

(Draft) Statement of Purpose and Design - Outdoor Plaza

Plaza Parcel - Intended Use

The goal for Tukwila Village is to create an extraordinary shared experience that will enhance community life for the City and its residents. As a major component of Tukwila Village, the Plaza Parcel will help fulfill this goal by serving as a welcoming, active, vibrant, and attractive place where people can gather, connect with each other, and enjoy a range of activities and amenities. The Plaza Parcel includes two components - the outdoor community Plaza and the indoor community Commons. They are both intended to be used by, and accessible to, Tukwila Village residents, library and business patrons, and the greater community throughout the year. Since the Plaza & Commons are located in a neighborhood with a number of different languages and cultures, their design will seek to be supportive of the needs and aspirations of this diverse population. The Plaza and Commons should also have a multi-generational appeal, from children to seniors, residing at Tukwila Village as well as in surrounding neighborhoods.

Outdoor Plaza - General Design Guidelines

1. Pedestrian Oriented

The Plaza should be a place primarily for pedestrians and not dominated by automobiles. Pedestrians should feel safe and welcome. Connections between the various uses in and around the Plaza should be clear, convenient, and accessible for all.

2. Provide Attractions and Destinations

The Plaza should offer a number of things to see and do for all ages - seniors, adults, teens, children - and for specific user groups, such as families with children or people with disabilities. The design should include "gateways" to identify Plaza entrance points and provide a sense of arrival and Plaza identity. Inside the Plaza, focal points of varying character and scale should be included to draw people into and through the space. These could include art, water, ornamental vegetation, architectural structures, or other attractions. The Commons building, centrally located within the Plaza, will also serve as one of these focal points/destinations.

3. Express Community Identity & Educate

The Plaza should express and showcase the identity of the local community, including its history, cultural diversity, and assets. Identity can be expressed through use of interpretive and educational signage, as well as the various Plaza design elements. *Love the idea of local culture being expressed/shared.*

4. Flexibility of Use

The Plaza shall be designed to be flexible enough to accommodate overlapping and changing uses over time. The form and features of the design shall support and facilitate its intended functions.

5. Maximize Periods of Use

The Plaza shall be designed to maximize its period of availability and usefulness. It shall be designed to encourage use during Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, as well as special holidays. It shall also be designed to encourage both daytime and evening use. *of many cultures*

6. Provide Amenities to Enhance User Experience

The Plaza shall offer a variety of amenities to enhance visitors' comfort and enjoyment. Ample and comfortable places to sit and relax, food and drink options, shelter, and vegetation for shade and aesthetic enhancement should all be provided. Materials and detailing for the various design elements shall be chosen carefully to convey a positive community image and foster a sense of local civic pride. *Arbor/walkway/seating covered seasonally by vine (i.e. clematis etc.)*

7. Management and Maintenance - who has responsibility for management/scheduling/resolution of conflicts?

The Plaza shall be managed so as to be a safe, clean, and attractive place at all times. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles shall be incorporated as appropriate. Adequate lighting, trash/recycling receptacles, and proper maintenance of landscape/hardscape and other features shall be included. Use of the various facilities and spaces for specific uses or special events must be carefully scheduled and coordinated to avoid conflicts between users, or between users and residents.

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It is very kind to ask our input. Thank you so much. But I just don't idea how would it be better because it is already too good for us.

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