

RECOMMENDATION OF THE WEST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Record Number: 3037318-LU

Address: 605 Thomas St

Applicant: Daniel Goddard, Weinstein A/U

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Board Members Present: Tiffany Rattray, chair

> Maria Barrientos Allan Farkas Jen Montressor

Board Members Absent: Janell Eckrich

SDCI Staff Present: Theresa Neylon, Senior Land Use Planner

SITE & VICINITY

Site Zone: Seattle Mixed – Uptown 160 (M)

[SM-UP 160 (M)]

Nearby Zones: (North) SM-UP 160 (M)

(East) SM-UP 160 (M) (South) SM-UP 160 (M) (West) SM-UP 160 (M)

Lot Area: 6,482 sq. ft.

Current Development:

The subject site is comprised of two existing parcels currently developed with a single-story commercial

structure built in 1951 and a three-story multifamily residential structure built in 1925. The site is a corner lot, rectangular in shape, with its primary frontage facing north onto Thomas St and its secondary frontage facing west onto 6th Ave N. The site has alley access along its east property line. The high point of the site is at southwest corner; the sidewalk slopes down south to north at 3% along the 6th Ave N then continues to slope down west to east at 3% along the Thomas St frontage.

Surrounding Development and Neighborhood Character:

The subject site is located on the southeast corner of 6th Ave N and Thomas St in the Uptown Urban Center. Adjacent to the site are a four-story utility structure to the north, a five-story



hotel to the east, a surface parking lot to the south, and a single-story office to the west. Within the immediate vicinity are a mix of the Seattle World's Fair landmark buildings, midrise residential structures, low rise office buildings, and hotels. The Seattle Center campus is located three blocks to the west. Neighborhood green space Denny Park is located two blocks to the southeast and Seattle Center to the west. The site is located near access to major transportation routes, including Highway 99 via 7th Ave N and Interstate 5 via Denny Way. Thomas St is a designated Green Street providing east-west circulation. 6th Ave N provides north-south circulation.

The site is situated on the evolving cusp between the Uptown neighborhood to the west and the South Lake Union neighborhood to the east. Buildings in the vicinity range from one to eighteen stories in height with no single architectural style prevailing. Newer developments commonly have a rectilinear massing above a defined one- or two-story podium. Vertical bays and framing elements are common design features. By contrast, older structures are generally low rise, warehouse-style developments, sometimes with adjacent surface parking lots. Cementitious fiber cement, metal panel, and masonry are prevalent façade materials. The site's connectivity to major transportation networks lends an auto-centric character to the streetscape. Nearby, the Seattle Center campus contains buildings with varied architectural styles ranging from googie to postmodern. The area was rezoned from Seattle Mixed 85 to Seattle Mixed – Uptown 160 (M) on 11/10/2017. Multiple projects in the vicinity are currently in review or under construction for proposed development, including 130 5th Ave N and 222 5th Ave N.

Access:

Vehicular access is from the alley. Pedestrian access is from Thomas St.

Environmentally Critical Areas:

No environmentally critical areas are located on the subject site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Land Use Application to allow a 7-story, 48-unit apartment building. No parking proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. Early Design Guidance Review conducted under 3037489-EG.

The design packet includes information presented at the meeting, and is available online by entering the record number (3037813-LU) at this website:

http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/aboutus/news/events/DesignReview/SearchPastReviews/default.aspx

Any recording of the Board meeting is available in the project file. This meeting report summarizes the meeting and is not a meeting transcript.

The packet is also available to view in the file, by contacting the Public Resource Center at SDCI:

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EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE June 30, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered at this meeting.

SDCI staff did not receive any comments in writing prior to the meeting.

The Seattle Department of Transportation offered the following comments:

- Stated the street frontages must meet the minimum requirements of street trees in a 5.5' planting strip between a 6" curb and 6' sidewalk.
- Stated that short-term bike parking along Thomas St must align with the clearances described in joint SDOT/SDCI Director's Rule 6-2020.
- Stated that curb ramps are required at the corner of Thomas St and 6th Ave N.

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PRIORITIES & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

After visiting the site, considering the analysis of the site and context provided by the proponents, and hearing public comment, the Design Review Board members provided the following siting and design guidance.

1. Architecture: Massing

a. The Board expressed concern that the three massing options presented were almost identical. The massing options lack a strong design concept, making it difficult to understand ways to drive massing differentiation. The Board noted, however, that on a small site, large massing moves may not be practical. The Board ultimately supported Option 3, the preferred option. The Option 3 massing setback at the ground level appears to allow a more gracious pedestrian realm with the main entry facing Thomas St, which is the more important pedestrian thoroughfare. This option also appeared to have more of a

- detail emphasis on the corner, responding to both City and Uptown Design Guidelines for corner sites. The Board prioritized **CS2-C-1. Corner Sites** and **CS2-3-a. Address the Corner**.
- b. The Board noted that the upper story massing may be strong, but had concerns that the secondary elements, like balconies, windows, etc., similar in each scheme, are not necessarily supportive of any design concept. It is also unclear from the package what other design options were explored. The Board prioritized DC2-3 Secondary Architectural Features. To demonstrate this information at the Recommendation phase, provide the following:
 - Design process studies, including development and clarification of a strong overall architectural design concept that is in support of the City-wide and Uptown Neighborhood Design Guidelines.
 - ii. Supporting illustrations of the evolution of design thinking in relation secondary detailing that supports the architectural concept
 - iii. Specific design studies that address fenestration (including rationalization for locations and pattern, as well as detailing showing depth of windows) and balconies (including rationalization of locations and patterns).
- c. The Board had questions about the ground level design, especially as to how the architectural expression supports the upper level massing concept. The Board noted that it was difficult to provide comment without a clear architectural concept for guidance. The Board directed the applicant to clarify how the ground floor architectural expression supports the upper level massing as part of the overall architectural concept (in the requested design studies from 1.b. above) at the Recommendation phase of review. The Board prioritized **DC2-1 Architectural Context.**
- d. The Board generally supported the ground level setback shown in Option 2 and the preferred Option 3. The height of overhang ranges from 10'-16' foot height which prevents 'pinch points' along the sidewalk. The Board noted the horizontal space at the building setback is not necessarily functional space and is separated from the 6 foot width sidewalk. The Board requested that studies should be done to show what that space feels like, as it does not appear that the space is not a necessarily an addition to public space. Studies should include cross-sectional studies of the overhang/colonnade area looking at the intentional depth of the ground level setback/overhang, relationship of the setback to the pedestrian realm (including the streetscape/right-of-way) and how the streetscape and ground level space is affected by use of columns. The Board prioritized **DC3 Open Space Concept** and **PL1-B-2. Pedestrian Volumes**.
- e. The Board raised questions concerning the introduction of the colonnade in Option 3. The applicant noted that the colonnade is not structurally necessary but was added to help define the private space along the street facades. The Board questioned the introduction of this element and its impact and effectiveness on the streetscape design. The Board directed the applicant to study intentionality of the placement, size, and materiality of the columns, including how the columns relate to the upper level massing, illustrating a clear design evolution of why/how the columns are needed to support the architectural concept. DC2-1 Architectural Context, DC2-4 Dual Purpose Elements
- f. The Board discussed the entry canopy as an important element to add pedestrian scale as well as for orientation to the main entry. The Board was concerned that there was not a

clear design connection of the canopy to the rest of the architectural concept, making it difficult to discern whether the element was enhancing or supporting an architectural concept. The Board requested further study of the element showing design process thinking at the Recommendation phase. The Board prioritized **PL3-A Entries (PL2-D-1. Design as Wayfinding, PL3-1-a. Pedestrian Orientation).** The studies should include

- i. Rationalization for location of the canopy (both horizontally and vertically);
- ii. Materiality;
- iii. Associated studies of where the main entry is located for maximum visibility; and
- iv. How the entry canopy relates and supports the overall architectural concept.
- g. The Board noted that neither the south façade nor the west façade were shown in the package. All elevations, including renderings with material applications and intentionality of detailing, need to be shown in the Recommendation package. **DC2-B-1. Façade**Composition, DC2-B-2. Blank Walls
- The Board also noted that all building massings are required to be included in elevations and renderings, including stair towers and all other built roof objects. DC2-B-1. Façade Composition

2. Architecture: Materiality

a. The Board noted that the simple massing concept as presented at EDG will rely on the strength of materiality and detailing to ensure a successful execution. As such, clarification of material choices, as well as descriptions of detailing at windows, balconies, and other façade elements, become important in confirming the quality of the execution of the projects. The Board directed the applicant to present studies of design thinking related to material choices at the Recommendation meeting. The clear evolution of design thinking should include the intentionality of material selection that supports an architectural concept. The studies should also include tectonic detailing that provide depth, texture and scale as represented in the architectural precedents. Include all accessory materials, such as lighting, signage, etc., in the materials studies. The Board specifically prioritized DC4 Exterior Elements and Finishes, DC2-3 Secondary Architectural Features, and DC2-4 Dual Purpose Elements, DC4-1 Building Materials, DC4-1-b. Quality Materials

3. Site and Landscape

- a. The Board questioned how the streetscape design was enhancing the public realm, especially in relation to how the space along the rights-of-way under the building overhang were spatially creating a better streetscape environment. They noted that although a robust pedestrian realm was discussed by the applicant, it was not clear how that was being achieved on the plans, especially along the Thomas Street Green Street frontage. The Board prioritized PL1-B-2. Pedestrian Volumes and PL1-B-3. Pedestrian Amenities, PL1-3-a. Volume & Flow, PL1-3-c. Pedestrian Uses, DC3-C-1. Reinforce Existing Open Space
- b. The Board also discussed the grade-separated exterior open space near the corner. The Board questioned whether this was usable space and how that area related to the public

- realm. The Board specifically prioritized **DC3 Open Space Concept** and **DC1-A Arrangement of Interior Uses, DC3-B-1. Meeting User Needs**
- The Board noted that planter locations should be integral to forming outdoor spaces, including aiding in clarifying the entry sequence. The Board prioritized PL2 Walkability, PL3-1-c. Design Features and DC3 Open Space Concept, PL2-D-1. Design as Wayfinding, PL3-1-a. Pedestrian Orientation
- d. The Board had questions about the bioretention planter along the Thomas Street frontage as it was not included in the renderings. The applicant noted that the new Stormwater Code is being issued soon so the height of the planter is not yet confirmed. The Board noted that all planters should be included in future renderings to show how the streetscape elements relate to form space. PL1-B-2. Pedestrian Volumes, PL1-B-3. Pedestrian Amenities
- e. The Board also noted that all landscape elements, including planter walls, planting plan, etc. need to be included in the Recommendation package. Landscape elements, including plantings, should be shown in all renderings. **PL1-B-3. Pedestrian Amenities, DC3 Open Space Concept**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION July 20, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public comment was offered at this meeting:

 Addition of residential units is much needed; excellent project whose frontage relates well to the Green Street.

SDCI did not receive any design-related comments received in writing prior to the meeting.

SDCI received one non-design related comment concerning the permitting process.

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PRIORITIES & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

After visiting the site, considering the analysis of the site and context provided by the proponents, and hearing public comment, the Design Review Board members provided the following recommendations.

1. Massing and Materials

- a. The Board recommended approval of the presented design acknowledging its appropriateness to the Uptown Design Guidelines regarding corner sites. The Board noted the window detailing at the upper levels created a crisp corner. CS2-3 Corner Sites
- b. The Board recommended approval of the materials proposed in the Recommendation package (as shown on page 38) as well as the preferred patterning of materials (as shown on pages 26, 34, 35, & 37). The Board recommended a condition to retain the materials and patterning as the project moves forward. **DC4 Exterior Elements and Finishes, DC2-B-1. Façade Composition**
- c. The Board noted that the location where the frontage material wrap ended at the southwest corner on the rear (south) facade is acceptable. However, the Board voiced concern that the south façade is currently a significant blank wall condition at both the base and upper levels which is very visible from 6th Ave N. The Board stated that the Uptown Design Guidelines outline ways to address blank walls, including the inclusion of artwork or murals. The Board recommended a condition for the applicant to resolve the significant blank wall condition on the building's south façade in a manner that meets the intent of the Uptown Design Guidelines and (if applicable) in collaboration with the Uptown Arts and Cultural Coalition. The Board noted continuing the materials from primary frontage onto the rear wall, as well as extending the concrete patterning at the ground level, as alternative design approaches that would also address the Board's concern regarding this blank wall condition appropriately. DC2-2-a. Artwork & Murals, DC2-B-2. Blank Walls
- d. The Board questioned the correlation of column locations to the upper level detailing. The applicant noted there was no specific alignment intended and noted the view towards the building would skew any attempted alignments. The Board was satisfied with this response and did not recommend a condition. DC2-B-1. Façade Composition

2. Ground level experience

- a. The Board recommended approval of the revision of the entry door to the center of massing and the removal of exterior space at the corner, as shown at EDG. The Board agreed the applicant's studies of the ground level column locations (as shown on pages 20-21 of the Recommendation package) provided justification for the preferred column location in relation to the sidewalk. PL3-A Entries, PL1-B-2. Pedestrian Volumes, PL1-B-3. Pedestrian Amenities.
- b. The Board asked about the height of the overhang at the second floor and the ability to accommodate trees under the overhang. The applicant noted that the overhang was 10-13 feet in height and that the specified tree (star magnolia), would not grow very large. The Board was satisfied with this response and did not recommend a condition. DC4-D Trees, Landscape, and Hardscape Materials
- c. The Board recommended approval of the concept of the preferred canopy (as shown on page 24 of the Recommendation package) that extends beyond the building frontage as a subtle accent to the entry door. The Board also recommended a condition that the

canopy remain true to the concept presented as detailing for construction is refined. **PL3-A Entries**

- d. The Board questioned the location of the bike room on the 6th Ave N facade, especially in relation to the bike lane on Thomas Street. The applicant noted a desire to not locate the bike room along the main frontage. The applicant clarified that there is no direct access from the bike room into the interior of the building. The Board was satisfied with this response and did not recommend a condition. **PL4-2 Planning Ahead for Bicyclists**
- e. The Board discussed if any specific moves had been made in the architectural or site design to enhance the adjacent Thomas St. Green Street. The Board agreed that the proposed lighting and streetscape design was adequate as the majority of the Green Street development was on the north side of the street. **PL1-B Walkways and Connections**

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD DEPARTURES

The Board's recommendation on any requested departures will be based on the departure's potential to help the project better meet these design guidelines priorities and achieve a better overall project design than could be achieved without the departure. The Board's recommendation will be reserved until the final Board meeting.

At the time of the FINAL Recommendation meeting, no departures were requested.

DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES

The Seattle Design Guidelines and Neighborhood Design Guidelines recognized by the Board as Priority Guidelines are identified above. All guidelines remain applicable and are summarized below. For the full text please visit the <u>Design Review website</u>.

CONTEXT & SITE

CS1 Natural Systems and Site Features: Use natural systems/features of the site and its surroundings as a starting point for project design.

CS1-A Energy Use

CS1-A-1. Energy Choices: At the earliest phase of project development, examine how energy choices may influence building form, siting, and orientation, and factor in the findings when making siting and design decisions.

CS1-B Sunlight and Natural Ventilation

- **CS1-B-1. Sun and Wind:** Take advantage of solar exposure and natural ventilation. Use local wind patterns and solar gain to reduce the need for mechanical ventilation and heating where possible.
- **CS1-B-2.** Daylight and Shading: Maximize daylight for interior and exterior spaces and minimize shading on adjacent sites through the placement and/or design of structures on site.
- **CS1-B-3. Managing Solar Gain:** Manage direct sunlight falling on south and west facing facades through shading devices and existing or newly planted trees.

CS1-C Topography

- **CS1-C-1. Land Form:** Use natural topography and desirable landforms to inform project design.
- **CS1-C-2. Elevation Changes:** Use the existing site topography when locating structures and open spaces on the site.

CS1-D Plants and Habitat

- **CS1-D-1. On-Site Features:** Incorporate on-site natural habitats and landscape elements into project design and connect those features to existing networks of open spaces and natural habitats wherever possible. Consider relocating significant trees and vegetation if retention is not feasible.
- **CS1-D-2. Off-Site Features:** Provide opportunities through design to connect to off-site habitats such as riparian corridors or existing urban forest corridors. Promote continuous habitat, where possible, and increase interconnected corridors of urban forest and habitat where possible.

CS1-E Water

- **CS1-E-1. Natural Water Features:** If the site includes any natural water features, consider ways to incorporate them into project design, where feasible
- **CS1-E-2.** Adding Interest with Project Drainage: Use project drainage systems as opportunities to add interest to the site through water-related design elements.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

CS1-1 Topography

- **CS1-1-a. Street Grade:** Step the elevation of ground floors so that building entrances and ground floors roughly match the street grade.
- **CS1-1-b. Step with the Grade:** Design the building massing to step with grade using techniques such as changes in the levels of upper floors, breaks in the roofline, vertical and horizontal modulation, stepping facades.
- **CS1-1-c. Service & Access Impacts:** Use existing grade changes to minimize service and access impacts in through-block developments.
- **CS1-1-d. Step Fencing:** If fencing or screening is included in the design, it should step along with the topography.
- **CS1-1-e. Safe & Attractive Transition:** Design ground-level treatments that create a safe, attractive transition between the building, site and the sidewalk such as terraces, stoops, rockeries, stairs, and landscaping, or other positive approaches used on adjacent properties. Create a transition between ground level interior and adjacent pedestrian areas and public sidewalks that achieves a balance of transparency for safety (eyes on the street) and screening for privacy.

CS1-2 Plants and Habitat

CS1-2-a. Habitat Landscapes: Create habitat landscapes of native species in building setbacks, right-of-ways, green roofs, walls and gardens. Look for opportunities to contribute to neighborhood and citywide connective habitats for insects and birds, while providing a safe environment for pedestrians.

CS2 Urban Pattern and Form: Strengthen the most desirable forms, characteristics, and patterns of the streets, block faces, and open spaces in the surrounding area.

CS2-A Location in the City and Neighborhood

CS2-A-1. Sense of Place: Emphasize attributes that give a distinctive sense of place. Design the building and open spaces to enhance areas where a strong identity already exists, and create a sense of place where the physical context is less established.

CS2-A-2. Architectural Presence: Evaluate the degree of visibility or architectural presence that is appropriate or desired given the context, and design accordingly.

CS2-B Adjacent Sites, Streets, and Open Spaces

- **CS2-B-1. Site Characteristics:** Allow characteristics of sites to inform the design, especially where the street grid and topography create unusually shaped lots that can add distinction to the building massing.
- **CS2-B-2. Connection to the Street:** Identify opportunities for the project to make a strong connection to the street and public realm.
- **CS2-B-3. Character of Open Space:** Contribute to the character and proportion of surrounding open spaces.

CS2-C Relationship to the Block

- **CS2-C-1.** Corner Sites: Corner sites can serve as gateways or focal points; both require careful detailing at the first three floors due to their high visibility from two or more streets and long distances.
- **CS2-C-2. Mid-Block Sites:** Look to the uses and scales of adjacent buildings for clues about how to design a mid-block building. Continue a strong street-edge and respond to datum lines of adjacent buildings at the first three floors.
- **CS2-C-3. Full Block Sites:** Break up long facades of full-block buildings to avoid a monolithic presence. Provide detail and human scale at street-level, and include repeating elements to add variety and rhythm to the façade and overall building design.

CS2-D Height, Bulk, and Scale

- **CS2-D-1. Existing Development and Zoning:** Review the height, bulk, and scale of neighboring buildings as well as the scale of development anticipated by zoning for the area to determine an appropriate complement and/or transition.
- **CS2-D-2. Existing Site Features:** Use changes in topography, site shape, and vegetation or structures to help make a successful fit with adjacent properties.
- **CS2-D-3. Zone Transitions:** For projects located at the edge of different zones, provide an appropriate transition or complement to the adjacent zone(s). Projects should create a step in perceived height, bulk and scale between the anticipated development potential of the adjacent zone and the proposed development.
- **CS2-D-4. Massing Choices:** Strive for a successful transition between zones where a project abuts a less intense zone.
- **CS2-D-5. Respect for Adjacent Sites:** Respect adjacent properties with design and site planning to minimize disrupting the privacy of residents in adjacent buildings.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

CS2-1 Sense of Place

CS2-1-a. Identity Features: Use site identity features at Uptown Gateway locations. Examples of identity features include art, welcoming or wayfinding signage, distinct architecture or major public open space.

CS2-2 Adjacent Sites

CS2-2-a. Relationships & Connections: Buildings adjacent to the Seattle Center campus should be sited to create synergistic relationships and reinforce connections between the Seattle Center and the surrounding Uptown neighborhood.

CS2-3 Corner Sites

- **CS2-3-a.** Address the Corner: Generally, buildings within Uptown should meet the corner and not be set back, except for Gateway locations. Buildings, retail treatments, and open spaces should address the corner and promote activity.
- **CS2-3-b. Corner Entrances:** Generally, corner entrances are discouraged for retail uses. However, corner entrances may be appropriate to emphasize Gateways or locations with high pedestrian activity within the Heart of Uptown.
- **CS2-3-c. Special Features:** Corner sites are often desirable locations for small publicly-accessible plazas, art, and other special features.

CS3 Architectural Context and Character: Contribute to the architectural character of the neighborhood.

CS3-A Emphasizing Positive Neighborhood Attributes

- **CS3-A-1. Fitting Old and New Together:** Create compatibility between new projects, and existing architectural context, including historic and modern designs, through building articulation, scale and proportion, roof forms, detailing, fenestration, and/or the use of complementary materials.
- **CS3-A-2. Contemporary Design:** Explore how contemporary designs can contribute to the development of attractive new forms and architectural styles; as expressed through use of new materials or other means.
- **CS3-A-3. Established Neighborhoods:** In existing neighborhoods with a well-defined architectural character, site and design new structures to complement or be compatible with the architectural style and siting patterns of neighborhood buildings.
- **CS3-A-4.** Evolving Neighborhoods: In neighborhoods where architectural character is evolving or otherwise in transition, explore ways for new development to establish a positive and desirable context for others to build upon in the future.

CS3-B Local History and Culture

- **CS3-B-1. Placemaking:** Explore the history of the site and neighborhood as a potential placemaking opportunity. Look for historical and cultural significance, using neighborhood groups and archives as resources.
- **CS3-B-2. Historical/Cultural References:** Reuse existing structures on the site where feasible as a means of incorporating historical or cultural elements into the new project.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

CS3-1 Placemaking

CS3-1-a. Design Features: Include design features that make the Arts and Cultural District visible to pedestrians such as interpretive panels, banners, plaques, building names, wayfinding, signage and art.

CS3-1-b. Visual Art: Make visual art an integral part of the design concept, especially along Mercer/Roy Street corridor, near theaters and other cultural venues, and in the Heart of Uptown.

PUBLIC LIFE

PL1 Connectivity: Complement and contribute to the network of open spaces around the site and the connections among them.

PL1-A Network of Open Spaces

PL1-A-1. Enhancing Open Space: Design the building and open spaces to positively contribute to a broader network of open spaces throughout the neighborhood.

PL1-A-2. Adding to Public Life: Seek opportunities to foster human interaction through an increase in the size and quality of project-related open space available for public life.

PL1-B Walkways and Connections

PL1-B-1. Pedestrian Infrastructure: Connect on-site pedestrian walkways with existing public and private pedestrian infrastructure, thereby supporting pedestrian connections within and outside the project.

PL1-B-2. Pedestrian Volumes: Provide ample space for pedestrian flow and circulation, particularly in areas where there is already heavy pedestrian traffic or where the project is expected to add or attract pedestrians to the area.

PL1-B-3. Pedestrian Amenities: Opportunities for creating lively, pedestrian oriented open spaces to enliven the area and attract interest and interaction with the site and building should be considered.

PL1-C Outdoor Uses and Activities

PL1-C-1. Selecting Activity Areas: Concentrate activity areas in places with sunny exposure, views across spaces, and in direct line with pedestrian routes.

PL1-C-2. Informal Community Uses: In addition to places for walking and sitting, consider including space for informal community use such as performances, farmer's markets, kiosks and community bulletin boards, cafes, or street vending.

PL1-C-3. Year-Round Activity: Where possible, include features in open spaces for activities beyond daylight hours and throughout the seasons of the year, especially in neighborhood centers where active open space will contribute vibrancy, economic health, and public safety.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

PL1-1 Enhancing Open Spaces

PL1-1-a. Connections: Locate plazas intended for public use at or near grade to promote both a physical and visual connection to the street. Where publicly accessible plazas abut private open space, use special paving materials, landscaping, and other elements to provide a clear definition between the public and private realms.

PL1-2 Adding to Public Life

PL1-2-a. Adjacency to Seattle Center: Opportunities to add to public life are especially important for street-facing facades that are adjacent to the Seattle Center.

PL1-3 Pedestrian Volumes and Amenities

- **PL1-3-a. Volume & Flow:** Encourage streetscapes that respond to unique conditions created by Seattle Center. Design wide sidewalks, sturdy street furniture and durable landscaping to accommodate high pedestrian volumes and flow of event crowds.
- **PL1-3-b. Notable Locations:** Pedestrian amenities are especially encouraged in the Heart of Uptown, and along the Queen Anne Ave. and 1st Ave N corridors.
- **PL1-3-c. Pedestrian Uses:** All of Uptown should be considered a "walking district." New development should strive to support outdoor uses, activities and seating that create an attractive and vibrant pedestrian environment. Consider widening narrow sidewalks though additional building setback at street level.

PL1-4 Outdoor Uses and Activities

PL1-4-a. Outdoor Dining: Encourage outdoor dining throughout Uptown.

PL2 Walkability: Create a safe and comfortable walking environment that is easy to navigate and well-connected to existing pedestrian walkways and features.

PL2-A Accessibility

- **PL2-A-1.** Access for All: Provide access for people of all abilities in a manner that is fully integrated into the project design. Design entries and other primary access points such that all visitors can be greeted and welcomed through the front door.
- **PL2-A-2. Access Challenges:** Add features to assist pedestrians in navigating sloped sites, long blocks, or other challenges.

PL2-B Safety and Security

- **PL2-B-1. Eyes on the Street:** Create a safe environment by providing lines of sight and encouraging natural surveillance.
- **PL2-B-2. Lighting for Safety:** Provide lighting at sufficient lumen intensities and scales, including pathway illumination, pedestrian and entry lighting, and/or security lights.
- **PL2-B-3. Street-Level Transparency:** Ensure transparency of street-level uses (for uses such as nonresidential uses or residential lobbies), where appropriate, by keeping views open into spaces behind walls or plantings, at corners, or along narrow passageways.

PL2-C Weather Protection

- **PL2-C-1. Locations and Coverage:** Overhead weather protection is encouraged and should be located at or near uses that generate pedestrian activity such as entries, retail uses, and transit stops.
- **PL2-C-2. Design Integration:** Integrate weather protection, gutters and downspouts into the design of the structure as a whole, and ensure that it also relates well to neighboring buildings in design, coverage, or other features.
- **PL2-C-3. People-Friendly Spaces:** Create an artful and people-friendly space beneath building.

PL2-D Wayfinding

PL2-D-1. Design as Wayfinding: Use design features as a means of wayfinding wherever possible.

PL3 Street-Level Interaction: Encourage human interaction and activity at the street-level with clear connections to building entries and edges.

PL3-A Entries

- **PL3-A-1. Design Objectives:** Design primary entries to be obvious, identifiable, and distinctive with clear lines of sight and lobbies visually connected to the street.
- **PL3-A-2. Common Entries:** Multi-story residential buildings need to provide privacy and security for residents but also be welcoming and identifiable to visitors.
- **PL3-A-3. Individual Entries:** Ground-related housing should be scaled and detailed appropriately to provide for a more intimate type of entry.
- **PL3-A-4. Ensemble of Elements:** Design the entry as a collection of coordinated elements including the door(s), overhead features, ground surface, landscaping, lighting, and other features.

PL3-B Residential Edges

- **PL3-B-1. Security and Privacy:** Provide security and privacy for residential buildings through the use of a buffer or semi-private space between the development and the street or neighboring buildings.
- **PL3-B-2. Ground-level Residential:** Privacy and security issues are particularly important in buildings with ground-level housing, both at entries and where windows are located overlooking the street.
- **PL3-B-3. Buildings with Live/Work Uses:** Maintain active and transparent facades in the design of live/work residences. Design the first floor so it can be adapted to other commercial use as needed in the future.
- **PL3-B-4. Interaction:** Provide opportunities for interaction among residents and neighbors.

PL3-C Retail Edges

- **PL3-C-1. Porous Edge:** Engage passersby with opportunities to interact visually with the building interior using glazing and transparency. Create multiple entries where possible and make a physical and visual connection between people on the sidewalk and retail activities in the building.
- **PL3-C-2. Visibility:** Maximize visibility into the building interior and merchandise displays. Consider fully operational glazed wall-sized doors that can be completely opened to the street, increased height in lobbies, and/or special lighting for displays.
- **PL3-C-3. Ancillary Activities:** Allow space for activities such as sidewalk vending, seating, and restaurant dining to occur. Consider setting structures back from the street or incorporating space in the project design into which retail uses can extend.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

PL3-1 Entries

- **PL3-1-a. Pedestrian Orientation:** Design entries to be pedestrian-friendly. Consider how the position, scale, architectural detailing, and materials will create an entry that is clearly discernible to the pedestrian.
- **PL3-1-b.** Safety Sightlines & Features: Individual or unit entrances in buildings that are accessed from the sidewalk or other public spaces should consider safety sightlines as well as safety features such as decorative fencing and high visibility gating. Landscaping should be consistent with these features.
- **PL3-1-c. Design Features:** The use of distinctive paving, detailing, materials and landscaping, and artistic designs with cultural references is strongly encouraged.

Building addresses and names (if applicable) should be located at entrances, and tastefully crafted.

PL3-2 Residential Edges on Pedestrian Streets

PL3-2-a. Security: Where residential buildings are located along the pedestrian-oriented Class 1 or Class 2 Pedestrian Streets, include façade lighting and visible lobbies or public-facing retail spaces to enhance the security of the adjacent sidewalk.

PL3-3 Ground Level Residential Edges (Including Live/Work Uses)

- **PL3-3-a.** Entries: Provide a direct entry into the unit from the street. The entry should include weather protection sufficient to shelter persons entering the building during inclement weather.
- **PL3-3-b.** Elevate the Ground Floor: Elevating the ground floor of the living area two to four feet above the adjacent sidewalk grade to increase privacy is desirable. This design guideline does not apply to designated ADA accessible units.
- **PL3-3-c. Boundaries:** Provide a physical "threshold" feature such as a hedge, retaining wall, rockery, stair, railing, or a combination of such elements on private property that defines and bridges the boundary between public right-of-way and private yard or patio. Thresholds may screen but not block views to and from the street and should help define individual units. Retaining walls should generally not be taller than four feet. If additional height is required to accommodate grade conditions, then terraces can be employed.
- **PL3-3-d. Gates & Fencing:** Where gates and fencing are used as threshold features, design them for high visibility and incorporate landscaping to soften these features.

PL3-4 Retail Edges

PL3-4-a. Retail Size: Smaller store-front shops are preferred along Class 1 and Class 2 Pedestrian Streets to accommodate smaller local retailers and provide affordable retail space options.

PL4 Active Transportation: Incorporate design features that facilitate active forms of transportation such as walking, bicycling, and use of transit.

PL4-A Entry Locations and Relationships

- **PL4-A-1. Serving all Modes of Travel:** Provide safe and convenient access points for all modes of travel.
- **PL4-A-2. Connections to All Modes:** Site the primary entry in a location that logically relates to building uses and clearly connects all major points of access.

PL4-B Planning Ahead for Bicyclists

- **PL4-B-1. Early Planning:** Consider existing and future bicycle traffic to and through the site early in the process so that access and connections are integrated into the project along with other modes of travel.
- **PL4-B-2. Bike Facilities:** Facilities such as bike racks and storage, bike share stations, shower facilities and lockers for bicyclists should be located to maximize convenience, security, and safety.
- **PL4-B-3. Bike Connections:** Facilitate connections to bicycle trails and infrastructure around and beyond the project.

PL4-C Planning Ahead For Transit

- PL4-C-1. Influence on Project Design: Identify how a transit stop (planned or built) adjacent to or near the site may influence project design, provide opportunities for placemaking.
- PL4-C-2. On-site Transit Stops: If a transit stop is located onsite, design project-related pedestrian improvements and amenities so that they complement any amenities provided for transit riders.
- PL4-C-3. Transit Connections: Where no transit stops are on or adjacent to the site, identify where the nearest transit stops and pedestrian routes are and include design features and connections within the project design as appropriate.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

PL4-1 Entry Locations and Relationships

PL4-1-a. Consider Transit Riders: When buildings are located adjacent to a major transit stop, integrate weather protection and public seating for bus riders into the design of the building to eliminate the need for a bus shelter, and enhance the function and safety of the pedestrian environment.

PL4-2 Planning Ahead for Bicyclists

- PL4-2-a. Bike Facilities: Placement of long-term bicycle storage should consider cyclist safety and ease of access. Provide the required short-term bike racks near main building entrance to accommodate private and shared bicycles. Consider customizing the SDOT approved racks ("inverted U" or "staple" style) to reflect Uptown Arts and Cultural District branding such as colors, distinctive place-names, plaques, or other design elements.
- PL4-2-b. Bike Connections: Facilitate connections to major bicycle infrastructure including the Thomas Street Bridge/Elliot Bay Trail, Mercer Street protected bike lane and 2nd Avenue/Denny Way protected bike lane.

PL4-3 Transit Facilities

- PL4-3-a. Pedestrian Activity: Transit facilities should be designed as an integral part of any co-development and be designed to support all relevant Citywide Design Guidelines, especially those regarding the ground floor and pedestrian activity.
 - 1. On Class I Pedestrian Streets, required street level uses are essential to achieving the intent of Pedestrian Street Classifications. Operational needs may require that vehicle entrances to transit facilities be wider than permitted for parking garages, and facade lengths may be greater than other structures in the neighborhood. Street frontage of these projects should maintain and reinforce the levels of pedestrian activity and visual interest that Class I Pedestrian streets are intended to achieve.
 - 2. On all streets bus layover facilities should completely screen the layover space from public view. Ideally other uses with transparent, active storefronts are located between bus parking and all adjacent, street public right of way.

DESIGN CONCEPT

DC1 Project Uses and Activities: Optimize the arrangement of uses and activities on site.

DC1-A Arrangement of Interior Uses

- **DC1-A-1. Visibility:** Locate uses and services frequently used by the public in visible or prominent areas, such as at entries or along the street front.
- **DC1-A-2. Gathering Places:** Maximize the use of any interior or exterior gathering spaces.
- **DC1-A-3. Flexibility:** Build in flexibility so the building can adapt over time to evolving needs, such as the ability to change residential space to commercial space as needed.
- **DC1-A-4. Views and Connections:** Locate interior uses and activities to take advantage of views and physical connections to exterior spaces and uses.

DC1-B Vehicular Access and Circulation

- **DC1-B-1. Access Location and Design:** Choose locations for vehicular access, service uses, and delivery areas that minimize conflict between vehicles and non-motorists wherever possible. Emphasize use of the sidewalk for pedestrians, and create safe and attractive conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.
- **DC1-B-2. Facilities for Alternative Transportation:** Locate facilities for alternative transportation in prominent locations that are convenient and readily accessible to expected users.

DC1-C Parking and Service Uses

- **DC1-C-1. Below-Grade Parking:** Locate parking below grade wherever possible. Where a surface parking lot is the only alternative, locate the parking in rear or side yards, or on lower or less visible portions of the site.
- **DC1-C-2. Visual Impacts:** Reduce the visual impacts of parking lots, parking structures, entrances, and related signs and equipment as much as possible.
- **DC1-C-3. Multiple Uses:** Design parking areas to serve multiple uses such as children's play space, outdoor gathering areas, sports courts, woonerf, or common space in multifamily projects.
- **DC1-C-4. Service Uses:** Locate and design service entries, loading docks, and trash receptacles away from pedestrian areas or to a less visible portion of the site to reduce possible impacts of these facilities on building aesthetics and pedestrian circulation.

DC2 Architectural Concept: Develop an architectural concept that will result in a unified and functional design that fits well on the site and within its surroundings.

DC2-A Massing

- **DC2-A-1. Site Characteristics and Uses:** Arrange the mass of the building taking into consideration the characteristics of the site and the proposed uses of the building and its open space.
- **DC2-A-2. Reducing Perceived Mass:** Use secondary architectural elements to reduce the perceived mass of larger projects.

DC2-B Architectural and Facade Composition

- **DC2-B-1. Façade Composition:** Design all building facades—including alleys and visible roofs— considering the composition and architectural expression of the building as a whole. Ensure that all facades are attractive and well-proportioned.
- **DC2-B-2. Blank Walls:** Avoid large blank walls along visible façades wherever possible. Where expanses of blank walls, retaining walls, or garage facades are unavoidable,

include uses or design treatments at the street level that have human scale and are designed for pedestrians.

DC2-C Secondary Architectural Features

between a building and its neighbors.

DC2-C-1. Visual Depth and Interest: Add depth to facades where appropriate by incorporating balconies, canopies, awnings, decks, or other secondary elements into the façade design. Add detailing at the street level in order to create interest for the pedestrian and encourage active street life and window shopping (in retail areas).

DC2-C-2. Dual Purpose Elements: Consider architectural features that can be dual purpose— adding depth, texture, and scale as well as serving other project functions.

DC2-C-3. Fit With Neighboring Buildings: Use design elements to achieve a successful fit

DC2-D Scale and Texture

DC2-D-1. Human Scale: Incorporate architectural features, elements, and details that are of human scale into the building facades, entries, retaining walls, courtyards, and exterior spaces in a manner that is consistent with the overall architectural concept **DC2-D-2. Texture:** Design the character of the building, as expressed in the form, scale, and materials, to strive for a fine-grained scale, or "texture," particularly at the street level and other areas where pedestrians predominate.

DC2-E Form and Function

DC2-E-1. Legibility and Flexibility: Strive for a balance between building use legibility and flexibility. Design buildings such that their primary functions and uses can be readily determined from the exterior, making the building easy to access and understand. At the same time, design flexibility into the building so that it may remain useful over time even as specific programmatic needs evolve.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

DC2-1 Architectural Context

DC2-1-a. Arts & Cultural District: Architecture that emphasizes human scale, streetscape rhythm, quality detailing and materials is more important than consistency with a particular period or style. Uptown's evolving and dynamic architectural context embraces a range of historical styles, and modern innovative design that reflects the Uptown Arts and Cultural District.

DC2-2 Blank Walls and Retaining Walls

DC2-2-a. Artwork & Murals: Artwork and murals, created in collaboration with the Uptown Arts and Cultural Coalition, are encouraged for any temporary or permanent blank walls.

DC2-2-b. Pattern & Texture: Throughout Uptown any visible retaining walls should be constructed of materials that will provide substantial pattern and texture. Rockery, stone, stacked stone or stained concrete, or brick are preferred. Walls should be appropriately designed and scaled for the pedestrian environment. Landscaping or art in conjunction with retaining walls is strongly encouraged.

DC2-3 Secondary Architectural Features

DC2-3-a. Storefront Design: Design storefronts to allow and encourage tenants to create individualized architectural features.

DC2-3-b. Window Design: Encourage substantial window detailing and recessed windows. Discourage flush window treatments.

DC2-4 Dual Purpose Elements

DC2-4-a. Canopies & Weather Protection: The use of exterior canopies or other weather protection features is favored throughout Uptown for residential and commercial uses. Canopies and awnings should be sized to the scale of the building and the pedestrian, and blend well with the building and surroundings.

DC2-5 Tall Buildings

- **DC2-5-a. Response to Context:** Integrate and transition to a surrounding fabric of differing heights; relate to existing visual datums, the street wall and parcel patterns. Respond to prominent nearby sites and/or sites with axial focus or distant visibility, such as waterfronts, public view corridors, street ends.
- **DC2-5-b. Tall Form Placement, Spacing & Orientation:** Locate the tall forms to optimize the following: minimize shadow impacts on public parks, plazas and places; maximize tower spacing to adjacent structures; afford light and air to the streets, pedestrians and public realm; and minimize general impacts to nearby existing and future planned occupants.
- **DC2-5-c. Tall Form Design:** Avoid long slabs and big, unmodulated boxy forms, which cast bigger shadows and lack scale or visual interest. Consider curved, angled, shifting and/or carved yet coherent forms. Shape and orient tall floorplates based on context, nearby opportunities and design concepts, not simply to maximize internal efficiencies. Modulation should be up-sized to match the longer, taller view distances.
- **DC2-5-d. Intermediate Scales:** To mediate the extra height/scale, add legible, multistory intermediate scale elements: floor groupings, gaskets, off-sets, projections, sky terraces, layering, or other legible modulations to the middle of tall forms. Avoid a single repeated extrusion from base to top.
- **DC2-5-e. Shape & Design All Sides:** Because tall forms are visible from many viewpoints/ distances, intentionally shape the form and design of all sides (even party walls), responding to differing site patterns and context relationships. Accordingly, not all sides may have the same forms or display identical cladding.
- **DC2-5-f. Adjusted Base Scale:** To mediate the form's added height, design a 1-3 story base scale, and/or highly legible base demarcation to transition to the ground and mark the 'street room' proportion. Tall buildings require several scale readings, and the otherwise typical single-story ground floor appears squashed by the added mass above.
- **DC2-5-g. Ground Floor Uses:** Include identifiable primary entrances -scaled to the tall form and provide multiple entries. Include genuinely activating uses or grade-related residences to activate all streets.
- **DC2-5-h. Facade Depth & Articulation:** Use plane changes, depth, shadow, and texture to provide human scale and interest and to break up the larger façade areas of tall buildings, especially in the base and lower 100 feet. Compose fenestration and material dimensions to be legible and richly detailed from long distances.
- **DC2-5-i. Quality & 6th Elevations:** Intentionally design and employ quality materials and detailing, including on all soffits, balconies, exterior ceilings and other surfaces seen from below, including lighting, vents, etc.

DC2-5-j. Transition to the Sky & Skyline Composition: Create an intentional, designed terminus to the tall form and enhance the skyline (not a simple flat 'cut-off'). Integrate all rooftop elements and uses into the overall design, including mechanical screens, maintenance equipment, amenity spaces and lighting. Use wide photo simulations to study & design how the tall building will contribute to the overall skyline profile and variety of forms.

DC3 Open Space Concept: Integrate open space design with the building design so that they complement each other.

DC3-A Building-Open Space Relationship

DC3-A-1. Interior/Exterior Fit: Develop an open space concept in conjunction with the architectural concept to ensure that interior and exterior spaces relate well to each other and support the functions of the development.

DC3-B Open Space Uses and Activities

- **DC3-B-1. Meeting User Needs:** Plan the size, uses, activities, and features of each open space to meet the needs of expected users, ensuring each space has a purpose and function.
- **DC3-B-2. Matching Uses to Conditions:** Respond to changing environmental conditions such as seasonal and daily light and weather shifts through open space design and/or programming of open space activities.
- **DC3-B-3. Connections to Other Open Space:** Site and design project-related open spaces to connect with, or enhance, the uses and activities of other nearby public open space where appropriate.
- **DC3-B-4. Multifamily Open Space:** Design common and private open spaces in multifamily projects for use by all residents to encourage physical activity and social interaction.

DC3-C Design

- **DC3-C-1. Reinforce Existing Open Space:** Where a strong open space concept exists in the neighborhood, reinforce existing character and patterns of street tree planting, buffers or treatment of topographic changes. Where no strong patterns exist, initiate a strong open space concept that other projects can build upon in the future.
- **DC3-C-2. Amenities/Features:** Create attractive outdoor spaces suited to the uses envisioned for the project.
- **DC3-C-3. Support Natural Areas:** Create an open space design that retains and enhances onsite natural areas and connects to natural areas that may exist off-site and may provide habitat for wildlife.

DC4 Exterior Elements and Finishes: Use appropriate and high quality elements and finishes for the building and its open spaces.

DC4-A Exterior Elements and Finishes

DC4-A-1. Exterior Finish Materials: Building exteriors should be constructed of durable and maintainable materials that are attractive even when viewed up close. Materials that have texture, pattern, or lend themselves to a high quality of detailing are encouraged.

DC4-A-2. Climate Appropriateness: Select durable and attractive materials that will age well in Seattle's climate, taking special care to detail corners, edges, and transitions.

DC4-B Signage

DC4-B-1. Scale and Character: Add interest to the streetscape with exterior signs and attachments that are appropriate in scale and character to the project and its environs.

DC4-B-2. Coordination with Project Design: Develop a signage plan within the context of architectural and open space concepts, and coordinate the details with façade design, lighting, and other project features to complement the project as a whole, in addition to the surrounding context.

DC4-C Lighting

DC4-C-1. Functions: Use lighting both to increase site safety in all locations used by pedestrians and to highlight architectural or landscape details and features such as entries, signs, canopies, plantings, and art.

DC4-C-2. Avoiding Glare: Design project lighting based upon the uses on and off site, taking care to provide illumination to serve building needs while avoiding off-site night glare and light pollution.

DC4-D Trees, Landscape, and Hardscape Materials

DC4-D-1. Choice of Plant Materials: Reinforce the overall architectural and open space design concepts through the selection of landscape materials.

DC4-D-2. Hardscape Materials: Use exterior courtyards, plazas, and other hard surfaced areas as an opportunity to add color, texture, and/or pattern and enliven public areas through the use of distinctive and durable paving materials. Use permeable materials wherever possible.

DC4-D-3. Long Range Planning: Select plants that upon maturity will be of appropriate size, scale, and shape to contribute to the site as intended.

DC4-D-4. Place Making: Create a landscape design that helps define spaces with significant elements such as trees.

DC4-E Project Assembly and Lifespan

DC4-E-1. Deconstruction: When possible, design the project so that it may be deconstructed at the end of its useful lifetime, with connections and assembly techniques that will allow reuse of materials.

Uptown Supplemental Guidance:

DC4-1 Building Materials

DC4-1-a. Exterior Treatments: Decorative exterior treatments using brick, tile, and/or other interesting more modern exterior finish materials are strongly preferred.

DC4-1-b. Quality Materials: Quality exterior finish materials should be incorporated at all levels and on all exterior walls. Materials at the street level should be of the highest quality.

DC4-1-c. Compatible Materials: Use materials, colors, and details to unify a building's appearance; buildings and structures should be clad with compatible materials on all sides. Where buildings have side setbacks adjacent to other buildings, materials and design treatments should intentionally 'wrap the corner' of window and door openings,

and at building corners, so cladding materials and treatments appear substantial, and not two-dimensional or paper thin.

DC4-1-d. Stucco: The use of stucco is strongly discouraged.

DC4-2 Commercial Signage

DC4-2-a. Pedestrian-Scale Signage: Pedestrian-scale commercial signage such as blade signs, wall-mounted signs, and signs below awnings, are encouraged. Signs for arts and cultural uses that incorporate elements of color and light are also encouraged.

DC4-2-b. Creative Expression: Storefront signs that integrate creativity and individual expression into the overall design of storefronts are encouraged. Signs that appear cluttered and detract from the quality of the building's design are discouraged.

DC4-3 Commercial Lighting

DC4-3-a. Pedestrian-Scale Lighting: Uptown accommodates shopping and eating experiences during the dark hours of the Northwest's late fall, winter, and early spring. Pedestrian-scale lighting for both the public sidewalks and private pathways is encouraged.

DC4-3-b. Visual Interest: Creative distinct lighting fixtures and schemes that enhance the unique identity of the Uptown Arts and Cultural District is strongly encouraged. Lighting should add visual interest for both pedestrians and drivers while not disturbing any adjacent residential properties.

DC4-4 Trees, Landscape and Hardscape Materials

DC4-4-a. Hardscape Design: Consider the use of permeable pavement or artistic design elements where landscaped design elements are not feasible or sustainable.

BOARD DIRECTION

The recommendation summarized above was based on the design review packet dated Wednesday, July 20, 2022, and the materials shown and verbally described by the applicant at the Wednesday, July 20, 2022, Design Recommendation meeting. After considering the site and context, hearing public comment, reconsidering the previously identified design priorities and reviewing the materials, the four Design Review Board members recommended APPROVAL of the subject design and departures with the following conditions:

- 1. Retain the materials and patterning as shown on page 34 of the Recommendation package as the project design move to final design. (**DC4**)
- 2. Resolve the significant blank wall condition on the building's south façade in a manner that meets the intent of the Uptown Design Guidelines and (if applicable) in collaboration with the Uptown Arts and Cultural Coalition. The Board noted continuing the materials from primary frontage onto the rear wall, as well as extending the concrete patterning at the ground level, as alternative design approaches that would also address the Board's concern regarding this blank wall condition appropriately. (DC2-2-a., DC2-B-2.)
- 3. Retain the canopy design concept ("recessed entry, thin canopy"), as shown on page 24 of the Recommendation package. (PL3-A)