HUB ON CAMPUS SEATTLE

5000 UNIVERSITY WAY NE

RECOMMENDATION MEETING:
NORTHEAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
DPD# 3013250

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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The proposal is to demolish the existing buildings and construct a new mixed-use off-campus student housing apartment building. Commercial retail space and a residential lobby will be located at the ground floor level on University Way. The building consist of one floor of parking and five floors of apartments above, specifically, 111 units with 41 parking stalls for residential use.

Located in the University District at a designated ‘gateway’ intersection, this project is situated within the designated Principal Pedestrian Street and a frequent transit corridor. The site is also within walking distance to the University of Washington. The proposed mixed-use building will reinforce the existing characteristics of the neighborhood by creating street-level retail and student housing units on higher levels.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5000 University Way NE Seattle, WA 98105
Parcel Number: 881640-0435
ZONE: NC 3P-65
OVERLAYS: University District NW
• Urban Center Village
• Designated Principal Pedestrian Street
• Frequent Transit Corridor
APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:
City of Seattle Design Guidelines
University Community Design Guidelines
LOT AREA: 26,052 SF
FAR: 4.75 (26,052 SF x 4.75 = 123,474 SF)
NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS: 111
NUMBER OF PARKING STALLS: 41 Residential Stalls
BUILDING HEIGHT: 65 Feet Above Average Grade
DEPARTURES: 23.47A.008.B1 Transparency
SITE SURROUNDINGS

The site is located in an NC3P-65 zone and is surrounded by NC2-65, LR3, LR2 and SF 5000 districts. Several projects of similar type have been proposed or preceded into construction in the vicinity.

1. University Heights Community Center
2. University District Farmer's Market
3. Third Church-Christ Scientist
4. University Christian Church

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SITE ANALYSIS
OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

NE 50th STREET:
- Steep sloped street (11 feet rise in elevation from west to east) presents challenges to building design
- Sloped alley presents challenges to building design and garage access
- Required setbacks for adjacent residential zoning

UNIVERSITY WAY NE:
- Relatively flat street; easy to walk on
- Pedestrian oriented streetscape
- Mixed use corridor with commercial and residential uses

AMENITIES:
- University District’s Farmers Market
- Close proximity to public transit and green spaces
- Established pedestrian corridor

VIEWS + LIGHT:
- The view from this site is mainly of the surrounding area.
- There are higher hills to the west and east, and is flat to the north and south. The site will have natural light coming from all directions
- Opportunity to create a new focus, a gateway building for the neighborhood

BUILDING MASS:
- More human scale with modular design
- Corner entrance designed to increase neighborhood presence with green streetscape and open public space

GATEWAY CORNER LOT:
- The corner of 50th Street and University Way NE includes businesses such as Jack in the Box, the University Heights Community Center’s parking lot, & Grand Illusion Cinema + Ebits PC Laptop Business
- Constraint: security and street-level safety
- Opportunity: Building to improve the neighborhood
SITE ANALYSIS

PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED STREETSCAPE

The project’s direct proximity to local transit reduces the need for more parking stalls. Located in a prominent mixed use corridor, where commercial and residential uses intermingle, there are even greater incentives to designing a building that will contribute and facilitate a lively, attractive, and safe pedestrian environment.
SITE ANALYSIS

EXISTING BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

PROPOSED 7 STORY BUILDING

EXISTING BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED
SITE ANALYSIS

EXISTING SURROUNDINGS

In addition to the prominent corner of 50th and University there are two other distinguished elements that surround the project. A new park will soon occupy the existing parking lot and weekend farmer’s market. Also, the landmark building, University Heights Center, is located diagonally across the street on University.
EDG SUMMARY

OPTION A

OPTION B

OPTION C (Preferred Option)
BOARD GUIDANCE: ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

“The upper and lower portions of the design should emphasize the corner location and respond to the architectural concept.”

RESPONSE:
The overall design concept has changed in response to DPD planning comments and the change in ownership of the property. The proposed building design is now organized with a strong corner element, a street level retail bar, and a recessed residential component as the background.

“The proposed design appears to emphasize the corner through different forms, materials, two story base, setback, and column feature. However, these aspects of the design appear unrelated to the rest of the design concept.”

RESPONSE:
The proposed design now emphasizes the corner element by having it extend down to street level to increase street presence. The use of floor to ceiling glass windows and wrap around balconies and glass canopy all serve to enhance the visibility of the development from the intersection of University Way and 50th Street.
EDG RESPONSE
ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

DC2 C.1 VISUAL DEPTH AND INTEREST
- Add detailing to street level in order to create visual interest

DC2 C.2 DUAL PURPOSE ELEMENTS
- Consider architectural features that can be dual purpose- adding depth, texture and scale

DC2.D.1 HUMAN SCALE
- Incorporate features to add human scale

DC2.D.2 TEXTURE
- Strive for a fine-grained scale, particularly at street level

BOARD GUIDANCE: ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

“The street level expression includes arched storefronts, which also seem unrelated to the overall architectural concept and expression elsewhere on the building.”

RESPONSE:
The current design has eliminated the arched storefronts and replaced it with the brick-cladded retail bar concept. The new design gives more emphasis to the street level retail and pedestrian experience, at the same time contrasting the recessed residential components on the upper levels and enhances the design concept.

“Overall, the design concept needs to be clarified and the architectural composition revised. Demonstrates how the corner and street level design responds to and enhances the architectural concept of the proposed building.”

RESPONSE:
The design concept has been clarified and the architectural composition has been revised. The proposed building design is now organized with a strong corner element, as street level retail bar, and a recessed residential component as the background.
EDG RESPONSE
STREET LEVEL DEVELOPMENT

PL1 A.2 ADDING TO PUBLIC LIFE
• Seek opportunities to foster human interaction through an increase in the size &/or quality of project related spaces available for public use
• Consider features such as widened sidewalks, recessed entries, as well as place-making elements such as art.

PL3 A.1 ENTRIES
• Primary entries to be obvious, identifiable & distinctive

PL3 A.2 ENSEMBLE OF ELEMENTS
• Design the entry as a collection of coordinated elements including the doors, overhead features, ground surface, lighting & other features

PL3 C.1 RETAIL EDGES
• Engage passersby with opportunities to interact visually with the building’s interior using glazing & transparency

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BOARD GUIDANCE: ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT
“Commercial transparency and signage should create visual interest and enhance human activity at the street frontages”

RESPONSE:
Visual interest along the street frontage is achieved with the following elements:
• fully glazed storefront systems provide transparency at street level
• articulated rhythm of retail bays
• cohesive signage and lighting that reinforces the retail bay rhythm
• high quality materials,
• distinctive doors at primary entries and canopies

“High quality and finely detailed materials are needed at all levels of this building.”
“The street frontages should be of very high quality, finely detailed materials”

RESPONSE:
The following high quality materials are proposed at the street frontages:
• Brick veneer
• Aluminum storefront window
• Entry door with wood ipe finish
• Canopies - metal, glass and Prodema
EDG RESPONSE

ABOVE GRADE PARKING

DC3 B.1 MEETING USERS NEEDS
• Plan the size, uses and features of each open space to meet the needs of expected users

DC3 B.3 CONNECTIONS TO OTHER OPEN SPACES
• Open spaces should connect with, or enhance, the activities of other nearby public open space. Look for opportunities to support uses and activities on adjacent properties and/or the sidewalk.

DC3 B.4 MULTIFAMILY OPEN SPACE
DC3 C.2 • Design common open spaces for use by all residents to encourage social interaction

AMENITIES & FEATURES
• Create attractive outdoor spaces well suited to the uses envisioned for the project. Use a combination of hard scape and plantings to shape these spaces and to screen less attractive areas as needed

BOARD GUIDANCE: ABOVE GRADE PARKING
The Board noted that the proposed above grade parking is a concern. The ‘dead zone’ of the parking floor may detract from human activity at the street level.

RESPONSE:
Residential units now align along the entire street front above the retail spaces along University Way. Units and retail have been realigned to stack evenly along the alley.

“The proposed setbacks are a good response to the narrow sidewalks and the glazed storefront corner is a good response to the corner condition.”

“The proposal should respond to the context of activity in the area, but not necessarily nearby historic architecture. The design should respond to the future park across the street, the activity on University Way and other nearby hubs of activity.”

RESPONSE:
The building is set back to create wider sidewalks. Narrow retail bays encourage small businesses in keeping with the existing retail context along the avenue.
EDG RESPONSE
LEVEL ONE LANDSCAPE PLAN

ACER NIGRUM 'GREEN COLUMN'/BLACK MAPLE
PARROTIA PERSICA/ PERSIAN IRONWOOD

LEVEL ONE LANDSCAPE PLAN

Pavement Bulbouts
Bike Racks at Entrances
Lush Streetscape
Vine Plantings at Alley

SITE FURNITURE
GAS FIREPLACE
BARBECUE
FIBERGLASS PLANTERS
WASHED DRAIN ROCK
2x2 PRECAST CONCRETE PAVERS
EDG RESPONSE
VEHICULAR & BICYCLE CIRCULATION/ACCESS
EDG RESPONSE
ALLEY DEVELOPMENT

BOARD GUIDANCE: ALLEY FACADE
“The alley edge should be designed for sufficient vehicle access. The Board noted that the garage access point may be too close to the alley intersection given the alley grade.”

RESPONSE:
Vehicle entry location was set by the relationship of the existing grade in the alley, the finish floor elevation of level 2 and the finish floor elevation of the ground floor along University Way. Bound by the existing topography, the 13’ minimum floor to floor requirement at level 1 and the building maximum height a finish floor elevation of 240’ was set for level 2 to satisfy site and development requirements. There are also two existing telephone poles with fiber optic cables further up the alley which limits the possibility of locating the entry further north. The entry door to the garage was set back 16'-6” to provide an area to make the transition to the alley and also serves as additional space for stacking. The entry location was chosen to provide a safe level access to the alley at a slope of no more than 8%.

BOARD GUIDANCE: ALLEY FACADE
“The proposal should include sufficient area for trash and recycling storage and staging. This area should be screened visually and to minimize odors.”

RESPONSE:
The solid waste storage area exceeds the required square footage. A screened staging area for collection day has been provided.

“The alley facade should include a pedestrian entry for residents.”
“The alley facade and street frontage should be designed for access by cyclist...”

RESPONSE:
Provided.
DESIGN CUES

INSPIRATIONS
Kevala Appartment, 845 NE 66th

Rooster Appartment, 900 NE 65TH ST

Alder Hall, 1315 NE Campus Pkwy

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AVA U District, 4535 12th Ave NE

Surrounding Developments

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DESIGN CUES
SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENTS

Square One Apartments, 1020 NE 63rd St
Lander Hall, 1201 NE Campus Pkwy
Wang Ping Seattle Apartment, 5240 University Way NE
LIV Seattle, 4717 Brooklyn Ave NE
Residence Inn Seattle University District, 4501 12th Avenue NE
PERSPECTIVES
UNIVERSITY & 50TH: ALTERNATIVE SCHEME
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UNIVERSITY & 50TH: ALTERNATIVE SCHEME
ELEVATION
WEST ELEVATION: MAIN SCHEME
WEST ELEVATION: ALTERNATIVE SCHEME
MATERIALS

1. CEMENTIOUS PANEL
   COLOR GREY

2. CEMENTIOUS PANEL
   COLOR DARK GREY

3. CORRUGATED METAL PANEL

4. PERFORATED METAL PANEL

5. METAL PANEL

6. BRICK

7. IPE WOOD DOOR

8. COMPOSITE PANEL WITH IPE FINISH

9. GLASS CANOPY

10. ARCHITECTURAL CONCRETE

11. METAL GRATE OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR

12. METAL SCREEN GREEN WALL

13. GLASS HANDRAIL
**LIGHTING**

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING PLAN**

A: WALL-MOUNTED LIGHT FIXTURE (LIGHT FROM TOP AND BOTTOM)

B: CEILING-MOUNTED LIGHT STRIP

C: RECESSED CEILING LIGHT

D: WALL-MOUNTED LIGHT FIXTURE

E: WALL-MOUNTED LIGHT FIXTURE AT ALLEY

F: STRIP LIGHTING

G: UPLIGHTING FOR SIGNAGE
LIGHTING
LIGHTING CONCEPT
SECTION 2

MAX PENTHOUSE HEIGHT
314'3"

HEIGHT LIMIT
298'3"

AVERAGE GRADE
233'3"

TO ELEVATOR ROOF
334'2"

TO STAIR ROOF
308'9"

F.F. ROOF PENTHOUSE
298'2"

F.F. LEVEL 2
297'0"

F.F. LEVEL 3
294'4"

F.F. LEVEL 4
297'6"

F.F. LEVEL 5
287'0"

F.F. LEVEL 6
287'6"

F.F. LEVEL 7
298'2"

F.F. LEVEL 8
308'9"

50TH STREET NE

MAINTENANCE

APARTMENT UNITS

CORRIDOR

RETAIL

PARKING

APARTMENT AMENITIES

SECTION

HEIGHT LIMIT

APARTMENT UNITS

CORRIDOR

RETAIL

PARKING

APARTMENT AMENITIES
LANDSCAPING
LANDSCAPE PLAN: SITE PLAN

ACER NIGRUM
'GREEN COLUMN'/BLACK MAPLE

PARROTIA PERSICA/ PERSIAN IRONWOOD

2x2 PRECAST CONCRETE PAVERS

FIBERGLASS PLANTERS

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BARBECUE

WASHED DRAIN ROCK

SITE FURNITURE

GAS FIREPLACE

ALLEY

LEVEL 3

ROOF

UNIVERSITY WAY NE

UNIVERSITY WAY
LANDSCAPING
LANDSCAPE PLAN: LEVEL 1

- Acer nigrum 'Green Column' / Black Maple
- Parrotia persica / Persian Ironwood
- 2x2 Precast Concrete Pavers
- Fiberglass Planters
- Gas Fireplace
- Barbecue
- Washed Drain Rock
- Site Furniture
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UNIVERSITY WAY NE
UNIVERSITY WAY
LANDSCAPING
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BARBECUE
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SITE FURNITURE
GAS FIREPLACE

Outdoor Kitchen
LANDSCAPING

PLANTINGS
AMENITIES
INDOOR/OUTDOOR SPACES
SHADOW STUDIES

MAR/SEPT 21
10 AM

MAR/SEPT 21
NOON

MAR/SEPT 21
2 PM

JUNE 21
10 AM

JUNE 21
NOON

JUNE 21
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DEC 21
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### DEPARTURE REQUESTS

**DEPARTURE NUMBER**

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<td>SMC 23.47A.008.B.2 TRANSPARENCY - SIXTY PERCENT OF THE STREET FACING FACADE BETWEEN 2 FEET AND 8 FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK MUST BE TRANSPARENT.</td>
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<td><strong>CALCULATION:</strong> 50TH STREET TOTAL FACADE AREA: 83.08’ X 6’ = 502 SQ FT</td>
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<td>TOTAL TRANSPARENT AREA AT STREET LEVEL: 245 SQ FT = 48.8%</td>
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<td>Requesting a reduction of required transparency from 60% down to 48.8% at the street facing facade along 50th street.</td>
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<td>Non-conformance to the transparency requirement is due to the location of the transformer vault. The transformer vault was located based on Seattle City light requirements, Seattle land use requirements, and existing site grading conditions. The current location was determined to be the only feasible location for the vault based on consultation with all parties.</td>
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PAST DEVELOPMENTS