

Attachment A. Proposed Amendments

Table 1. These Comments/Amendments are a result of Design Commission comments heard at the briefing on 9/2 and hearing on 9/28, and public testimony received through October 29, 2021.

Ref #	Survey Question/Topic		Comment or Requested Amendment	Proposed by	Proposed Change
1	General	a	<p><i>Generic Language.</i> The language within the Community Character and Architecture and Urban Design Character sections is generic and could apply to anywhere in Portland. Revise language to offer guidance more specific to the West Portland Town Center.</p> <p><i>Distinctive Neighborhoods.</i> This area is an integration of many different neighborhoods, and that should be reflected in the Community Character/ A&UD sections.</p>	Design Commission	<p>Revise the Community Character Section to acknowledge the different neighborhoods North and South of Barbur Blvd. Focus the guidance for development mainly around the Multi-cultural Hub, using guidance inspired by the Placemaking Focus group.</p> <p>Revise the Architecture and Urban Design Character Section to discuss how development should respond within each center (BTC, Bi-nodal centers) and how infrastructure can be addressed to better connect these centers (Green Ring, Greenscape, etc.).</p>
		b	<p><i>PBOT Feedback and Coordination.</i> Pedestrian Infrastructure will be essential to the success of this area. Need to get feedback from PBOT to help add more specifics about desired pedestrian qualities and amenities.</p>	Design Commission	Strengthen language within the statement which references connection to infrastructure projects or non-standard improvements.
		c	<p><i>Careful Use of Language (particularly Woonerfs).</i> Choose words and terms carefully and be sure that they are clear and informed by community vision and culture. For example, the use of the term Woonerf is one that not all cultures will be familiar with. In addition, it is out of place and out of sync with where the district is right now.</p>	Design Commission and PSC	Revise language within the statement to be clearer and straight forward. Although, the term Woonerf is no longer in the Proposed Draft, language like this will be refined and clarified.
		d	<p><i>Community Feedback.</i> More specific feedback is needed from the immigrant communities within this area.</p>	Design Commission and PSC	BPS Staff will hold an East African Community Placemaking Focus Group on December 4, 2021, with members who represent some of the immigrant community within the Town Center. The feedback received from this event will be used to add more specificity to the statement in regard to the immigrant community. A Summary Memo will be provided, and details discussed on December 9.
2	Background	a	<p><i>Language on Indigenous Peoples.</i> Language referencing Indigenous history and peoples is too focused on the past, with very little reference to the current Indigenous community. Additionally, given that the City is still working on a Land Acknowledgement, referencing ancestral homelands of specific Tribes is not advised and this language should be revised.</p>	BPS Staff	Staff is meeting with Laura John, from the City's Tribal Relations Office, on December 2 to review the language on Indigenous history and peoples in this character statement. Staff will also discuss how the issue should be addressed within future statements. Language will be revised accordingly after this meeting and staff will provide an update to Commission on December 9.
3	Map and Captions	a	<p><i>Revise Caption Language for Map.</i> Caption language currently seems to suggest that development should respond to the area's auto-centric conditions, which is confusing. See language underlined below for reference:</p> <p>Rich in parks, open spaces and civic amenities, <u>development should thoughtfully respond to the area's multi-cultural community, varied topography and auto-centric conditions</u> to create a better connected, accessible and healthier district.</p>	BPS Staff	<p>Revise language (underlined) within caption to read:</p> <p>Rich in parks, open spaces and civic amenities, <u>development should thoughtfully respond to the area's multi-cultural community and varied topography to improve its auto-centric conditions</u> and create a better connected, accessible, and healthier district.</p>
		b	<p><i>Align with Urban Design Framework.</i> The current map could do a better job at showing more of the elements mentioned in the plan's urban design framework. Mainly, highlighting the bi-nodal centers proposed off Barbur Blvd., the North and South neighborhood areas and SW Collins main street.</p>	BPS Staff	The map will be revised to add details which better align with the updated urban design framework.
4	Additional Resources Section	a	<p><i>Glossary.</i> The character statement is full of specific terminology, and it would be great to have a glossary for reference, perhaps in the additional resources section. Some of the terms to include could be multi-cultural hub, green ring, green scape, etc.</p>	Design Commission	Provide a link within the Additional Resources Section to the glossary within the West Portland Town Center Project Plan Volume 1.

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5	Community Character Section	a	<i>Plaza and Open Space.</i> The bullet on plaza spaces needs to be more specific. Age friendly amenities is just universal design (good practice) and is not specific to the characteristics of the community.	Design Commission	Revise language within the bullet on open spaces to be more specific on location and amenities.
		b	<i>Water Features.</i> Concerned that the bullet on integrating water features will result in a lot of water features that may not tie back to Islamic community. Seems like just a call for water features and a fountain could be anywhere.	Design Commission	Revise language to reflect/include feedback received from the Community Focus Group held on December 4.
6	Architecture and Urban Design Character Section	a	<i>Generic Language.</i> These bullets are all necessary but not specific to the area and seem too generalized. Be more specific and provide some more examples of what each of these bullets means.	Design Commission	Language within this section will be revised to be more specific, as noted in Item 1a above.
		b	<i>Pattern Area.</i> Look at overlaying the pieces of the character section on top of the western pattern area to get more specific about what is different or specific about this area.	Design Commission	Language within this section will be revised to include more of the pattern area language of the guidelines.
		c	<i>Barbur Boulevard.</i> Recommend that language in this section area focus on how to create good urban design along Barbur Blvd.	Design Commission	Language will be revised to include more guidance regarding development along Barbur Blvd.
		d	<i>More Place-Specific.</i> Recommendations in this section should focus on place-specific issues of the WPTC and relate more directly to its proposed urban design framework. Bullet points two and three begin to do this, though they could be more direct in citing sites that front SW Barbur Blvd. and/or abut Interstate 5, as an example.	BDS Staff	Language will be revised to better align with the urban design framework, which is also being revised. This revision will include providing more place-specific guidance for development, incorporating revisions from items 4b and 4c as well.
7	Natural Resource Section	a	<i>Highlight Specific Features.</i> Expand on what the important natural features are within this area (topography/view of Mt. Hood, etc.).	Design Commission	This section will be revised to include specific features within the language of each bullet, where appropriate.
		b	<i>Preservation of Trees and Views.</i> Recommend that you strengthen the Character Statement’s Environment and Natural Resource section and other elements of the plan to enhance and preserve the tree canopy and viewsheds.	Public Testimony	Language will be revised to strengthen guidance for preserving existing trees and public viewsheds.
		c	<i>Green Ring and Green Scape.</i> Reference is made to the “‘Green Ring’ and ‘Green Scape’ facilities” of the WPTC’s urban design framework, through the descriptions in the plan these two features lack specific details as to what their urban and landscape design character entails. Either more detail is needed in the plan, or bullet point three should provide additional guidance beyond “building off” these elements.	Design Commission	Language within the plan, and this bullet, will be revised to further define and to clarify how development should “build off” these features.