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12th/Harris: View lower Fairhaven Village & waterfront

12th/Mill: View water plus Lummi Island

2. Look at the building heights as marked on the map and notice how the heights change from block to block, and how the topography works with the buildings. Notice building bulk, setbacks, entry accessibility, and how the buildings relate to the street.

Chukanut Square:
Too tall, too bulky, incompatible style ie "communist block". Does have attractive landscape and entrance is well setback from street.

Waldron Bldg:
Good maximum height. Good maximum bulk - does not dominate block

Sycamore Sq.: Like this bldg. for height and bulk. Adequate sidewalks and trees

Key Bank (12th and Mill): poor style sits in hole. Poor landscaping and accessibility →

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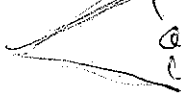
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Also views from water east/up

- ✓ Mill  out to water + Lummi
Also down mill across indust to water
- From "crest" 12th + 13th out Down on West
- ✓ McKenzie Ave ✓ Harris down to water
- ✓ 16th North to water ✓ Some thru Indust.

Preserve some of Lummi's main end shore

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Harris Square clearly creates shadow, wind tunnels - too bulky here & no "thru" visual to West or South

Stair step on ~~then~~ FH ~~corridors~~ (3) at Mill & 12th/11th works well

Whole "blocks" w/o green or visual less good -

Maintain stairstep down to water

What has "worked" in FH is some sense of variation, access can "wander thru" -
Very popular walkway from Harris to Skylands/Abbey Tea. I've never walked thru parts of FH Square - too massive, bleak, concrete.

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Perfect. Great suggestions.

2. Identify areas that feel safe or unsafe, and describe why. Consider lighting, crossings, blind spots, crime, loitering, graffiti, littering, lack of eyes on street, visibility, etc.

GRAFFITI is becoming a small issue. Any city wide effort to find the offenders or increase the penalty?

3. Identify streetscape amenities that work or don't work and describe why. Consider signage, sidewalk/trail size, accessibility, furniture, street trees, bike racks, sandwich boards, lighting, etc.

LIGHTING, SIGNS ETC. should respect the historic context, but it should not imitate historic style. We should celebrate the historic resources we have and preserve them, but we should let new, exciting and creative amenities into the neighborhood, to reside among the old.

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- Need crosswalk north side of Vanabee crossing 12TH
- Need crosswalk @ 10TH & MCKENZIE

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- NEED SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE OF 11TH BETWEEN FINNEGAN & MILL - VERY DANGEROUS.
- 11TH AVE BETWEEN FINNEGAN & MILL - SPEEDERS ARE CONSTANT!
- The curve where Donnan turns into 10TH Nothing has worked so far to slow drivers down. Even though it is an arterial, safety should be first concern.
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- I don't mind sandwich boards placed at the curb but businesses continue to place them in the sidewalk.
- The gazebo on the NE corner of 10TH & Harris is in poor repair, is tacky and detracts from the neighborhood.

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• at McKenzie + 10th - lots of Pedestrians cross
 • 10th + Mill where trail enters is dangerous, esp for bikes
 • 13th + 12th is dangerous thru McKenzie right-of-way
 Need bike trails on Harris, btw Douglas + Harris

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• 12th + 10th Gazebos - creates unsafe pedestrian visual
 Southside Harris btw 9th + 4th unsafe pedestrian
 Intersection of Mill + 12th ~~unsafe~~ had to cross by
 foot area - dangerous Upper Lagoon West

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Would be good > — Keep Trees!
 Little or very low lighting along Harris (9th + 6th) Lagoon
 Old FH Play - Center lanes are wasted - good landscape

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Access to busiest spots ie Haggens across 12th should have more signage/control / blinking ped light?

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This is important also because ~~both~~ car, bike, ped traffic circulate here. Cars U turn frequently when they see they cannot proceed down 10th to the North. Need lighting, signage & barriers.

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Variety of design makes Fairhaven unique. i.e. It is great to have a variety of benches representing many eras. We do not need one uniform design.

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Yes, come talk to Connie Shannon, Fairhaven Village Inn

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• only one that is a real problem is outside FA area, but deters bike travel to downtown: no good route at present northbound from the S State/Boulevard fork to the bike-walk bridge at Wharf St (Hills, a dangerous merge at beginning of 1-way streets). A bike ramp to the trail north of steps would fix it.

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• Bike racks are best covered (like the one at Tony's)
• Provision for recyclables at garbage cans?
• The historic street lamps do introduce a glare factor because of their low height. (Conflict with adequate illumination of pavements)

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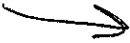
* Future bus shelters could use a bit more thought about wet weather - visibility for incoming buses can be a conflict with roof drip
Martin P. - drcv@volts@gmail.com & foot-wetting.

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INTERSECTION AT 12th & OLD FAIRHAVEN PLUM UNSAFE WITH CONS TURNING RIGHT ONTO 12th ST ON RED LIGHT. ADD NO RIGHT TURN SIGN.

2. Identify areas that feel safe or unsafe, and describe why. Consider lighting, crossings, blind spots, crime, loitering, graffiti, littering, lack of eyes on street, visibility, etc.

VANS AND TRAILERS/COMPACTS PARKED ON HARRIS AVE, 6th STREET, MCKENZIE WEST OF 4th MAKE THE NEARBY TRAILS FEEL UNSAFE. PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN THE VANS ETC w/o SANITARY FACILITIES. TREES ALONG THE TRAIL & IN MARINE PARK NOW BEING CUT FOR BURNING IN COMAD/ZONE. DOUGLAS WOOD HABITAT HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR BURNING, AS WELL

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TRAIL FROM 4th TO 10th TOO NARROW FOR BIKES & WALKERS TO SHARE, COMFORTABLE SAFER.

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① provide designated bike lanes from intersection of Harris and Donovan to Marine Park
② Improve cross-walk markings along 12th between Donovan and Mill

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① Berm @ Donovan and 10th is unsafe due to loitering and littering by transients/homeless. ^{widen path, increase police patrol, & lighting}
② Provide ped-operated flashing cross walk sign @ Mill and 12th

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① Increase trail size on southside of berm off Donovan
② Clean sidewalks and maintain plantings where trees are located

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Crosswalk 9th + Harris Crosswalk at corner of hagen - across 12th. Takes up again @ ENTRANCE
add sidewalk south side HARRIS between 9th + RR tracks - MARINE PARK

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Unsafe - Around bathrooms next to green - too dark.

" Behind Morgan blk bldg. east to skylarks - Street people hang out -

Littering along Harris - next to trash storage - also Crows eating garbage.

Unsafe - Crossing at corner north side of green over to Fairhaven hotel.

- Safe from 9th East on Harris - well lit + populated at night - Lots of kids - drinkers, smokers outside Fairhaven Martini Bar - feels unsafe -

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- Sandwich boards blow around - actually taking fight in big wind - Dangerous -

- most sidewalks in town work well - Many are unlevel.

- Perhaps add sidewalks leaving town going North at least past entrance to Taylor Dock.

- Signage to stop skate boarders on sidewalks + down streets (McKinsey) late

- Cars speed down Harris - flashing light? Slow sign?

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Would like a more direct pedestrian path from 11th, across the dirt parking to 10th. There is no easy way out of the dirt parking at the corner of 10th & Mill

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Intersection of Finnegan, 12th & Mill, esp. turning (or east) onto Mill ~~from~~ from the N. Confusing & unsafe. Unsure where to be in a car.

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* Another missing trail link - passing W.W. treatment plant lagoon →
Water treatment plant lagoon trail (connecting w/ dog park), across railroad tracks to Marine Park. There is no way (sectioned or safe) to cross the RR tracks from W.W. tx plant trail → Marine Park

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*Sidewalk down Harris too narrow - Needs to be wide enough for couples to pass - Also no bikes on sidewalk
Establish walk/bike trail from 10th & Douglas (west of existing trail) to join Harris below 10th St. (over)*

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*On Donnoom Curve to 10th lighting not adequate for night walking
No continuous sidewalk between Harabee & 11th*

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*Crossings at Mill/Finnegan/12th complicated
Cherry trees on 10th - near Harabee need to have low branches trimmed
Outside seating area at Mill & Finnegan blocks driver's view of Finnegan - and that is a busy intersection*

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10th & Mill by Village Green

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Do not limit amenities to one type!
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Very dangerous - a turns on the curve.
No crosswalks/signage; Bikers on trail blast south → north right into the street with NO concern for pedestrian safety