Appendix II: Verbatim Open House and Online Survey Feedback

Open House Feedback

Comment
Parking for visitors <u>more than now because not able to have a family/friend party. NO pay.</u>
18 stories flush to the sidewalk will not make Wesbrook feel like a 'village'
Need communal EV charging stations
Consider gateway into neighbourhood + placement of tower
Consider shadowing on exiting building in placement of towers

Online Survey Feedback

Comment

It's poor planning. This is housing is for faculty and staff with young families. Towers are terrible (see the research) environments for children. UBC should be investigating renting/leasing units/land near the university to create affordable, subsidized neighbourhoods. A campus of highrises and loss of green space is a disaster.

It's poor planning. The densification of the area is not supported by infra-structure. The roads around all these new builds are already too narrow. There's one grocery store, no gas station, and it's eroding the forest. UBC should be looking to purchase land nearby for faculty/staff housing, but not destroying the forest.

I do prefer the lower rises. Keeps the natural lighting in the neighbour hood.

I agree with the proposal. Towers detract from the streetscape, create anonymous spaces, and do not encourage community. Replacing the towers with 4-6 storey buildings is preferable, in my opinion. We desperately need another full service grocery store and another full service sit-down restaurant to sustain the growth in our neighbourhood.

I think it is acceptable if it better serves UBC staff needs

I like the overall changes, but have a major concern about the 18-story high-rise in BCR5/6 right on Wesbrook Mall. Before we moved into Nobel House across the street in a unit facing east/Wesbrook Mall, we checked the plan which had a six-story building but the plan was changed in a previous plan amendment that was not well communicated, as we only found out about it many months after the change and most of our neighbours did not seem to know either. We have major concerns about the impact of a building three times the size of ours going up right across the street, and the severe loss of quality of life including light, privacy, increased traffic on our block and view of any tree (one of the major reasons to live at UBC). We will likely have to move and lose our current loved home when it is built (likely many of our neighbours as well). This proposed amendment makes the situation even worse. The high rise is out of place at that location as most of the high rises are along Pacific Spirit Park and there is no need for it to be there to maintain density. It would make more sense to reverse the buildings in the plan and maintain the high-rise on BCR5 instead of BCR6 for the same density with a much smaller impact on neighbours. Also, the proposed amendment rotates the building in the plan so all of those 18 floors of units will look directly into Nobel House and form a brick wall out of our windows, instead of on an angle in previous plans. Have our families been considered at all?!? Please reconsider the placement of this building in your plans. Thank you in advance.

Seems okay

If it will decrease the feeling of being caged in when walking in the neighbourhood with these high buildings both sides of the streets, then go for it. It feels like the current neighbourhood plan have the buildings on top of each other

Yes! Please do this. Hopefully this will also increase the number of families in the area and maybe provide higher census population to get that elementary school built. Also looking forward to more action on this side of wesbrook. This will also have minimal additional impact on those nearby.

I support lower buildings, ex . No highrises

I do not support it-the building rotations proposed probably block light corridors

Wesbrook place traffic. Is already bad and adding more will just increase the problem Food services is already to small and parking is a problem. Although I do not use the community Center I looks like it is already taxed

I support the increase in the number of faculty/staff units available for UBC employees. The above statement "No change to overall buildable area or open space" does not reflect what may happen to the tall Douglas Fir trees at the south side of the block, the tallest of which has been recommended for retention in the arborist's report. After the felling of a very tall Douglas Fir for the construction of the new development The Conservatory, I have concerns that the adjustment to the building in the South West corner of the lot will mean that the trees will be removed.

Agree

Very much approve of the changes

I am in favour of additional faculty and staff housing

I support this change

I like the look of the 5-6 story buildings. My comment is with the wood frames - it creates for noisy living quarters. I suggest increasing the amount of noise insulation between floors.

I think it is a return to the original neighbourhood plan, before it was amended to include more towers/townhomes.

I don't think they should be for faculty and staff only. They should be open to all

I think the amendments would be a great addition to the ubc community.

Very annoyed. There's not enough amenities in the area to house that many more people.

It's an excellent idea. I am a relatively new faculty member, and currently live in Village Square, where I pay too much money to rent a 350 ft2 studio apartment; it is driving me crazy. The waitlist for faculty + staff housing is long (I've been on it since November 2018), and I know that some highly qualified people are declining faculty job offers because they cannot afford to live in Vancouver. Wesbrook Village is already full of wealthy people who are not faculty or staff, and you only need to look at all the luxury vehicles parked in the neighbourhood to confirm that - those people have plenty of housing options already, and UBC has profited handsomely from building these luxury housing options. It is time to prioritize faculty and staff apartments over luxury townhouses.

Upper left tower appears to be missing from proposed massing model, but otherwise, increased density appears warranted and consistent with current development efforts and trends.

I am RELIEVED to see these amendments. No more high towers ! More accomodation in these Neighbourhoods for people who are truly committed to UBC as their HOME and place of work, not as a transient student experience or as real estate speculation. The move from 4 to 6 floors is fine, and getting rid of 3 floor townhouses in favour of this style is an important decision. But primarily the move to NO MORE TOWERS for commercial use is the best best thing to see. Also, another grocery store IMMEDIATELY

I am in favor of design changes that allow more faculty staff housing on campus

It's a wonderful idea to allow more faculties to live my community. The ammend plan is good.