

Nagle Place Extension Workshop

August 3, 2010

Overview

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, Sound Transit, the Capitol Hill Community Council, the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce and the City of Seattle teamed up to host a public workshop on the Nagle Place Extension. The event was held at the Century Ballroom, and approximately 45 citizens participated.

Sound Transit's Community Outreach Corridor Supervisor, Jeff Munnoch, lead the presentation. After the presentation, community members discussed their ideas and concerns at eight different tables. Participants were encouraged to provide feedback on the new design of the Nagle Place extension which has changed from an alley to a more open space.

While we've been calling this the Nagle Place Extension, the discussion used the word Plaza to describe the area between the buildings where the Farmers Market would be centered. Most tables broadened the topic, however, to include the buildings and ground-level spaces around the plaza.

Shared themes from the small group discussions:

- Strong support for permanent closure of Denny Way
- Connect the station entrance to the plaza with a very clear pathway or good wayfinding (possibly rearrange the entrance to face plaza).
- Strong desire to tie in aesthetics of Cal Anderson Park into the design of the plaza
- Landscaping and foliage is important
- Weather protection, such as a roof or canopy, is important, especially to encourage use during the rainy winter months
- Use the vent shaft as a focal point, such as a clock or information display
- Include bicycle and scooter amenities
- Willing to trade density for good design and affordability
- Make the space artist-friendly
- Good examples of design: Ballard Ave., Yaletown Loading Dock,
- Encourage use of space by others: SIFF, additional farmers market, festivals, outdoor movies, etc.
- Allow a non-profit or community group to manage the space
- Minimize impacts on residential tenants in the buildings (no up-lighting, block sound, etc.)

Comments from small groups

Focal Point and Ventilation Shaft

Big clock

Arrival board for trains, streetcars, buses

Music amphitheater

Public art

Seating opportunities on vent

Vent as backdrop for movies, music performances

Green wall/green grid on vent

Poster wall and/or community bulletin board (high- or low-tech)

Make it an obvious meeting place (like Cal Anderson Park water feature)

Chess board

Fountain/water feature

Public Restrooms

Farmers Market

Easy access & parking for market vehicles

Maximize shade (produce likes shade)

The market needs seating

Need some permanent booths

Programming

Community management of open space

Classes

Rotating art installations

Food court

Playground

Music

Dog park

Exercise space

Café seating in plaza

Year-round activities

Crafts fair

Movie nights

Book stalls

Activated like Ballard Avenue
Mobile food vendors
Permanent vendor booths
Swap meet
Pop-Up Markets
NOs: smoking, skateboarding, advertising
Limit noise at night so residents can sleep

Transportation

Close Denny from 10th to B'way
Close Nagle
Use bollards
Bike parking
Scooter parking/charging station

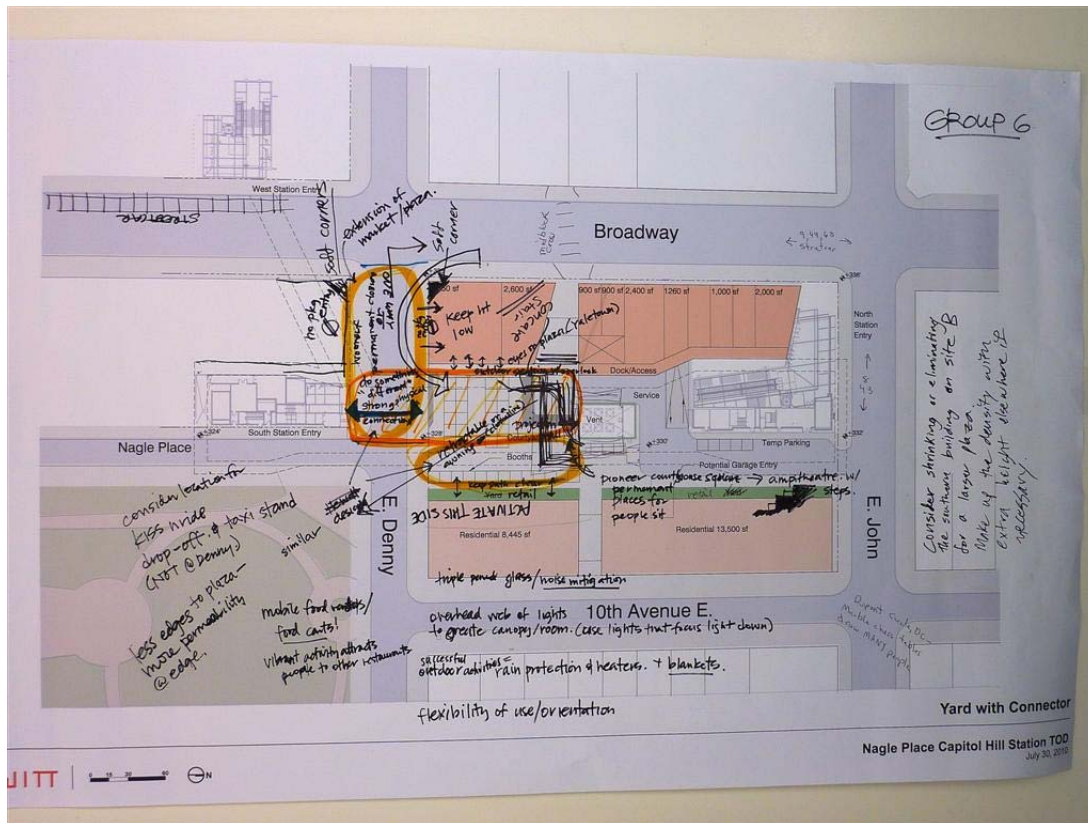
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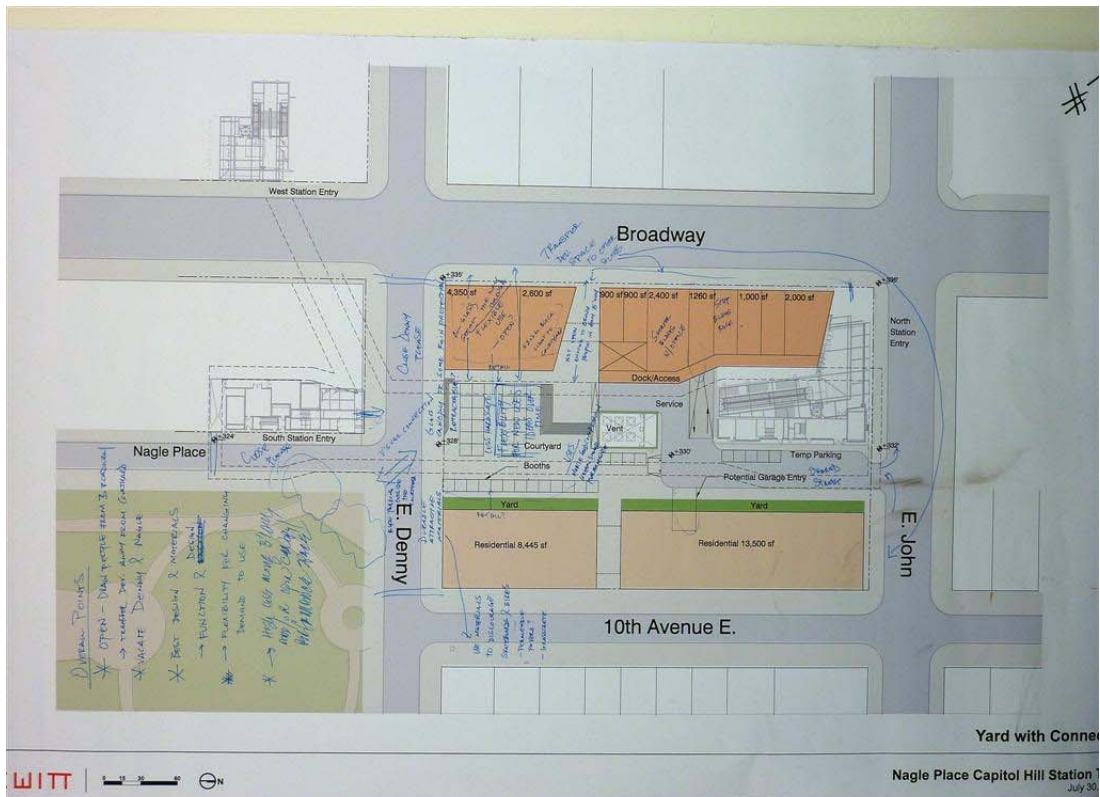
Lighting throughout the open space and alley
Nighttime uses to make plaza safer, more vibrant
Activate station edges with glazing
Design for security

Urban Design and Landscaping

Design reflects park and broader neighborhood
Different looking buildings
Zoning for one tall tower like in Vancouver, B.C. (also opposition to this)
Allow more density in exchange for good design
Lots of spaces for small shops
No canyon feel such as between Joule and Brix
Consider taller buildings with smaller footprints
Active retail or office uses facing plaza, no residential
No residential lawns facing plaza
Include some green, some landscaping; not all hardscape
Trees like in Occidental Park
Preserve afternoon/evening light from the west
Good pedestrian wayfinding
Grade change should provide overlook
Steps should be usable for seating like at Harbor Steps

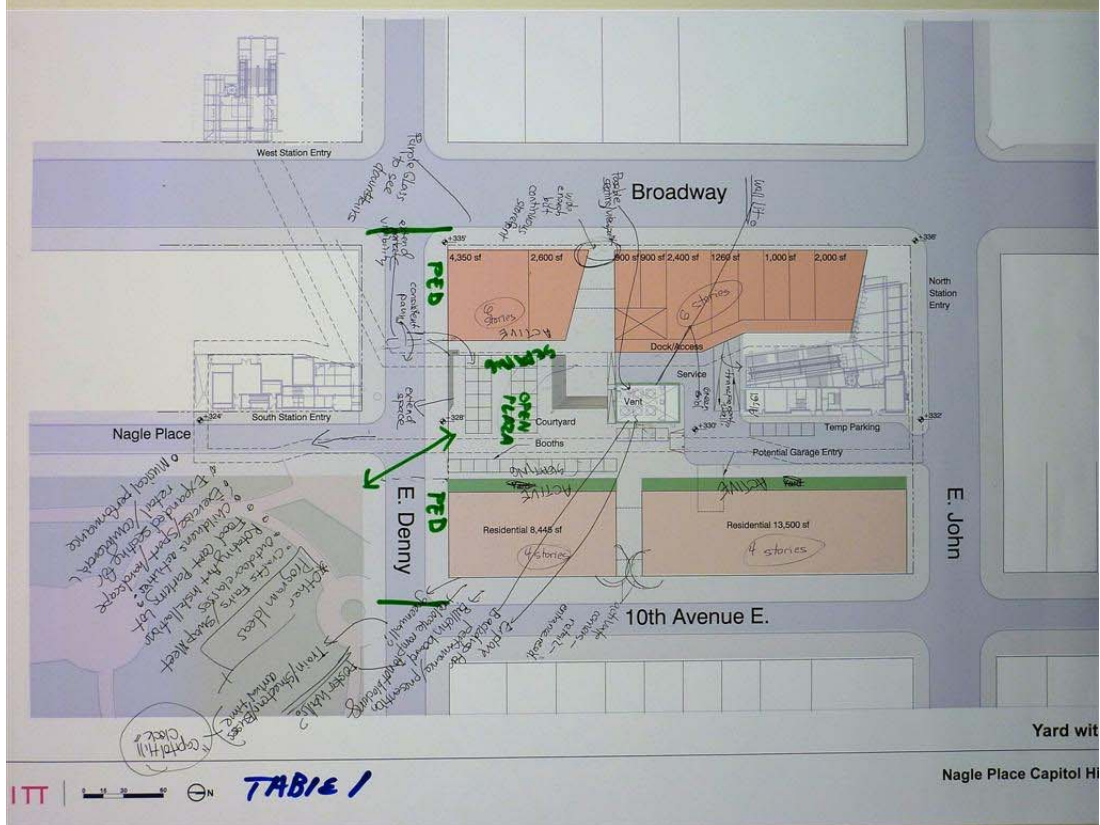
- Canopy or retractable tent structure
- Possible glass cover
- Create a "plaza" environment
- Open up Broadway/Denny corner, nix cut-through
- No "uplighting" to intrude on residents above
- 1st-rate durable materials and design
- Shopping mall opening on to plaza, like old Broadway Market
- Visual connection between plaza and Cal Anderson Park
- Same paving in plaza and on Denny
- Create a design relationship between the plaza and the park
- Extend ADA ramp to Denny
- Site A overlook to resemble Yaletown loading docks (Vancouver, B.C.)





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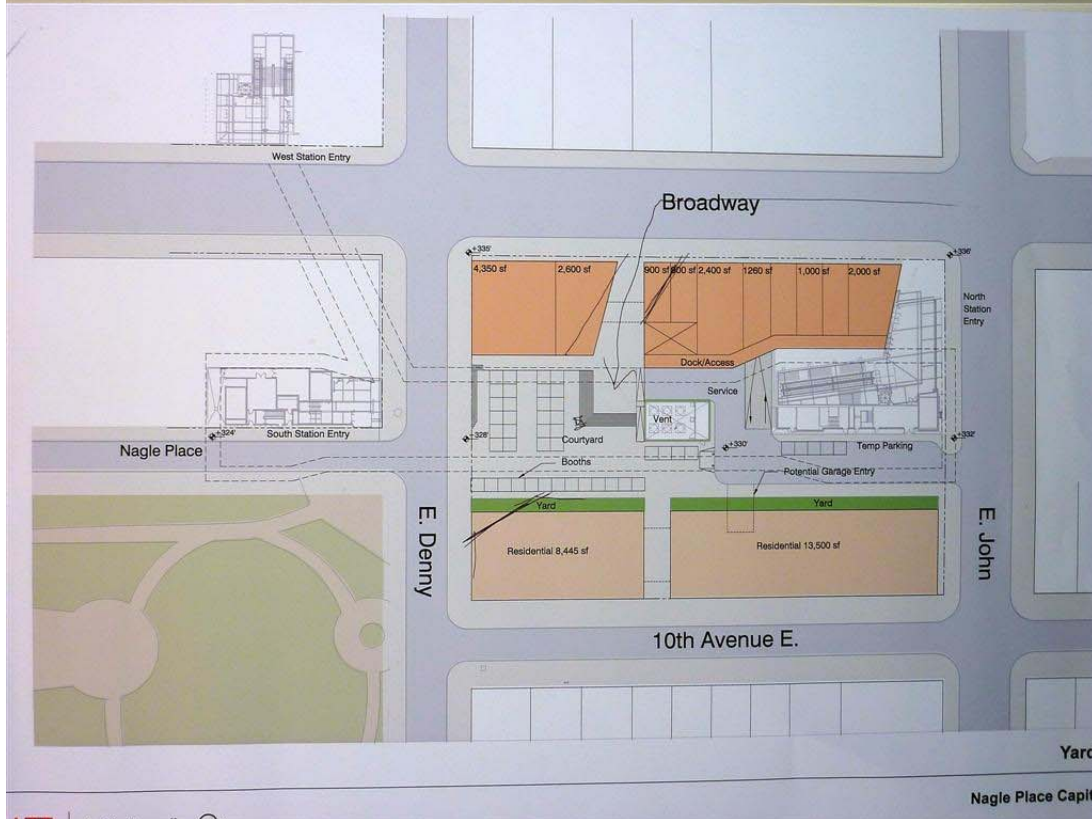
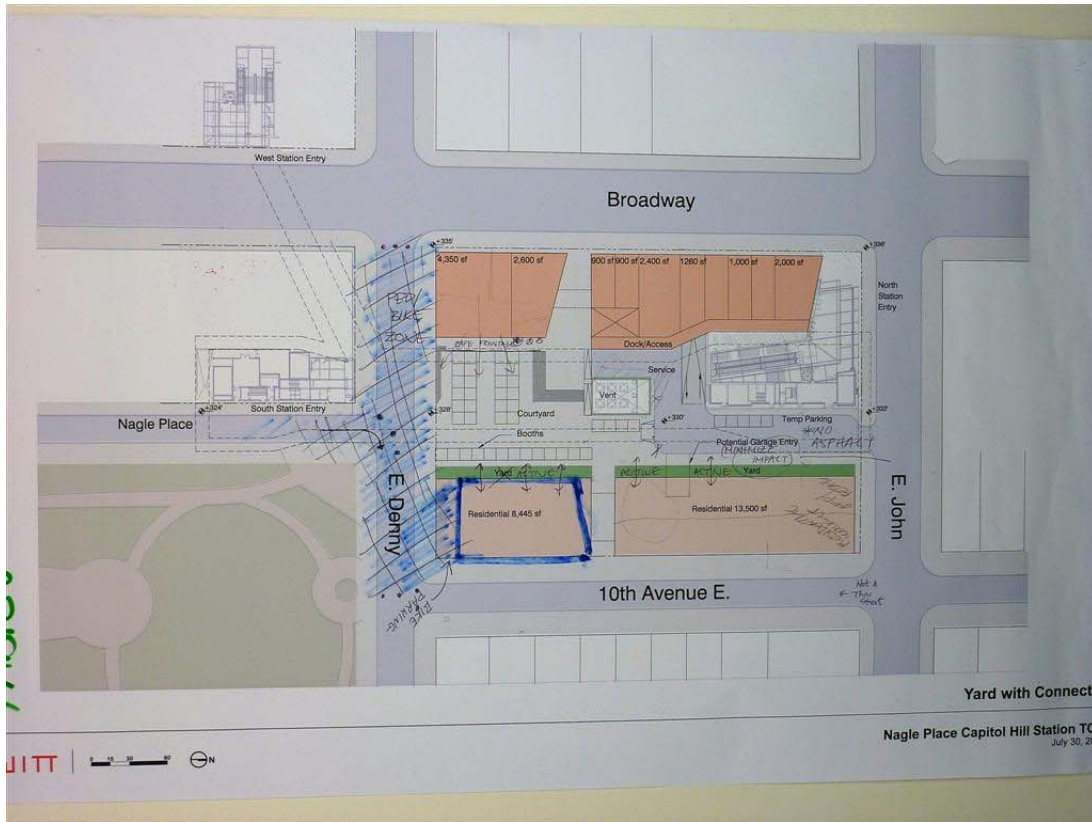
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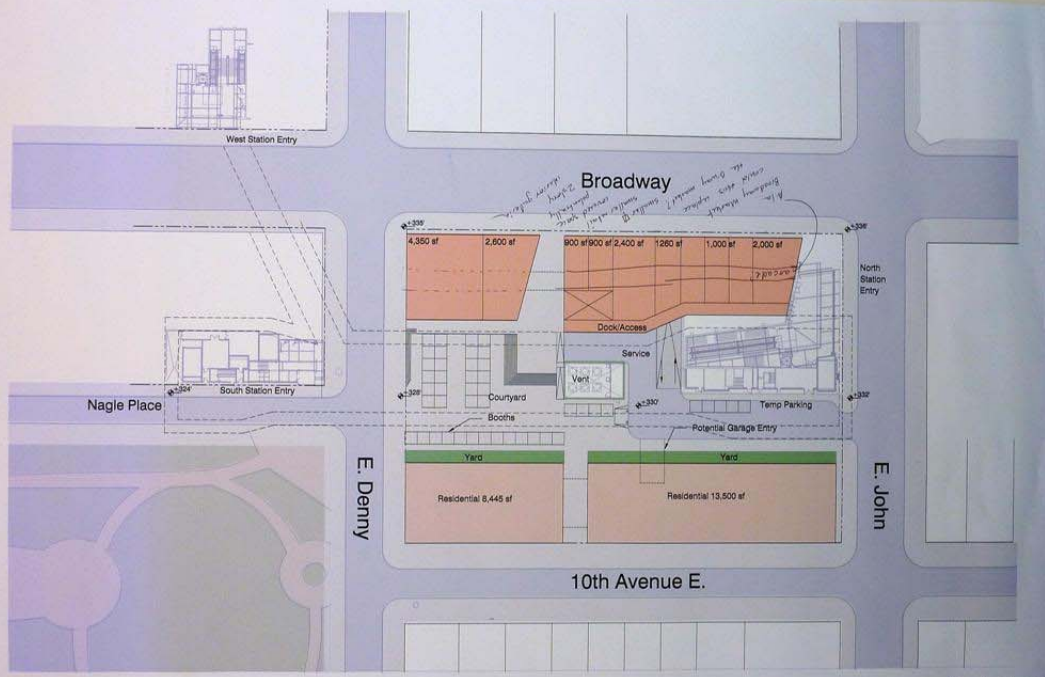
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