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The Draft Framework Layout and Presentation of Material for comment is **most commendable**,
- **except** that the MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT THAT MAKES EACH PLACE OF A CITY UNIQUE IS -
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE HISTORY, SPIRIT and UNIQUENESS OF
THE PLACE!

If we are "Creating Places for People" the base line Urban Design protocol is to understand the historic (past and present) roots that are part of the space, or intersect or expansion, condensation, reinforcement and enhancement to further the "significant reading" and appreciation of the space - in concert with the Design Principles for Place!

Currently the Draft tends to attribute this initial Design Principle of ENHANCEMENT last - even though it is usually the first principle that is needed to be defined in order that the community can respond with approval!

I suggest that on Page 13, a reconsideration in approach priority be:-
ENHANCING, DIVERSE, CONNECTED and ENDURING (instead of Connected, Diverse, Enduring and Enhancing)
This would help develop a check list for the "Tool Kit" that will help sequence the issues that need to be appreciated, studied, evaluated and applied.

By recognising the uniqueness of the particular place , ALL the various Goals, Objectives and Principles of the Urban Design Protocol can be applied to further enhance the uniqueness of Place!

It should be noted that every successful "Place for People", when analysed, has that "extra something" that has been recognised, acknowledged and then reinforced and facilitated by the sort of Goals, Objectives and Principles - developed by this Draft Framework!

I suggest that an appropriate new Foreword will make this essential, initial, critical analysis of "specialness," the seed that helps recognise a potential successful place for people to then use the Tools of the Urban Design Protocol to make it happen.

Looking forward to the Discourse in the identification of the "Uniqueness" of a Place - which can then be facilitated by the Urban Design Protocol.

In anticipation,

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