East Main CAC Presentation

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Introduction to Wig Properties



- Mon Wig came to the U.S. from India over 50 years ago Local family Lives in Bellevue & been in business in Bellevue for over 30 years ☐ Growth Strategy Vertically integrated Keep properties & manage them to ensure quality Create and nurture strong relationships Grow slowly over time Do what we say we are going to do, so our network can rely upon us
- ☐ Red Lion Property
 - Purchased mid-February
 - ☐ If given the opportunity, we believe there is great potential to:
 - Create a unique landmark on the Red Lion property
 - Positively impact the place where we live and work by creating a development that offers strong public amenities and integrates with the community

Introduction to Freiheit & Ho

- ☐ Arthur Chang is a principal at Freiheit & Ho, an Eastside architecture firm, originally founded in the city of Bellevue thirty years ago
- ☐ For over 25 years, Freiheit & Ho and Wig Properties have designed numerous successful projects together
- ☐ Diversity of project experience ranging from multi-family, retail, and office to large scale mixed-use complexes

Freiheit & Ho Architects

Select Projects



Townhomes at 1200 Bellevue Way







Mixed use Transit Oriented Development / Hilton Hotel & Office Tower in Downtown Seattle



What We've Heard So Far

Create places for people to gather and congregate – e.g. plazas, play areas, coffee shops, cafes

Tree Preservation









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Diversity of Uses







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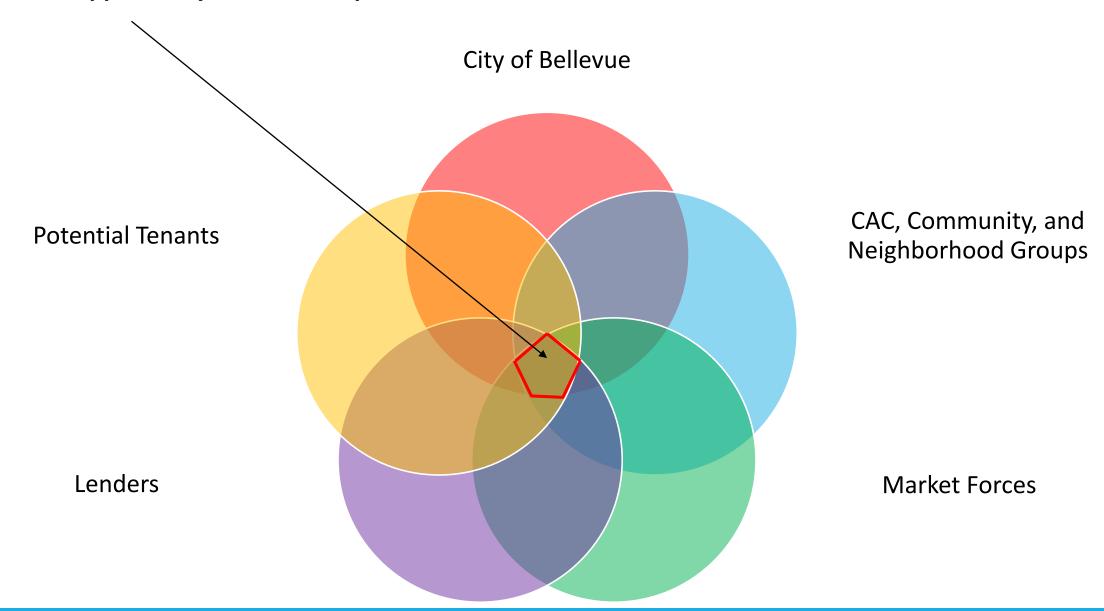
Vibrant sense of place that will be an amenity to and help define the neighborhood







Vision and Opportunity for Redevelopment



Red Lion Property

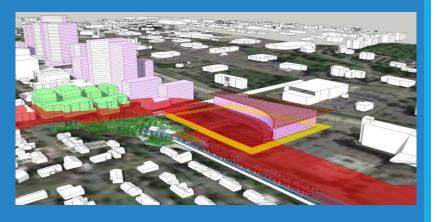




- ☐ Likely first property to redevelop along I-405
- ☐ Must be able to survive on its own segregated from the CBD
- ☐ Will set the tone for the quality of future development and could hasten redevelopment of other properties in this area
- ☐ Integration between the site and the station is important because site is directly across from the station
- ☐ When traveling on I-405 northbound, the freeway curves as you approach the site so that the Red Lion site is straight ahead (and not on your left)

Catalysts to Spur Redevelopment

1 – Replace Existing Zoning



Current Zoning Hurdles

□ 50 foot setbacks Does not allow architecture to engage the street or enhance walkability in the neighborhood Lot coverage is limited to 35% Encourages large surface parking lots & suburban development pattern ☐ Transition overlay restricts height to 30' for over half of our site ☐ Due to current zoning, the transition overlay disproportionately limits future development potential compared to neighboring properties □75 foot max building height ☐ Site will be out of scale with development under proposed downtown zoning ☐ Sliding scale FAR / Office limit ☐ Discourages larger buildings with a mix of uses Cap on residential units

Implications of Current Zoning

- ☐ Maximum redevelopment potential is less than a 2 FAR
- Encourages large parking fields, bulky buildings, and no connection between the neighborhood and the development

Catalysts to Spur Redevelopment

2 Allow at least 5 FAR and heights of 200' to create necessary gravity, increase public amenities, and develop an iconic landmark

At least a 5 FAR and heights of 200'

- ☐ Hotel is incoming producing property
- Rents are lower at Red Lion site than in CBD
- ☐ Allows development to survive apart from the gravity in the CBD, which may be necessary for many years

Greater density and height allow:

- More public amenities (such as wider sidewalks, public plazas, a town square/public gathering area, etc.) and a greater sense of place
- ☐ More connections to the street and between sites
- ☐ Iconic buildings/features with view corridors
- Less noise from I-405
- Additional security and more eyes on the street and station
- ☐ Niches to be provided which are not provided in the CBD

Catalysts to Spur Redevelopment

3 – Flexibility in Zoning Code



☐ More flexibility allows us the opportunity to meet the needs of more stakeholders

- ☐ Flexibility in the type of use (unrestricted use for office, medical, retail, residential, educational, daycare, hotel, etc.) is critical to achieve a mix of uses on site and to meet market demand
- ☐ Each use has different space requirements, parking needs, and floor plate sizes
- More creativity in design and more visual appeal can be achieved with a flexible zoning code (e.g. vary building heights to create interest)

Conclusion



Goals

- Create a unique landmark that is an asset to the neighborhood
- Create a high quality mixed use development
- ☐ Provide superior facilities for a variety of lifestyles and which make the neighborhood a more desirable place to live
- Provide services not currently available in CBD
- ☐ Set the tone for future developments along I-405
- Integrate new development with light rail station
- We are invested in Bellevue and in this site for the long run
- ☐ CAC study area has the potential to project an even better image of Bellevue

Feedback

Questions?