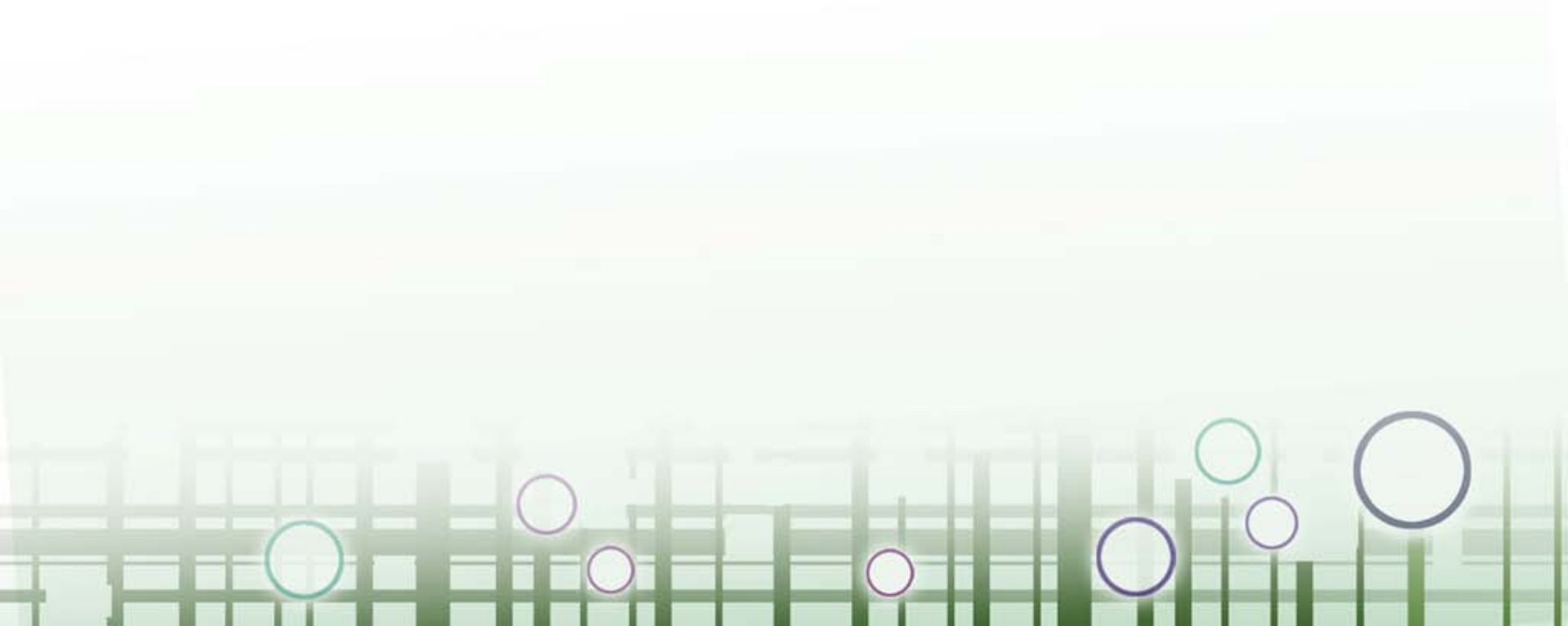


UNIVERSITY DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FORUM

A community conversation

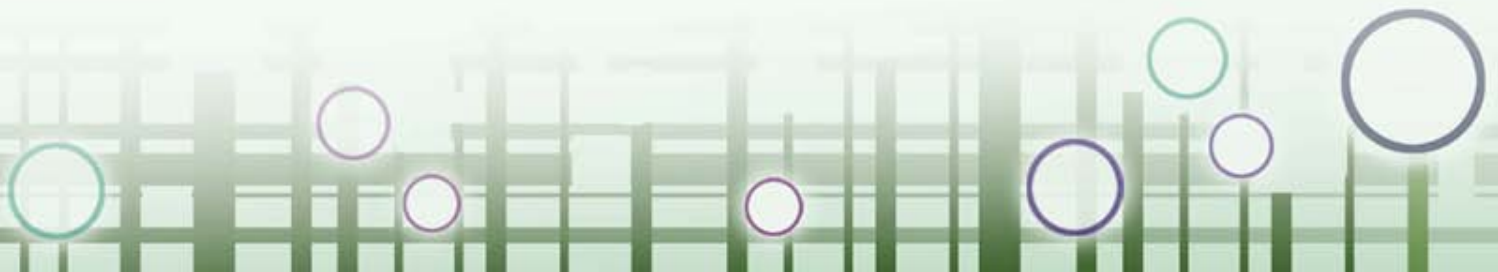


WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



AGENDA

1. Project and meeting goals
2. Project background
3. Project criteria and ground rules
- 4. Large group work**
- 5. Review of findings**
6. Next Steps



PROJECT GOAL

- Create a community-owned plan for providing and improving public spaces and parks in the University District

MEETING GOAL

- Identify principles & guiding values
- Identify possible functions & activities



ROLES

- **Community members**
- **University District Partnership (UDP)**
- **UDP Steering Group**
 - Rebecca Barnes, University Architect, Capital and Campus Planning
 - Doug Campbell, Business Owner
 - Cory Crocker, University District Square and Resident
 - Marty Curry, University of Washington Urban Planning instructor
 - Theresa Doherty, University of Washington Regional and Community Relations
 - Jeanette Henderson, University of Washington Real Estate
 - Kristine Kenney, University of Washington Landscape Architect
 - Dave LaClergue, City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development
 - Dorothy Lengyel, University District Parking Associates and Resident
 - Elizabeth McCoury, University District Partnership (CEO)
 - Chip Nevins, Seattle Parks and Recreation
 - Barbara Quinn, University Park Community Club
 - Ruedi Risler, University Park Community Club
 - Scott Soules, Property Owner, University District Parking Associates
 - Roger Wagoner, Resident
 - Steve Wilkins, University District Community Council and Resident

ROLES

- **Department of Planning & Development (DPD)**
- **Seattle Parks & Recreation**
- **Consultants:**
 - Pomegranate Center
 - MAKERS Architects and Planners





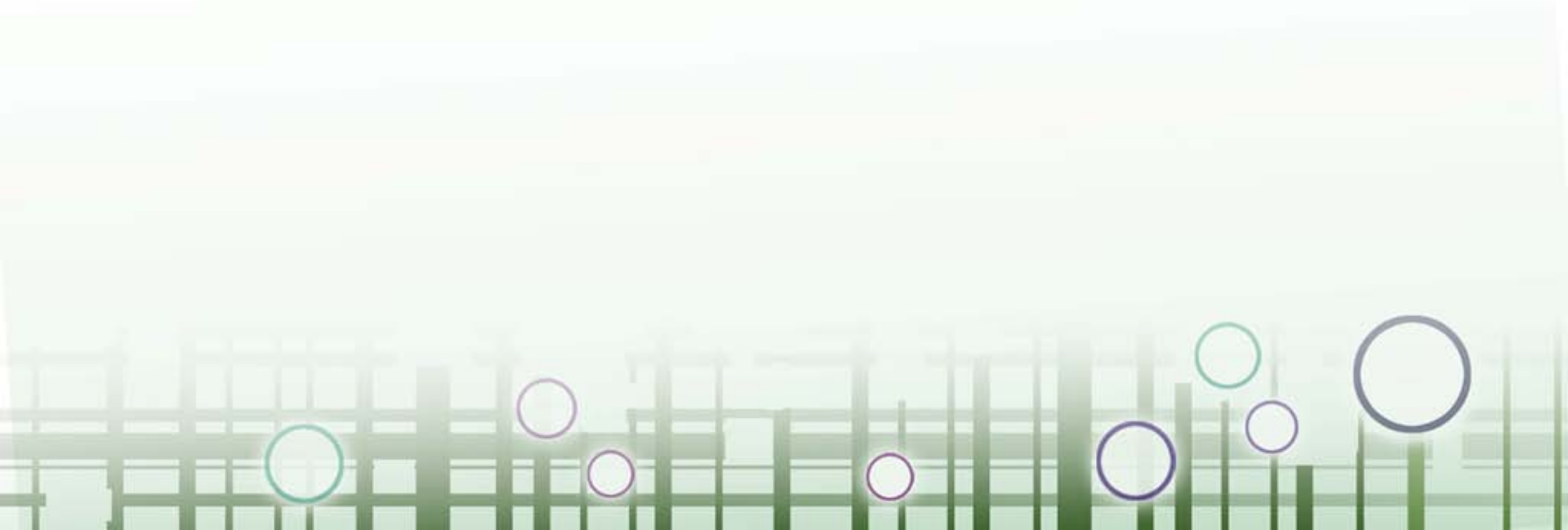
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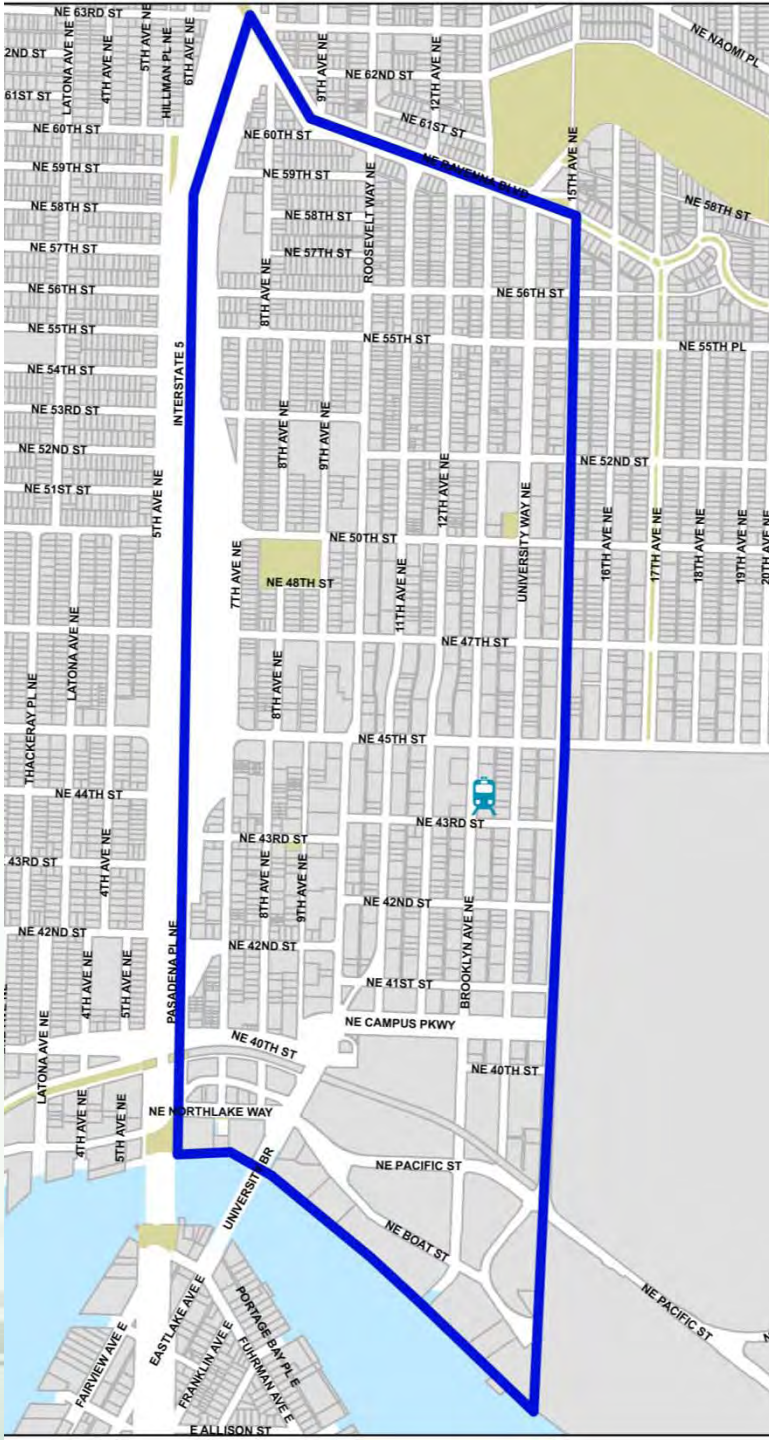
PLANNING IN THE U DISTRICT 101

Dave LaClergue – Department of Planning and Development



Why plan?

- Growth: ~1,500 housing units under construction, ~4,000 more expected
- Light rail on the way
- How to maintain character and improve livability in the midst of growth?
- Long-standing open space deficit, different viewpoints about fixing





Planning Overview

- **U District Partnership**
- **Urban Design Framework & zoning recommendations** by the Department of Planning Development
- **2006 Parks Plan and recent investments** by Seattle Parks and Recreation
- **Construction and planning** by UW

Urban Design Framework Community Participation

- **Urban Design Working Group**

- A year of meetings to develop initial recommendations.
- Participants: residents, developers, businesses, UW, social services, City staff, faith community
- Work continues

- **Broader public input**

- Walking tours
- “Community Conversations”
- 200+ meetings



Urban Design Framework Guiding Principles

- Recognize light rail as a catalyst for change
- Balance regional influences with local character
- Provide a network of great streets and public spaces
- Grow and diversify jobs
- Welcome a diversity of residents
- Improve public safety
- Encourage quality and variety in the built environment
- Build an environmentally sustainable neighborhood
- Improve integration between UW and the U District
- Support walking, biking, and transit

Planning Estimates for Growth

3,900
Housing Units

4,800
Jobs

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- A step toward zoning changes
- Analyzes growth and impacts from 2015-2035
- Three zoning scenarios
- Public comment summer 2014, final EIS in November, draft zoning recommendations early 2015

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Environmental Impact Statement
for the

U District
Urban Design
Alternatives



City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development

April 24, 2014



EIS: Open Space Impacts

- Open Space goals:
 - 1 acre per 1,000 households
 - 1 acre per 10,000 jobs
- 2013 shortfall: 3 acres
- 2035 projected shortfall: 4.5 acres (even with planned parks)
- Projected lack of community garden space, community center



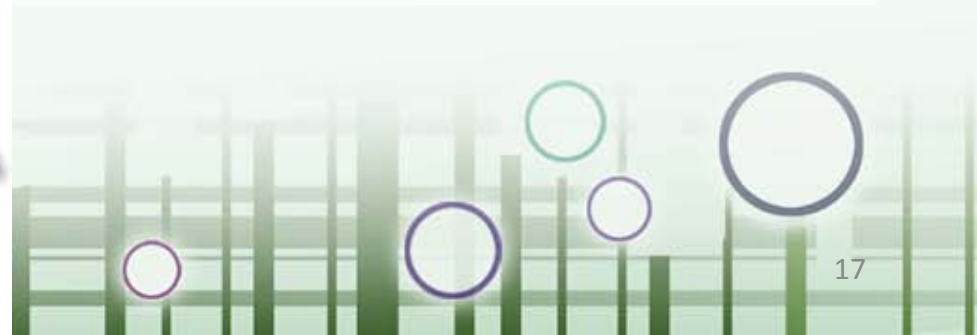
- Develop a central, multi-use park near Brooklyn Ave, between 43rd and 47th Streets
- Encourage small, attractive plazas and open spaces through design review & incentives

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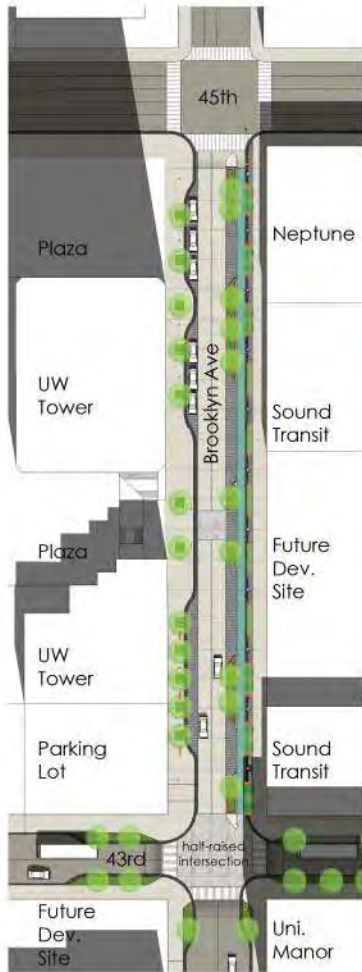
Other progress

- UW, Parks, WSDOT working to develop new waterfront park
- University Playground improvements (Roosevelt Neighbors Alliance)
- “Parklet” approved for 43rd (U District Square)

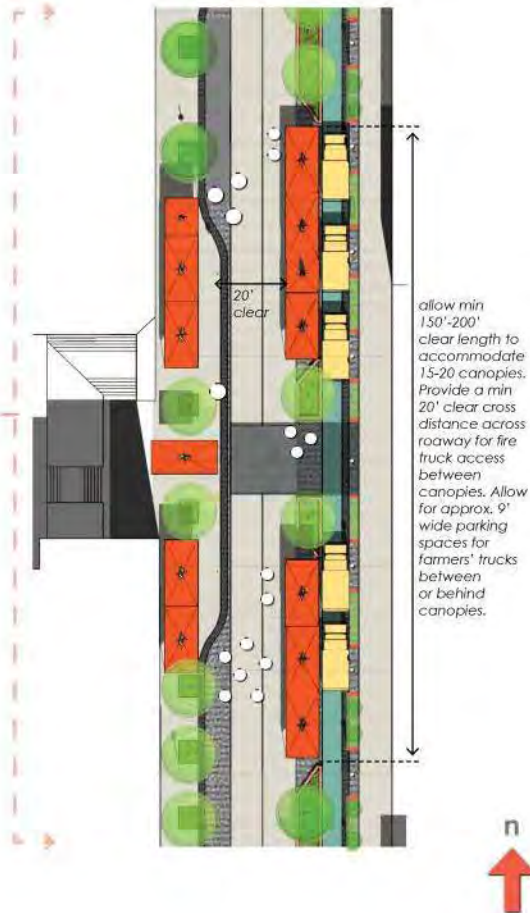


Green street design: Brooklyn Ave NE

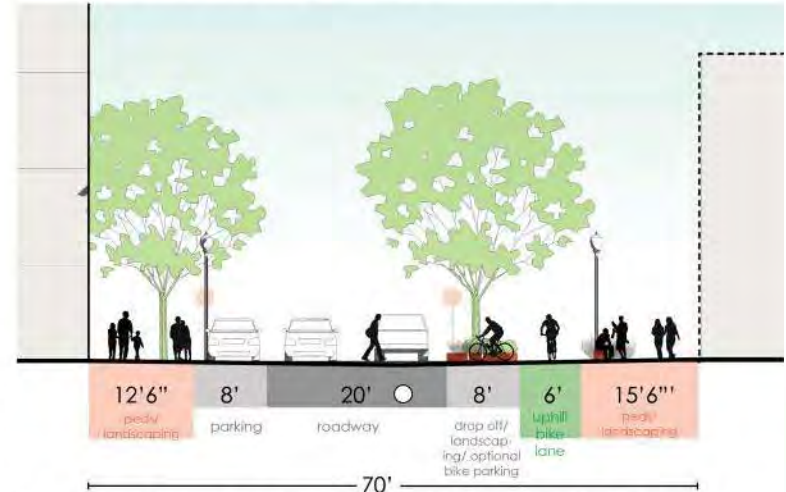
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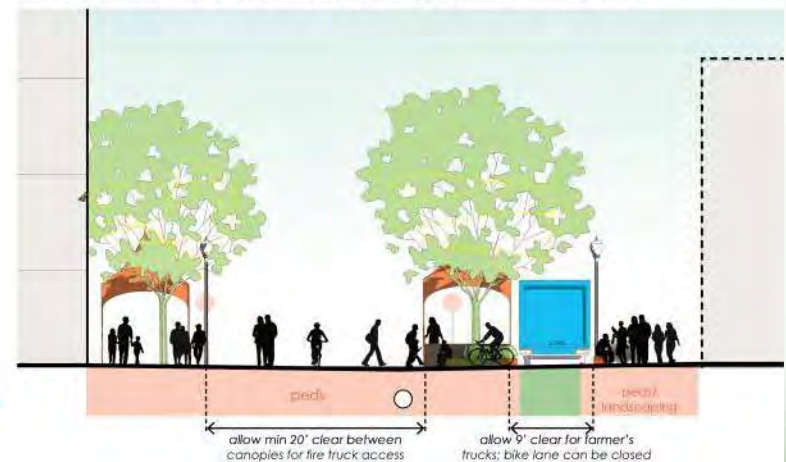
potential to accommodate weekday farmers market



cross section showing design intention



functional cross section during farmers market





Planning 101 Summary

- The U District is growing rapidly
- More/better open spaces needed
- Past planning is directing current investments – what should we be planning for the future?

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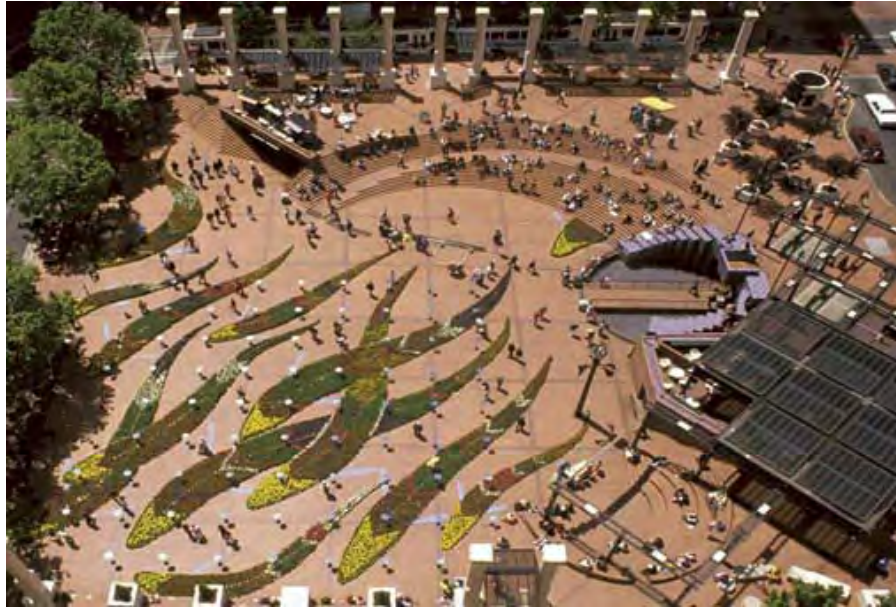
PROJECT BACKGROUND

OPEN SPACE 101

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Community Parks and Plazas



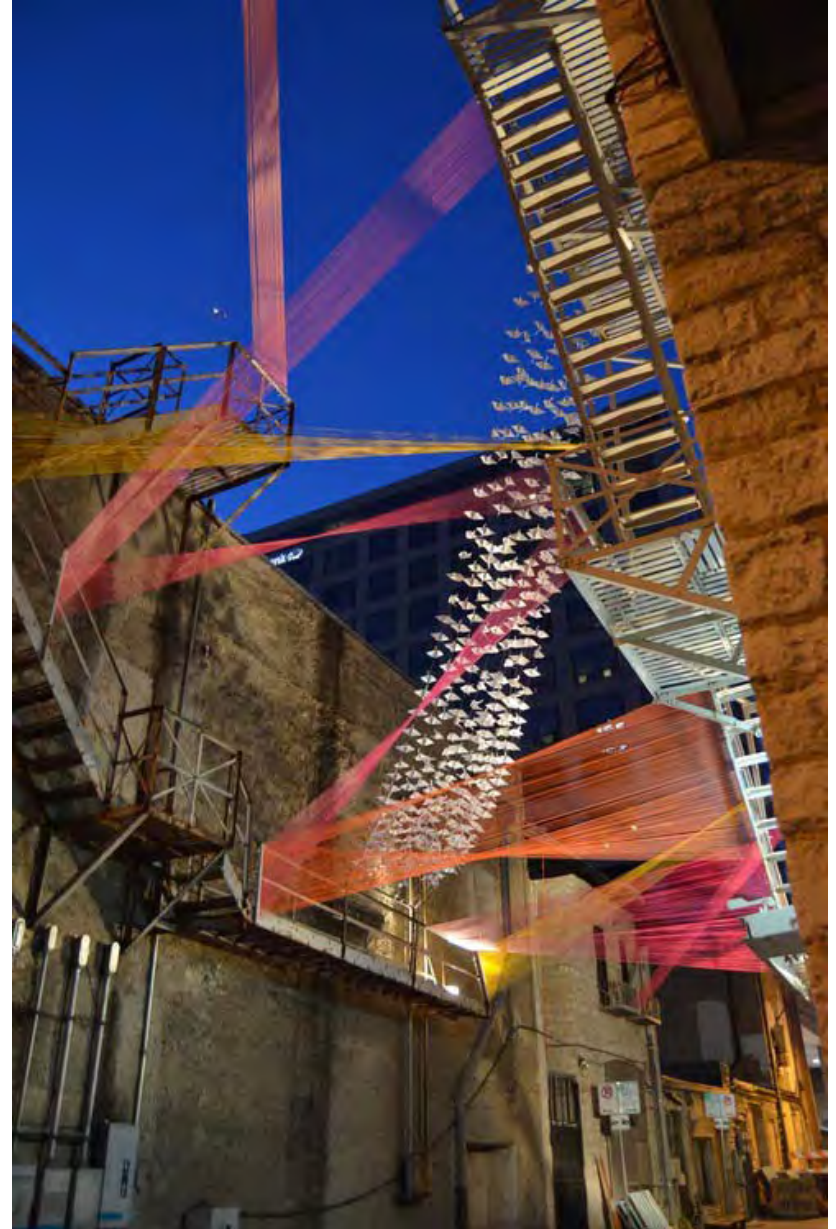
Streets



The greatest urban spaces are street corners.

William Whyte, *City: Discovering the Center*

Streets and Alleys



Green roofs and amenity spaces



In between Spaces



Community gardens



Residential Streets



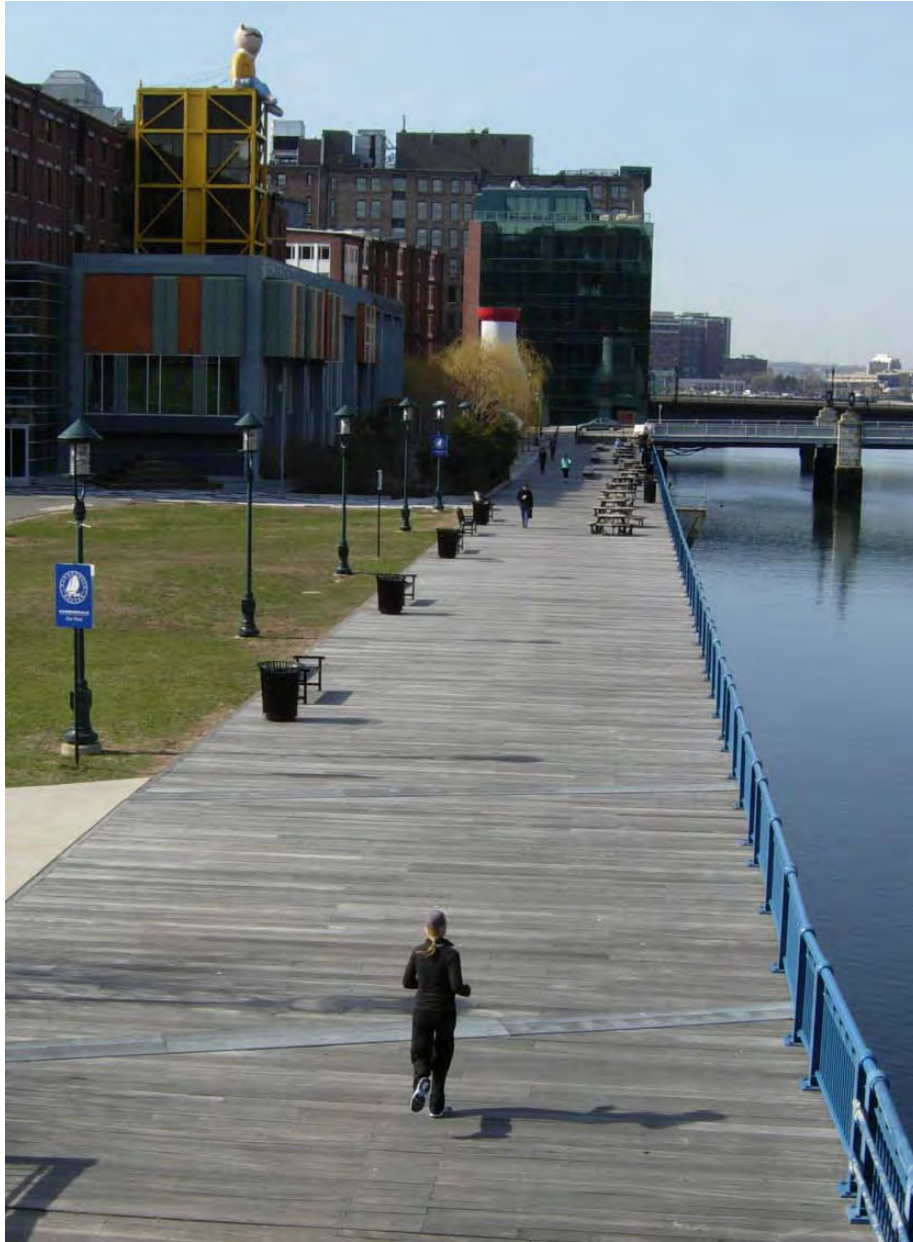
Active spaces



Pedestrian Connections



Shorelines & Trails



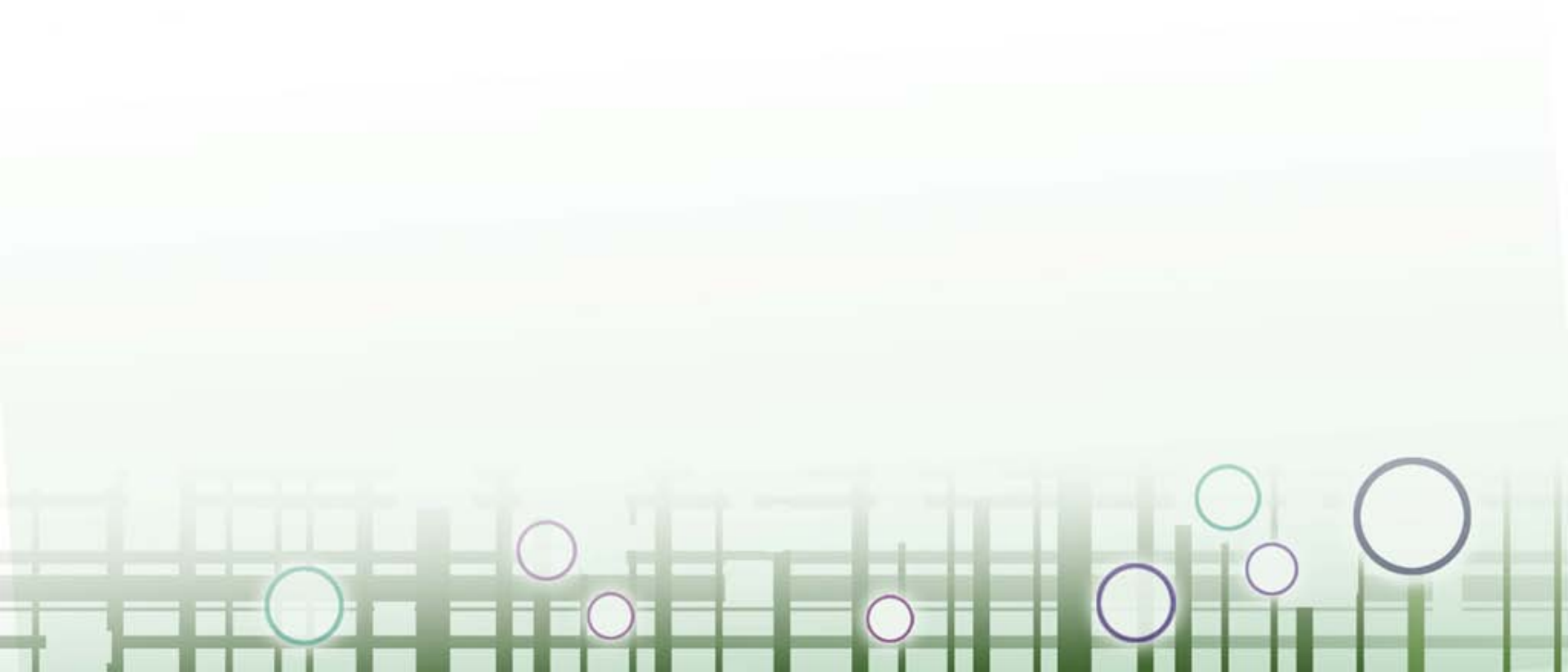








LARGE GROUP WORK



PROJECT CRITERIA

- Build on, but not be restrained by, previous plans
- Plan for all generations
- Address safety as a serious consideration
- Consider long-term funding and maintenance feasibility
- Approach consistent with City regulations



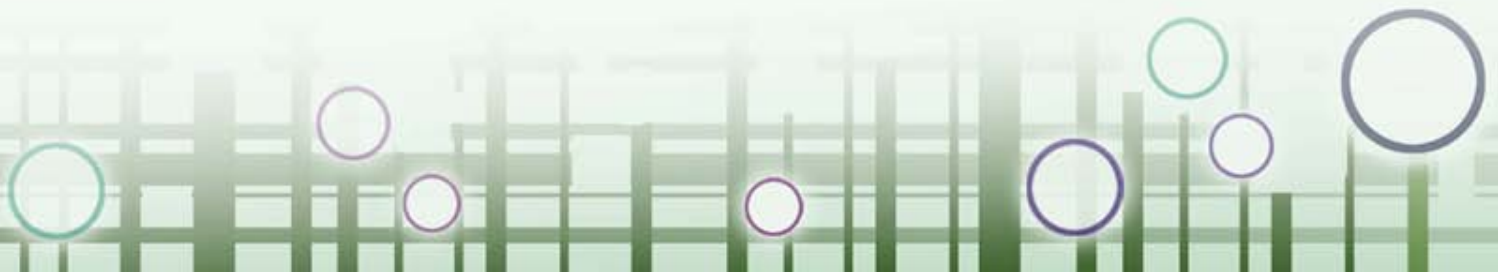
IMAGE OF THE FUTURE

The rise and fall of images of the (other) future precedes or accompanies the rise and fall of cultures. As long as the society's image is positive and flourishing, the flower of culture is in full bloom. Once the image begins to decay and lose its vitality, however, the culture does not long survive.

The Image of the Future—Fred Polak

GROUND RULES

- Everyone participates, together we know more
- Engage, not recruit
- Practice generosity
- No jargon
- Be positive; propose something better
- Be civil, no blaming, no accusations
- Be willing to change your mind when hearing new information
- Look for solutions where all can succeed



QUESTION 1:

What guiding principles or values do you propose for developing open space in the University District?

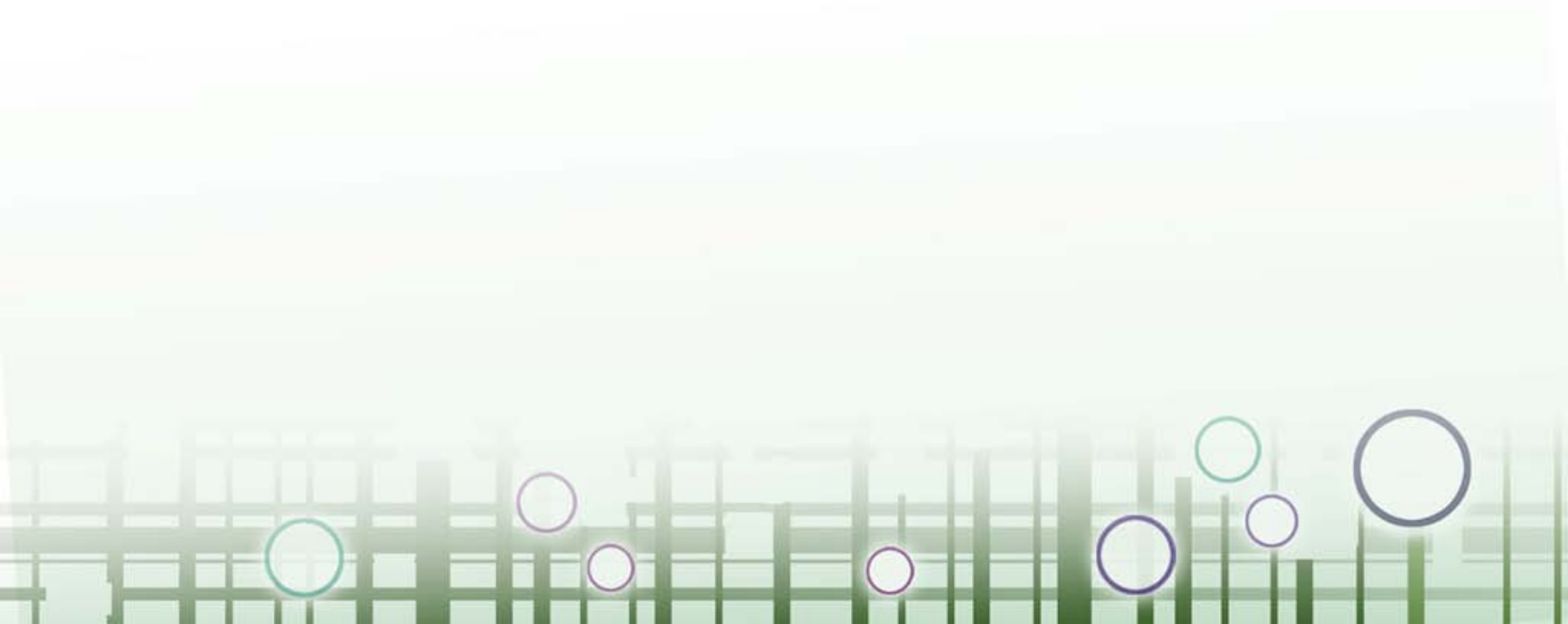


QUESTION 2:

Given the suggested guiding principles and values, what kind of functions and activities do you envision?



NEXT STEPS





PROJECT TIMETABLE



STAY INVOLVED

Steering Group meetings:

- Community Meeting #2: October 30, 7-9 pm
- Community Meeting #3: December 3, 7-9 pm

Minutes and reports @:

www.udistrictpartnership.org

