DPD’s Urban Design Framework (UDF): Process and Anticipated Project Outcomes

2012

- U District Commercial Revitalization Plan (OED)

2013

- Urban Design Framework (DPD): integrate recommendations from the revitalization plan and focus on the physical neighborhood

- Environmental Impact Statement (DPD with OH, OED, SDOT, Parks, other)

2014

- Legislation recommended by DPD for City Council Consideration: zoning, design standards, incentives...

- Streetscape Concept Plan (DPD, SDOT) for introduction into the Right of Way Improvements Manual: street design, public spaces

2015

- City Council Deliberation on proposed legislation

Urban Design Framework (DPD)

- Future development (broad parameters)
- Network of streets and open spaces
- Diversity of residents/ housing
- Opportunities for economic development & employment
- Retail district vitality
- Integration of UW campus + activities + community
- Accommodating the social needs of the neighborhood
- Environmental sustainability

◆ The FDUD working group will focus on the Commercial Revitalization Plan and inform the Urban Design Framework
Possible Principles:

Light rail is a catalyst for re-thinking the U District, including the possibility of new building forms and densities.

Balance regional with local—The University District (and the UW) is a regional employment center and resource. The neighborhood is also a local community with a unique character and attributes.

Integration with the UW and adjacent neighborhoods—Urban design needs to consider connections within and between neighboring areas, including the UW campus.

Active transportation: walking, biking along with vehicles, buses—People move into and through the neighborhood by all modes of travel. Light rail and transit connections mean people can live and meet their daily needs on foot and bicycle.

Public life – To foster a vibrant community life, the U District needs a network of great public spaces and streets

Vibrant commercial areas—Urban design recommendations will support vibrant and varied commercial districts.

Diversity of residents—The U District needs a diversity of residents who have a long-term stake in the neighborhood. Urban design should support a population of professionals and families at a range of income levels, in addition to the existing student population.

Coming up:

Services for the community (and/or culture/ character)

Future development will be affected by zoning and design guidance

Sustainable neighborhood
Coming up:

**Upcoming meeting topics to include:**

- Network of open spaces
- Immediate station area and streets that deserve focused attention
- More discussion on urban form including views, building form, special uses, heights
- Housing issues (range of housing types), services
- Sustainability framework
- Special subareas and concepts
- Wrap-up for the UDF

**Upcoming Meetings in room NB1 (downstairs) at 7:30 a.m.:**

- Friday, Sept 7th
- Thursday, Sept 20th
- Thursday, Oct 4th
- Thursday, Oct 18th

**Next Meeting:** network of open spaces – Dave LaClergue