Skybridge
Design Commission Presentation
GIA History

- Founded in 1894
Kulien Building
Western Avenue 1935
3rd Avenue Building 1954-1958
3rd Avenue Building after 1958
GIA 3rd Ave Building 1982
200 Cedar Street Building
Skybridge
Skybridge Function

- This skybridge is essential to the efficient operation of company. It allows for communication with all employees and aids the management of employees in two separate buildings.

- The skybridge also contains essential electrical and computer connections between the buildings including various safety alarms such as security, fire, and burglary.

- Most importantly, the skybridge provides employees a safe way to travel from building to building.

- Allows for safer vehicle travel through the alley reducing the potential for vehicle pedestrian accidents.

- It should be noted we have never had any problems with the skybridge. Vehicle traffic, fire, garbage, delivery trucks, and passenger vehicles pass through the alley without obstruction.

- The end of the alley coincides with the edge of our buildings.
GIA Site Plan
Plaza Site Plan
Plaza Size and Description

- The plaza area is approximately 7,575 sqft.

- The landscaping is mature with beautiful flowering cherries, fragrant Japanese Skimma, Rhododendrons, Japanese maples and more.

- There is a small curved lawn that serves as a nice place to sit in the summer.

- The plaza is professionally maintained along with the sidewalks surrounding the property.

- Colorful annuals are changed out with the seasons.
Trees in bloom
Proximity to Tourist Attractions
Spring
Cherry Trees
The Plaza
The Plaza
Public Visitors
Tree Lined Sidewalks

- Trees along Clay and 2nd Avenue
Security

- We provide lighting and cameras in the alley.
- Lighting on the roof of our building into the plaza area and small lighting along the steps and plaza brick wall.
- Morning Security guard and night patrols.
- These efforts are a benefit to GIA and are an ancillary benefit to the neighbors and pedestrians.
Lighting in alley
Lighting on Roof
Lighting in Plaza
Security Cameras

- Plaza (1)
- In Alley (3)
- Customer Parking Area (1)
Camera Angles
We Are Good Neighbors
People have been using the Plaza for 30 years

- Public use of plaza
- Security
- Cameras
- Lighting for Safety
- Maintained, looks nice
- Neighborhood support
Belltown Business Association Members

- The Belltown Association is very involved in developing a vibrant, safe, clean, and economically viable and attractive community.

- GIA supports the Association and has been a member of the Belltown Business Association since 2001.

- Our membership helps provide the 2011 walking guide.
Contribute to enhancing Belltown throughout the years

- Belltown Business Association
- Seattle Founders Day Festival 2010
- The Big Climb
- New Horizon’s Walk
New Horizon’s Ministries
Fund Raising Walk

- GIA supports our neighbors. New Horizon is directly next door

- Fund Raising Walk Gathering

- Use of Plaza for BBQ

- We even had a GIA team that participated in the event

- We encourage employees to participate in community events to get people out and walking. Susan G. Komen 3-day, The Big Climb, etc.
Starting Point
End point New Horizon’s Ministries
New Horizon's Ministries
Thank You GIA

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you so much for the generous partnership you and Trange Insurance have provided New Horizons for the upcoming WALK fundraiser! The use of the plaza is so helpful in pulling the event off - thank you so much!  

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New Horizons Ministries is a multi-cultural organization whose mission is to be in relationship with homeless and street-involved young people, serving and loving in the way of Jesus, equipping them to leave street life.

This photo was taken by a youth as part of a nine month photojournalism class through our Life Discovery Program.

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Support of Local Businesses

- 200 Employees provide an economic benefit to the city.
- Rite Aid
- Arbor Deli
- Street Bean Coffee
- World Class Coffee
- CJ’s Eatery
- Downtown department stores
- And many more…
We try to be good neighbors
GIA a sponsor at the 1962 World’s Fair
Conclusion

- 117 years in Washington, 90 years in Belltown.

- Skybridge is important to our operation.

- We have been a good neighbor to our Seattle neighbors.

- Our presence has benefited the neighborhood.