

## **Notes from 10/25/08 Roosevelt Community Workshop**

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- Skate park!
- Traffic – safety, circulation patterns
  - Impact on community
  - Pedestrians – school, neighborhood
  - Regular bus traffic – heavy
- Enhance pedestrian experience
- Minimize parking - incentivize transit use
- Coordinate parking with RHS – shared use?
- Ribbons of 'green' between Ravenna Ck and reservoir along 15<sup>th</sup> – pedestrian link
  - Gateway to neighborhood
- Low impact development standards/techniques
  - Storm water management
  - Street, trees, native landscape
- Development that promotes community
  - Not simply max density
  - Concern for transience of rental properties
  - Link to open space, natural areas
- Contextual design
  - Turn of century bungalows at base
  - Scale, texture, materials – respond to historic character
- Height: 4-5 stories max
  - Urban village – not urban center
  - Connection to street
  - Transition to single family scale
  - Cite development studies – encourage best practices of pedestrian community, safety, longevity
  - Study noise, garbage pickup, services, impact on neighborhood
  - Maintenance – not on the street
- N/S green street – 12<sup>th</sup>? 15<sup>th</sup>? Between 65<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> – community commons, community storm drainage
  - Open space and public square/commons
  - Street vendors
- Leave streets as is – accommodate existing traffic loads
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> intersection – very clogged – traffic mitigation
- Low-energy development – green materials – follow LEED guidelines
  - Sustainable goals – alternative energy
- Support small business, local economy
- Near RHS
  - Engage students and community
  - Eyes on street – supervision

## Orange Group

- Limit heights to preserve neighborhood context
- Consider gateway to Ravenna/Roosevelt
- Preserve light
- Sustainable development
  - Retain trees
- Noise impacts
- Community input on commercial establishments
- Diversity
  - Low-income/families
- Parking (1 space min/unit)
- Commercial parking built in
- Input on architecture

## Blue Group

- Limit height
- NC2 – 40 on 65<sup>th</sup>
- Lower on 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mixed types – commercial/housing at ground level
- Covered sidewalks/pleasant on foot
- Unique development/attractive
- Paid parking for station
- Variety
- Parking = 1 spot/apt
  - With electricity for plug in hybrids
- Terrace toward school
- Need to know more about financial arrangement
- Will it be taken care of?
- LEED, LEED for neighborhoods compliant
- Management experience at other developments
- Green walkability
- Architectural context – fit in with neighbors

## Purple Group

- Sustainability (low-impact development)
    - Green building
    - Pleasant setbacks
    - Permeable paving
    - Green/trees/canopy
    - Esthetics
  - Design esthetics
    - Greenery
    - Building façade/landscaping/height/bulk & scale
  - Pedestrian friendly
    - Wide sidewalks
    - Parking strips
  - NW flavor of:
    - Architecture
    - Building materials
    - Landscaping (native and drought tolerant)
  - Affordable housing to different income levels
    - E.g. workforce housing
    - Low income housing
  - Humor/sculptures/art
  - Safety
  - Traffic planning
  - Quality retail with vested interest in neighborhood
  - Respect for existing neighbors/properties
- *DON'T WANT*
- Ominous buildings
  - Out of scale buildings
  - Crime attracting spots/locations in building design

## Light Blue Group

- Safety – 1700 students at RHS
- Keeping the views – height
- Neighborhood sustainability
- Storm runoff
- Preservation of green/critical infrastructure
  - Set the tone
  - LID
  - Roofs
  - Daylighted
  - Green space
  - Mixed-use
- Grow up vs. grow out – sprawl
- Appropriate transition for RHS
- Respect for juxtaposed property – view, etc.
- Setbacks, sidewalks, space, courtyard – quality of surrounding space
- Avoid huge tunnels of tall buildings
- Harmonious with RHS
- Historic/heritage – distinctive character
- Restoration of feeling of neighborhood – single family
- Concept of ‘urban village’
  - Identity/feel
  - Unified idea
  - Sense of community
- Art, landscaping, community space
- Limited height – visual scale of streetscape
- Idea of third place
  - Work, home, third place
- Favor townhouse vs. commercial at the lower floor (as appropriate)
- Urban agriculture
  - “30 story commercial forms”
  - Bottom floor
- Business
  - Friendly
  - Professionals (architects)
  - Small
  - Decentralized
  - Vital businesses not displeased
  - Daycare
- Avoid empty storefronts
- Attract and promote the non-car community
  - Local bike system
- Pedestrian environment
  - Diverse
  - “Swale on Yale”

## **Black Group**

- Sustainability
  - Low impact development
- Affordable housing/diversity
- Open space
  - Set back
  - Reduced bulk in building size
  - Courtyard
  - Save all big trees!
  - Open to neighborhood
  - Greenery
  - Pedestrian amenities/benches
- Walkability
  - Street scape
  - Greenery
- Mixed residential with small retail – family friendly retail
- Flex car spots/low impact transportation
- 4-6 stories (scale appropriate for neighborhood)
- Bike racks on-site
- Meeting space/community center

## **Yellow Group**

- Diversity
  - Affordable housing
  - Mixed retail
  - Family friendly businesses
  - Small local businesses
  - Community center
- Greenscape/open space
  - Sustainability (green building/alternative energy)
  - Greenery
  - Public space
  - Neighborhood access
  - Benches/courtyards
  - Set-backs
  - Reduced bulk in building
  - Walkability
  - Transportation/better bus service
  - Safety
  - 4-6 stories max height – size fits in neighborhood
  - Parking/no commercial parking/better busses