

Notes from Design Review Board – Feb 9, 2017

- Design should have integrity with itself – a cohesive style and well proportioned
- Include concrete language about materials allowed and not allowed (for example, efface does not work for Olympia's climate and should not be allowed)
- Residential building details should not be brought into large commercial projects
- Be explicit about what we value in each character
- Support types of pedestrian life that are unique to each character area
- Promote continuous canopies
- Provide guidance for parklets – these should use durable materials, and the design should be reviewed by DRB
- Incorporate historic look with contemporary
- Clarify vague terms
- Guidelines should prevent what we don't want, but not limit something amazing. Allow for departures when judged to meet objectives
- After the update, consider making a video that explains what the design guidelines hope to accomplish