



## Planning and Community Development Department

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Bellingham Design Review Board (DRB) will hold a Design Guidance Meeting on **January 18, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.** In response to Governor Inslee's Stay Home and Stay Safe order this meeting is a virtual meeting only via online webinar and telephone.

**Meeting Purpose:** The design guidance meeting provides early guidance from the DRB to a project proponent for projects that are in the conceptual stage. The applicant(s) presents the project to the DRB and discusses the project and how it relates to the applicable urban village design standards and guidelines. This is a time for open discussion between the DRB, staff, and the applicant. Public comment relevant to the application of the design criteria will be considered, but the DRB may restrict the time allotted for comment in order to complete its meeting agenda. The DRB shall forward guidance and/or a recommendation to the applicant and director by motion.

**Project Description:** Demolish an existing 2-story office building and parking lot to construct a 4-story mixed use building with 56 affordable 1-bedroom senior housing units and a 5,100 SF childcare center. 28 vehicle parking stalls are proposed on the ground floor with access to the garage from N. Forest Street. Three additional covered stalls are proposed at the second level off the alley. The building's floor area is approximately 62,836 SF with the ground floor used as a parking garage and residential support space; the second floor consisting of residential, residential courtyard, childcare, and childcare play area; and the upper two floors for residential units. The proposal also includes construction of new sidewalks on N. Forest Street with curbside street trees and landscaping, and similar improvements for the lower portion of E. Laurel Street. Design Review is required because the project is in the City Center Design Review District. The project proponent is requesting design departures from the design standards.

**Project Location:** 1000 N. Forest Street; Sehome Neighborhood, Area 16. Downtown District Urban Village, Residential Transition 1 (RT-1) zoning designation. Assessor's Parcel #: 380331\_147557 and 152513.

**Case number:** PRE2021-0130

**Applicant:** Bill Singer, Environmental Works, 402 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112. Ph: (206) 787-1372.

**Architect:** Alise Kuwahara Day, AIA, Environmental Works. Ph: (206) 787-1383

**Owner:** Opportunity Council, Attn: Adrienne Solenberger, 1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225. Ph: (360) 220-7167

**Comments Due By:** 1/18/2022

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**Additional Notice:** Upon receiving a complete application for a Design Review Permit, a notice of the application will be mailed in accordance with BMC 21.10.200 and posted on the site. If you did not receive mailed notice of this DRB meeting and would like a mailed copy of any subsequent notices, please email or call the planner listed below to be placed on the mailing list. The new notice will include a new comment period.

A site plan is printed on the reverse of this notice. The full application and all associated documents are available for viewing at <http://www.cob.org/government/departments/pcd/notices.aspx> and in the Permit Center at City Hall. Anyone wishing to comment in writing on the design of this proposal, is invited to submit comments by **3:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022.**

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

At the live webinar by computer: Anyone wishing to testify live during the public meeting can do so by registering at the following link: [https://cob.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jUSvle5ZTCq0jdPJae\\_76g](https://cob.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jUSvle5ZTCq0jdPJae_76g)

This link can be used before the meeting to pre-register or during the meeting to register and immediately join the meeting. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Once you are registered you will receive an email with a link to the meeting.

At the live webinar by phone (audio only): Those who would like to participate by phone can do so using any of the following phone numbers:

- (253) 215-8782
- (346) 248-7799
- (669) 900-6833
- (301) 715-8592
- (312) 626-6799
- (929) 205-6099

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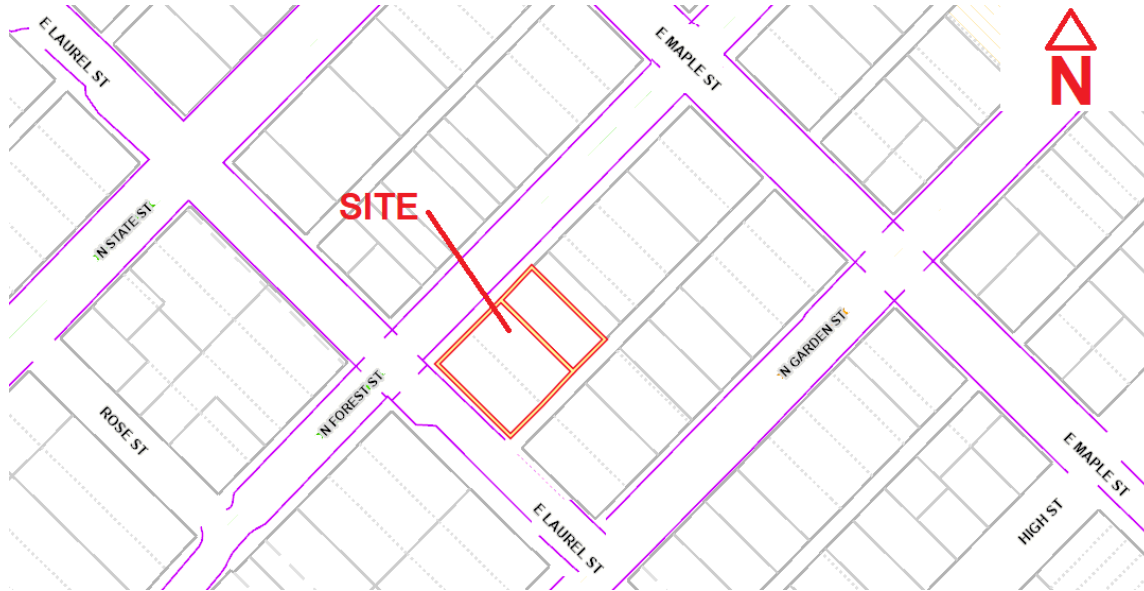
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The application materials and staff reports will be available on-line at <https://www.cob.org/gov/public/bc/design-review/Pages/meeting-materials.aspx> approximately one week before the virtual meeting.

A Citizen's Guide to Remote Hearing's is available on-line at: [www.cob.org/zoomguide](http://www.cob.org/zoomguide)

*Note: This hearing will be video and audio recorded.*

In writing: All interested persons are invited to comment on the design aspects (*not* the use) of the above application. Written comments by mail and email are accepted and strongly encouraged prior to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



**Send written comments and requests for information to:**

Name: **Chris Koch, Planner** E-mail / Phone: **ckoch@cob.org** or **360-778-8349**  
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**1000 N. Forest Street**  
PRE2021-0130

If you want to receive notification of any future actions regarding this project and to be formally notified by mail, please complete and return this section to the Planning and Community Development Department, City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Attn: Chris Koch, Planner **Yes, I would like to know the action taken and to be placed on the formal mailed notice list.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(including City, Zip)

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