# Urban Design Advisory Group Introduction & Overview

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#### Lake City & the North Neighborhoods



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hub urban village other urban design review areas

community reporting areas Olympic Hills / Victory Heights Cedar Park / Meadowbrook

North District
 Planning Area



# Components



- ✓ Commercial Revitalization Plan
- ✓ Urban Design Framework
- ✓ Multi-Model Corridor
  Study



#### People & Groups (tentative)



# Roles (tentative)

- •Leadership Group
- •Steering Committee
- •Co-Chairs
- Facilitator

- •Working Groups
- Safe, Walkable Streets; Efficient Transportation
- Parks and Programming
- Health and Human Services
- Economic
  Development and
  Urban Design

# Urban Design Framework.



- •Framework guiding future development
- Strong Partnerships
- Policy Changes
  - Comp Plan Updates
  - Zoning
  - Design Concepts

# Ground Rules

- Everyone's voice
- Take Turns
- Listen & Respect
- Keep things moving
- Positive Solutions
- Facilitation

- Be on Time
- Catch up quietly
- Respect the process
- Professionalism

# Responsibilities

- Attend Meetings
- Positive
  Communication
- Assist in Outreach& Implementation
- •Play Appropriate Role

- •Leverage Resources
- Participate
- Advocate
- •Bring Knowledge
- Collaboration

# Participating Agencies

- City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development
- City of Seattle Department of Transportation
- City of Seattle Office of Economic
  Development
- Lake City Neighborhood Alliance





# Agenda

• Welcome	5:30 - 5:35
Project Principles	5:35 - 6:00
• Past Plans	6:00 - 6:30
Project Principles	6:30 - 7:30



## 1992 Urban Village Visualization Workshop

#### POSITIVE

- » natural features: Thornton Creek
- » rural character
- » transit connections

#### NEGATIVE

- » lack of pedestrian infrastructure
- » auto-oriented
- » poor transitions
  between
  commercial &
  residential uses

"Making the pieces add up: continuing to find ways to hook places and development together."



## 1999 North District Neighborhood Plan

- » LCW is a nice boulevard but divides east from west
- » build out and around the civic core
- » strengthen the business district
- » support community organizations & respect their input
- » improve public safety
- » enhance natural systems & create more parks
- » encourage a balanced mix of housing
- » improve access to human services
- » strengthen design review



Arterial Street

#### 2001 Civic Center Master Plan

- Studied 11 alternatives to implement neighborhood plan goals:
- » library expansion
- » neighborhood service center relocation
- » Albert Davis Park
- » parking garage
- » "town square" plaza

Library and park opened in 2005



## 2007 Neighborhood-Specific Design Guidelines

- » balance scale of commercial and residential
- » increase safety
- » make the area attractive
- » create a convenient, pedestrian-friendly business district
- » accessible by all modes, for all abilities
- » connect to open space
- » increase sense of community

VE 125th Key = Minipark = North Neighborhood Planning Area = Hub Urban Village = 30th Street = 31st Street Civic Core = Auto Row = 33rd Street **Thorton Creek** = Both 30th & 31st

"Create a unique, place-making image for the designated Hub Urban Village resulting in a scale and ambiance that people like, feel comfortable in, and want to return to."

## 2009 Status Check

- » need pedestrian & bike infrastructure
- » safety is a concern crime & graffiti has increased
- » strengthen design review
- » strengthen the business district
- » build more green infrastructure parks, trails, trees
- » improve transit service, including light rail



"Community spirit is alive and needs to growth with additional civic-sponsored community events."

## 2012-2013 UW projects & Pierre Properties Visioning

- » create distinct districts
- » expand and link open spaces
- » improve circulation
- » increase pedestrian safety & access
- » incorporate more housing and jobs in taller buildings
- » rezone to encourage less auto-focused uses

"strengthen and expand the opportunities for public life, with a special focus on youth"

