# 2229 6th Avenue

Data Center **Design Review** 

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oment on two city parcels located at the enue and Bell Street in the Denny Triangle borders an alley to the west and Blanchard built in 1983 to the south. The site is zoned

a 'utiltity building' whose function will be I house computer systems and associated d and data storage. The building will include ns connections, environmental controls and ata center will have limited office space, be predominantly equipment space. The ely 30 IT staff.

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#### **Project Changes**

In response to technical and market conditions the data tower proposed at EDG 1 was reduced in height from 268' to 171', a reduction of 36%. This changed the proportion of the tower and influenced further development and refinements of the design. Along with the tower height reduction, another floor was added to the double height space that has grown to an overall height of fourty feet. The changes have improved the project's scale along Bell Street, being more in keeping with the spirit of the Green Street forms adjacent to the tower.



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### Site Location



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### **Aerial View of Buildings**

### **Appendix - Vicinity**

#### **Urban Design Components**

This project is an end block project located on the corner of Bell St and 6th Ave, the existing Blanchard and the two vacant parcels remaining after the removal of a 56 stall parking lot. The data center will have an articulated façade in response to a largely windowless massing with an overall height of approximately 262'. The design intent of the new data center's Sixth Avenue façade will be to create a wall system that is articulated and allows for the placement of windows in the future.





**Bus Stop** 









**Overall Building Cutaway** 



**Binary Pattern** 

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#### Concept













#### A-7

### EDG Board Recommendations - Oct 21, 2014

Summary of Recommendation Responses

#### 1. Tower Massing & Architectural Expression (A-2, B-3, B-4)

- Suggested a potential hybrid building design solution combining elements from option 2 and option 3
- Supported that linking of the top and the base, along with the strong vertical seam is compelling (vertical seam to not terminate at the building entry)
- Recommended the base as a single expression and articulation, with clear physical separation of tower and base
- -Supported the strong impression of layering facades as seen in option 3 for the tower

#### 2. Ground Floor Building Entry (C-1)

- Recommended reduction in size or possible removal of entry canopy at ground level entry
- Recommended pronunciation of the seam between tower and base
- Suggested that ground level retail should truly enliven the pedestrian experience along Bell St. and 6th Ave.

#### 3. Facades (C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6, D-3)

- Suggested that double height space at the base retail should read as a single expression
- Recommended to not express the building as an office building but rather to treat facade as a sculptural piece

#### 4. Materials (D-5)

- Supported the palette of materials shown, and felt it was in the right direction
- Recommended to pursue building lighting schemes

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### **Programmatic Revision**



# 1. Tower Massing & Architectural Expression (A-2, B-3, B-4)



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Option 2



Option 3

- 1 Linking top to base per a strong vertical seam
- 2 Double-height base with single expression
- **3** Singular expression with layering of facades



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Tower Massing & Architectural Expression A-10

### **Tower Massing**

Proposed Massing



### **Tower Massing**





View from Bell Street

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Tower Massing & Architectural Expression A-12

### **Tower Massing**

View from 6th Avenue







### **Floor Plans**





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### **Floor Plans**



B-3

**B-4** 

#### Enhance the Skyline

- Articulate facade to create an interesting addition to Denny Triangle skyline
- Respond to existing and planned development

#### Respond to Urban Context for Siting and Massing Character

- Building orientation to enhance pedestrian experience
- Building podium to create a link to public

#### Design is Cohesive and Elements are Well Integrated

- Facade modulation and articulation to create neighborhood scale and enliven facade
- Building base and tower well incorporated, while building base creates a connection at pedestrian level
- Coherent interior and exterior design



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# 2. Ground Floor Building Entry (C-1)

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### Landscape Plans





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A-17 Ground Floor Building Entry







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### Landscape Sections

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### Landscape Materials



6th Avenue Streetscape



Accent Paving



Seating / Protection elements

Bike Racks



Special Paving

#### **Bell Street Streetscape**



Seating Elements



Pedestrian-Scale Lighting



Pet Relief Area



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Blechnum chilense



Dryopteris erythrosora



Oxalis oregana



Pachysandra axillaris

#### Acer rubrum 6th Avenue



Nyssa sylvatica

**Bell Street** 





Festuca mairei



Stipa tenuissima

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Ground Floor Building Entry A-20

### **Plants**





Anemone 'Wild Swan'



Camassia quamash





### **Seating Elements**



#### 6th Avenue

The design for the 6th Avenue seating elements is inspired by the complex network of servers to be housed in the adjacent data center. The perforations in the metal cube play off of the pervasive vent pattern of the servers.









#### **Bell Street**









The seating elements on Bell Street are inspired by the network of granite seat blocks that dot the streatscape along Bell Street Park. The clean geometries of these cubes respond to the architecture of the adjacent data center.

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Ground Floor Building Entry A-22

### **Bell Street Concept Plan**



### **Pedestrian Experience**





6th Avenue pedestrian view

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Ground Floor Building Entry A-24

### **Pedestrian Experience**

Bell Street pedestrian view



### **Building Entry**



Key Plan



Building Entry on 6th Avenue





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#### Ground Floor Building Entry

- Landscape design enhances pedestrian environment
- Building entry has been de-emphasized while the retail entry has increased pedestrian activity



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# 3. Facades (C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6, D-3)

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### **Overhead Weather Protection**





Canopy Diagram

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## Alley Facade

View from Bell Street







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C-3

#### Design facades of many scales

- Retail facade responds to street energy
- Tower compentent connects with adjacent building scales

Provide active facades

- Unique metal panel system creates continuely evolving facade

C-5

#### Continuous overhead weather protection

- Provided all weather canopy protection and lighting along Bell Street and 6th Avenue

#### Develop alley facade

- Design language continued throughout alley

D-3

C-6

#### Elements that define a sense of place

- Random facade patterning provides an unexpected experience for pedestrians



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4. Materials (D-5)

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### **Material Palatte**







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### **Building Lighting**



Linear LED behind perforated panels



Interior mullion mounted perimeter linear uplight



Linear lensed LED , posititioned to correspond w/pattern



'Halo' of light at entry









#### Provide Adequate lighting

- Exterior finish materials and lighting compliment building design and promote pedestrian safety



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