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PROJECT INFORMATION
site address 3405/3411/3417 Harbor Ave SW
parcel numbers 7987400130, 7987400140, 7987400150
project number 3034147-EG

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PROJECT CRITERIA
zoning C1-55 (M)
overlays outer transitional surface
parking flexibility
abutting zones IG2 U/85 (east)
SF5000 (west)
current use (1) existing office building
lot area 3405 Harbor Ave: 3,957 sf
3411 Harbor Ave: 3,957 sf
3417 Harbor Ave: 7,918 sf
15,832 sf TOTAL
allowable FAR 59,370.6sf (3.75)
ECAs 40% steep slope, potential slide, liquefaction, landfill
parking 57 stalls required

PROJECT PROPOSAL
gross building floor area 59,497 sf
proposed residential area 47,538 sf
proposed residential units 115 units (preferred scheme)
proposed parking 65 stalls (preferred scheme)
no. of stories 5 stories of residential with 1 partially below-grade level of parking
demolition existing office building to be demolished

CONTEXT + SITE
The neighborhood is in transition, with most of the new development occurring as new, higher density residential units. The majority of the commercial activity is across Harbor Ave SW in the industrial zone. On the west side of the site is a smaller scale, single family residential neighborhood. The steep slope of the lot in the east/west direction provides opportunity for views across the industrial zone to the east, towards the Duwamish Waterway and the downtown skyline. It also allows for reduced massing in deference to the single family homes. The site will be shaded from the sun by the hillside to the west at varying times of day throughout the year. Morning sun will be most consistent throughout the day and year as there are no buildings or landscape immediately blocking the light.

The site is well served by transit in the north-south direction, providing connections to Alki, downtown Seattle, and beyond. Public bus, bicycle, and main vehicular routes are provided immediately adjacent to the site along Harbor Ave, with a pedestrian bike/walking path across the street on Harbor Ave. The pedestrian bike path on the east side of Harbor Ave also affords easy access to Alki and the passenger ferry terminal. There is a pedestrian hillclimb stair connecting the residential neighborhoods to the southwest. Bridge access is directly to the south, allowing quick vehicular and bus access to downtown Seattle.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
This project proposes to create a multi-family building with 5 stories of apartments over 1 partially below grade story of parking. The existing office building will be demolished.

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES
objective 1: provide modulated massing to create a respectful transition between zones
objective 2: maximize light and views
objective 3: provide comfortable and economic housing for a growing neighborhood, in a growing city
5.0 URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS

LEGEND

- project site
- arterials
- bus route
- bus stop
- bike path
- walking radius

transit & walkability
5.0 URBAN DESIGN ANALYSIS | local amenities

LOCAL AMENITIES

- Project site
- Luna Park Cafe
- West Seattle Branch Public Library
- Delridge Community Center
- Pathfinder K-8 School
- West Seattle High
- Lafayette Elementary
- Madison Middle School
- West Seattle Stadium
- Dragonfly Garden
- Delridge Playfield
- Puget Park
- Hiawatha Playfield
- Jack Block Park
- CHI Franciscan Health
- Trader Joe's
- QFC
- Safeway
- Metropolitan Market
- Whole Foods
- Pathfinder K-8 School
- West Seattle High
- Lafayette Elementary
- Madison Middle School
- West Seattle Stadium
- Dragonfly Garden
- Delridge Playfield
- Puget Park
- Hiawatha Playfield
- Jack Block Park

north
SITE ZONING

The site is located in a strip of a commercial zone (C1-55 M), bordered by an industrial zone (IG2-U/85) to the east and single-family zoning (SF5000) to the west.
**USES PERMITTED OUTRIGHT 23.47A.004 TABLE A**

- Residential uses

**STREET-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS 23.47A.008**

- Blank segments of street-facing facades between 2 - 8 feet above the sidewalk may not exceed 20 feet in width. Facades with screening or landscaping are not considered blank.
- The total of all blank facade segments may not exceed 40% of the facade width of the structure along the street.
- Street-level, street-facing facades shall be located within 10 feet of the street lot line unless wider sidewalks, plazas, or other approved landscaped or open spaces are provided.
- At least one of the street-level, street-facing facades containing a residential use shall have a visually prominent pedestrian entry.
- The floor of a dwelling unit located along the street-level, street-facing facade shall be at least 4 feet above or 4 feet below sidewalk grade or be set back at least 10 feet from the sidewalk.

**PARKING LOCATION & ACCESS 23.47A.004 TABLE A**

- One garage door is permitted for each curb cut.
- When a lot fronts on two or more streets, the Director will determine which of the streets will be considered the front lot line.
- Parking shall be screened.

**MAXIMUM STRUCTURE HEIGHT 23.47A.012**

- Maximum structure height = 55 feet
- Certain rooftop features may also extend beyond the height limit (in particular, a stair or elevator penthouse may extend an additional 16 feet), however, some of these features must be located at least 10 feet from the north edge of the roof.
- Open railings, planters, clerestories, and parapets may extend up to 4 feet above the height limit.

**MAXIMUM FAR 23.47A.013**

- 3.75 on a lot outside of the Station Overlay District
  - lot area: 15,832 sf
  - max. FAR: 59,370 sf
  - Area exempt from FAR: underground stories, portions of a story that extend no more than 4 feet above grade, rooftop greenhouse area.
  - The proposed FAR is 59,344 sf. The sub-basement and portions of the basement level are either completely underground or do not extend more than 4 feet above grade and therefore are exempt from FAR.

**DESIGN TEAM RESPONSE**

- The project proposes 115 residential units
- The proposed street-level, street-facing facade abutting Harbor Ave SW incorporates a combination of glazing, green screens, and decorative art screens. The blank segments along this street total 69.75' or 37% of the facade, which is less than 40% max allowed. Additionally, the longest blank segment width is 17.42' which is less than the maximum of 20'.
- Along 30th Ave SW, the proposed street-level, street-facing facade features residential unit windows and balconies. The blank segments along this street total 45.15' or 24% of the facade, which is less than 40% max allowed. Additionally, the longest blank segment width is 11.4' which is less than the maximum of 20'.
- The Harbor Ave SW facade is located within 10 feet of the street lot line, with building setbacks varying from 3 inches to 11 feet. Although the 30th Ave SW facade is greater than 10 feet from the street lot line, a terraced and landscaped open space sits between the building and the street.
- Both street-facing facades feature visually prominent pedestrian entries. The Harbor Ave SW facade features two lobbies, one at each corner. A pedestrian entry is provided at the northwest corner of the building at the 30th Ave SW side.
- Residential units are located along the street-level, street-facing facade of 30th Ave SW but are set back from the street lot line 10 feet to 28 feet, averaging greater than the 10 foot requirement.
- The project proposes one garage door for the curb cut at Harbor Ave SW.
- The project site fronts both Harbor Ave SW and 30th Ave SW and has received approval to treat Harbor Ave SW as the "front" lot line in order to determine access requirements.
- All proposed parking will be enclosed in a garage at the basement level of the building.
- The proposed structure height is 53.79 feet, less than the 55 feet maximum allowed. The two stair penthouses and one elevator penthouse extend 3.71 feet above the structure height, less than the 16 feet maximum allowed.

**LAND USE CODE**

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**7.0 ZONING DATA**
## Design Team Response

### Setback Requirements

- **Front (Harbor Ave SW):** none
- **Front (30th Ave SW):** none
- **Side (north):** none (does not abut a residential zone)
- **Side (south):** none (does not abut a residential zone)
  - A minimum 5 foot landscaped setback may be required under certain conditions and for certain uses per 23.47A.016
  - Structures permitted in required setbacks: decks, balconies, eaves, cornices, gutters, ramps, fences, underground structures, dumpsters (except trash compactors)

### Landscaping & Screening Standards

- A greenfactor score of 0.3 or greater is required (functionally equivalent to landscaping 30% of lot)
  *Note: Credit is awarded for green roofs, planters, green walls, landscaping, and plantings in the adjacent right-of-way.
  *Note: Street trees are required and are counted towards the greenfactor requirement.

### Required Amenity Area

- 5% of the total gross floor area in residential use required (area excludes mech equipment and parking)
- Bioretention facilities qualify as amenity areas.
- All residents shall have access to at least one common or private amenity area.
- Amenity areas shall not be enclosed.
- No amenity area shall be less than 250 sf and shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of 10 feet.
- Private balconies and decks shall have a minimum area of 60 sf and no horizontal dimension shall be less than 6 feet.

### Parking Location & Access

- Within a structure, street-level parking shall be separated from street-level, street-facing facades by another permitted use.

### Required Parking

- Residential uses = 1 vehicular space per dwelling unit, 0.5 per SEDU
- Residential uses = 1 bicycle space per dwelling units (long-term), 1 space per 20 dwelling units (short-term) 23.54.020.F.2
- Minimum parking reduced by 50% if site is located within a frequent transit service area

### Mandatory Housing Affordability

- Medium area
- Zones with a (M) suffix - $14.46 / sf developer contribution
- As part of the City’s Mandatory Housing Affordability program, the project will contribute $858,114.24 to the program.
CS1 NATURAL SYSTEMS & SITE FEATURES

D1 ON-SITE FEATURES
Incorporate on-site natural habitats and landscape elements such as: existing trees, native plants, shrubs, or other vegetation into project design and connect those features to existing networks of open spaces and natural habitats wherever possible. Consider relocating significant trees and vegetation if retention is not feasible.

The scheme creates a landscaped courtyard that descends down the hillside and speaks to the adjacent residential neighborhood character. Terraced areas are planted with native landscape with bright pops of color that change seasonally, for year-round interest. This scheme incorporates built elements such as benches and steps in order to activate the courtyard and to help provide a physical and visual connection to the residents on 30th Ave. At Harbor Ave, ground and vertical greenscape provides texture, seasonal interest, and garage screening.

E1 ADDING INTEREST WITH PROJECT DRAINAGE
Use project drainage systems as opportunities to add interest to the site through water-related design elements. Features such as trees, rain gardens, bioswales, green roofs, fountains of recycled water, and/or water art installations can create movement and sound, air cooling, focal points for pedestrians, and habitats which may already be required to manage on-site stormwater and allow reuse of potable water for irrigation

This project incorporates two cascading bio-retention planters at the northwest and southwest corners. These cascading planters will create a water fountain effect, adding visual interest and providing a trickling water sound that will help to mitigate the highway noise. At the southwest corner of the building, exposed downspouts relate to the gasketing of the mass, and create a visual and logical connection between the roof drainage above and bioretention planters below.

CS2 URBAN PATTERN & FORM

A1 SENSE OF PLACE
Emphasize attributes that give Seattle, the neighborhood, and/or the site its distinctive sense of place. Design the building and open spaces to enhance areas where a strong identity already exists, and create a sense of place where the physical context is less established. Examples of neighborhood and/or site features that contributed to a sense of place include patterns of streets or blocks, slopes, sites with prominent visibility, relationships to bodies of water or significant trees, natural areas, open spaces, iconic buildings or transportation junctions, and land seen as a gateway to the community.

At the edge of North Admiral and Alki, this site ties into the local fabric and speaks to the neighborhood identity through its main corner entry, response to the zoning changes, and relationship to the streets. The strong street edge along Harbor Ave is maintained, while the massing is broken up along 30th Ave to relate to the residential zone.

The building’s corner establishes a gateway to the neighborhood, with the building’s main residential entry at the street-level. Additionally, the project responds directly to the two abutting zones – holding the edge along the busy transit-oriented Harbor Ave, while providing a more modulated, pedestrian scale along 30th Ave. The residential neighborhood to the west feels tucked into the hillside and woods, and the landscaped courtyard will reflect that neighborhood characteristic. The frontage along Harbor Ave SW Responds directly to the typical typology of the neighborhood apartment buildings, with an orthogonal form above a plinth-like garage base.

B2 CONNECTION TO THE STREET
Identify opportunities for the project to make a strong connection to the street and carefully consider how the building will interact with the public realm. Consider the qualities and character of the streetscape – its physical features (sidewalk, parking, landscape strip, street trees, travel lanes, and other amenities) and its function (major retail street or quieter residential street) – in siting and designing the building.

The proposed project has street frontages along its two long sides – both with distinctly different characteristics. With the building’s mass weighted towards the commercial and industrial zones along Harbor Ave, the building holds the line along the busier street – providing recesses at the entries in order to aid in breaking up the facade as well as providing a comfortable and direct entry sequence. The use of plants and greenscreens in conjunction with the street trees adds to the character along Harbor Ave.

Along 30th Ave (a quieter residential street), the building is set back from the lot edge which reduces the impact of the structure towering over the streetscape. Secondary features along this facade reflect the qualities of the single family residences across the street. A smaller, resident only entry/exit has been provided to directly connect the building to the street with a stair and runway – allowing residents to connect with the bike paths along Admiral as well as facilitate an improved connection with their neighbors. An additional meandering path from the patios to 30th Ave accommodates playful residents in keeping with the quality of the neighborhood.
PL2 WALKABILITY

D1 DESIGN AS WAYFINDING
Use design features as a means of wayfinding wherever possible, and provide clear directional signage where needed.

Large awnings have been provided at each entry, with the scale of awning directly related to the hierarchical importance of each entry. Wood detailing and similar material palettes at each entry aid in a visual distinction, contributing to clear wayfinding.

PL4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

B3 BIKE CONNECTIONS
Facilitate connections to bicycle trails and infrastructure around and beyond the project. Design bicycling access points so that they relate to the street grid and include information about connections to existing trails and infrastructure where possible. Also consider signage, kiosks, building lobbies, and bicycle parking areas, where provided, as opportunities to share bicycling information.

The northeast lobby, as well as the residential entry/exit along the northwest façade, are both geared towards bicycle transit. The entry/exit to the northwest incorporates a bike runnel adjacent to the stair and directs residents to the bike lane along Admiral Way (directly above the project site and beyond) and additional bus routes. Signage indicating bike and bus routes will be posted inside, directly adjacent to this entry/exit. The northeast lobby is directly adjacent to the frequent use bicycle parking. This bicycle parking will be easily accessed by anyone traveling to/from Harbor Ave (and the associated multi-use trail, from the passenger ferry, or from cyclists coming from the south along Avalon Way. With this heavily glazed bicycle parking fronting Harbor Ave, the importance of bicycle travel is reinforced. Additional information on trails and infrastructure will be provided inside the bicycle parking rooms.

DC2 ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

B1 FACADE COMPOSITION
Design all building façades - including alleys and visible roofs - considering the composition and architectural expression of the building as a whole. Ensure that all facades are attractive and well-proportioned through the placement and detailing of all elements, including bays, fenestration, and materials, and any patterns created by their arrangement. On sites that abut an alley, design the alley facade and its connection to the street carefully. At minimum, consider wrapping the treatment of the street-facing façade around the alley corner of the building.

The building façade has been developed intentionally, with awareness to material texture, patterning, and fenestration. Careful detailing particularly at the southeast corner allows the windows and panels sizes to align. Special attention has been given to the interaction with the residential neighborhood to the north, with the scale of material detailing reflective of the zone transition.

DC2 ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

C1 VISUAL DEPTH AND INTEREST
Add depth to facades where appropriate by incorporating balconies, canopies, awnings, decks, or other secondary elements into the façade design. Add detailing at the street level in order to create interest for the pedestrian and encourage active street life and window shopping (in retail areas). Detailing may include features such as distinctive door and window hardware, projecting window sills, ornamental tile or metal, and other high-quality surface materials and finishes.

Balconies and wood screens have been incorporated into the façade design along 30th Ave. These secondary elements provide a level of detail and materiality respectively of the single family zone the project fronts. Along the Harbor Ave frontage, the addition of balconies as a secondary element help to break up the long façade. Additional secondary elements include awnings at each entry, with their size respective of the importance of each. Throughout the north and south nodes, the windows and doors have been recessed to aid in the distinction of the masses while providing additional visual interest. Directly adjacent to the main (southeast) entry, an art screen incorporating the signage adds visual interest along the street level. High quality board-formed concrete is also proposed along the Harbor Ave street façade.
Scheme 3: INTERLOCK (PREFERRED)

Scheme 3 is the preferred scheme. It breaks up the building’s mass and provides a landscaped courtyard element facing 30th Ave, while providing a reduced bulk towards the southern edge of the property. The southern mass is shorter than the northern masses, helping to create a transition in building scale and increasing the building’s legibility. The lobby is located at the southern corner, with garage access off of Harbor Ave on the north end of the site.

NO. OF UNITS: 126 apartments
PARKING: 71 stalls

BENEFITS:
- Gestures towards the assumed corner shared with SPU property to the south.
- Responds to site topography, stepping with the slope in the north and south direction.
- Locates the bulk of the massing away from the 30th Ave residential zone.
- Larger courtyard allows for usable landscaped areas for increased eyes on the street and connections with the neighborhood.

CONCERNS:
- Tallest portion of mass faces the adjacent neighboring multi-family building to the north.

POTENTIAL DEPARTURES:
- Exceptional tree
- Street-level parking

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INTEGRATION:
- Provide dog waste receptacles along 30th Ave.
- Significantly increased parking over code compliant proposal (42 parking stalls in “hinge” scheme)
- Roof deck set back from edge of building.
- Large landscaped courtyard encourages engagement with residents of 30th Ave.
- Lower level terraces accommodates this engagement while setting the building back from property edge helps to maintain privacy of residential neighbors as requested.
3417 Harbor Ave is a new 5 story over basement garage apartment complex. The building is comprised of 91 1-bedroom and 24 2-bedroom apartments, as well as parking for 65 vehicles. A common roof deck is located on the north end of the building. Located on a steeply sloping lot straddling multiple zones, the project aims to respond to the neighboring residential neighborhood to the west as well as the industrial neighborhood to the east. Directly to the north is another multi-family structure comprised of 57 units.

Following the EDG meeting, the Board recommended Scheme 3 to be explored and developed further. The Board offered specific guidance, and in conjunction with the design team’s exploration, the overall massing has evolved as illustrated here. See pages 14-22 for itemized responses.

The developed scheme shifts the hierarchy of the mass in order to provide a more prominent corner condition at the southeast edge, while stepping down the mass toward the adjacent structure to the north. The building now has a main public entry at the southeast corner, a residential entry (connecting to the bike parking, mail room, and garage) at the northeast corner, and a residential pedestrian exit at the northwest corner, connecting to the ROW above.

Due to the long frontage along both Harbor Ave and 30th Ave SW, the mass has been broken into three sections; the north and south nodes are connected by the central bar, and the materiality is expressed accordingly. Equitone panels are carefully detailed along the two nodes, with the patterning adjusted between the corner entry condition and the residential facing facades. Windows are recessed along these facades, with deeper metal trim provided at the corner expression. The central bar reflects the residential neighborhood, with horizontal lap siding reinforcing the horizontal bar. Secondary architectural features and materials reflect the building’s place between two zones, with the wood responsive to the abutting neighborhood, and the corten steel a nod to the industrial zone.

**massing @ EDG**

- simplify the overall mass
- provide a hierarchy in massing & height
- recess upper level to provide interlocking connection between gaskets
- drop parapet to reinforce hierarchy at south edge
- add a second gasket to define form
- reintroduce gaskets purposefully per staff guidance
- secondary facade elements & two-story corner entry expression per staff guidance
- raise south node to reflect corner prominence
- extend base to ground plane
- drop north edge in response to neighboring structure
- connect secondary entry lobby to grade & reconfigure garage level
- simplify & clarified expression
- align gaskets & massing shifts to clarify form
- add kink to gesture towards prominent corner
- provide order & logic to mass
- clarifying massing concept
10.0 DESIGN REVIEW RESPONSE | itemized response to EDG

board guidance
Southeast Corner - The Board was supportive of the beginnings of the southeast corner expression but would like to see the corner be treated as more of a gateway with greater presence through material detailing and perhaps massing refinements. The Board suggested simplifying the massing from a split form to a singular massing volume on the south façade (CS2-A, CS2-D).

design response
Following the Board’s guidance, the design team explored a refined and simplified overall massing, particularly at the southwest corner expression. Rather than maintaining a dropped massing at this southwest corner per the EDG proposal, the corner element has been extended vertically by extending to the 5th floor, and continuing the mass down to the grade plane. The modulation of the split form has been simplified, initially with a singular massing volume. Per staff guidance, subsequent development of the massing has reintroduced the gaskets at the south and west facades, but maintains the taller, clarified massing. Larger glazing panels in an expressive pattern, wood accents, and a simple siding pattern (related to, but not identical to the rest of the mass) strengthens the south corner and gateway expression.

• The taller, unified massing expression at the south corner helps to signify its prominence as the main entry and a gateway expression.
• The mass is extended to the grade plane in order to help ground the mass.
• A large feature awning has been added to reinforce the corner expression.
• The massing’s kink (amplified by the gasket) gestures towards the corner, allowing the materiality of the corner to be expressed differently than the rest of the mass.
• Windows and doors throughout the façade are stacked vertically, with the exception of the southeast corner. The staggered windows allow for the incorporation of wood panels related to, but distinct from the rest of the building. This distinct compositional order reinforces the corner element.

design guidelines
CS2-A Location in the City and Neighborhood
CS2-D Height, Bulk, and Scale
CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage
PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding
DC2-A Massing

proposed massing @ EDG

sketches of corner designs

board formed concrete
equitone pictura panel
corten steel
wood siding
balcony railing
cementitious lap siding

proposed massing

DRAFT
board guidance
Harbor Ave - Related to the corner expression, the Board provided guidance to enhance the expression of the lobby entrance at the southeast corner exploring greater height, size, seating, lighting or other means of enhancing legibility of the entrance. In addition, the Board would like to see the north end exit along Harbor Avenue become a secondary lobby rather than an egress only (CS2-B2, PL3-A).

design response
Previously, the proposal included a recessed residential entry at the southeast corner, with an exit-only condition at the northeast. The plan has been reworked in order to accommodate a primary entry at the southeast corner and secondary entry at the northeast corner. These entries relate to each other visually, but prominence is given to the southeast entry (as the corner expression) through massing and detailing. The scale, detailing, and proximity to the bus stop of the southeast entry identifies it to visitors as the main public entry, while the northeast entry has been modified and enlarged to function primarily as a resident entry.

The design as proposed at MUP included a sunken entry and a pitched awning at the southeast entrance in order to provide additional height. Staff guidance suggested that this created a pinch condition rather than a grandeur entry expression and requested that we evaluate a two-story option. Following that guidance, we evaluated several options including a 1.5 story entry and 2 story entry. However, due to the small unit size above the lobby and the compact lobby itself, this resulted in an awkwardly tall lobby experience while also resulting in the loss of a unit. Focusing on the staff guidance to provide a grandeur entry expression, we have raised the awning, enlarged the lobby to align with the floor above, and treated the fenestration of the unit above in the same manner as the lobby. This design allows for a two-story expression commensurate with the scale of the building:

- The taller southern massing, with the larger corner awning, storefront glazing, and wood siding immediately identifies itself as the public entrance.
- The awning at the southern massing angles upwards in order to enhance the height and volume of the entry sequence, again signifying it as the main entry.
- The awning at the northern entry reflects the same material palette, in a more modest scale, prioritizing function.
- Exterior signage and lighting have been provided at both entries, with a priority in size given to the southeast entry.

design guidelines
CS2-B-2. Connection to the Street
PL3-A Entries
CS2-A Location in the City and Neighborhood
PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding
PL4-B3 Bike Connections
**board guidance**

Harbor Ave - The Board was concerned with the 126' façade length along Harbor Avenue. At the next meeting the Board expects to see material application and secondary detailing to break up and provide a smaller scale to this long street frontage (CS2-D, DC2-A, DC2-B1)

**design response**

In response to the Board’s guidance regarding the massing of the southeast corner expression, stepping down the massing at the north edge, and providing a secondary northeast entry, the massing has now been broken into three, with the northern and southern nodes connected by a central interlocking bar. Additionally, gaskets have been provided, separating each mass, which aids in further breaking up the overall length of the façade. The addition of balconies and juliets as secondary elements at the center mass help to further break down the length of the façade. At the ground level, programmatic elements have been rearranged to accommodate additional glazing and visual interest.

- The proposal seeks to use different siding and fenestration languages to create visual interest and movement along the street frontage; the north node uses a lively siding pattern with regimented windows, while the southeast corner expression uses a regimented siding pattern with lively fenestration and wood paneling. The central interlocking bar utilizes a connective horizontal banding pattern for the floors above, and horizontal board formed concrete for the garage level.
- On the upper floors, siding type and detailing such as recessed windows and doors on the north and south nodes bookend the structure. Secondary detailing is provided with balconies and juliets.
- The north and south nodes’ glazed entries and landscaping adding visual interest at the ground level.
- The quantity of car parking fronting the street façade has been reduced, with a communal mail room and bike parking provided at the ground level. This allows for increased fenestration and visual activity.
- The section of wall without fenestration has been significantly reduced from the EDG proposal. Greenscreens and planters are provided along this section, which will help break up the façade length while contiguously responding to similar planters in the neighborhood.

**design guidelines**

CS2-A Location in the City and Neighborhood
CS2-D Height, Bulk, and Scale
CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage
PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding
DC2-A Massing

The east elevation (harbor ave) at EDG had long sections of facade, up to 126’. The revised design breaks the facade down into smaller sections and also provides additional secondary detailing to provide a smaller scale to this long facade.

Early community feedback requested the project incorporate public art as a nod to the culture of public art in the neighborhood. This project is working with local Seattle artists/makers to provide decorative metal art screens, which will provide visual interest along the long façade, as well as firmly connect this building to the neighborhood.

Examples of art screens
board guidance
Harbor Ave - The Board was concerned with blank wall along the parking garage level and provided guidance to further explore alternative layouts of the floor plan with the goal of improving visual interest and activation along the street-level. The Board suggested swapping out the bicycle storage and parking spaces (DC2-B2, DC1-C2).

design response
Per the Board’s guidance, we evaluated several new parking layouts that would accommodate reduced parking fronting the street façade. In particular, we suggested that we flip some of the car parking and bike parking, so that there could be a more active front façade. We evaluated several different options for the parking layout, and ultimately revised the plan in response to the Board’s guidance.

• By rearranging the parking, we were able to reduce the parking at the front façade from 98’ to 61’ (for a reduction of 38%)

• We eliminated the interior storage and exit-only corridor on the north end of the building in favor of a new secondary lobby, mailroom, and bike storage all with fenestration to help activate the façade.

• The blank wall directly in front of the parking is mitigated with the addition of planters and green screens.

• The section of wall without fenestration has been significantly reduced from the EDG proposal. Greenscreens, planters, and an art screen incorporating signage are provided along this section, which will help break up the façade length while contextually responding to similar planters in the neighborhood.

• In an effort to provide even more transparency, the garage door (which will remain mainly closed) will be open grate for transparency. Additional safety features at the garage entry/exit include full sight triangles (no request for reduction) and patterned/grooved pavement at the garage entrance to alert pedestrians of this access point.

design guidelines
DC2-B2 Blank Walls
DC1-C2 Visual Impacts
PL4-B3 Bike Connections
DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials

itemized response to EDG | 10.0 DESIGN REVIEW RESPONSE
board guidance
30th Ave SW - Along 30th Avenue SW the Board would like to see further refinement that creates a more neighborly response, perhaps creating a connection to the courtyard or common residential entry, terracing slope down to the courtyard and patios, and clarifying both the landscaping and fall protection along this edge (DC2-A1, CS1-C).

design response
The steep slope located between our property line and the edge of the road provides a variety of challenges. As part of the SIP review process, the design team has been coordinating directly with SDOT on the required street improvements. As such, these improvements have an impact on the relationship between the street on 30th Ave, the steep slope, and the project’s intended courtyard.

- In coordination with SDOT, the sidewalk will be provided on the west side of the street, in order to connect safely to the greater sidewalk network. The street will also be widened in an effort to better support the existing neighborhood, as well as provide safe transit for fire and medical vehicles. The west side of the street will have a curb, and where required a retaining wall with safety guard along the edge of the slope.
- The landscape design along 30th Ave employs a variety of pre-cast concrete sculptural landscape elements which help to terrace the landscape and provide benches and steps in order to activate the courtyard and visually connect it to 30th Ave.
- The landscape design along this façade continues to develop the layering concept proposed at EDG, softening the hillside with layers of planting, adding texture and color for both the building’s residents and neighbors to enjoy. Bioretention planters double as retaining walls in order to help provide softer grade transitions.
- Several of the 1st floor units have access to patios, and the majority of the upper level units have balconies which help to activate the façade and provide a direct visual connection to 30th Ave.
- A residential entry has been added to the northwest node as recommended by the board. A stair and associated bike runnel have been provided in order to allow residents a neighborly, and easy access to 30th and beyond.

design guidelines
DC2-A1. Site Characteristics and Uses, CS1-C Topography
board guidance
North Edge - Echoing public comment, the Board was unclear on the relationship of the proposed massing to the adjacent building to the north. At the next meeting, clarify this condition with sections and window privacy studies. In addition, the Board noted it may be more beneficial to provide a step down in massing at this edge than at the south end and would expect to see exploration of this at the next meeting (CS2-D5).

design response
Per the Board’s guidance, the taller more prominent corner of the building has been relocated to the south edge, allowing the building to step down adjacent to the neighboring structure. Care has been taken to reduce the impact of the new structure on the neighboring building. A variety of roof deck locations were explored, however programmatically we believe it is important to locate the roof deck connected to an indoor amenity space in order to be more usable throughout the year and various weather conditions. With the dropped massing along the north per the Board’s guidance, the roof deck is located to the north as well.

• Previously, the massing was located 5’ from the property line on the north side, and was a full 5 stories over a basement tall. In response to the Board’s guidance and neighborhood comments, building has been shifted and now tapers from 4’-4” (adjacent to the section of blank wall) to 7’-5” (adjacent to neighboring windows) from the shared property line. Landscaped planters/bioretention planters have been located between the building and property line edge to further mitigate the impact of the building.

• The massing has been modified to step down at the northern edge, in response to the neighboring building.

• Glazing on the north façade has been minimized and studied to avoid conflict with the neighboring windows as much as possible, and per neighborhood comment no private balconies are proposed along this facade.

• A landscape buffer including trees is provided on the roof deck to screen the neighboring property from the public amenity space, keeping residents away from the edge and further from the neighboring structure.

design guidelines
CS2-D Height, Bulk, and Scale

final strategy

itemized response to EDG | 10.0 DESIGN REVIEW RESPONSE
board guidance
Landscaping - The Board appreciated the sketches and precedent images provided; however, the Board would like to see a more accurate depiction of relationship between the sidewalk and the project’s courtyard and patios. In addition, explore how terracing and landscaping could be designed to create a more gradual transition along the steep slope (DC2-A1, CS1-C).

design response
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- Several of the 1st floor units have access to patios, and the majority of the upper level units have balconies which help to activate the façade and provide a direct visual connection to 30th Ave.
- A residential entry has been added to the northwest node as recommended by the board. A stair and associated bike runnel have been provided in order to allow residents a neighborly and easy access to 30th and beyond.

In addition to the direct access from the residential entry to 30th, a second meandering pathway extends from the courtyard patios to the sidewalk on 30th.

design guidelines
DC2-A1. Site Characteristics and Uses
CS1-C Topography
A resident-only entrance/exit has been provided facing 30th Ave SW. This allows for a neighborly pedestrian and bike connection to 30th Ave SW and SW Admiral Way beyond with a stair and runnel connection. The entrance takes its material cues from the lobby entrances on Harbor Ave SW, using wood accents, a metal awning, and a pop of color with coral door and windows, while still maintaining a more residential scale.
board guidance

Landscaping - The Board was inclined to support removal of the Exceptional tree to accommodate the project’s new landscaping and courtyard but before recommending approval of this design, they would like to hear a summary of the SDCI tree reviewer’s feedback regarding the health of the existing tree (DC2-A1, CS1-C).

design response

While this tree meets the threshold diameter for a tree to be considered exceptional per Director’s Rule 16-2008, it does not meet the definition of an exceptional tree. The arborist’s report (Hailey Mackay, ASLA of Moss Studio) indicates that there is “no evidence to suggest it has historical value, and from a type 1 evaluation it does not appear to have ecological or aesthetic value.” Please see attached report dated 17 April 2020. The report designates the tree as being in poor condition, as follows:

The tree appears to have been infested with ivy and blackberry for many years, as ivy is present in the upper canopy, and the canopy is very sparse with many dead branches. It is my opinion that this tree would be unlikely to survive impacts from construction, even if a tree protection area was erected around the dripline for the duration of construction activities. This tree may even pose a potential hazard to proposed structures and people on site if the tree or any large limbs were to fail during or after construction. I recommend the removal of this tree, to be replaced on site by 3 native or adapted tree species at minimum 2” caliper for deciduous and broadleaf, and minimum 7’ height for conifers.

Removing the tree allows for healthy growth of new trees and plants on the site, native species as recommended by the report and selected by the landscape architect.

Note: SDCI tree reviewer provided no additional feedback.

design guidelines

DC2.A1 site characteristics & uses
DC2.A2 reduced perceived mass
DC3.C2 amenities & features
DC3.C3 support natural areas

landscape plan of the 30th ave courtyard

- Re-grade allows for patios at lowest level and maintains a lower perceived mass at north node, as structure is buried below grade.
- Removing trees allows for sculptural landscape elements and new healthy trees
10.0 DESIGN REVIEW RESPONSE | itemized response to EDG

board guidance
Materials - As noted above, the Board expects to see material application and detailing which further breaks down the height, bulk, and scale of the simple massing form (DC2-B1, DC2-C1, DC4-A1).

design response
The project continues to explore material options and detailing to break down the building’s massing. Regimented panel seams and a lively window pattern are used to create a playful expression at the north corner. The remainder of the north and south modes uses the same material palette, but with an offset panel seam pattern and regimented windows and doors. At the center interlocking bar form, simple window patterns and plank siding quiet this center mass. The use of wood railings and screens further reinforces the residential scale. The architectural expression of the north and south nodes are further distinguished from the center mass through the detailing:
- Windows and doors on the north and south node are recessed to provide an expression distinct from the center interlocking mass.
- Careful attention has been made to apply a logical panel seam rhythm to the windows, particularly at the southwest corner element where all windows and wood panels fit within the panel seams.
- The scale of the siding at the central mass reflects the adjacent residential neighborhood, allowing the north and south nodes to act as anchoring masses.
- The gaskets along Harbor Ave are fully expressed (without balconies disguising the change in plane) which contribute to a massing concept scaled appropriately to fit with the industrial and commercial zones it abuts. Alternatively, the gaskets along 30th Ave are connected to the longer balcony expression in response to the residential scale of the adjacent zone.
- High quality materials exterior materials are provided.

design guidelines
DC2-B-1. Facade Composition
DC2-C-1. Visual Depth and Interest
DC4-A-1. Exterior Finish Materials
MATERIALS

1. Equitone Pictura PG444, 3/8” reveal with exposed fasteners
2. Stained cedar siding w/reveal
3. 4" & 8" Cementitious Board Lap Siding w/1/2” integrated reveal
3A. Siding Paint A: Sherman Williams, Dovetail
3B. Siding Paint B: Sherman Williams, Dorian Gray
4. Custom metal balconies with stained wood horizontal rails
5. Black vinyl windows with extended frame
6. Metal accent panels, black to match window assemblies
7. Custom metal vent shroud
8. Metal panels painted Benjamin Moore, Autumn Cove
11.0 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN | floor plans - basement

design guideline key

CS1-C1 Land Form
CS1-C2 Elevation Changes
CS1-D1 On-site Features
CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage
CS2-A Location in the City & Neighborhood
CS2-B2 Connection to Street
CS2-D Height, Bulk, & Scale
PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding
PL3-A Entries
PL4-B3 Bike Connections
DC1-C2 Visual Impacts
DC2-A1 Site Characteristics & Uses
DC2-A2 Reducing Perceived Mass
DC2-B1 Façade Composition
DC2-B2 Blank Walls
DC2-C1 Visual Depth & Interest
DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials
11.0 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN | floor plans - fifth floor

design guideline key
- CS1-C1 Land Form
- CS1-C2 Elevation Changes
- CS1-D1 On-site Features
- CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage
- CS2-A Location in the City & Neighborhood
- CS2-B2 Connection to Street
- CS2-Q Height, Bulk, & Scale
- PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding
- PL3-A Entries
- PL4-B3 Bike Connections
- DC1-C2 Visual Impacts
- DC2-A1 Site Characteristics & Uses
- DC2-A2 Reducing Perceived Mass
- DC2-B1 Façade Composition
- DC2-B2 Blank Walls
- DC2-C1 Visual Depth & Interest
- DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials

floor plans - fifth floor
landscape - ground | 11.0 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
evergreen clematis

midwinter fire dogwood

kelseyi dogwood

little spire russian sage

spirea

soft rush
lighting strategy

The lighting strategy seeks to provide illumination for wayfinding and security while being mindful of the residential neighbors. The types of fixtures selected focus light downward, targeting specific areas, rather than spilling light upwards.

1. downlight
2. wall sconce
3. step light
4. bollard
5. landscape accent
6. bio planter/water feature accent
7. landscape accent
**design guideline key**

CS1-C1 Land Form  
CS1-C2 Elevation Changes  
CS1-D1 On-site Features  
CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage  
CS2-A Location in the City & Neighborhood  
CS2-B2 Connection to Street  
CS2-D Height, Bulk, & Scale  
PL2-D1 Design as Wayfinding  
PL3-A Entries  
PL4-B3 Bike Connections  
DC1-C2 Visual Impacts  
DC2-A1 Site Characteristics & Uses  
DC2-A2 Reducing Perceived Mass  
DC2-B1 Façade Composition  
DC2-B2 Blank Walls  
DC2-C1 Visual Depth & Interest  
DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials
design guideline key
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DC2-A2 Reducing Perceived Mass
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DC2-B2 Blank Walls
DC2-C1 Visual Depth & Interest
DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials
11.0 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN | elevations
design guideline key

CS1-C1 Land Form
CS1-C2 Elevation Changes
CS1-D1 On-site Features
CS1-E2 Adding Interest with Project Drainage
CS2-A Location in the City & Neighborhood
CS2-B2 Connection to Street
CS2-D Height, Bulk, & Scale
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DC2-A1 Site Characteristics & Uses
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DC2-B1 Façade Composition
DC2-B2 Blank Walls
DC2-C1 Visual Depth & Interest
DC4-A1 Exterior Finish Materials
DRAFT - TO BE RENDERED FOR FINAL
12.0 REQUESTED DEPARTURES

LAND USE CODE REQUIREMENT

STREET-LEVEL PARKING
23.47A.032.B.1.b

Within a structure, street-level parking shall be separated from street-level, street-facing facades by another permitted use. This requirement does not apply to access to parking meeting the standards of smc 23.47A.032.a

The project proposes a portion of the street-level facade to be street-level parking without an intervening permitted use.

The project is located in the C1 zone, which is an auto-oriented, primarily retail/service zone that serves surrounding neighborhoods. When a development contains residential uses, their parking must meet NC1 standards, which requires street level parking to be separated from the facade by another permitted use.

Providing a permitted use such as a narrow access corridor in front of the street-level parking would require that we push the entire edge of the building to the property line, with no modulation or relief and still without a visually interesting use. The parking cannot be further pushed westward due to shoring constraints. By allowing the garage to be along the street-facing facade for a portion of the facade, the edge of the building can be stepped back from the property line to allow a separation between the building and sidewalk. This modulation provides an opportunity for visual interest which enhances the pedestrian experience and space. Rather than provide a hard, foreboding edge wall at the entire sidewalk, a landscaped and pedestrian-oriented buffer accommodates artwork, green walls & planters and provides a more viable separation between the garage and street.

In response to the Board’s early design guidance comments, we have studied the garage layout and reconfigured it to significantly reduce the amount of non-conformance by making the following revisions to the design:

1. We have located the residential bike parking along Harbor Ave, as requested by the Board, to support this mode of transportation, based on PL4-B2. This will provide ease of use for bicycle users by giving them a direct and convenient path from the street to the storage room, encouraging the room’s accessibility, and supporting bicycles as a means of transportation. This heavily glazed bike room will further support bicycle transport, provide an interesting visual for passersby, and relate to the bike shop directly across the street.

2. We have provided a lobby with an elevator and mail/meeting room on the north side of the building to reduce the amount of blank wall previously proposed. This lobby will encourage pedestrian use and access and bicycle use, and create a welcoming entry that encourages community, which supports design guidelines PL3-A1 Street-Level Interaction and PL4-B3 Bike Connections.

3. We have provided modulation and visual interest along the Harbor Ave SW facade, with a variety of materials, heavily glazed entries and community spaces, custom art screens, green walls, and planters that will provide visual interest and variety while enhancing the pedestrian environment per DC2-B-2 Blank Walls and DC1-C2 Visual Impacts. It also allows for increased setbacks along Harbor Ave, providing a more generous streetscape to encourage interaction with the building, per CS2-B2.

EXCEPTIONAL TREE
SMC25.11.080.A.2
SMC25.05.675.n.2.c

Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 25.11 provides protection for trees that are considered exceptional, defined under Director’s Rule 16-2008.

The project proposes to remove the existing exceptional tree and replace it with native trees and landscaping as recommended by the Arborist and the Landscape Architect.

While this tree meets the threshold diameter for a tree to be considered exceptional per Director’s Rule 16-2008, it does not meet the definition of an exceptional tree. The arborist’s report (Hailey Mackay, ASLA of Moss Studio) indicates that there is “no evidence to suggest it has historical value, and from a type 1 evaluation it does not appear to have ecological or aesthetic value.” Please see attached report dated 17 April 2020. Note: SDC tree reviewer provided no additional feedback.

Of note, the University of Washington has been studying Big Leaf Maple trees such as ours, as their health has been declining all over the Pacific Northwest without improvement.

Removing the tree allows for healthy growth of new trees and plants on the site, with native species as recommended by the report and selected by the landscape architect.

Removal of this tree will support a variety of design guidelines. By removing the tree the project:

1. Better supports natural areas, as the entire 30th Ave landscaping can be treated as a whole, with healthy plantings that support each other and are selected for longevity
2. Without having to protect the trees’ root system, we are able to regrade the hill in order to provide a more uniform slope, accommodate patios on the first floor, and still maintain a “buried” condition at the north node in order to reduce the perceived mass.
3. The regraded area can also better support a healthy landscape, as well as landscape features/amenities such as the concrete sculptural landscape elements.
appendix
April 17, 2020
Atelier Drome
c/o Michelle Linden
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Seattle, WA 98104
Re: Tree Inventory, Exceptional Tree Designation - 3417 Harbor Ave SW, Seattle

Dear Michelle,

This report summarizes information gathered during the tree inventory conducted on site at the property address 3417 Harbor Ave SW in Seattle, WA. Please see the attached tree inventory map in reference to this report. This report has been updated to include more detailed information of the exceptional tree located on site, section 4.0 for an assessment of the exceptional tree.

Contents:
- 1.0 Site Conditions
- 2.0 Tree Inventory
- 3.0 Required Tree Protection and Retention
- 4.0 Exceptional Tree Designation
- 5.0 Use of This Report
- 6.0 Photos of Exceptional Tree

1.0 Site Conditions

The property is located on a main street at the north west end of the West Seattle Bridge between a small commercial area, single family residential area and industrial area. The property has one business currently located on site, as well as a gravel parking lot. The landscape is primarily gravel, unmaintained grass, blackberries, ivy and Big Leaf Maples and contains a 40% Steep Slope Environmentally Critical Area (ECA).

2.0 Tree Inventory

I conducted a type 1 visual evaluations of all trees on site according to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) standards, adhering to the ISA code of ethics and best practices. I inspected the trunks and general growing conditions of trees on site from close range and observed tree canopy conditions from afar. Hacking through dense ivy and blackberry was required in order to measure and inspect trunks of many of the trees on site. In inspecting each tree, I recorded the following information:

- Tree Species
- Trunk Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)
- Crown Spread Diameter (CSD)
- Location and Growing Conditions

The City of Seattle regulations regarding trees on private property are specified in Director’s Rule 16-2008 which dictates threshold diameters for trees to be considered exceptional. Trees in the right-of-way do not qualify for exceptional tree status but are to be retained and protected throughout development.

The following list records information based on measurements and observations made for 14 trees located on site and 5 trees located in the right-of-way with driplines that extend onto the property. Tree numbers in the left column correspond to numbers shown on the attached survey for location reference (tree inventory map). The column DBH shows Diameter at Breast Height for each tree, CSD shows Crown Spread Diameter for each tree. For trees listed as multi-trunk (MT), the DBH has been calculated per Director’s Rule 16-2008. The trees were not tagged.

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<th>Status and Condition Notes</th>
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<td>Multi-trunk (MT). Fair condition, base of tree covered with ivy, crown infested with fallopia vine. Not exceptional.</td>
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<td>22&quot;</td>
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<td>12&quot;</td>
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<td>Dead. Tree covered in ivy, no leaves present.</td>
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<td>14&quot;</td>
<td>9&quot;</td>
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<td>16&quot;</td>
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<td>MT. Poor condition, base and trunks of tree covered in ivy and blackberry, broken and dead branches in canopy. Two of four trunks appear dead, covered in ivy. Not exceptional.</td>
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5.0 Use of This Report

In considering right-of-way conditions and determining whether trees are exceptional, the City of Seattle uses a threshold approach. Trees with a DBH of 6" or larger are considered for exceptional designation. For the purposes of this report, I have identified one tree on site that meets the DBH threshold to be classified as exceptional and will require a permit to remove. Street trees, though not classified as exceptional, should be retained and protected throughout development. Because the site contains a 40% Steep Slope ECA, trees 6" or larger in diameter may not be removed from undeveloped land without a permit. On developed land, no more than three trees 6" or larger in diameter may be removed in a one-year period without a permit. For the removal of trees greater than 24" in diameter, each tree must be replaced at a rate of 1:1 with a tree that will provide the same canopy coverage at maturity.


4.0 Exceptional Tree Designation

One tree on site (#10) meets the DBH threshold to be classified as exceptional. While this tree technically meets the exceptional DBH threshold as calculated using Director’s Rule 2008-16, it does not meet the criteria for exceptional trees as intended in the narrative description below.

Director’s Rule 2008
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Seattle Municipal Code 355.11, Tree Protection, provides means for protecting trees in Seattle. Under the chapter, exceptional trees are given particular protections and are broadly defined as follows:

“Exceptional tree” means a tree or group of trees that because of its unique biological, ecological or aesthetic value constitutes an important community resource, and is determined as such by the Director according to standards and procedures promulgated by the Department of Planning and Development.

This Director’s Rule provides clarification for determining trees that should be considered for exceptional status as well as the standards and procedures for the determination.

Tree #10 is a multi-trunk Bigleaf Maple that is in very poor condition. I found no evidence to suggest it has historical value, and from a type 1 evaluation it does not appear to have ecological or aesthetic value. The tree appears to have been infested with ivy and blackberry for many years, as ivy is present in the upper canopy, and the canopy is very sparse with many dead branches. It is my opinion that this tree would be unlikely to survive impacts from construction, even if a tree protection area was erected around the dripline for the duration of construction activities. This tree may even pose a potential hazard to proposed structures and people on site if the tree or any large limbs were to fail during or after construction. I recommend the removal of this tree, to be replaced on site by 3 native or adapted tree species at minimum 2” caliper for deciduous and broadleaf, and minimum 7’ height for conifers.

5.0 Use of This Report

This report provides Atelier Drome detailed information about trees on, or directly adjacent to, the site for the purpose of addressing the City of Seattle’s requirements for trees on private property. It is important to note that trees are dynamic, and their conditions can be affected by weather events and environmental changes. Therefore, this report exclusively warrants the conditions of the trees at the time of my evaluation on site. Additionally, Hailey Mackay and Moss Studio cannot be held liable for any damage that results from the failure of any trees or their parts, or the death or decline of any trees on site before, during or after construction.

Best,

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ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
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6.0 Photos of Exceptional Tree

1. Photo 1: winter, ivy infestation in canopy
2. Photo 2: summer, sparse canopy, dead and broken branches
13.0 APPENDIX  |  parking lifts specifications - combilift
13.0 APPENDIX | parking lifts specifications - parklift, continued