

**Northeast Middle School****1 - Program Review/Collaborative Workshop**

August 26, 2020



**From :**  
**Design Review Board**  
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**Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the August 26, 2020 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the following advisory actions:**

**Design Departures****Buildings Along Street (general advice)**

- 1. The Board recognizes the function of the building is outside of the typical facility seen within a CC1 zone. As a part of the Design Departure the Applicant is strongly encouraged to explore ways and means of incorporating CC zoning design guidelines and principals within and around the building itself, while creating regions and spaces around the perimeter that lend themselves to being incorporated into the streetscape as the surrounding area begins to redevelop.**

***Please see the following Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies:** LU 1.1 Neighborhoods, LU 1.12 Public Facilities and Services, LU 5.1 Built and Natural Environment, LU 6.9 Facility Compatibility with Neighborhood, DP 1.2 New Development in Established Neighborhoods, DP 2.3 Design Standards for Public Projects and Structures, DP 2.6 Building and Site Design, DP 2.15 Urban Trees and Landscape Areas, NE 13.1 Walkway and Bicycle Path System, N 2.1 Neighborhood Quality of Life, and N 5.3 Linkages.*

***Please see the following Design Standards and Guidelines for Centers and Corridors:** SMC 17C.122.060 Buildings Along Street, SMC 17C.122.060 Lighting, SMC 17C.122.060 Ancillary Site Elements, SMC 17C.122.060 Treatment of Blank Walls, SMC 17C.122.060 Façade Transparency, SMC 17C.122.060 Massing, and SMC 17C.122.060 Pedestrian Oriented Signs.*

## **2. Perry Street (specific advice)**

**The Board recognizes that Perry Street provides the greatest opportunity for an urban edge. Along this frontage, the Board recommends that the Applicant continue to develop a 12'-wide sidewalk along Perry Street and to ensure bicycle pathways and alternative transportation amenities be added to the school's Eastern Entry Plaza (i.e. secure bicycle/scooter storage, bike maintenance racks, etc.)**

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## **3. Marietta Avenue (specific advice)**

**The Board recognizes that Marietta Avenue has the greatest opportunity to integrate the adjacent residential neighborhood and the Logan Peace Park. The Board recommends that the sidewalks along Marietta Avenue be developed in a standard separated fashion and that an improved pedestrian crossing between the Park and the school site be developed.**

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**4. North Foothills Drive (specific advice)**

The Board recognizes the constraints of the site along North Foothills Drive (NFD) and recommends that the Applicant continue to pursue the gateway structure at the northwest corner of the site along NFD as a reasonable substitute for the 30% building façade frontage along this street. Further, the Applicant is encouraged to work with the appropriate city departments to develop a mid-block crossing of NFD to provide better pedestrian connectivity between the higher-density housing development and the school grounds.

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**Buildings Along Intersection Corners**

**5. The Board encourages the Applicant to develop an Ornamental Plaza at the intersection of North Foothills Drive and Perry Street, as a substitute for a building engagement. This plaza development should include possible improvements to pedestrian crossings and alternative transportation accommodations.**

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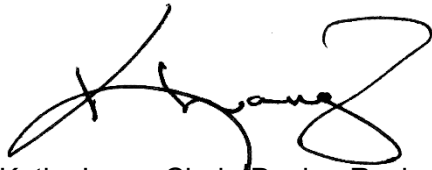
**General (separate from Design Departures)**

- 6. The Applicant is encouraged to explore meandering sidewalks along North Foothills Drive, offset from the curb and where opportunity exists, to enhance the pedestrian experience and connectivity to adjacent properties.**

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Advisory Actions passed by a vote of (5) in favor with (1) abstention

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Kathy Lang, Chair, Design Review Board

Note: Supplementary information, audio tape and meeting summary are on file with City of Spokane Design Review Board.