

Fountain District Urban Village – Meridian Street Meeting 10/8/2009

Comments on Building Photos

“Like” Comment

“Dislike” Comment



- I've seen this way too many times, trendy
- Too urban, too modern
- Love it
- I don't think this could go on most of the area. Too high, too many stories, 4 max
- Like scaled back look
- Too contemporary, don't use!
- Over modernized
- Like the balcony areas facing the street, good mix of classic and contemporary
- Too tall
- Too “downtown looking”
- Same old, same old. A bit too chic for the neighborhood
- Not so great for the fountain district
- I want to like this building – colors, windows, top floor setbacks...but it's not my favorite



- Not so great for the fountain district
- Okay looking, but not a good fit for this neighborhood
- Too “downtown looking”
- Don't like
- Like balcony areas facing the street
- “Prepare for take off!” (don't like ; -)
- Is there a euphemism for ugly – “interesting”?
- Very cool! Like the modern flair, but not in tune with Fountain District vibe
- Too contemporary, don't like, but good for high occupancy

- This feels sharp for the Fountain District
- Love it
- Too urban
- I like breaking up the height by using different materials but too modern in overall style
- Like this for the setback on 2nd floor with patios/decks. Architecturally not great – but that’s a private preference



- Like older historic look
- Love it
- Same character, like it
- (smiley face) – likes it
- Fits in well with character of old houses in area
- Like it
- Like it, blends in well
- Nice re-purposing of old building
- Good!
- Like the idea of using old residential buildings as new retail, facades are more engaging, retail space more interesting



- Like it!
- Nice use of varying roof lines, looks friendly, nice window shopping street
- Like it
- Doorways draw me toward entering : -)
- Nice scale, interesting facades, varying roof lines are attractive
- Limited ped/bike access
- Like this, similar to Beacon Hill District or “Pearl District” in Portland
- I don’t like it, no space between buildings
- Even though the building touches sidewalk – at least the roof line is broken up



- Too uniform
- Like architectural feature over roadway
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- No gateways please (doesn't like architectural feature over roadway)
- Neighborhood arrival symbol or sign or art is good idea
- Don't like
- Like
- Boring box, uses brick rather than architecture
- Like it
- Not my favorite, but it appears retailers have made their windows attractive & engaging



- Boring box, uses brick rather than architecture
- Like
- Nice building, just not a building that fits the style. Is too modern
- Bad execution of brick and funky stuff above
- Like height and materials
- Too modern
- Too tall, too uniform, too much glass, doesn't look environmentally friendly
- Not very imaginative



- Reminds me of Fountain Vet. I like it, but it's big!
- Like it, yes!
- Love it
- This design or modification of, could fit well and balance AA. Shape, height, scale would need to blend.
- Like curve of building to street
- Historic, like it
- My favorite of examples of modern buildings. Lovely huge windows.
- Contrast of color/stonework. Makes it interesting too
- Like



- Good varied roof lines and decks but rather severe aesthetic
- Too cookie cutter
- Don't like, nice buildings just not one that fits. The style is too modern.
- Somewhat sparse
- Don't like the look
- Waterfront look?
- Too uniform
- Good try at softening the building to street issue



- Visually interesting, nice variety of setbacks, color & details...look Bham to me
- I like this! Great!
- Like the human scale and materials
- Historic, like it
- There are streets all over N.A. that convert residences on arterials to commercial use, but only make sense when there is existing stock...but okay if new
- Like it
- Older character sits well with neighborhoods.
- Like
- Blend well with existing designs
- Like it
- Mixture of commercial and residential works well here . Roof styles and paint and trim work
- Great
- Definitely like this look



- Not so good
- Great old block
- Don't like
- Too tall, brick work is gorgeous however
- Ideal streetscape, retention of old buildings at nice scale, brick facades are wonderful
- No landscaping
- Good, segments of buildings have different sizes
- Yes!
- Yes! But don't like the 4th story
- Even though these roof are flat – the height difference helps and they are “older” attractive buildings to begin with



- Looks historical, like it
- Nice to see a 4 story on this
- Okay, keeps character
- Very attractive, but too tall for Fountain District. One story less would be perfect. Street trees are nice
- Attractive traditional building. Lots of windows for natural lighting, probably the right scale
- Okay
- I like the red brick
- Okay
- Yes, the use of existing building is great
- Not so good for fountain district



- Good
- Like it
- Like it
- Like this one
- Older character fits well with neighborhoods
- Okay
- There are streets all over N.A. that convert residences on arterials to commercial use, but only make sense when there is existing stock...but okay if new
- Too much like Queen Anne in Seattle – Victorian/Queen Anne style not right style for Fountain District
- Historic, like it
- Like multi scale and multi use, love the up & down business
- Fits historic character of area. All buildings would not have to be this way – too much of same like “development”
- The stairs work to make the street different from the buildings
- Yes!
- Another interesting façade – good use of color



- Color and “house” styling are very Bellingham
- Yes!
- Like pedestrian feel, fits with neighborhood, historic feel, materials
- Holds character, like it
- Handsome old house, like it!
- Like it
- Good!
- I like this!



- Not so good for Fountain District
- Yes!
- Fun design, like the awnings, too many signs, visually busy
- I like the overhangs, lattice, balconies
- Okay
- Nice color, nice awnings
- Diversity of uses, ped interaction
- A blend style for AA.
- Nice corner, welcoming
- So-so
- Don't like “awnings”, too much stuff on outside
- This is good example of making building to sidewalk approach attractive, interesting and adds energy to street



- I've seen this in too many towns, not in keeping with Bellingham style
- Nice, but fairly modern
- Way too urban for Fountain District
- Good street landscaping
- What is this for, trying too hard to be cool
- Finishing will wear in time
- Overwhelming
- Not too bad for new construction
- Not so good for Fountain District
- This was certainly an improvement to downtown. Not my favorite building, but OK and street level is not bad