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From Heather Donaldson : More charging stations for electric vehicles would be helpful in the future.

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From Elaine Zhu : I am so sad to see miles of forests cut down to build new commercial towers.... it's no longer the same university as I used to see when I sitting in 99 driving through beautiful green trees into the campus...

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From Janet Yan : Thank you Susan! I'm talking about the consultations on new high buildings over 19 stories which will "burry" our existing residential one. I'm a unit owner of Prodigy. Two or three high rises will be constructed on both side of our building.

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From UNA : How can you stay informed?

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From Janet Yan : Thank you Alex! 10 years ago there's no Prodigy. But now 188 families are living here.

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From Carolyn Canfield : Alex is right about frustrations in the timing embedded in the planning envelope. The greater the participation now, the greater the likelihood that longer horizon planning will reflect community interests. But so many are shorter term residents: student years, early career before a move elsewhere, retirement years. How do we plan sensibly for these relatively short term residents who contribute enormously to diversity and vitality.

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From Elaine Zhu : 10 yrs ago, UBC is a university to me, now after living in Wesbrook village for 8 years, I start wondering if UBC is becoming a real estate land seller... UBC = university of busy construction 🤔

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From Guangrui (Maggie) Xia : So true!

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From Jen McCutcheon : Brilliant summary, Alex!

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From Fei Liu : You're right, Elaine. UBC should decrease the commercial real estate so that the students and the faculty staff can have their affordable housing. It's a university after all...

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From Guangrui (Maggie) Xia : Thanks, Alex!!

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From Jenny C. : Thanks Alex, excellent summary!

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From Fei Liu : I felt my voice was heard! Thank you so much, Alex

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From Carolyn Canfield : Thanks for great facilitation.

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From Janet Yan : Yes, this time my voice is heard. Thank you all :)

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From UNA : Thank you very much!

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From Jennifer Douglas : Thank you!