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TAXUS HOUSE APARTMENTS ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGN REVIEW

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We've grown with our city. As the needs of our city change, we've adapted to the needs of our shifting city. Originally founded by Robert Humble & Joel Egan, our nimble competition team has grown into a robust team of multi-disciplinary designers. With over 14 years of dedicated service to Idea-centered design, we have dedicated our craft to building the livable city.

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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Previous Projects Designed by Hybrid Architecture







Clover Lofts



<u>The Gibson</u>



Killebrew Apartments





Bellevue Avenue Midrise



Aurora Avenue Apartments





The Uptown in Queen Anne



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PROJECT INFO

Address:	102 21ST AVE E, Seattle, WA 98102	
Owner:	Taxus House, LLC	
SDCI #:	3036778-EG	
Parcels:	9497700140	
Site Area:	7,881 SF	
Zoning:	LR3 (M)	
Overlays:	Madison-Miller (residential Urban Village) Parking Flexibility Area	
Legal Description: WITTS ADD		

PLat Block: 3, Plat Lot: 14-15

- Building Type: Multi-Family Apartment Building
- Parking: No Parking Proposed

Date of Presub Conference: July 30TH, 2020

Gross SqFt: 22,350 gsf

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposed project to construct a new 4-story multifamily residential building with basement containing a mix of 47 residential dwelling units. Existing structure on site to be demolished. No parking proposed.





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Development Objectives

Provide urban apartment dwelling units for residents to live in an efficient but communal setting within an active community. The thoughtfully planned environment will emphasize functionality and user comfort through access to light, air and a proposed green courtyard, acting as the heart of the project.

47 dwelling units (mix unit types) 50 bicycle parking stalls (as req) 0 vehicular parking stalls (none are req)

Neighborhood Objectives

The site is along a more pedestrian oriented residential street (21st Avenue E) one block north of E Madison Street with a dense, multi-family network of neighbors comprised mostly of townhouses, apartment buildings and condominiums.

The site is located less than a block from community amenities which will provide future residents of this building with a variety of civic, commercial and recreational activities. The site is also relatively close to several neighborhood parks including Cal Anderson Park to the west, Miller Playfield on the north and the Seattle Japanese Garden to the northeast.

This project will activate a site that is currently occupied by one outdated office building and provide additional density desired in the Madison-Miller residential urban village.

Design Objectives

	Create welcoming a welcoming entry sequence and front porch
ے	- a place for residents and guests to have maximize access to light and air

Provide efficient / functional units

- maximize height and light / warm materials and tall ceilings



Design a mid-block building that successfully turns the corner

Provide Ecological & Sustainable Architecture

- passive cooling and courtyard design, harness rainwater in bio-planters, use efficient and durable materials that relate to the culture of the neighborhood, drought resistance landscape design



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GREATER CONTEXT AND Neighborhood Landmarks









Radio Towers





SITE AND PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROPOSED PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 4-STORY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH BASEMENT CONTAINING A MIX OF 47 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS. EXISTING STRUCTURE ON SITE TO BE DEMOLISHED. NO PARKING PROPOSED.

ZONING AND PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE LOCATION:	102 215 ⁻
OWNER:	Taxus H
LEGAL PARCEL #	9497700
LOT SQ FT:	7,881 SF
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	WITTS A PLat Blo
SITE ZONING:	LR3 (M)
OVERLAY:	Madisor Parking
ECA:	NONE
EXISTING SITE USE:	Rehabili
BUILDING TYPE PROPOSED): Multifan
PARKING:	No Park (Project area)
GROSS SQ FT PROPOSED:	22,350 g

EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE MEETINGS

DATE OF PRESUB CONFERENCE: JULY 30TH, 2020 DATE OF APPROVED MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 10TH, 2020 PLANNER: ABBY WEBER

AREA MAP



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s House, LLC

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SF

S ADD Block: 3, Plat Lot: 14-15

M) - MHA APPLIES

son-Miller (residential Urban Village) ng Flexibility Area

bilitation Center

family Apartment Building

arking Proposed ect is within Urban Village and within a Parking Flexibility

0 gsf

ZONING AND USE



<u>D</u>ZONING MAP

The proposed project is comprised of one parcel zoned LR3 (M) within a mostly multi-family oriented neighborhood. Immediately adjacent and across E Denny Way and the alley surrounding the project on the east, is a NC2-75 (M) zone with larger, multi-family apartment buildings up to 75 feet in height. Parcels to the west and north remain predominately LR3(M) zones, marking our parcel as a transition building from the taller NC2-75 zone on the south and the more residential and lower scale LR3 zone on the north.



① <u>TYPOLOGIES / USAGES</u>

The neighborhood surrounding the site is predominately comprised of residential uses, including mostly apartments, condominiums and townhouse multifamily projects. To the south, the mixed use and commercial uses are along E Madison St.



USE LEGEND

- Industrial
- School/Education
- Apartment
- Fourplex / Triplex / Duplex
- Condominium
- TownHouse / Rowhouse
- Church / Religious Service
- Single Family
- Commercial / Mixed Use / Office
- Community
- Green Space
- **Retirement Facility**





NEIGHBORHOOD ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER



Avant Apartment- Adjacent Apartment Building (Covered Balconies)







Hazel Apartment - Use of Colors



Chophouse Row - Life in Between Buildings (Small out door space)



Cedar Speedster - Green Space, Street Activation, Eyes on Street

Redwood Apartment - Courtyard Circulation



Views at Madision Apartment Homes - Massing Modulation, Materials



The Central - Simple Massing Split into Two and the Emphasis on the Balconies, Modulated Facade



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Redwood Apartment - Entrance and Front Porch



Pike Street Apartment Building - Balconies and Lofted Units, Color

SITE PANORAMAS 21ST AVE E (EAST)



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SITE PANORAMAS 21ST AVE E (WEST)



SECTION B-B'





REDWOOD APARTMENT:

A three-story apartment building resides West of the project site. The similar architectural language, such as double volume entrance and the middle courtyard circulation, is applied to the project development.



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HAZEL PLAZA : A two-story apartment complex created a sense of community to the neighborhood.

SITE PANORAMAS E DENNY WAY (EAST)





SUBJECT PROPERTY: An existing rehabilitation center building currently occupy the site where the proposed development will occupy. The structures will be demolished in order to develop the site.







21st Ave E

EXISTING PROPERTY

Multifamily Apartment Building





Adjacent Apartment Building: A large scale multi-family apartment building at the South East corner. The emphasis of the balconies breaks up the massing visually and erodes the bulk and scale of the building.

East Madison Street

Multifamily Apartment Building



SITE PANORAMAS E DENNY WAY (WEST)





TWENTY20 MAD APARTMENT: An existing six-story across from the site opens up the intersection corner with landscaping.



Open Space & Apartment Building

Apartment Building



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SITE AND ZONING ANALYSIS





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SITE PHOTOS

The collection of images continues to explore the immediate block context and investigate views into and surrounding our project development.





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SMC ZONING ANALYSIS

Zoning Standard

Design Team Response

23.45.504: Permitted and Prohibited Uses Residential use permitted in LR3 (M) zone.	Residential use permitted outright.	
23.45.510: Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Limits Per table A for 23.45.510 the FAR for apartment developments in a LR3 (M) zone is 2.3 if the project is within a MHA suffix zone and an urban village.	Lot Area: 7,881 Sf Max FAR: 7,881 Sf x 2.3 = 18,126 sf Proposed total area: 18,118 sf Proposed FAR: 18,118 /7,881 sf site = <u>2.3 Complies</u>	
23.45.512: Density Limits - Multifamily Zones Per table 23.45.512	Not Applicable to LR3 Zoning.	
23.45.514: Structure Height Per table A in SMC 23.45.514 the allowable height for apartment developments within LR3 zones is 50 feet.	Proposed structure base height will not exceed: 50'-0". (Project within a MHA Suffix Zone and Urban Village)	
23.45.517: Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) LR, MR, and HR zones with a mandatory housing affordability suffix are subject to the provisions of Chapters 23.58B and 23.58C.	Project will comply will all requirements for MHA and MHA fees.	
	Proposed front setback is 8'-0"; <i>complies.</i>	
23.45.518: Setbacks and Separations Per table A 23.45.518 for apartment developments in LR3 zones the setbacks are: Front: 5'-0" minimum Rear: 10'-0" (alley)	Required rear setback is 10'-0"; Proposed rear setback is 8'-0"; Departure of 2'-0" is requested . Note: SDOT has requested 3' easement to comply with SDOT Alley standards along the alley	
Side: 7'-0" average, 5'-0" minimum	Proposed north side setback: 7.36' average, 6'-0" min <i>- complies.</i>	
 2.Upper-level setbacks in LR3 zones. An upper-level setback of 12 feet from the front lot line is required for all portions of a structure above the following height: 2)Fifty-four feet for zones with a height limit of 50 feet. 	Proposed west side setback (21st Ave E): 8' average, 8 min <i>- complies.</i> Balconies will comply with SMC requirements.	
Per SMC 23.45.518.H.7, projections permitted in required setbacks or separations: 7.Unenclosed decks and balconies may project a maximum of 4 feet into required setbacks if each one is:	Proposed southeast side setback (alley): 7' average, 7' min - complies. Note: SDOT has requested 3' easement to comply with SDOT Alley standards along the alley	
a.No closer than 5 feet to any lot line; b.No more than 20 feet wide; and	Upper level setback required of 12'-0" from front lot line.	

Upper level setback required of 12'-0" from front lot line. Proposal will comply with requirement.

Zoning Standard

23.45.522: Amenity Area

Apartment developments in LR3 zones having the following amenity area requirements:

A.Amount of amenity area required for rowhouse and townhouse developments and apartments in _R zones1. The required amount of amenity area for rowhouse and townhouse developments and apartments in LR zones is equal to 25 percent of the lot area.2.A minimum of 50 percent of the required amenity area shall be provided at ground level.

23.45.527: Structure Width and Facade Length

B.Maximum façade length in Lowrise zones.1.The maximum combined length of all portions of facades within 15 feet of a lot line that is neither a rear lot line nor a street or alley lot line shall not exceed 65 percent of the length of that lot line, except as specified in subsection 23.45.527.B.2.

23.45.530: Green Building Standards

For projects exceeding the floor area ratio (FAR) in Table A for 23.45.530, the applicant shall make a commitment that the proposed development will meet the green building standard and shall demonstrate compliance with that commitment, all in accordance with Chapter 23.58D.

23.45.536: Parking Location, Access and Screening

B. Location of parking 1. If parking is required, it shall be located on the same lot as the use requiring the parking, except as otherwise provided in this subsection 23.45.536.B. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection 23.45.536.B, surface parking may be located anywhere on a lot except: a. Between a principal structure and a street lot line; b. In the required front setback or side street side setback; and c. Within 7 feet of any street lot line.

Table D for 23.54.015 outlines the bicycle requirements as 1 per dwelling unit for long term parking and 1 per 20 dwelling units for short-term guest parking.



the width of the projection.

c.Separated from other decks and balconies on the same

facade of the structure by a distance equal to at least 1/2

Design Team Response

Required amenity area: 7,881 sf lot x 25% = 1,970 sf 50% of amenity area should be provided at ground level: $1,970 \text{ sqft } \times 50 = 985 \text{ sqft amenity required at ground}$ level.

Proposed amenity at ground level: 450 sf 55% Reduction in Ground Level Common Amenity **Requested**.

Required private amenity: 985 sq ft. Proposed amenity on private balconies: 588 sf 60% Reduction in Ground Level Common Amenity Requested.

Facade Length= 100' x .65 = 65' Maximum facade length allowable.

Proposed facade length within 15'-0" of property line is 72'-0". Departure Requested for the additional 7'-0"

Proposed design will comply with all green building standards and certification.

Project proposed to utilize Priority Green expedited through project permitting.

Alley abutts the site on two facades.

No parking required per L. of Table B for 23.54.015 regarding all residential uses in an urban center. Project is within the Miller - Madison Urban Village

No vehicular parking proposed.

Long Term Bicycle Parking: 1 per dwelling unit and 1 per small efficiency dwelling unit

Short Term Bicycle Parking: 1 per 20 dwelling units

ZONING DIAGRAMS





SMC 23.45.514.1.5

Stair penthouses and mechanical equipment may extend 15' feet above the applicable height limit.

SMC 23.45.514.1.5 Proposed stair will not have a penthouse

SMC 23.45.514 Within a LR3(M) zone, max base height of 50'

SMC 23.45.518.B - Table A Rear Setback 10' Required Project proposed 8' (Departure)

SMC 23.45.518.B - Table A Side Setback 7' Average, 5' min required. Project proposed 7' min side setback

102 21ST AVE E Subject parcel is 7,881 sf (property line)



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DESIGN GUIDELINES - CITYWIDE



CS1: NATURAL SYSTEMS AND SITE **FEATURES**

Use natural systems and features of the site and its surroundings as a starting point for project design.

2. CONNECTION TO NATURE

- b. Provide vegetated spaces throughout the project. Vertical green walls are encouraged in addition to landscape beds.
- e. Create protected sidewalks by utilizing planter strips with lush landscaping, to help create a "room" between the street and the building.

Response:

The overall design of the site includes careful attention to open space, both within the proposed structure and surrounding the building. A generous front setback will allow hardscape, planters and circulation, generous lush planting strips and a large front porch that will serve as a semi-public elevated "room" above the sidewalk allowing for eyes on the street, and happenstance community interactions. The preferred design will save an existing large tree on the northwest corner, and massing has been pulled away at this corner to allow breathing room for the tree and the neighbors to the north. Additionally, a central courtyard will be the green heart of the project with all units and circulation extending from this open space in the center of the project. Vertical green walls will be encouraged in this area.



CS2: URBAN PATTERN AND FORM

Strengthen the most desirable forms, characteristics, and patterns of the streets, block faces, and open spaces in the surrounding area.

1. TRANSITION AND DELINEATION OF ZONES

- c. The use of appropriately scaled residential elements, such as bay windows and balconies, on larger buildings next to single-family zones are encouraged to better relate to the human scale. This is especially important for buildings four stories and lower.
- d. Along with smaller building massing, the use of breezeways, portals, and through-block connections help to lessen the mass of the overall building, and add to the existing network of pedestrian pathways.

Response:

This particular site will serve as a transition from the larger neighborhood commercial zone across the alley and the lowrise zone to the north. Residential elements that are characteristic of the neighborhood will be incorporated into the design including, a generous front entry portal and porch, covered balconies, planters and high quality residential finishes.

These features help reduce the bulk and scale of the mass, help the building turn the corner and give the building a more residential feel, activating the building facade and therefore contributing to the street context through a visual richness and variety.



PL1: CONNECTIVITY

Complement and contribute to the network of open spaces around the site and the connections among them.

2. CONNECTION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

- active all year long.

Response:

A primary goal of the project will be to extend the public space of the project from the sidewalk to the front entry of the building through a front porch transition space. This area will include built-in seating, planters, lush landscaping and shortterm bike parking spaces that are easily accessed for guests coming to the property. Warmer materials, rich in texture, will be used to bring texture and warmth at the pedestrian scale.

The lower level will be as transparent as possible around common amenity and lobby spaces to promote visibility and activation at the entry. Lighting, art and material details will enhance gathering spaces at the entry porch and within the central open courtyard. Additionally weather protection is offered at the recessed front portal and overhanging balconies above.

b. When providing open gathering spaces for the community, include weather protection to ensure the space can remain

c. Enhance gathering places with lighting, art and features, so that the scale of the art and special features are commensurate with the scale of the new development.



DESIGN GUIDELINES - CITYWIDE



PL3: STREET-LEVEL INTERACTION

Encourage human interaction and activity at the streetlevel with clear connections to building entries and edges

2. STREETSCAPE TREATMENT

- h. Encourage a safe, comfortable environment for n. Encourage a sale, comfortable environment for pedestrians with components of complete streets (ex: wide planter zones, wide sidewalks, and/or building setbacks to allow for usable porches, stoops, and outdoor seating). j. To facilitate usable stoops and patios, and to encourage pedestrian-to-resident interaction, buffer private outdoor
- spaces from the public sidewalk with low walls, planters and landscape layering that defines the private space yet allows for face to face conversations. Tall 'privacy walls' or fences are not acceptable.

Response:

The elevated porch and front entry portal of the preferred design scheme will encourage pedestrian to resident interaction but also buffer residents and allow for a semipublic area at the front of the building. Lush landscaping will buffer this area from the more public sidewalk and sidewalks and flow will be maintained. Safety will be improved through the additional of new curb ramps and opportunities to incorporate useable seating within the planters and porch area will be explored.

All tall privacy walls will be avoided to maintain a residential and community feel for both residents and guests.



DC2: ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT

Develop a unified, functional architectural concept that fits well on the site and its surroundings...

1. BUILDING LAYOUT AND MASSING

- a. Project concepts should be intelligible and clear. Clarity makes knowledge of the design accessible, thus a larger portion of the community will be able to participate in the
- b. Building design should relate to the earth, using building forms and massing that engage the ground plane, rather than 'float above'. Ground level transparency should still occur on major pedestrian and commercial streets.

Response:

The mass of the building is inspired from the shape of the site and was heaviliy influeneved by the desire to save the tree on the northwest corner - a significant norway spruce tree, Additionally, project goals including access to as much natural light, air and exterior space as possible due to the changing landscape of post-pandemic design. A center courtyard has been incorporated and all circulation will be open air. The front building mass along 21st ave e, will meet the groundscape in one plane, with durable materials and well detailed flashing joints. A recess at the front entry door will highlight the entrance and windows have been placed strategically and in proportion to the function of the space they serve, ie. the lobby and bike room near the front entrance have floor to ceiling windows for additional transparency.



- quality materials.

3. BUILDING DETAILS AND ELEMENTS

ventilation

Response:

Durable and high quality exterior materials will be used including metal paneling and steel guardrails. Additionally, a steel framework will be used on the exterior of the main mass of the building to provide additional visual texture (like the precedent image above). Uses of color will be explored within the courtyard space and metalwork of the proposal.





DC4:EXTERIOR ELEMENTS & FINISHES

Use appropriate and high-quality elements and finishes for the building and open spaces.

2. BUILDING MATERIALS

a. Consider vibrant and bold uses of color, materials, texture, and light to reinforce local cultural references. b. Encourage variation in building materials and employ high

a. Provide operable windows in a way that promotes natural

Operable windows will be utilized both on the exterior of the unit as well as the courtyard-facing interior facade of the unit to encourage passive cooling and natural ventilation.

DESIGN GUIDELINES - CITYWIDE



DC3: OPEN SPACE CONCEPT

Integrate open space design with the design of the building so that each complements the other.

C. DESIGN

2. Amenities and Features: Create attractive outdoor spaces well-suited to the uses envisioned for the project. Use a combination of hardscape and plantings to shape these spaces and to screen less attractive areas as needed. Use a variety of features, such as planters, green roofs and decks, groves of trees, and vertical green trellises along with more traditional foundation plantings, street trees, and seasonal displays displays.

Response:

Generous open space and landscaped areas are proposed per the preferred design scheme. Plants that are native to the area, assist with local pollinators, and that are drought-tolerant will be considered that complement the surrounding hardscape while providing a rich and textural buffer between neighboring sites.

Window wells will be tiered and incorporate additional opportunities for bio-retention or planters to encourage additional green space. The design will also consider a lush courtyard green space with vertical oriented landscape features.



DC4: EXTERIOR ELEMENTS AND FINISHES

Use appropriate and high quality elements and finishes for the building and its open spaces.

A. BUILDING MATERIALS

1. Exterior Finish Materials: Building exteriors should be constructed of durable and maintainable materials that are attractive even when viewed up close. Materials that have texture, pattern, or lend themselves to a high quality of detailing are encouraged.

Response:

High-guality and durable materials will be specified that relate to the local pattern of the neighborhood and street. Materials that provide rich, visual patterns and break down the scale of the main mass will be encouraged.

Warmer materials, such as wood will be utilized along more pedestrian oriented spaces or where the building mass is recessed to architecturally articulate changes in the building facade plane. Details will be provided during the recommendation phase for the project.



conditions.

Response:

DC4: EXTERIOR ELEMENTS AND FINISHES

Use appropriate and high quality elements and finishes for the building and its open spaces.

D. TREES. LANDSCAPING AND HARDSCAPE MATERIALS

1. Choice of Plant Materials: Reinforce the overall architectural and open space design concepts through the selection of landscape materials. Choose plants that will emphasize or accent the design, create enduring green spaces, and be appropriate to particular locations taking into account solar access, soil conditions, and adjacent patterns of use. Select landscaping that will thrive under urban conditions.

The design team will work with a local landscape architect in order to provide a code-compliant landscape plan that relates cohesively with the design language of the building and that thrives particularly on the west-facing entry facade. Planters and street trees will be incorporated that further enhance the pedestrian experience along the sidewalk and public edge. Changes in the hardscape pattern and a break in slope of the site, will signal the building entry as steps and an accessible ramp lead you towards the front door and entry portal.







MASSING DESIGN Scheme Summary

1 MASSING OPTION 1



2 | MASSING OPTION 2

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45 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 330 sf average (gross)

Proposed FAR:17,800 sfMax FAR:18,126 sf maxParking:no parking proposedbike parking, as requiredAmenity Area:roof deck, green roof, bike

Positive

- Mass optimizes max volume with clear circulation around a center courtyard allowing air and light
- Mass provides a generous front landscaped area at front and street facing property lines

room

• Circulation is clearly expressed in recesses in mass

Negative

- The center courtyard is small compared to preferred option as circulation seems to encroach, interior courtyard units, one per floor
- Most units are organized off the north and south, impacting privacy to existing, neighboring buildings
- Mass encroaches on existing tree in NW corner and doesn't allow the tree to be saved
- No balconies proposed for this scheme

Departures

- Departure from north side setback requirements
- Departure for max facade length (north side)
- Departure for amenity space requirements



45 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 310 sf average (gross)

Proposed FAR: Max FAR: Parking:

18,126 sf 18,126 sf max no parking proposed bike parking, as required front entry porch, light well and bike room

Amenity Area:

Positive

- Small, center light well allows light and air to pour through building
- The top two floors propose loft units to provide additional height and livability
- Units are aligned on exterior walls

Negative

- Smallest interior courtyard doesn't allow much light
- More bulk and mass along front elevation (height)
- Imposing north and south mass along adjacent property lines could impede light
- No room on front street facing facade for balconies
- Mass doesn't turn the corner as successfully with stair placement on front facade
- Mass encroaches on existing tree in NW corner

Departures

No Departures, Code Compliant Option

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3 | MASSING OPTION 3

ZEPPELIN - PREFERRED SCHEME





47 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 340 sf average (gross)

Proposed FAR: Max FAR: Parking: 18,118 sf 18,126 sf max no parking proposed bike parking, as required landscaped entry, lush courtyard, private balconies, bike room

Amenity Area: **Positive**

- Large front and street facing setback allows for generous private balconies, lowest mass in height Mass has been pushed in at street level to provide overhead weather protection for guests and residents and activate street scape along sidewalk Massing at northwest corner is pulled back and eroded
- to maintain and preserve existing tree
- Most generous center courtyard space allows more light and passive ventilation for dwelling units
- Center circulation promotes interaction and community

<u>Negative</u>

More bulk along north property line to preserve tree

Departures

- Departure from rear yard setback requirements
- Departure for max facade length (north side)
- Departure for common amenity dimensional standards





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PREFERRED SCHEME RATIONALE

Why Scheme Three?

Massing scheme carves out northwest corner to reduce bulk and mass, allowing for the tree in that corner to be preserved and a landscape buffer between the project and the north neighbors The least bulk and scale at the front property setback due to recessing the lower floor at corner and eroding the entry to allow for a generous front porch and common area for guests and visitors A generous landscape buffer has been providing between the new semi-public space of the building and the public arena of the sidewalk and street Massing option has the largest, central courtyard allowing additional light, air and passive ventilation to all units Building mass feels appropriate for the block context, comprised mostly of 3-5 story structures Option three contains two levels of true "loft" style units (level 1 & level 3) allowing for 18 double height spaces Massing option three maximizes the idea of "eyes on the street" through placing the majority of dwelling units off of E Denny Way, 21st Ave E and the alley Additionally covered balconies have been incorporated on both street facades to further break down the scale of the building and provide visual interest and facade variety







MASSING OPTION (1)



MASSING OPTION 1

ZZ TOP



45 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 310 sf average (gross)

Proposed FAR:	18,126 sf
Max FAR:	18,126 sf max
Parking:	no parking proposed
	bike parking, as required
Amenity Area:	front entry porch, light well
	and bike room

Positive

- Small, center light well allows light and air to pour through building
- The top two floors propose loft units to provide . additional height and livability
- Units are aligned on exterior walls

Negative

- Smallest interior courtyard doesn't allow much light •
- More bulk and mass along front elevation (height) •
- Imposing north and south mass along adjacent • property lines could impede light
- No room on front street facing facade for balconies .
- Mass doesn't turn the corner as successfully with stair placement on front facade
- Mass encroaches on existing tree in NW corner ٠

Departures

No Departures, Code Compliant Option







ENTRY LEVEL PLAN (\mathbf{I})

MASSING VIEWS





^ front elevation view

^ pedestrian view looking northeast



v entrance view



v northeast aerial view



v northwest aerial view



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^ pedestrian view looking southeast





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2 | MASSING OPTION 2

THE WHO



45 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 330 sf average (gross)

Proposed FAR:	17,800 sf
Max FAR:	18,126 sf max
Parking:	no parking proposed
-	bike parking, as required
Amenity Area:	roof deck, green roof, bike
	room

Positive

- Mass optimizes max volume with clear circulation around a center courtyard allowing air and light
- Mass provides a generous front landscaped area at front and street facing property lines
- Circulation is clearly expressed in recesses in mass

Negative

- The center courtyard is small compared to preferred option as circulation seems to encroach, interior courtyard units, one per floor
- Most units are organized off the north and south, impacting privacy to existing, neighboring buildings
- Mass encroaches on existing tree in NW corner and doesn't allow the tree to be saved
- No balconies proposed for this scheme

Departures

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- Departure from north side setback requirements •
- Departure for max facade length (north side) .
- Departure for amenity space requirements



ENTRY LEVEL PLAN



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MASSING OPTION (3)



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ZEPPELIN - PREFERRED SCHEME





47 Residential Units, Mix of Unit Types 340 sf average (gross)

18,118 sf
18,126 sf max
no parking proposed
bike parking, as required
landscaped entry, lush courtyard, private balconies, bike room

Positive

- Large front and street facing setback allows for generous private balconies, lowest mass in height
- Mass has been pushed in at street level to provide overhead weather protection for guests and residents and activate street scape along sidewalk
- Massing at northwest corner is pulled back and eroded to maintain and preserve existing tree
- Most generous center courtyard space allows more light and passive ventilation for dwelling units
- Center circulation promotes interaction and community

<u>Negative</u>

• More bulk along north property line to preserve tree

Departures

- Departure from rear yard setback requirements
- Departure for max facade length (north side)
- Departure for common amenity dimensional standards







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units corridor Design option three builds on the success of option two but further erodes the northwest corner to save and preserve the tree and landscaping buffer between the proposed project and the adjacent property. This further recess in the mass helps to break down bulk and scale. Additionally, this concept proposes the largest center courtyard allowing all units to more light, air and passive ventilation, with exterior circulation aligned off this courtyard. A generous recessed lower southwest corner and entry portal allow for additional gathering space on the project's front porch and open space.



33**1**–6"

7'-6"

13'-6"

1

22'-0"



MASSING VIEWS





^ front elevation view

^ pedestrian view looking northeast



v <u>entrance view</u>









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DESIGN CONCEPT AND PRIORITIES

The design is best articulated as a series of site-specific responses that respect adjacencies and contribute to an active streetscape.

1. ALIGN

The shape of the mass aligns to the angular and bending street frontage. This strong street presence relates to the neighboring commercial-zone apartment buildling to the East, but is provided an additional setback to relate to the residential uses to the west. The street alignment also allows the building to maximize the number of street-facing units.

2. OPEN

The interior of the building is a courtyard, used for circulation and to bring additional light, air and passive ventilation. Each unit is accessed off the courtyard, and where possible will have windows to allow cross ventilation through the courtyard.

3. CONNECT:

The entryway connects the sidewalk to the internal courtyard through a wide recessed entry portal. The materials will be designed to be inviting and exciting but textures should be a residential scale. Planting will soften the entry and suggest the interior landscaping and overhead protection allows the front porch to be used throughout the year.

4. PROTECT

To preserve an existing tree, the northwest corner of the mass has also been significantly carved away. In addition to providing the backdrop of a common amenity space, the tree maintains a friendly transition from the proposed development to the neighbors on the north.

5. ACTIVATE

Balconies wraping the South and West facades articulate a horizontal floating mass that fronts the street and provides a strong architectural presence along E Denny and 21st Ave E. The Balconies help to visually anchor its position within the neighborhood environment, provide outdoor opportunities for residents, and an active street presence. Additional shading devices on the balconies will provide passive cooling from summer afternoon sun.









1: ALIGN Mass and site geometry

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2: OPEN Courtyards for light and air







DESIGN ASPIRATIONS

- Concept High-quality materials with minimal profiles and rich texture 1
- Simple window pattern to emphasize the use of material and massing form 2
- Open Front porch welcomes residents and guests and provides weather protection 3
- Open stairways provide additional activation and community interaction 4
- Framed outdoor balconies on street facing facades 5
- Angular mass with recessed entrance and accessible street facing balconies 6
- integrated solar shading 7

MATERIAL Vision: High-quality and textural rich materials will be chosen that relate to residential scale of the neighborhood. Materials will be durable, long-lasting and composed to add visual interest to the building facade. Additionally, a steel framed skeleton will support balconies on all street-facing facades.

FORM The angular shape of the mass is derived first from the site itself and secondarily from the change in street pattern and grid to form a mass that helps turn the corner and provides an attractive presence along the street scape.













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Vegetation experience along ADA ramp and circulation Vertical vegetation within the courtyard space Incorporation of hanging vegetation within the courtyard area Activate sidewalk edges and create opportunities for seating Courtyard space that allows sunlight to access the circulation Integration of planters and seatings along the sidewalk



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SUMMARY OF APPROVED OUTREACH METHOD

Below is a summarized documentation of the steps, timeframes and process required for Early Community Outreach per SDCI Director's Rule 4-2018 and DON Director's Rule 1-2018.

Project Website Page:

https://grtexp.co/taxus-house/

Link to Online Survey: https://grtexp.co/taxus-house-survey/

Summary of Public Comment:

+ 7 people total responded to the survey (5 of whom live very close to the project and 2 others who live in the general area) + Characteristics that are important in the new building to everyone seemed to be that the building is designed with

- sustainability in mind and that there are thoughtful approaches to landscape and open space
- + Two comments were received that the building should be family friendly
- + Comments received from the public regarding improvements at sidewalk and street level / public area include: -The project should be design good for pedestrians including enough space to walk, lighting and safety considerations and landscape buffer between units and sidewalk -Lots of plants and landscape are encouraged through public comment
 - -Attractive building materials at street level should be used
 - -Eyes on the street and public safety should be addressed
- + Concerns expressed by public comment include:
 - -Construction noise and impacts
 - -That the project may feel out of scale with other buildings nearby
 - -That the project will make driving and parking in the neighborhood more challenging
 - -That the project will contribute to gentrification and displacement
 - -That the existing structure is being demolished
 - -More two bedroom units are supported
 - -Minimize impact to north adjacent property
- +Specific and Unique Items about the existing property and neighborhood include:

-Parking challenges

-Project site has been vacant for years and overgrown.

+Support for project:

-Support for added density was seen in two public comments -Public support for rear setback departure

Response to Public Comment

- Landscape efforts have focused on saving the NW tree, and finding meaningful open spaces at the ground level, including a large covered entry space and interior courtyard.

- The project does provide a true mixture of unit sizes, including (5) family friendly, 2-bedroom units.

- The project aims to balance the transition from NC3P-75 (M) Apartment building across the alley to LR3 townhouses immediately to the North. Looking at the adjacent townhouse elevations, the project will minimize large windows facing opening on the adjacent townhouse. A privacy study is included in the appendix.

- The project team acknowledges parking challenges. To best reduce vehicular traffic, bicycle parking is located at the entrance, where it will be easily accessible to residents.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH TAXUS HOUSE - 102 21ST AVE E, SEATTLE, WA 98112

Great Expectations LLC and HyBrid Architecture are collaborating on a new and exciting project located at 102 21st Ave E. The project proposes a new residential structure containing 47 apartments, most of which are 1 bedroom units. Parking is not required in this zone per the Seattle Muncipal Code, nor will it be provided.

The project team is just getting started on the planning now but construction could take place as early as Fall 2021. As part of Seattle's design review process, the project team is gathering community input that will assist in the planning and development of the project site. Please note, that all information and comments submitted may become part of the public record. This survey will be open from August 31, 2020 through Sept 30th, 2020. After that, we'll get starting on the Design Review Process and other permitting steps. SDCI project number is 3036778-EG.

For additional information, input and project contact information please reference the following links:

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ing	No parking
nitect	Hybrid Architecture
eloper	Great Expectations LLC
eline	TBD, construction expected in late 2021, completion in late 2022
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OPTION 2 DEPARTURE MATRIX

DEPARTURE	CODE REQUIRED	REQUEST	DESIGN GUIDELINES	
1. Max Facade Length Reduction (23.45.527.B.1)	(SMC 23.45.527.B.1) Maximum Facade length in Lowrise Zones: The maximum combined length of all portions of façades within 15 feet of a lot line that is neither a rear lot line nor a street or alley lot line shall not exceed 65 percent of the length of that lot line.	The north side lot line is a lot line that is neither a rear lot line nor a street or alley line. The project proposes a facade length within 15'-0" of 72'-0" wide. This width requires a departure of 7'-0".	Central Area Guidelines: CS1 - 2.b&e (Connection to Nature) DC2 - 1.a&b (Building Layout and Massing) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass)	A longer north fac at the street facac To mitigate a long building, the faca and Delineation c
2. Average Side Setback Reduction (23.45.518	(SMC 23.45.518.A.1) For apartment developments with alley, there is a 7'-0" required average side setback per Seattle Land Use Code.	While the proposed project exceeds the front and side setback requirements, a 2'-0" rear setback departure is requested to adjust the rear setback from the required 10'-0" to a 8'-0" rear setback.	Central Area Guidelines: CS1 - 2.b&e (Connection to Nature) DC2 - 1.a&b (Building Layout and Massing) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass)	The side setback the street facade, while maintaining break up the mas Transition and De study is provided planting and wind townhouses. Few departure.
3. Amenity Area Reduction (23.45.522)	(SMC 23.45.522.A.1) Amount of amenity area required for apartments in LR Zones is equal to 25% of the lot area. A minimum of 50% of the required amenity area shall be provided at ground level. For apartments, amenity area required at ground level shall be provided as common space.	The proposal, as designed, requests a 22% reduction in common space amenity and a 60% reduction in private amenity areas, provided in the preferred design as private balconies along the street-facing facade.	Central Area Guidelines: Cs1 - 2.b.e. (Connection to Nature) PL3 - 2.h.j. (Streetscape Treatment) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC3.C.2 (Amenities and Features)	The project contr at grade that is be because the area common amenity supported by Cer to the community the community, ir can remain active Additionally, lush create a natural re 2. Connection to I If not granted, ba common area at

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facing facade, allows circulation to be located cade, where it can contribute to street activation. nger facade, and lessen the mass of the overall cade is broken by a breezeway (CS2.1 Transition of Zones).

ck reduction, allows circulation to be located at de, where it can contribute to street activation, ng a functional interior courtyard space. To ass , the facade is broken by a breezeway (CS2.1 Delineation of Zones). An additional privacy ed to demonstrate the location of windows, ndow wells in respect to the existing adjacent ew windows will be directly impacted by this

ntributes significant covered common area beyond the area required by code, however, ea is covered, it may not be included in a ity calculation. Covered common area is central Area Guideline - PL1 .2 - Connection back ity: when providing open gathering spaces for , include weather protection to ensure the space ve all year long.

sh landscaping at the entry portal will help to to I room between the street and the building. (CS1 o Nature)

balconies will be removed to provide uncovered it the street.







de Length le Length parture	CS2.1 Transition and Delineation of Zones - Use breezeways, portals to lessen the mass of the overall building.
ge Side ge Side	PL3 - Streetscape Treatment - To facilitate usable stoops and patios, and to encourage pedestrian-to- resident interaction, buffer private outdoor spaces from the public sidewalk with low walls, planters and landscape layering that defines the private space yet allows for face to face conversations.
N AMENITY RADE Common ment ontribute enity vered) ED AT GRADE	CS1 2. Connection to Nature - lush landscaping, to create a "room between the street and the building. PL1 .2 Connection back to the community - When providing open gathering spaces for the community, include weather protection to ensure the space can remain active all year long.

OPTION 3 DEPARTURE MATRIX

DEPARTURE	CODE REQUIRED	REQUEST	DESIGN GUIDELINES	
1. Rear Setback Reduction (23.45.518 Table A)	(SMC 23.45.518.A.1) For apartment developments with alley, there is a 10'-0" required rear setback per Seattle Land Use Code.	While the proposed project exceeds the front and side setback requirements, a 2'-0" rear setback departure is requested to adjust the rear setback from the required 10'-0" to a 8'-0" rear setback.	Central Area Guidelines: CS1 - 2.b&e (Connection to Nature), DC2 - 1.a&b (Building Layout and Massing) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass), CS2.3 (Zone Transitions)	The proposed se preserve an exist corner of the site considering the o the alley, where a Reduced planting maintaining an 8 setback, the proje only to provide a
2. Side Setback Reduction (23.45.518 Table A)	(SMC 23.45.518-Table A) For apartment developments a 5'-0" side setback is required.	The proposed balconies along the alley are 4'-0" from the property line and project 1'=0" into the setback. A 1'-0" side setback is requested, to adjust the side setback from the required 5'-0" to 4'-0" on the south side setback.	Central Area Guidelines: CS1 - 2.b&e (Connection to Nature) DC2 - 1.a&b (Building Layout and Massing) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass) DC2.C2 (Secondary Architectural Features)	To break up the l deep balconies b side setback. Bal the facade (DC2./ response to the t (CS2. B1) Solar sh provide visual int provides a 7-ft m length of the alle
3. Minimum Front Setback Reduction (23.45.518 Table A)	(SMC 23.45.518.A) For apartment developments a minimum 5 ft front setback is required per Seattle Land Use Code.	The proposed balconies along the front setback are 4'-0" from the property line and project 1'-0" into the setback. A 1'-0" front setback is requested, to adjust the front setback from the required 5'-0" to 4'-0".	Central Area Guidelines: CS1 - 2.b&e (Connection to Nature) DC2 - 1.a&b (Building Layout and Massing) Seattle Design Guidelines: DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass) DC2.C2 (Secondary Architectural Features)	The project prop 1'-0" into the required condition, buildin urban edge to th the massing (DC2 residents. Solar s also provide visu building mass pro- edge and the bal

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setback reduction has been requested in order to sting Norwegian spruce tree located at the NW te. The rear setback reduction in is appropriate e context. The NC3P-75(M) zoned parcels across e a zero setback condition will be allowed.

ing will help to transition to the LR zones. By 8 ft rear setback, including an 3'-0" SDOT oject will maintain a 5ft planted area, breaking a 6 ft trash access door. (CS2.3 Zone Transitions)

e long SE facade, the project proposes 3 ft s be allowed to project 1'-0" into the required alconies not only break up the massing along 2.A2), but project toward the property line in e the zero-setback condition across the alley. shading is a dual purpose element that will also nterest and depth (DC2.C2). The building mass minimum (also average) setback across the full .ley. The balconies only project at upper stories.

pposes 3 ft deep balconies be allowed to project quired side setback. Because of the corner site ling out to the corner helps to create a strong the block (CS2.C2). Balconies visually reduce C2.A2) and provide outdoor opportunties for shading is a dual purpose element that will sual interest and depth (DC2.C2). The walls of the provide a 7-ft minimum setback across the street balconies will only project at the upper stories.



OPTION 3 DEPARTURE MATRIX





equired rear setback oposed rear setback % departure	PL4.2 Connection Back to the Community - provide place-specific open spaces that can be used for a variety of uses.
equired minimum de setback roposed side setback	DC2.2 Reducing Perceived Mass - use secondary architectural elements to reduce perceived mass of larger projects by adding balconies and highlighting building entries.
equired minimum ont setback oposed front setback	DC2.A.1&2 - (Site Characteristics and Uses, Reducing Perceived Mass) DC2.C2 (Secondary Architectural Features) DC2.2 (Human Scale): Incorporate architectural features, like sun shades, and details of human scale into building facade

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PROPOSED STRUCTURE