

Public Workshop: Concept Development

Better Housing by Design Project

Notes from 2/25/2017 Small Group Discussions

East Portland Characteristics

- Swales can be dangerous – on Glisan, cars hit them.
- Watch setback restrictions to allow more open space in back.
- More density may be necessary – from 2-stories to 3-stories.
- I like the mid-block open space – bring people together. Example, Division & 33rd development is good for gathering.
- Currently mostly single-family homes around open space.
- No one solution. If park is nearby, development can be at edge. Combine outdoor spaces
- Look at BPS regulations, need green relief. Doesn't need to be much, but some.
- Start doing the mid-block. Incentivize development.
- Look at East coast, they have all sorts of amenities – common open space, trees, pools, etc.
- Area or District Plans cater to different areas, for example Jade District. More fine grained. They fit the context of the area, are not generic.
- Common space is intergenerational.
- Mid-block, people can get in and out.
- Incorporate green infrastructure.
- Consider new technology – timber pressed, taller buildings
- Consider Universal Design. Be adaptable over time. Wider doorways. Doesn't cost as much to age in place.
- Up to 5-stories in order to accommodate parking (under, in back), otherwise waste of space.
- Lot coverage requirements.