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I would look carefully at avoiding redundancy. There were a few guidelines that felt repetitive such as those that referenced vegetation.

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As a whole I felt really inspired by these guideline and believe that implementation of them would improve our natural and built environment in Capitol Hill.

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Capitol Hill should also consider development aspects that work for the expected growth in children that live nearby. Designing barriers between the street and sidewalks (i.e. planters) could be

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Please use more succinct and direct examples. A few descriptions required re-reading and discussion to understand. Example. Fenestration vs. windows.

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I'm not sure on this issue

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Aim lower for the level at which a non-urban planner/architect would understand this content. Some of the descriptions were focused on people already deeply involved in the process.

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① Exterior Elements & Finishes
② Architectural Context & Character

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We're in a housing shortage that promises to grow progressively worse over the next several decades. Streamlining approval processes should be prioritized over subjective aesthetic judgments that involve more expense & predatory delay.

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Cultural branding. I believe we can highlight inclusion without signage. CH isn't trying to become a flourishing + inclusive community, it has been, and it will be. We don't need to convince people, we need to foster beautiful space for people to live + work + play together in community.

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i.e. it captures the one that matters most to me: historic character!

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The new Hugo House building is a good example. Dunn Motors might be another good one to include

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lots of architectural & design jargon - too much in fact, it reflects the professional biases and sympathies of the work group.

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The summary history does not even mention the earliest design guidelines which placed greater emphasis on architectural context. These guidelines are pro-growth, pro-developer and fail to show a true concern with social context and gentrification.

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the hierarchy really helps to see the big picture... then folks can get into the supplemental guidance if needed.

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~~Not sure~~ Not sure about city guidelines but seems like there is some internal redundancy to the CH guidelines. wonder

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if they could be distilled down a little more w/o losing the important points.

Good job! I hope this helps 😊

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