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Assignment Sequim!!!

The City of Sequim needs your help! Three years ago City Council approved design standards for commercial buildings greater than 20,000 square feet. Seeing the success of those standards, the City is now looking at creating design standards for buildings less than 20,000 square feet.

In doing so, the City is requesting your assistance. If you have seen examples of buildings or parts of buildings, places, recreation areas or other areas that have drawn your attention, we would like to see them. We are asking you to take photographs of your favorite or least favorite aspects of our community. These photos will be used to create the standards to be used, or avoided, in future buildings.

Some guidelines to follow include:

Camera Type:

- Please use a digital camera, if possible.
- If using film, photos must be developed

No photos will be returned

Format:

File type: .JPG
File size: 72 dpi
Image size: 4" x 6"

Image Content:

- If possible please identify what, exactly, is of interest to you in the image you send in: the sunlight/shadows on the building, the specific detail, the grass on the edge of the pathway, the colors, the roofs, etc).
- Take photos with as much depth of field as possible.
- Number sequential photos (if taking street-front photos, etc.) from left to right.

Authorship:

- We'd like to know who you are, so if you are not shy please include your name and address.
- If you can, note the location of the photo.

General:

- Please take photos!
- Do the best that you can with the camera you have.
- Don't worry about the details, taking photos is more important than not taking them for fear of not doing it right.
- Borrow a camera if you don't have one.
- And if all else fails tell us about a place, building, or detail that you would like to see included in our collecting of images.

What to do with the digital or printed images:

- Email to: design@ci.sequim.wa.us or
- Mail to: Bobbie Usselman, Deputy City Clerk, 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim, WA 98382.

Deadline: July 31, 2006 For detailed information on this project and to view contributions, visit the "Assignment Sequim" click on our website's home page, www.ci.sequim.wa.us.

Photo Documentation of Important Features of the Existing Built Environment of the City of Sequim and its Surrounding Area

Patterns to look for are places where a pleasant setting or a comfortable built environment are revealed through the face or shape of a building, the lay of the land, the shape of the landscape, the relationship between multiple elements (rows of houses or retail spaces, buildings and roads/pathways, etc), the interconnection of cars and people that don't threaten either, unique or special details of a building or garden, typical details you'd expect to find in a small rural town or city, etc.

Consider the following suggestions:

Fingers of the countryside laced through the City

- locations where you feel like the rural character of Sequim has been preserved on the landscape, even within the limits of higher density development;
- a subtle bend in the road;
- a grove of Gerry Oaks;
- a rural or agricultural vista;
- a garden growing wild;

Scattered Businesses/Shopping - storefronts or offices with interesting or unique frontages, where you least expect them;

Neighborhood Elements

- buildings and settings that define a neighborhood;
- an entry sign;
- a row of houses not all the same but fitting together;
- a small public space;
- narrow pathways across an empty lot;

Parking Lots

- parking where there are lots of trees or other natural landscape elements;
- parking lots where the landscape or the building dominate;

Sacred and/or Historic Sites

- places of special meaning: a graveyard, a church, a memorial;
- a place everyone knows about and sees as special;

Favorite Promenades - places you like to walk, stroll, strut your stuff; or sit at a small table;

Places for Children to hangout and its okay;

Places Where Couples Can sit, stroll, hold hands or be close together;

Places for Families, including museums, art galleries, shopping malls; or a promenade;

Night Life, such as a pub/bar; club; theater or restaurant;

Favorite Houses

- houses that make you think of your own dream home;
- houses that have something special: a delightful column or siding treatment;

Favorite Commercial Buildings

- storefronts that have unique and interesting details, features, or colorings;
- clusters of buildings that suggest strolling and window shopping;

Favorite Building Clusters - pleasing groups of buildings: rows of houses, clusters of mixed use buildings (residences and businesses), with long integrated street fronts that invite strolling along;

Favorite Bicycle Path - your favorite picturesque pathway;

Favorite Water Place - river, stream, fountain or pond

Favorite Row of Houses - your favorite cluster of homes along a street front;

Favorite Place to Play in the sun

Favorite Hiding Place - a place to get away from it all

Favorite Sitting Place – a place to sit and watch the world go by

Favorite Commercial or Residential Roof

- a spectacular roof, cascading down to the building edges;
- a unique colored roof;
- a subtle roof;

Favorite Entryway - a unique entry way to a building: a stairway, a colonnade, a covered porch, a bench, etc;

Favorite Wall

- a place to lean up against;
- pleasing textures and patterns;

Favorite Window - an opening to a world on the other side with unique trim, wide sills, flower boxes, etc.;

Favorite Exterior Detail - a cool corner, ornament, siding pattern, color, gutter/downspout, column, beam, stairway, concrete wall, brickwork, stonework, etc.