

# Connecting William Street Planning & facilitating redevelopment

Public Feedback





CWS Project Goal:

# The goal of the project is to create strategies for transforming five <u>City-owned</u> sites into uses that will better serve the community.





# Planning Area







# **District Anchors**





# District Streetscape Environment





# Overarching Goals from Council Approved Downtown Plans

- Diversity of uses & center of activity
- Center of commerce & jobs
- Diversity of residential opportunities
- Dense land use & development
- Development that respects context & character area intent
- Adequate infrastructure to support development
- Emphasis on street-level pedestrian scale & nonmotorized connectivity
- Emphasis on green building & high quality materials



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#### Enhancing the Outdoor Experience



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# Sidewalks and streets Enhancing the outdoor experience





#### Urban Plazas Enhancing the Outdoor Experience





# Liberty Plaza Design Goals

#### WORK WITH PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON RECOMMENDATION:

IMPROVE ACCESSIBLITY AND VISIBLITY FROM THE STREET INVESTIGATE WAYS TO PROVIDE BETTER CONNECTIVITY TO ADJACENT SITES AND THE NEW LIBRARY LANE SITE

CONSIDER "RENEWAL" OF LIBERTY PLAZA – DESIGN MODIFICATIONS AND OPERATION, SECURITY AND PROGRAMMING IMPROVEMENTS



#### Urban Plazas Enhancing the Outdoor Experience







# Library Lane Plaza Design

The site was designed with a plaza and flexible event space built in.





#### Creating Development Strategies









Understanding our community: Themes from March community feedback

- Overarching theme: A vibrant downtown and active sidewalk experience, with perhaps more attention to a few select areas:
  - Building quality & design
  - Economic development job creation & support for independent and retail business
  - Housing a range of housing options, including affordable housing
  - Open space/plazas a range of types and amount









What is a land use economist? Why use one?

- A land use economist works on behalf of communities to help them:
- Understand the costs & benefits of future development
- Understand how developers think & make decisions
- Make better, more informed decisions





# Understanding the market

Housing: 1300 new apartments could be captured in downtown by 2016

Office: 500,000 sf could be supported in downtown

• Current downtown inventory limited above 15,000 sf

Dining & Entertainment: 160 % of National Spending Average

- **Retail** Generally should be small in scale, exception recruiting an anchor retail (i.e. Apple Computer)
- Lodging: Interviews and initial data analysis indicate lodging is supportable

#### Additional uses included in the conversation:

- Public Plaza/Park
- Cultural venue













#### **Review Draft Scenarios**





#### **Draft Scenario A** Buildings 3-5 Stories

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#### **Draft Scenario B** Buildings 3-8 Stories

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#### **Draft Scenario C Buildings 10-14 Stories**

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+Large small business incubator space

housing, plaza space, green building

# Scenario Summary

#### Scenario A



#### **3-5** stories Focus on office space

- Some ground floor retail Improves appearance of parking structure
- •68 residential units

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#### Scenario B



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#### Scenario C



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# Feedback Question #1 Development Density





All three scenarios are within zoning & market demand recommendations.

Focusing on building scale, please check the scenario(s) you feel support & enhance the Main Street area and adjacent blocks? (Check all that apply)

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#### Feedback Question #2 Development Density



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Focusing on building scale, please check the scenario(s) you feel support & enhance the Library, transit center, and adjacent blocks? (Check all that apply)

\_ Scenario A

\_\_ Scenario B

\_ Scenario C



#### Feedback Question #3 Scenario Benefits

Please check the scenario(s) that you feel contributes to the important community goals listed below (check all that apply and refer to scenario summary as needed).

Goals	A	В	С
Job growth, and business attraction/retention			
Support for independent/start-up businesses			
More vibrant planning area, interesting & safe place to walk			
Attracting new residents			
Attracting visitors & shoppers			
Increased opportunity for outdoor gathering & events			
Please feel free to share an additional extremely important goal for this project area			

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#### Scenario B





#### Review Site Level

## **Existing Site** Draft Ashley & William Lot








### Draft Ashley & William Lot

#### Scenario A



### **Residential Townhomes (3 stories)**

•68 Residential Units

#### Scenario B



# Adds office & active ground floor (3 & 8 stories)

•Office

- •Ground Floor Professional Office (transition to retail)
- 18 Residential Units

#### Scenario C



### Adds retail & performance space (15 stories)

•Office

- •Retail / Entertainment
- Cultural venue
- •95 Residential Units

Requires green building, residential, and/or plaza space

### Feedback Question #4 Building Uses - Locations

As we mentioned, these scenarios are flexible. For each site, please select the uses that you feel could support & enhance the adjacent uses and assets (select all that apply).

	Ashley & William	Main & William	Fifth & William	Library Lane
Cultural / Performance Venue				
Anchor / Destination Retail				
Public park/plaza space				
Business incubator space				
Lodging				
Office				
Housing				

### **Existing Site** Draft Main & William



## **Scenario A** Draft Main & William



## **Scenario B** Draft Main & William Lot





### Draft Main & William Lot

#### Scenario A



### Remains as is

Parking, closing for special eventsPossible design improvements

Scenario B



### Added a building (5 stories)

•Office & ground floor retail

Scenario C



### Added residential (10 stories)

- •Office, ground floor retail
- •24 residential units

Requires green building, residential, and/or plaza space

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## **Existing Site** Draft Fourth & William



## **Scenario A** Draft Fourth & William



## **Scenario B** Draft Fourth & William Lot



## **Scenario C** Draft Fourth & William



### Draft Fourth & William Parking Structure

#### Scenario A



### Façade improvements

#### Scenario B



### Added small business incubator space

#### Scenario C



### Added larger small business incubator space

### **Existing Site** Draft Fifth & William Lot







## **Scenario C** Draft Fifth & William Lot

**84 Residential Units** 330 Room Hotel **Ground Floor Retail Community leverages premiums** housing, plaza space, green building Landmark Building

**13 stories** 

### Draft Fifth & William Lot

#### Scenario A



### Office & ground floor retail (4 stories)

Scenario B



Office & ground floor retail (8 stories)

#### Scenario C



#### Mixed Use – Lodging & Residential with ground floor retail (13 stories) •74 units of Residential •Possibility of 330 room hotel

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## *Existing Site* Draft Library Lane Lot



## **Scenario A** Draft Fifth & Library Lane Lot



## **Scenario B** Draft Fifth & Library Lane Lot



## **Scenario C** Draft Fifth & Library Lane Lot



### Draft Fifth & Library Lane Lot

#### Scenario A



#### Scenario B



Lodging and ground floor retail (7 stories) •Possibility of 180 room hotel

#### Scenario C



Mixed use Office & Residential – adds Anchor Retail (14 stories) •72 units of Residential

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Public park/plaza space				
Business incubator space				
Lodging				
Office				
Housing				

### Feedback Question #5 Special Uses – Land Value

Some desired uses/elements we've heard about from the community may not be as marketable as residential and office. Inclusion can potentially impact land value (how much the City will receive in a sale).

For each special use/element below, please select those that you feel are as important as receiving full market value, and encouraging the use (select all that apply).

Special uses we've heard are desirable: \_\_\_\_ Cultural / Performance Venue \_\_\_\_ Anchor / Destination Retail \_\_\_\_ Public Park/Plaza Space \_\_\_\_ Business Incubator Space \_\_\_\_ Affordable Housing \_\_\_\_ Green building practices Other

# Thank you for your time!

### Next steps:

- In September, we plan to use the feedback we've received to piece together components from the scenarios into a recommended draft plan.
- We'll review this recommendation with the public through meetings & surveys
- A final recommendation will include implementation recommendations & decision making tools

### Stay engaged:

- Sign up to receive email updates and invitations
- Check our website <u>www.connectingwilliamstreet.org</u> for additional opportunities

