



# Engage with Design Review

<http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/design-review>

# Design Review

## Created in 1994 to...

1/ encourage better design & site planning that enhances the character of the city & ensures that new development fits sensitively into neighborhoods

2/ provide flexibility in the application of development standards

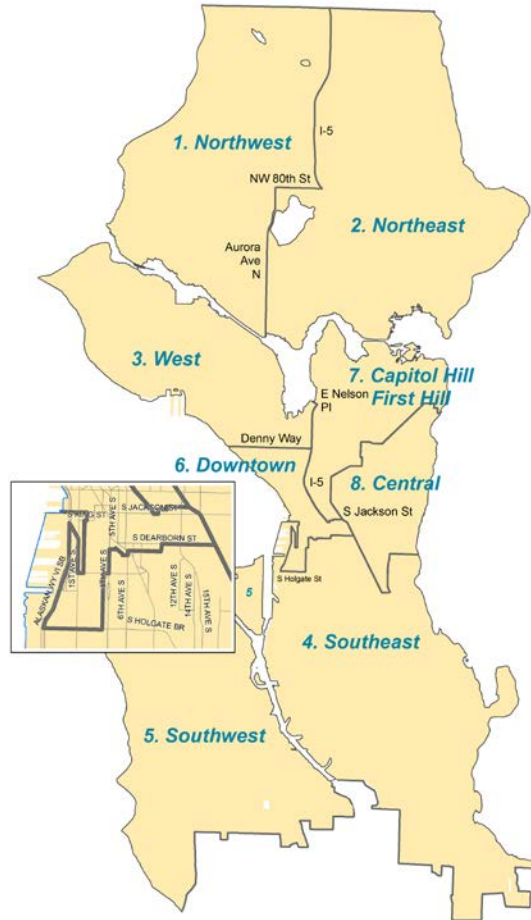
3/ improve communication and participation among developers, neighbors, and the City early in the design and siting of new development

## Applies to...

1/ development on private property

2/ development in specific zones

3/ development over square footage thresholds



## Design Review Boards...

1/ city is divided into 8 Boards

2/ each Board has 5 members, representing the following interests:

- community
- design
- development
- residential
- business/landscape

3/ all Board members are volunteers and are appointed by the Mayor and Council for a 2-year term that can be extended by 2 years

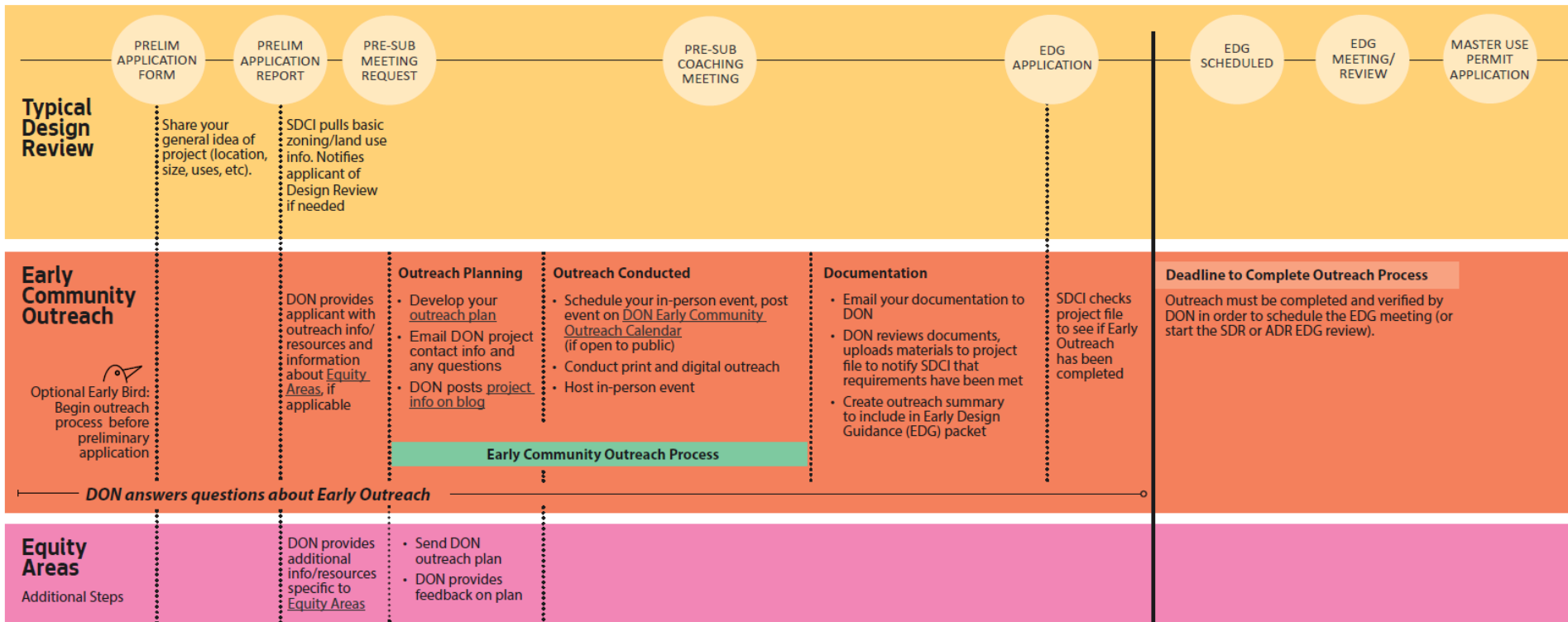
## Design Guidelines are...

1/ adopted by the Mayor & Council

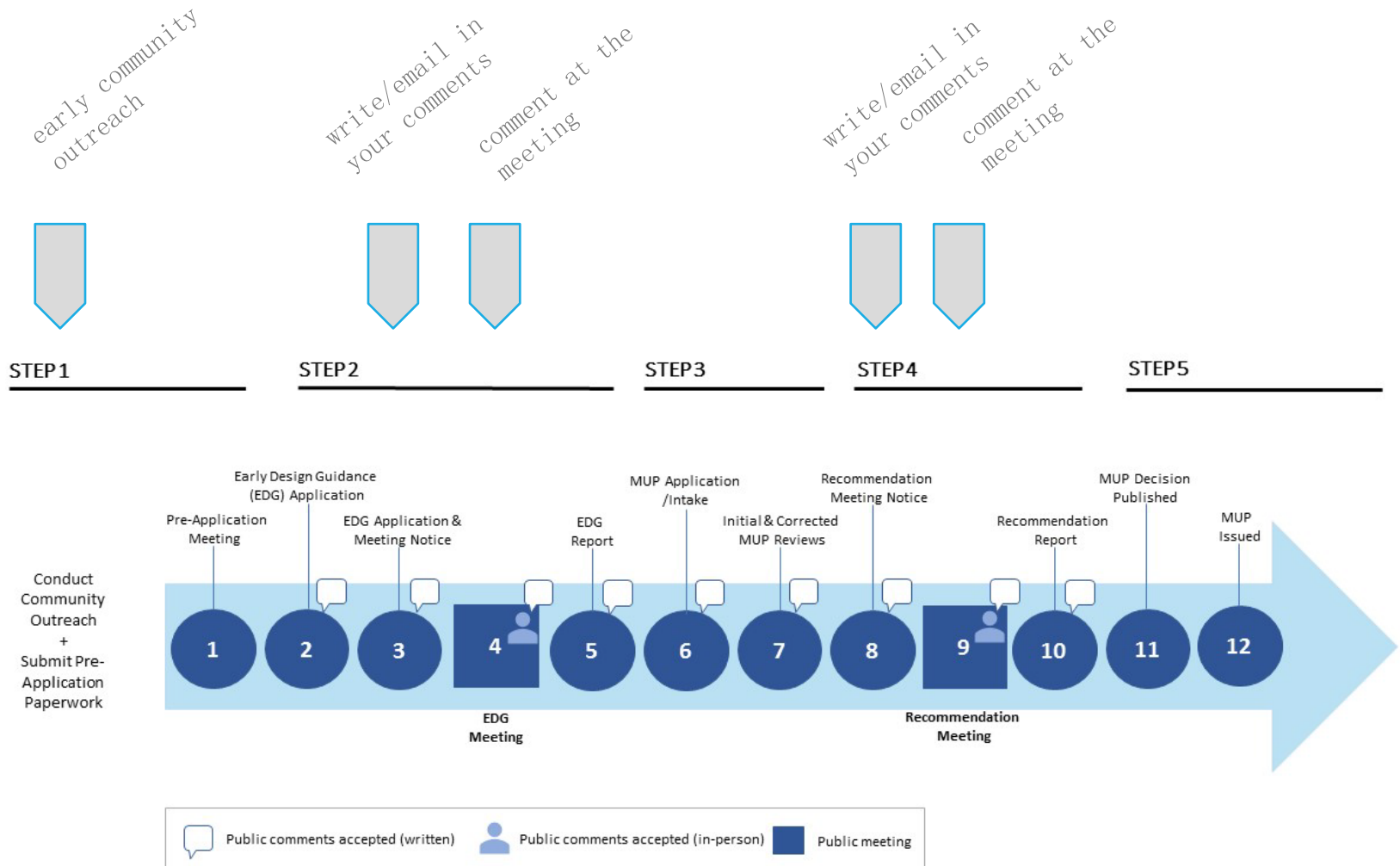
2/ the code authority of the program

3/ used by Boards and staff to judge the merits of proposed development

# Early Community Outreach for Design Review



# City of Seattle Design Review Program & Points of Influence



# What type of feedback do we want in Design Review?

<b>Yes, please!</b>	<b>Nope</b>
reference unique neighborhood features & character	zoning classification, including uses & building height maximums
architectural design	density
building forms & materials	parking quantity
pedestrian comforts	traffic congestion
screening for privacy	views from private property

## Use your Design Guidelines!

citywide	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/design-review/design-guidelines">http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/design-review/design-guidelines</a>
downtown	
neighborhood specific	

# How can I influence the design of my neighborhood?



## TO DO:

familiarize yourself with the adopted design guidelines



think about what you like about how your neighborhood looks, what works, & what could be improved



review and consider materials prepared and presented for design review



write/email SDCI and attend design review meetings



apply to serve on a design review board



join/attend meetings of your local community groups that focus on land use issues



reach out to the development teams of the proposed projects in your neighborhood



participate in the development of neighborhood design guidelines (central area, u-district, ballard, etc)



attend outreach events organized by and follow project information provided by the applicant as part of the community outreach requirement

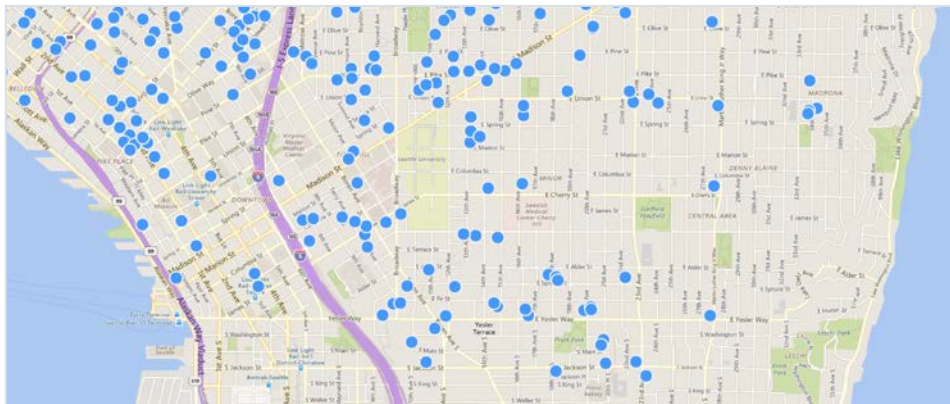
# Find Out Where New Buildings are Proposed: Shaping Seattle




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FIND OUT ON OUR MAP!**



**VISIT SHAPING SEATTLE: PROPERTY & BUILDING ACTIVITY  
MAPS.SEATTLE.GOV/SHAPINGSEATTLE/BUILDINGS**



3235 RAINIER AVE S ✕



**Description**  
Land Use Application to allow an 8-story, 108-unit apartment building with retail. Parking for 19 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished.

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