

SOUTH PARK BLOCKS

I endorse the priority/goal of obtaining historic designation for the South Park Blocks. I recommend moving the time line for this from 6 - 20 years to 2 - 5 years.

There is some urgency since the heights and uses being proposed along the blocks could incentivize the demolition of many of the historic churches, historic cultural facilities and early apartment buildings, all of which offer human scale, sunlight and historic character to the park blocks. (Vol5 p147 UD23)

I recommend against the change to CX from RX zone on both sides/frontages of the South Park Blocks.

Zoning/use has been changed on the east side of the blocks from RX (mixed-use/residential) to CX (commercial). When looking at that eastern frontage blocks, there are historic churches and apartment buildings, both of which are more closely associated with residential areas. (Vol2 maps p467, 469)

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