Guiding Principles

- 1) Integrate a broad mix of complementary land uses throughout the neighborhood that offer people opportunities for living, working, commerce, entertainment and recreation.
- 2) Promote a diverse mix of housing types that welcome residents of all ages, incomes, household types and cultural backgrounds.
- 3) Re-establish an urban neighborhood block and street pattern that provides urban-scale development parcels, a robust network of attractive public streetscapes, and increased connectivity for all transportation modes.
- 4) Create a prominent public realm that links the riverfront esplanade, bluffs, parks, open spaces and streets into a green space framework; provides opportunities for community gathering and public art; and connects to the regional system of trails, parks and open spaces.
- 5) Sensitively integrate stormwater runoff into the neighborhood's green infrastructure system of streets, public open spaces and private yards as a valuable natural resource, visual asset and unique neighborhood identity element.
- 6) Provide a balanced, convenient, safe and comfortable network for movement within, to and from the neighborhood, including walking, biking, vertical circulation (e.g. bluffs to flats, levee to water), driving and transit.

- 7) Encourage a variety of building heights and massing, while preserving important views and creating new views of the river, bluffs and community landmarks.
- 8) Create an urban ecology that balances sustainable urban and natural systems, including tree canopy, green streets, native vegetation, and cleanup of contaminated soils.
- 9) Improve the business functionality, land use diversity and visual character of the commercial/industrial employment district east of Robert Street to provide high-paying job opportunities (especially for West Side residents) and complement the larger West Side Flats neighborhood.
- 10) Support community cultural development opportunities that reflect and respond to the larger West Side neighborhood's past, present and future, engaging artists and creative communities in all phases of West Side Flats redevelopment.
- 11) Create a unique and welcoming public edge along the riverfront that invites walking, cycling and gathering places for all in all seasons.
- 12) Engage all members of the West Side community in on-going plan implementation.