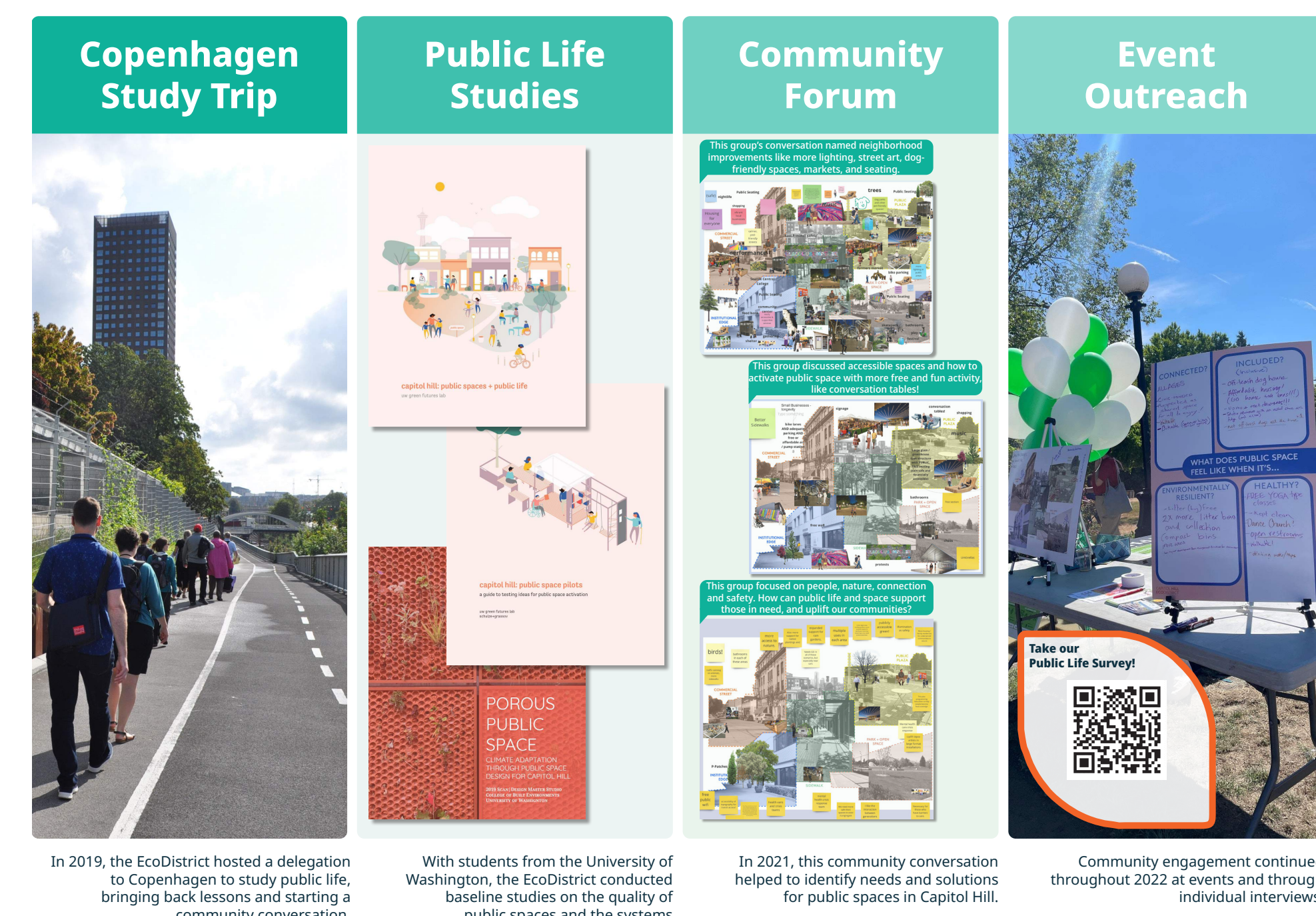
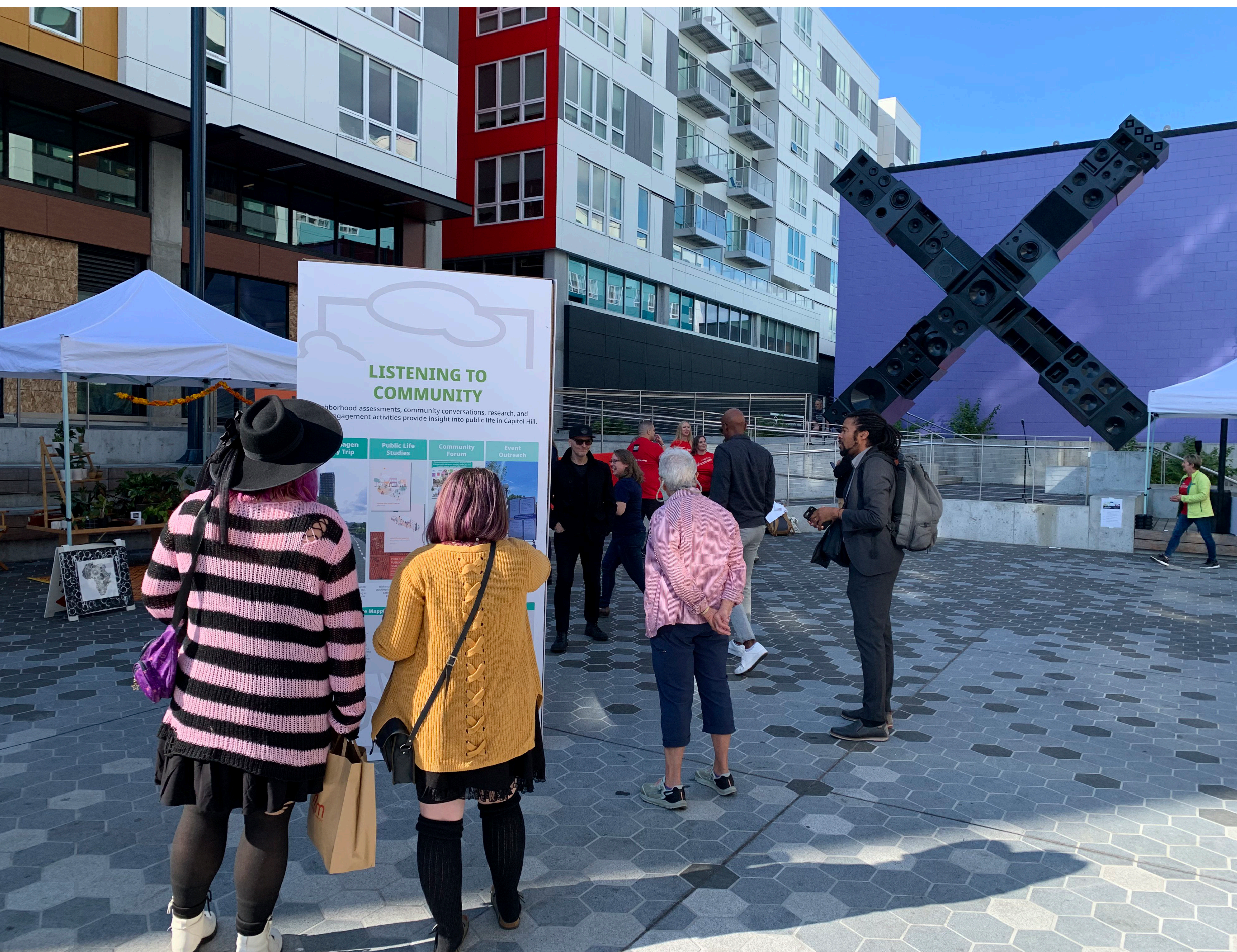
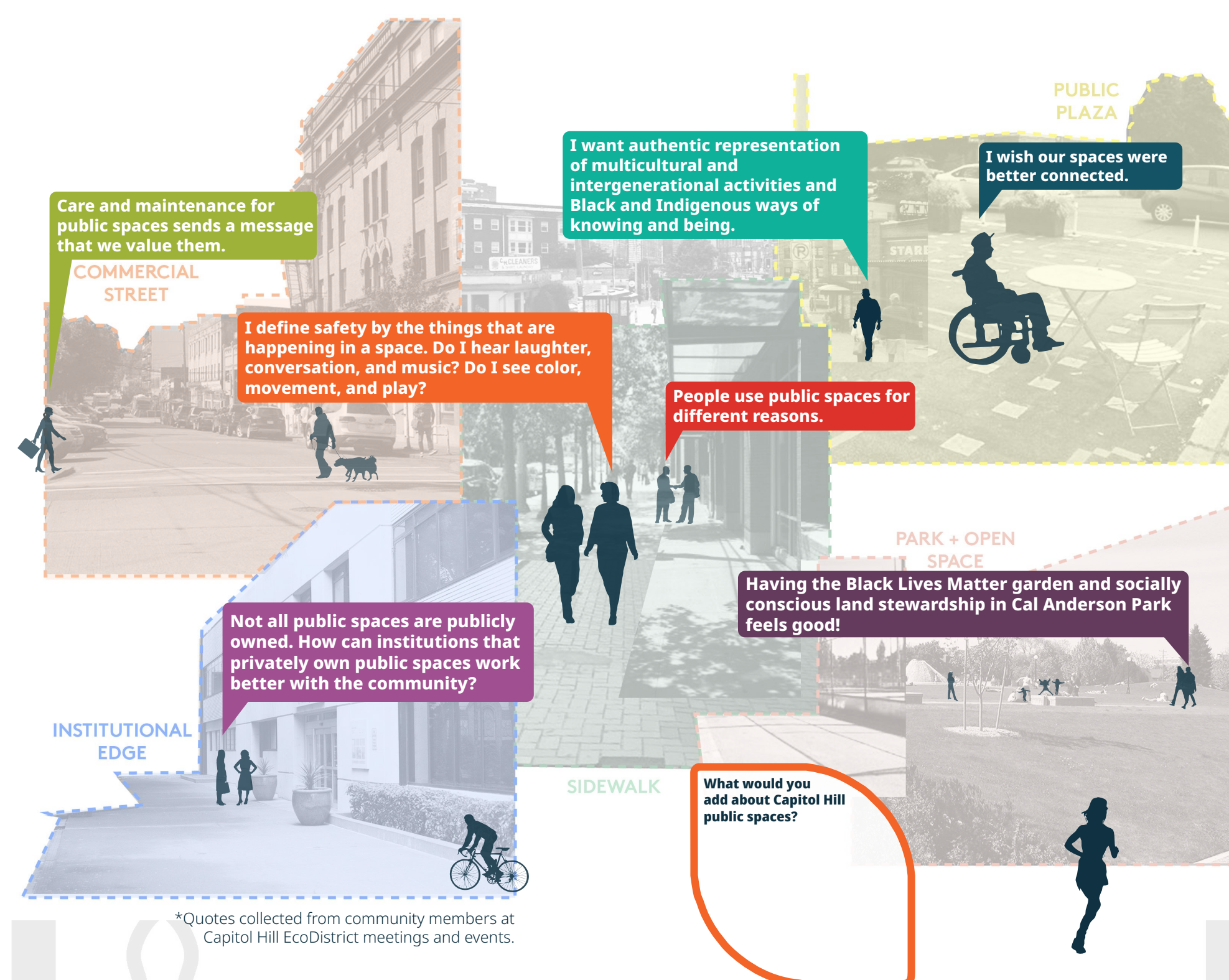


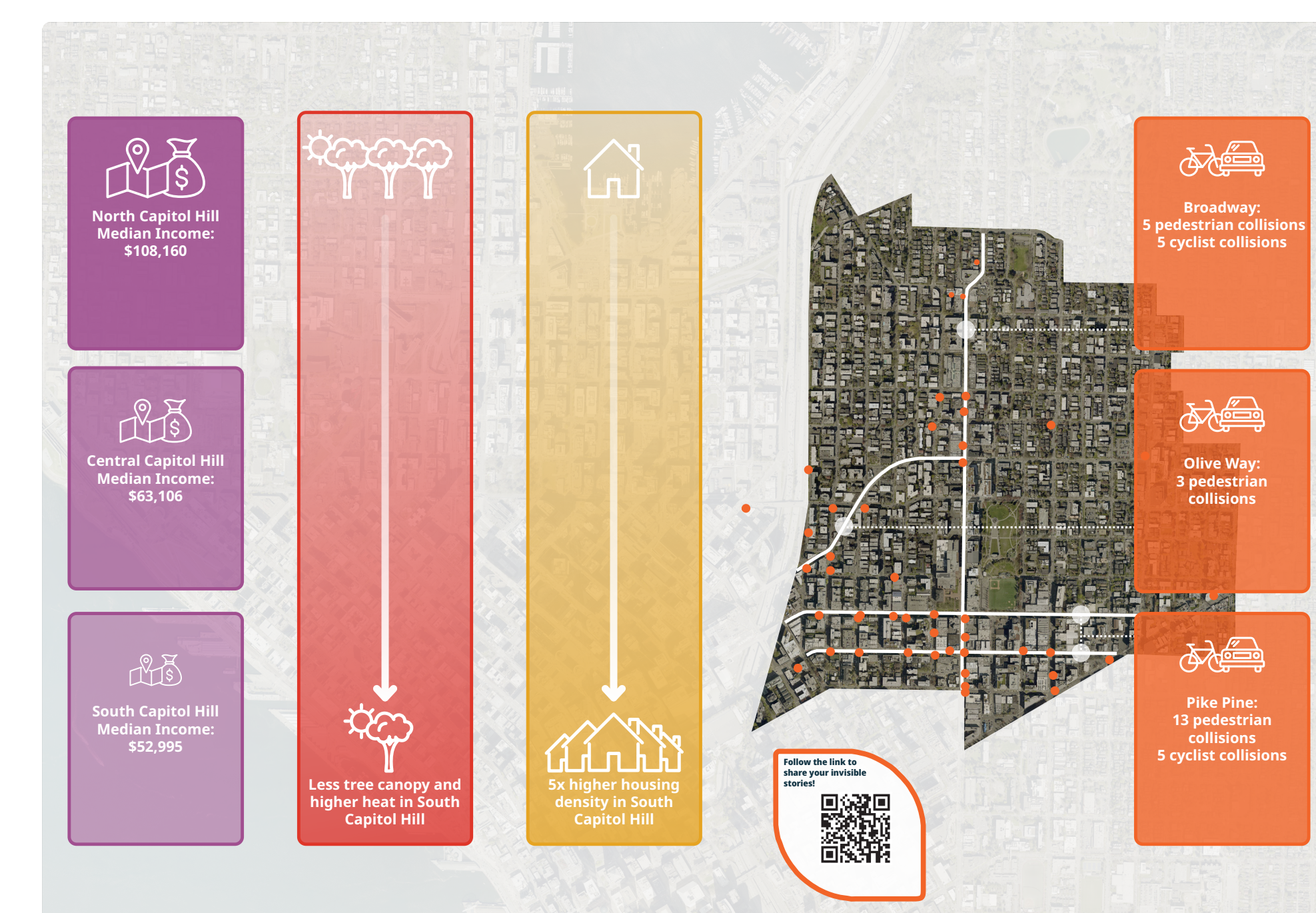
# Capitol Hill EcoDistrict Community Forum on Public Life



In 2019, the EcoDistrict hosted a delegation to Copenhagen to study public life, bringing back lessons and starting a community conversation. With students from the University of Washington, the EcoDistrict conducted baseline studies on the quality of public spaces and the systems that support them. In 2021, this community conversation helped to identify needs and solutions for public spaces in Capitol Hill. Community engagement continued throughout 2022 at events and through individual interviews.



\*Quotes collected from community members at Capitol Hill EcoDistrict meetings and events.



## The Community Forum

Each year, the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict brings together community stakeholders to address a topic of an issue affecting the neighborhood. It is an opportunity to come together, celebrate the cultural richness of Capitol Hill, and to engage in a thoughtful dialogue. The Mithun team was brought on to help plan a forum event that reflected upon and showcased the over 3 years of active data collection, public life research, public space studies, community engagement events, and conversation about Capitol Hill. The event was to be equal parts the display of a robust portfolio of past community-centered work, the collection of feedback from community asking, “Did we get it right?” and a celebration of Capitol Hill’s rich culture and community.

## The Pillars

The Mithun team chose to use three-sided, free-standing, 8’ tall pillars to display the EcoDistrict’s work. It was a life size exhibit that encouraged interaction, was accessible to the many folks attending the event,

and created a dynamic space to interact with fellow community members. These pillars were installed temporarily in the Capitol Hill Light Rail Station Plaza, surrounded by tents run by local vendors. This intentional inclusion of Black-owned small businesses is one way the EcoDistrict effectively uplifts the community.

## Positive Community Engagement

Capitol Hill EcoDistrict represents an exemplary partner in public process. They are deeply committed to equitable development and the support of their communities. They do this through direct financial investment, skilled listening and research, inclusive outreach and relationship building, advocacy work, broad and deep urban ecological knowledge, and more. Their efforts and impacts within Capitol Hill and the Seattle area more broadly makes them an important force in their community.

## PROJECT—

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