SURVEY RESULTS
U District Street Fair
May 21-22, 2017

Participants were asked to comment on the images and describe what they liked or did not like about the design. Twenty-six participants provided the following comments.

General Comments

- Many of the designs are boxy and industrial, prefers designs with texture, details, and materials that contribute to the character of the neighborhood
- Want gradual green transition from building to sidewalk
- More open space retention of existing trees
- More open space along street
- Likes what Ballard has done to incorporate housing that is large enough for families (townhouses)
- Consolidate services for low-income and homeless to make access easier
- Wants public loo like Ballard
- Would like to see a streetcar down 15th
- Affordability more important than design
- Too much use of beige
- Less use of random, high contrast or bright color blocks
- Any new POPS need to be accessible

Comments on specific images

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| 1 | • Too simplistic, needs more detailing  
  • Like the space for trees  
  • Design is boxy and modern  
  • Does not contribute to neighborhood character  
  • Ok, like more open front design, but too boxy  
  • Boxy, uninspired  
  • Need more density in U District  
  • Too boxy  
  • Don’t like, too small, heavy on top  
  • Likes use of wood  
  • Likes staircases  
  • Does not like proportions  
  • Dislike, not enough greenery  
  • Doesn’t match neighborhood  
  • Likes large windows  
  • Likes design, but not dense enough |
|   | Likes simplicity and pop of color  
|   | Does not appear ADA friendly  
|   | Like individual entries  
|   | Likes scale  
|   | Likes setback  
| 2 | Like, multiple textures, landscaping, and pedestrian features  
|   | Likes green space and walkways  
|   | Balconies break up the massing, but rather haphazard  
|   | Likes, looks like appropriate for student living  
|   | Likes the use of greenery  
|   | Don’t like balconies sticking out  
|   | Likes color palette  
|   | Too stark  
|   | Nice streetscape design  
|   | Likes random placement of balconies  
|   | Likes use of brick at street level  
|   | Great cohesive design with visual interest and human-scaled design  
|   | Needs places to sit  
| 3 | Likes dense plantings and textured (brick) sidewalk  
|   | Like curved lines on roof, keeps from being too boxy  
|   | balconies are visually disruptive  
|   | Does not seem to fit the U District, more like downtown  
|   | Like greenery  
|   | Looks more residential, pleasant to walk by  
|   | Likes greenery, but building in back is too tall  
|   | Concerned about shading  
|   | Visually interesting architecture  
|   | Too tall  
|   | Dated  
|   | Likes mix of unit types  


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| 4 | - Like, adaptable  
   - Likes large windows  
   - Ok, maybe too many windows (for privacy)  
   - Like exposed trusses  
   - Lack of privacy  
   - Would like to see more greenery at base  
   - Likes large windows  
   - Visually interesting, concerned about privacy  
   - Like, but maybe too industrial for U District  
   - Not engaging with streetscape |   |
| 5 | - Like, round and linear shapes, with broken lines  
   - Needs more landscaping  
   - Not great, no green  
   - Like curved shape and lower massing for adding visual interest without feeling arbitrary or trendy  
   - Seems out of place in the U District  
   - Open area is good way to break up space  
   - Looks like a hotel  
   - Likes round corners  
   - Likes covered open space at corner  
   - Somewhat imposing  
   - Great seating, but needs more plants |   |
| 6 | - Like, many corner office concept  
   - Dislikes the industrial aesthetic  
   - Too boxy, not engaging of sidewalk, needs more green  
   - too repetitive  
   - Too austere, needs more green  
   - Bland, more greenery  
   - Does not like color palette  
   - Simple and elegant  
   - Too blocky and homogenous  
   - Does not like color scheme  
   - Any taller would be difficult to maintain human-scale |   |
- Like, combination of residential and commercial
- Not great, too much focus on shops, want more sidewalk friendly
- Likes lower massing in front; design of taller massing façade is lacking, could better reference the more traditional design of the lower massing
- Setback of taller massing decreases shading on street
- Can we get a streetcar?
- Plain, not visually interesting
- Does not like color palette
- Likes use of awnings
- Likes mix of uses
- Would prefer local uses instead of banks

- Like, mix of glass and brick
- Prefers brick building on left
- Likes street lamps
- Good proportions, human-scaled enclosure
- Like greenery but feels too narrow
- Greenery makes for nice sightlines and softens hard corners
- Needs shops or sitting areas, too alley-like
- Good design for an alley
- Likes that courtyards and alleys can be made into useable space
- Nice pedestrian spaces, windows, and use of brick
- Likes light strings and plantings
- Fitting for U District
- Concerned about keeping activated/safety

- Bland, homogenous
- Ok, need more sidewalk transition
- Nice way to break up corner
- Ugly, giant slabs
- Doesn’t like use of bright yellow
- Likes corner element
- Not cohesive
- Colors make stand out too much, needs to be toned down
- Does not like colors or design
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| 10     | - Likes having wider sidewalk in front of the building  
        - Boxy, but like how broken up  
        - design is useful for food bank, likes the rooftop garden  
        - The irregular front (angled) is more inviting  
        - Dislike random color blocks  
        - Likes more in person  
        - Doesn’t like colors – random pattern and too high contrast  
        - Boring and boxy  
        - Not enough landscaping |
| 11     | - Like, sidewalk width, set back from street  
        - Likes use of brick  
        - Likes green transition from sidewalk to building  
        - Greenery softens hard edges  
        - Likes individual units  
        - Likes the large sidewalk and plantings  
        - Likes the rowhouse design  
        - Loves landscaping and materials  
        - Would like to see setback at level three  
        - Classic design  
        - Like stoops |
| 12     | - Like, open space  
        - Likes landscaping and transition to units  
        - Courtyard makes hard edges less severe  
        - Like incorporation of pedestrian areas  
        - Like, especially if you can walk through the courtyard from the street  
        - More greenery instead of hard surfaces  
        - Likes lighting and shared space  
        - Likes the color palette  
        - Open and welcoming  
        - Likes combination of modern architecture and lush landscaping |
| 13 | • Like, mixed-use, brick fist with university setting  
  • Likes use of bricks for texture and warmth  
  • too boxy, no transition to public sidewalk, no green  
  • Like use of brick to make fit with adjacent  
  • Likes building that matches/reflects older styles and brick  
  • Classic design  
  • More greenery  
  • Blends in with streetscape  
  • Repetitive, long façade  
  • Likes use of brick, but little else  
  • Looks older, like adjacent building  
  • Likes small retail and variety of businesses |
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| 14 | • Ok for office  
  • Do not like, too boxy  
  • A little too brutalist and modern, large mass seems to be looming over the street  
  • Terrible not personable or livable  
  • Does not like, not aesthetically pleasing  
  • Dislikes random color blocks  
  • Reflects office use, but not pleasing  
  • Looks like a hospital  
  • Looks outdated  
  • Sterile  
  • Blocky, no street-level interest  
  • Cold, and not pedestrian-friendly  
  • No interaction with treet  
  • Looks like a lego building |
15
- Like
- Likes the art installation
- Likes green space and transition
- Likes art
- Like incorporation of pedestrian area/open space
- Likes transition to taller building and open space at corner
- Likes ground level, whimsical
- Unique design
- Likes idea of art; community should have input
- Likes seating

16
- Like
- Ok, but building seems really tall
- Nice transition from sidewalk to building
- Terracing helps to break up and makes a gradual transition to the taller portion
- Too tall, belongs in industrial area
- Likes transition of massing
- Design seems inconsistent throughout
- Too tall for U District; towers shouldn’t dominate skyline
- Likes overall design and height
- Likes terraces and balconies
- Likes use of horizontal and vertical elements
- Looks modern without trying too hard
- Likes open space at grade and use of landscaping
- Doesn’t maintain neighborhood feel
- Not a unique tall building