Ballard Urban Design Advisory Group

MEETING NOTES
4-5:30 p.m. – September 4, 2014 – Ballard Landmark

Attendees
Catherine Weatbrook, UDaT Co-Chair  Mindy Byers
Aditi Kambuj, City of Seattle  Sandra Nestorovic
David Goldberg, City of Seattle  Eric Nelson
Ethan Van Eck  Mike Kahrs
Barbara Fox  Jim Riggle
Scott Ingham  Jim Demetre
Julia Park  Courtney Rosenstein
Andrew Natzel  Others – please add name
Joseph Brogan

Announcements
Next BPSG meeting – Tuesday 16th 1:30 – 3:00

2035 Citywide Comprehensive Plan Update
David G. provided an overview of the 2035 Citywide Comprehensive Plan Update process, and schedule (see presentations)
- Need to communicate how the overall plans lead to more specific strategies and finally to tools (Julia)
- Overall planning should include areas served by street car.
- For example, does increased focus on transit raises issues about pedestrian improvements to 15th along 15th or across 15th?
  - Create more activated side streets
  - Increase the frequency of crosswalks

Setting Direction - Civic Core
- Developers likely to develop longer buildings in this area.
- Using parking lots for social uses
- Who is using drive-thru lots?
- Can Bank drive-thru lots be repurposed to provide community amenities
- Consider incentives for green paving
- Detailed guidance for parking lot design
- Need well-designed façades
- Need to use Ground-level renderings
- Alleys – capitalize on them where possible
- 57th function is almost residential
- Promoting smaller shop sizes – relates well with partnership goals
- Has to be a safe, pleasant walking environment
- 57th could be a really good location as a childcare/community (shared amenities)
**Setting Direction -- Residential in Town**
- The area between 15th and 17th south of Market is developed as residential.
- The direction on this area may become more clear as we address transit
- It’s a transit rich environment

**Setting Direction -- Industrial**
- Can we require design review for non-industrial buildings in Industrial zones?
- Design review already applies to Industrial Commercial zones within the urban village.
- Could include more work on IC zones as part of revising Ballard design guidelines

**Format of November Community Meeting**
- Will present the direction the UDaT has provided on the different subareas for community review and prioritizing
- Preferences will be indicated by pacing dots on Preferences
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