Uptown Community Plan Update Self Guided Tour Photos and Questions

Juan Street Turnaround Concept



There is a opportunity to create a turnaround with signage that manages traffic between Old Town and Mission Hills along Juan Street.

Compatible Density

- There are good, existing examples of how multipleunit housing in the form of duplexes and companion units, have been accommodated in a singlefamily neighborhood.
- Can you see the application of these examples in other neighborhoods within the community ?



Duplex at 1209 W. Montecito Way

Compatible Density (Continued)





Duplex at 1708 W. Montecito Way, appears to be single family house

Red side door to second floor unit at 4154 Stephens Street

Compatible Density (Continued)



Unit above garage behind Lark Street house, at 1415 Montecito Way

Compatible Housing (Continued)



Three canyon houses from 4109 to 4125 Ibis Street



Each house has stairs leading to canyon units below street level house

1stAvenue/Robinson Multi-family Development



- Consider how this development adopted Craftsman features, typically found on small-scale & single-family development, onto a larger scale, multi-family development context.
- What other techniques can be used to sensitively integrate density into existing neighborhoods?

Plaza/Water Feature at Scripps Hospital

- Think about how types of civic spaces can be incorporated with private development to provide for more open space.
- What are the characteristics and qualities that make for attractive, well –used urban open space?



The Bridges



Spruce Street

Vermont Street

• Uptown is known for its many bridges that provide connections from residential neighborhoods to destinations of interest. They do appear to foster various modes of travel. Where could other bridges and pathways be placed to make better connections in the community? What would be other physical barriers to these connections, if any?

Normal Street



• A portion of Normal Street is being currently improved to facilitate more parking opportunities to serve the commercial corridor. Consider how the remaining portion could serve the residential areas. Along with the DMV's desire to redevelop their existing facility, consider how linear park opportunities could be incorporated to reinforce community events and passive recreational opportunities (e.g. The Farmers' Market) and passive recreational needs.

Balboa Park Interface



- Consider how the neighborhood interfaces with Balboa Park along Upas Street. Compare how other neighborhoods interface with Balboa Park.
- How can better connections be made and/or improved given the challenges posed by existing facilities?

Alicante

- Does the way its scale, articulation, upper-upper story "step backs" contribute to its compatibility within the neighborhood compared to other mid/high-rise developments in the neighborhood?
- How does the relationship between street width, building height, and street landscaping effect neighborhood character?



4th, 5th & 6th Avenues



 Issues related to safety and mobility have been the subject of these streets in the Park West/Bankers Hill neighborhood. Think about the challenges experienced by pedestrians and bicyclists that traverse this area.

Colonel Irving Solomon/Henry Hester Apartments



In addition to Spanish and Craftsman and California Bungalows, architectural/historic significance can also be demonstrated by more contemporary structures. This one is an example of a historically designated Mid-Century Modern/Futurist architectural style.

India Street/Washington Street



 A commercial neighborhood parking and circulation design study was recently completed to address issues concerning parking, traffic circulation, promoting bicycle and pedestrian access, and enhancing economic vitality and enhancing this area as a community gateway.

Reynard Way and Olive Street



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Alternative Alley uses

- There are efforts in other cities to look at our commercial and residential alleys as urban amenities, pedestrian pathways, and as "green infrastructure" – through the use of permeable and heat reflective materials. Consider the applicability of these ideas in the Uptown community, especially in Hillcrest, Mission Hills, and University Heights where we have alleyways.
- Where could green alleys enhance our neighborhoods?
- Read more about alleys going from "utility to amenity": <u>http://www.planetizen.com/node/37038</u> <u>http//www.communitygreens.org/AGandAG</u>
- Examples:
 - Patterson Park, City of Baltimore an example of alley gating and greening
 - City of Pasadena Alleys as pedestrian pathways
 - City of Chicago Green alley Initiative

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• Patterson Park, Baltimore

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• Proposal for alleyways adjacent to the Selma Hotel, Hollywood, CA