



# City of Seattle

## Department of Planning and Development

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### Future Development and Urban Design Working Group June 8, 2012

Welcome to the Future Development and Urban Design (FDUD) Working Group. This group is one of five sub-committees of the *University District Commercial Revitalization Plan* process (see the attached 'participation packet').

Our job as FDUD working group participants is to discuss and recommend strategies to the Commercial Revitalization Plan steering committee on how to integrate new development and public realm investments for a vibrant, safe, walkable University District neighborhood.

The group's feedback and thinking will also inform planning that is being undertaken by the Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD) for the University District.

Because we will be developing our thinking together over the coming year, we ask that you plan to attend each meeting, keep abreast of information, and speak up!

#### Members of the FDUD Working Group

Nancy Amidei	Alfred Mustey Shiga
Stephen Antupit	George Petrie
Rebecca Barnes	Matt Roewe
Jack Bernatovicz	Kyle Rowe
David Cohanin	Miles Richardson
Dan Eernisse	Ruedi Risler
Matt Fox	Scott Soules
Anne Gantt	Ryan Thomas
Mark Griffin	Patty Whisler
Ron Moe-Lobeda	



## **Roles of the Future Development and Urban Design Working Group**

- The FDUD group will provide advanced thinking and discussion about a range of development and design issues, including the public realm, for the University District.
- Members of the group will present information and facilitate conversation of issues for the University District Commercial District Revitalization steering committee.
- The working group will review information provided by City departments, other agencies, developers and advocacy organizations.
- The group will incorporate opinions and feedback from various community forums.
- Recommendations that emerge from this process are not the final word on design and development in the neighborhood. Some issues will be addressed at a later date or will need to be confirmed by future public processes, decisions by elected leaders, or technical analysis.

### Roles of Staff:

The FDUD working group will be facilitated by City DPD staff and a professional consultant. The professional staff team will manage working group meetings, report back to the working group on outcomes of discussions, assemble information, disseminate information to interested parties, and integrate opinions of group members on process. The staff team is also responsible for providing opportunities for broad public input into recommendations.

### Everyone should expect to:

- Attend each meeting as we will be developing our thinking together as a group
- Represent their own opinions unless otherwise expressly stated
- Consider interests from within the University District and throughout the city and region
- Integrate feedback from public meetings, community forums, groups not actively involved in the University project, other members of the working group, and City departments
- Become educated about technical, economic and social issues around future development in the University District area
- Think independently and participate in discussions that lead to recommendations for design and development in the neighborhood, subject to review by the broader community, the City, and possibly other agencies
- Provide feedback to staff about the working group process

## Outcomes and Work Program

Working group discussions and recommendations will inform two work products:

1. The University District *Commercial District Revitalization Plan*, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2013
2. The University District *Urban Design Framework*, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013

### Meeting topics:

Staff will strive to use everyone's time wisely. As a group, we'll work together early in our process to identify key issues for the University District.

Discussion during each meeting will integrate elements of many different topics of interest. The following list suggests the anticipated *focus* of each meeting agenda.

	<b>Possible Focus of Agenda</b>	<b>Possible Time Frame</b>
<b>1</b>	Get organized; identify key issues	June 8, 2012
<b>2</b>	Principles and topics for planning; broad discussion	June 21, 2012
<b>3</b>	Neighborhood Subareas, connecting elements	July, 2012
<b>4</b>	Retail uses and street activation: now and in the future	July, 2012
<b>5</b>	Housing and livability	September, 2012
<b>6</b>	Large commercial uses: innovation district, office, research, clinic, other	September, 2012
<b>7</b>	Public Realm: Focus on street and public spaces network	October, 2012
<b>8</b>	Sustainability Framework revisited and expanded	October, 2012
<b>9</b>	Put it All Together Part I	November, 2012
<b>10</b>	Put it All Together Part II	November, 2012



## **University District Commercial Revitalization Plan Steering Committee Packet**

The following packet of information describes the *University District Commercial Revitalization Steering Committee* process and the informal *livability partnership* that is being undertaken by several agencies and organizations for the University District neighborhood.

A map of the project area is found on page 4 of the following packet.

A description of working groups begins on page 8. Each participating member of the FDUD working group is asked to sign the “Acceptance of Charter”.