

COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION
CONCEPT PLAN COMMENTS
- Aura South Elliott -

February 28, 2023

The Community Design Commission conducted a review of the Concept Plan application for the Aura South Elliott project at their meeting on February 28, 2023.

Comments made by members of the Commission are summarized below:

1. The potential for inclusion of a significant affordable housing component on the site is promising.
2. The somewhat unusual configuration of the building has the positive effect of reducing its perceived length from the street. Despite its size, the building does not present as a single, continuous mass. Wherever possible, the building should include additional design elements to break up its perceived mass.
3. The site should include more pedestrian connections to surrounding retail.
4. The applicant should consider including ground-floor retail spaces and other opportunities to contribute to an activated street frontage.
5. Given the site's proximity, the applicant should consider how the proposed building will be perceived from Franklin Street.
6. Because it is well-served by transit, the site should minimize parking and add additional housing.