The purpose of this diagram is to document the comments of the UDaT about the distinct roles and character of specific areas and streets in the Ballard core. It establishes a baseline from which the UDaT will assess challenges and opportunities for the character of development and streetscape.
**Our Discussion So Far**

We have begun looking at building and streetscape character in different areas.

### Example configurations

- **Sidewalk Zones**
- **Street level uses**
- **Street level design**

### Streets as Public Spaces

- Parklets enhance sidewalk area
- Green Street - Bell Street Park Boulevard
- Festival Street - Temporary Closure
- Permanent closures to traffic

![Diagram showing examples of streets as public spaces](image-url)
Ballard Open Space Project

The Ballard Open Space Plan will improve the quality of life and livability of Ballard by sharing your thoughts and engaging with your neighbors to identify opportunities for new parks, parks improvements, open space and other place making ideas in Ballard.

Ballard UDF

The UDF will focus on streetscapes and private open space, illustrating how they work together connect and support the fabric of the downtown Ballard core.

- Gain a better understanding of Ballard’s current and future open space needs
- Identify opportunities to create and enhance parks and public open spaces in the greater Ballard area.
- How well do existing spaces work? How can connections be improved or gaps filled?
- How can existing and future spaces provide the greatest benefits to the neighborhood?
- Identify open space opportunities, and define 3+ reasons people would consistently use it.
What We’ve Heard

The Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth Urban Design Principals include:

- Create a hierarchy of **great streets** and public spaces (with special attention to Market Street as well as Ballard Avenue).
- Create effective **connections** between private and public spaces.
- Protect and support **sustainability and green spaces**.
- Consider views and connections to iconic **streetscape, nature, and the water**.

Phase 1 UDF comments indicate that:

- Walkability is one of the top things valued about Ballard
- Existing Parks are well-loved (inappropriate behavior is a problem)
- Safe parks are key to supporting children and the elderly
- Development should include more open space (roof top, plazas, kids spaces)
- New smaller parks are needed (if “safe”)
- **The amount and character of growth is more pressing issue.**
Elements of Open Space

The UDF will focus on streetscapes and private open space, illustrating how they work together connect and support the fabric of the downtown Ballard core.

Open Space: Green i.e. predominantly soft surfaced space within the urban environment. This may be legally accessible to all, have partially restricted access or be private e.g. private gardens attached to dwellings.

And

Public Space: Hard surfaced spaces within the urban environment but excluding the vehicle carriageways of roads and open air surface car parking areas.

• **Public/Civic Parks**

• **Streets & Connections**
  – Festival Streets
  – Green Streets
  – Sidewalks
  – Alleys

• **Private Plazas**

• **Private Open Space**
Public / Civic Parks

Golden Gardens

Hiram Chittenden Locks

Ballard Commons

Bergen Place

Marvin’s Garden
Streets & Connections

Ballard Ave

22nd Ave

Market Street

Bell Street (downtown)
Plazas

Greenfire Campus

Ballard Swedish

Library

Brooks Headquarters (Wallymont)
Private Open Space

Ava

Tallman & Canal Station

Balconies

Stoops
Questions

• How well do existing spaces fit to form a network? How can connections be improved or gaps filled?

• How can existing and future spaces provide the greatest benefits to the neighborhood's future role, function and character?

• Define open space (park, privately-owned, through block pathway, woonerf etc), and characterize uses would activate it (3+ reasons people would consistently use it)?
Questions