#### Narrative

We propose to create on a 32,014 square foot site set amidst early 20th century bungalows and finely crafted mid-century institutional structures a mixed-use building compatible with the neighborhood that gently extends the commercial and institutional node along NE 65th St. The structure will provide a community of approximately 28 condominium units, 8 livework units, and 6,500 s.f. of commercial space that feels seamless with the surroundings by incorporating landscape elements and massing methods that step down at both the pedestrian and inhabitant elevations. Our project, while adding density, will provide housing and services that support the community that forms this portion of the Bryant/Assumption, Ravenna, and Wedgwood neighborhood.







#### SITE AREA

NC1-30: 32,027 sf ALLOWABLE FAR: 80,067 sf PROPOSED FAR: 69,765 sf

#### ZONING

NC1-30

#### PROJECT PROGRAM

Number of Residential Units:

Area of Residential Uses:

Number of Live/Work Units:

Area of Live/Work Uses:

Area of Commercial Uses:

Number of Parking Stalls:

Floor Area Ratio:

28 units

46,181 sf

8 units

4,527 sf

4,528 sf

68 stalls

Total Area and Total FAR Area 87,754 sf/69,765 sf

### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Height limit: NC1-30:

30' + 4' bonus for 13' ground floor nonresidential use (SMC 23.47A.012)

Parking: NC1-30:

residential: 1/dwelling commercial: 1/500 sf for retail, 1/250 sf for restaurant 10 available for combined uses

FAR: NC1-30: 2.5 x 32,027 =

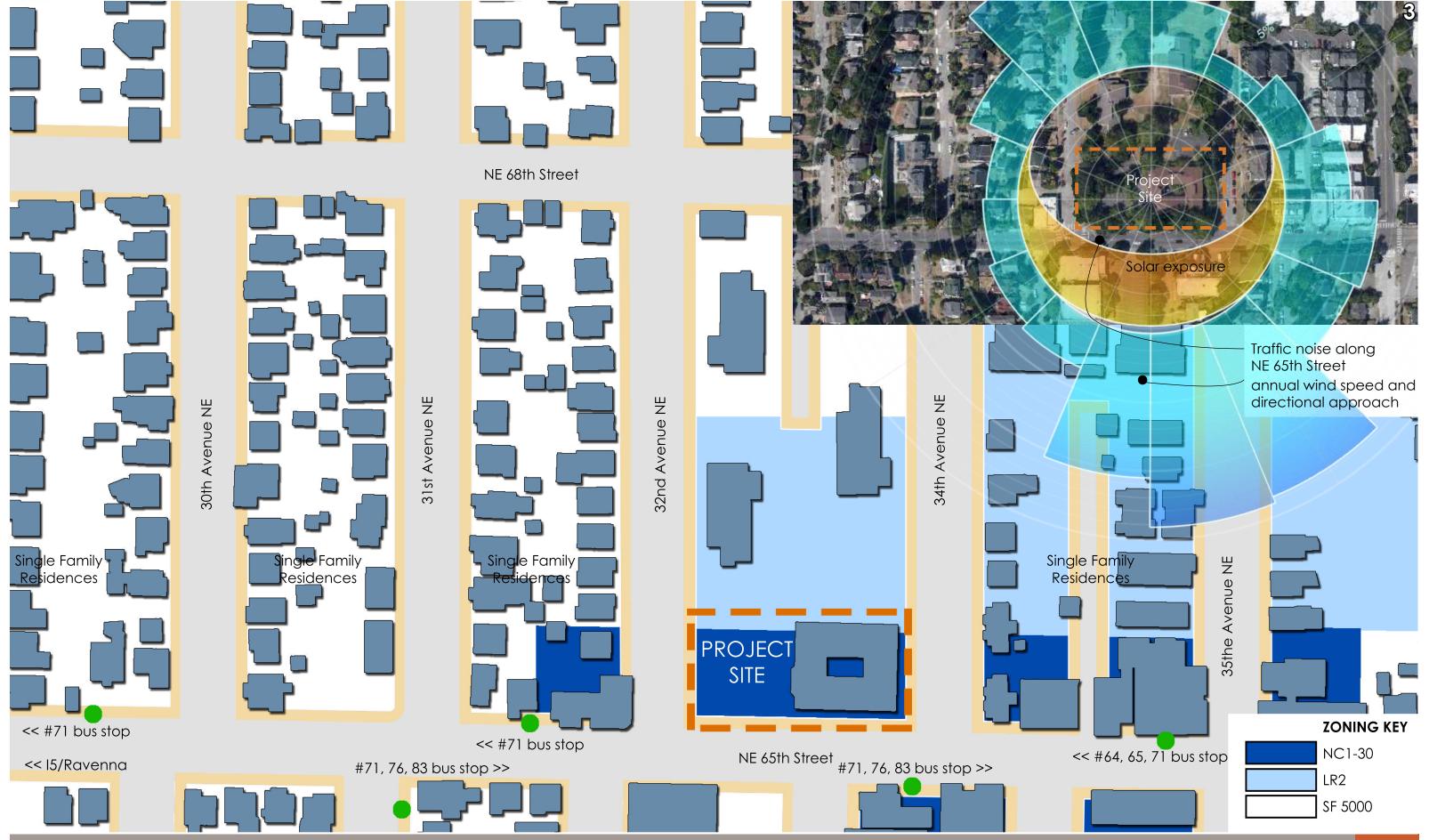
80,067 allowable (mixed-use)

(SMC 23.47A.013)

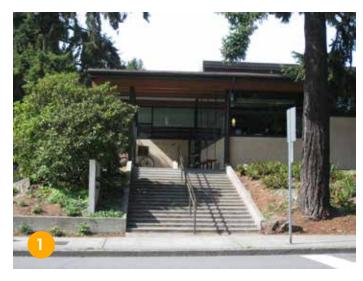
Setbacks: NC1-30:

15' from residential on upper floors above 13' (SMC 23.47A.014)
15' triangle setback abutting residential zone

(SMC 23.47A.014)



Ravenna Bryant Community Association





















Bryant Elementary School

Bryant Neighborhood Playground

View Ridge Play Field

Dahl Play Field

Picardo Pea Patch

Ravenna Eckstein Community Center

Carver Park

Calvary Cemetery

Assumption-St. Bridget School and Church

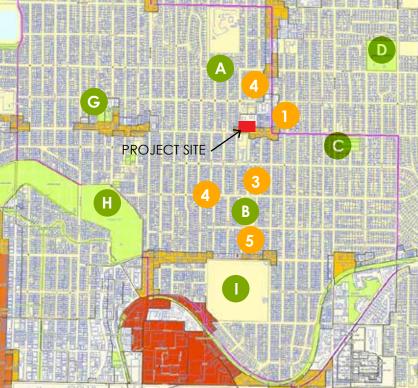


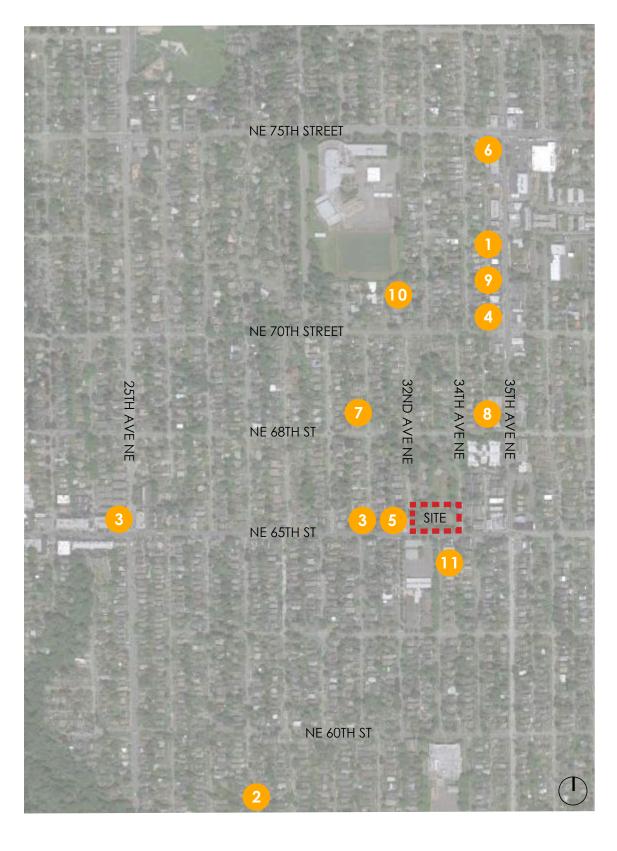


Ravenna United Methodist Church

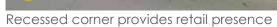


Theodora Senior Living Wedgwood Unitarian Church











Brick facade, corner entry, large storefront windows Corner relief at sidewalk and retail





Modern expression in existing commercial context



Activation at sidewalk, corner entry





Brick expression in single family



Large windows and vegetation at sidewalk



Recessed corner provides sidewalk relief



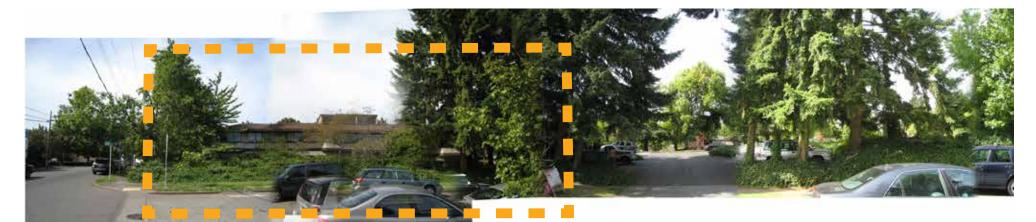
Modern expression in single family



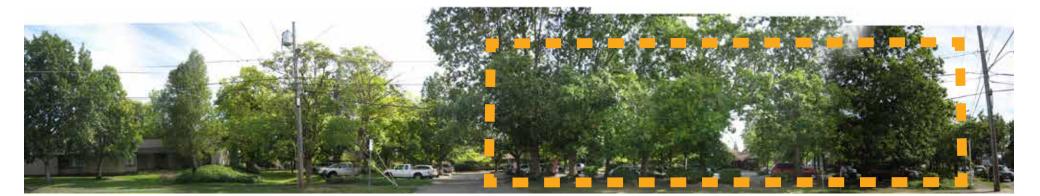
Vibrant colors and pedestrian-scaled detailing



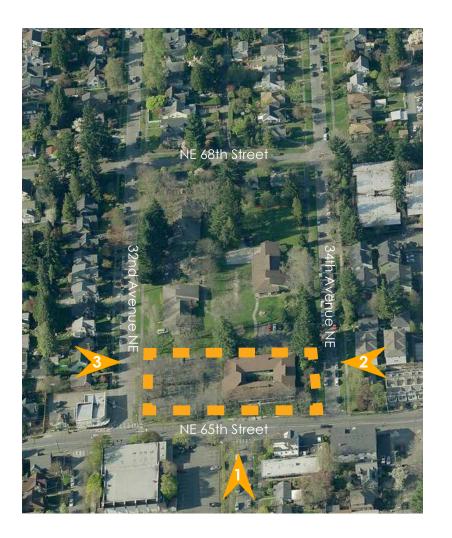


















32nd Avenue NE Looking West





NE 65th Street Looking South







east side of site from 34th Ave NE

retention of exceptional Elm and Cedar tree within adjacent LR zone maintains established neighborhood character

retention of Douglas Fir cluster in adjacent LR zone maintains established neighborhood character

future townhome development on adjacent LR site

visual connection from NE 65th to exceptional trees on LR property through break in NC building addresses exceptional trees with

landscaped buffer facade setback address buffer at adjacent

existing two-story building

lowrise boundary

existing surface parking and curb cuts

existing overhead powerlines along NE 65th St and 32nd Ave NE

existing grade provides opportunity for subgrade agrage

existing grade provides opportunity to anchor retail at street level

prominent corners articulated with hard and softscape

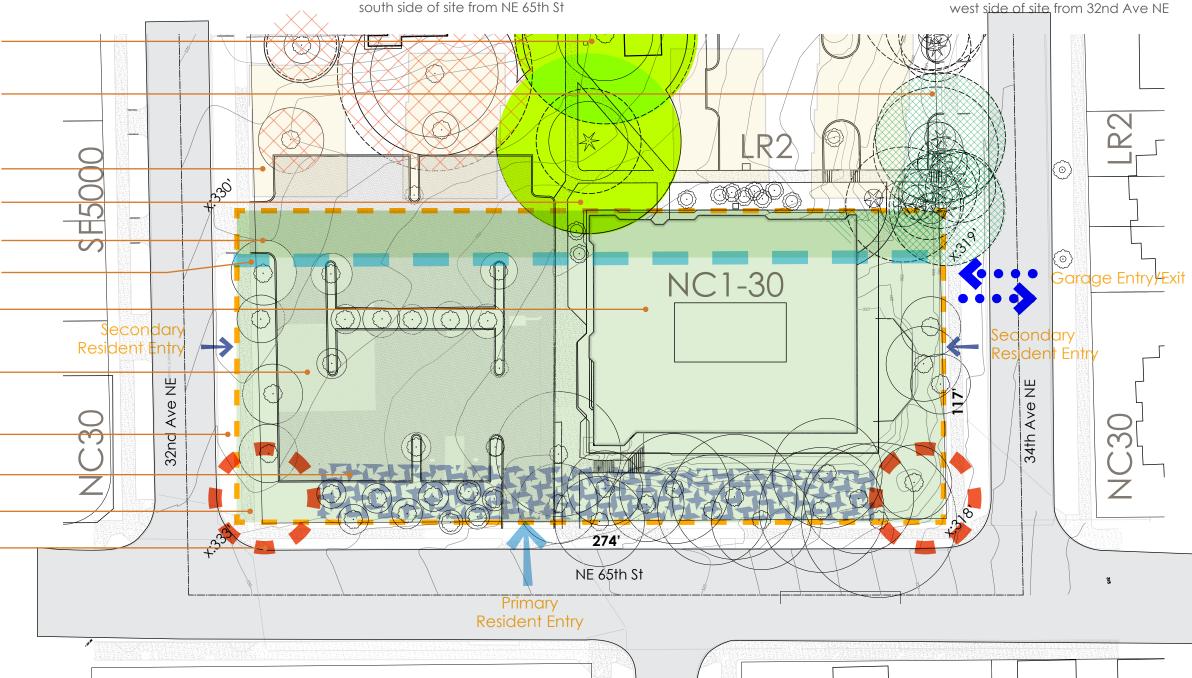
PROJECT SITE

SITE ACCESS

EXCEPTIONAL TREE

EXCEPTIONAL TREE; POOR HEALTH/
NUISANCE ROOT SYSTEM;
RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL

SF5000



NC30 (T)



#### BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Maintain mature trees and wooded character and provide open space

- Saving cluster of Doug Fir trees on LR2 property at NE NC boundary
- Two large exceptional trees on LR2 property at center north
- Sightline to exceptional Cedar and Elm tree in LR2 property from NE 65th St is enhanced through a north to south break in building's massing
- The wooded character of the adjacent property is preserved by retaining mature trees, landscape design, open space, and the mindful siting of townhomes
- A mixture of public and private open space is achieved by setting back the building from property lines and the strategic allocation of the building's massing
- The 18' wide central open-air corridor serves residential front doors at the second level elevation
- The 15' deep landscaped patios at the north edge serve private
- residential open space at the first level and buffer the adjacent LR2 boundary

Improve pedestrian interaction at the ground floor

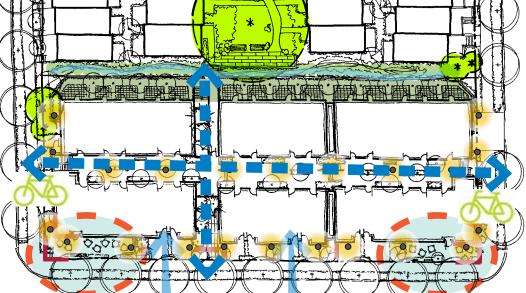
- Pedestrian-oriented open space along NE 65th street and at corners enhance the street front and pedestrian zone with plantings, benches, bike parking, and outdoor seating opportunity along NE 65th Street
- Secure residential-oriented open space at the 2nd level central open-air corridor
- Retail and live/work glazing patterns enhance transparency
- Retail and live/work entries are articulated with individual awnings
- Live/work units are clustered at the middle of the building to enhance corner-oriented retail
- Recessed and between two massings, the primary residential entry court is accessed from NE 65th St
- The exterior finish materials reflect the quality of the neighborhood through the use of brick and wood

Strengthen interaction between neighboring LR2 site

- The project is informed by two large exceptional trees on the LR2 property north of the NC boundary
- The first floor of the NC project provides 15' deep landscaped patios that will soften the transition at adjacent LR2 boundary
- Landscaping at the ground level within the LR2 development enhance vegetated open space between the two projects

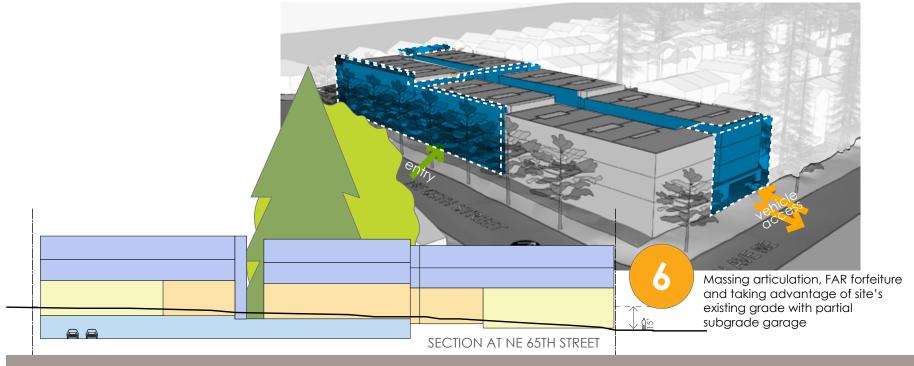
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Landscape strengthens relationship between LR and NC projects and provides articulated open space within, at edges, and between projects



#### BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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Provide bike parking, garage screening, conceal trash and identify collection route

- Bike parking is added along the building's edge at both 32nd and 34th Ave NE and 44 bike spaces are allocated within the garage
- The single vehicle access point to the NC garage is sited across from LR2 and NC1-30 properties on 34th Ave NE
- The building's north mass containing garage access steps away from the street to provide screening and planting opportunities
- Trash is concealed within the garage with a paved area adjacent to the curb for pickup.
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Strengthen landscape design, improve transparency at street front, show relationship with LR2 development, and provide lighting and signage

- Retail corners are enhanced with benches, landscaped edges and opportunity for spillover outdoor rooms
- Live/work barriers have been removed at entries on NE 65th and enhanced with greater transparency and consistent rhythm and scale via glazing pattern and entry configuration
- 15' deep landscaped patios along the LR2 boundary softens the zoning transition with a vegetated buffer and increases privacy for residents
- A designed water mitigation feature to the north, within the LR property reinforces the landscape design and enhances the buffer at NC boundary
- Clear commercial signage is set below awning
- All street level entries provide lighting
- Nighttime illumination is provided via wall-mounted sconces
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Strategic massing configuration enhances public and private space

- Visual relief along the 274' property line is accomplished by stepping the building away from the street and breaking the mass into 3 parts along NE 65th St and into 2 masses along 32nd and 34th Ave NE
- A 16'-8" wide break in the massing along NE 65th Street provides a sightline to exceptional trees within the LR2 property
- Two massings are articulated at either side street with an 18' wide central open-air break at the 2nd and 3rd level elevations
- East and west massing step back from the street to soften transition at adjacent LR2 and SF zones

AND

**RECOMMENDATIONS** 

BOARD

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ESPONSE

#### A SITE PLANNING



#### **RESPONDING TO SITE CHARACTERISTICS:**

The building has been broken into three parts that follow the grade along 65th, stepping down the hill. The main residential entry takes place in the passage between two of these parts. This passage has been increased in width by pushing the building blocks to east and west, and also moving the elevator out of the passageway. Several units were made smaller as well. The opening between the buildings takes advantage of views through to the large trees on the adjacent lot. The transparency of the entryway enhances this effect, acting as a glass clad gasket between the two portions of building. Original capacity calculations for this site indicated the ability to construct upwards of 50 units, however, the decision was made to reduce this number significantly in order to respect the neighborhood. It is not feasible at this time to reduce the FAR to a larger degree in order to accommodate a larger passageway.



#### STREETSCAPE COMPATIBILITY:

All commercial space, including the live/work units, opens directly onto the sidewalk level. The building is set back considerably form the sidewalk (as much as 13') to accommodate pedestrian activity and provide a respite from the busy traffic along 65th. Each unit will provide a welcoming face to the sidewalk and the entire ground floor level will be provided with a fully glazed storefront system for continuity. Landscape areas have been relocated to the building face, allowing for an open and continuous public space along the sidewalk. There are landscape beds separating the live/work areas from the more intensive, larger retail or café/restaurant space at the corners.



#### **ENTRANCES VISIBLE FROM THE STREET:**

All retail and live/work entries face 65th with transparent storefront. Storefront sills are the same all along the frontage to ensure maximum transparency. In addition, the floor plans of the live/work spaces have been modified to emphasize retail or work space at the front of the space, with live space relegated to the rear. The residential entry is landscaped and is set back into a glass box to differentiate it from the retail and live/work units.



#### **HUMAN ACTIVITY:**

Ground floor retail and live/work units have the opportunity for extensive outdoor seating and display areas, as well as large glazed areas to provide interest and views of activity within the building.



#### **RESPECT FOR ADJACENT SITES:**

A 15' wide residential patio area with landscaping provides a buffer between the proposed building and the LR zone to the north. A connection through the building at the residential lobby will allow occupants to access the central green space in the lowrise townhouse zone, as well as the garage level. Private patios along this frontage are landscaped as well – see landscape plans.



#### **RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACES:**

The opening between the buildings takes advantage of views through to the large trees on the adjacent lot. The passageway has been widened to approximately 16'-8" to allow for greater views, as well as removing the elevator from this space. The transparency of the entryway enhances this effect, acting as a glass-clad gasket between the two portions of building. Original capacity calculations for this site indicated the ability to construct upwards of 50 units, however, the decision was made to reduce this number significantly in order to respect the neighborhood. It is not feasible at this time to reduce the FAR to a larger degree in order to accommodate a larger passageway.



#### **PARKING AND VEHICLE ACCESS:**

The access to the parking area is located on 34th Ave NE. Secure bike parking will be located within the garage, both for commercial and for residential uses.



#### **CORNER LOTS:**

While the building does occupy two corners along 65th, it also falls in the center of a larger commercial stretch of street, with significant nodes at 25th and at 35th. Given this, it was deemed by the board that a significant corner gesture was not required. Care has been given to address the corners of the building in a different way, with large steel canopies, wrap-around storefront glazing, and materials changes at the upper levels that emphasize the corner. The second floor has corner windows as well.

#### B HEIGHT, BULK, AND SCALE



#### HEIGHT, BULK, AND SCALE COMPATIBILITY:

See response to A-1 and A-7 above. The building provides a tripartite massing with the separate blocks differentiated by materials, as well as different heights and setbacks from the street.

#### C ARCHITECTURAL FLEMENTS AND MATERIALS



#### **ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXT:**

The building uses language from the neighborhood in materials and detailing, incorporating a finer scale into the larger mass. It takes cues from the surrounding craftsman bungalows as well as the mid-century buildings in the neighborhood. Materials include brick, wood, and the inclusion of steel railings. The design is streamlined, with careful detailing at material changes.



#### ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT AND CONSISTENCY:

The storefronts along 65th street shall provide the same look whether they are intended for retail or for live/work occupancy. The appearance of the ground floor shall be that of a retail oriented building. The live/work spaces have floor plans that emphasize the retail function in the front of the space, relegating living areas to the mezzanine and rear of the space. Generous storefronts and welcoming entries give the feel of retail, not residential space.



#### **HUMAN SCALE:**

Detailing of materials as well as finely grained landscaping along the frontage of the building will complement the pedestrian nature of the neighborhood and the surrounding single family development. Small scale blade signage will identify retail spaces. Large canopies will provide weather protection for a significant portion of the façade. Careful attention to lighting and landscape enhance the experience.



#### **EXTERIOR FINISH MATERIALS:**

Exterior finishes include brick, natural wood siding in a vertical pattern, and concrete, as well as aluminum storefront and steel canopies. Care has been taken to ensure that the building will present a quality face to the neighborhood.



#### STRUCTURED PARKING ENTRANCES:

The parking garage entry is sited along 34th Ave.

#### D PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT



There are three hierarchies of space along the 65th street façade – larger scale retail, smaller scale retail/live/work, and the public sidewalk. Paving and landscaping is appropriate to these scales. There will be no barriers to the live/work entrances, the sidewalk will flow from public to semi-public with a change in pattern, but not material. Small scale low landscaping will provide interest, but will not obscure views along the front of the building.

#### SCREENING OF DUMPSTERS:

Utility and service spaces, including the trash room, will be located within the building's parking garage and will thus be screened from view. Garbage will be taken to the street by building management for pick-up. Bike storage within the garage will be ample and easy to use.

#### PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY, SIGNAGE, COMMERCIAL LIGHTING:

Exterior building-mounted lighting will be provided throughout the project site, concentrated at all building entries. A gate will enclose the stairs to the residential courtyard at each end of the building, so that it will only be available to building residents. The second level courtyard will be provided with an appropriate lighting plan for residential use. A signage plan and

#### COMMERCIAL TRANSPARENCY:

Storefront glazing at retail spaces and at live/work spaces shall be generous and of the same material. The frequency of doors at the live/work units will be the only difference.

lighting plan will be provided at the recommendation meeting.

#### RESIDENTIAL ENTRIES AND TRANSITIONS:

The residential entry is recessed from the property. The area around this entry is landscaped, as well as being well lit. Views are through the glass lobby to the green space beyond.

#### E PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT



See response to A-1, A-7, and B-1. The landscape will enhance the site and will maintain continuity with the adjacent sites to the north on the same block.

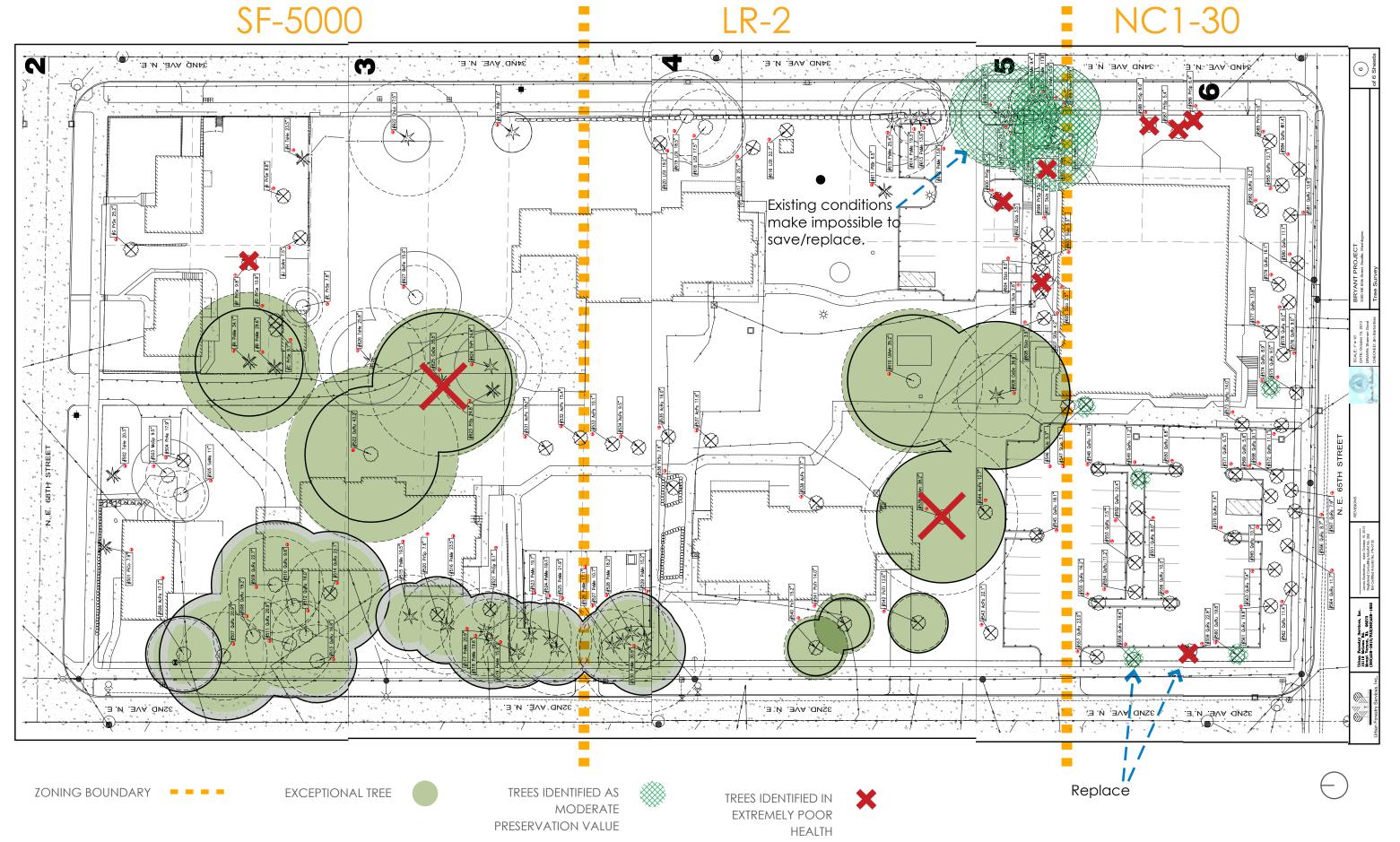
E2 LANDSCAPING TO ENHANCE THE BUILDING AND/OR SITE:

Extensive landscaping is provided both in the public spaces and within the residential open spaces. Areas are set aside for public seating and site furniture.

E3 LANDSCAPE DESIGN TO ADDRESS SPECIAL SITE CONDITIONS:

Trees at the northeast (not on the property) shall be preserved. Several trees from the interior of the site shall be salvaged and transplanted to other areas of the property in the LR zone.







# NC1-30 MASSING: CURRENT SCHEME

#### **CURRENT SCHEME**

#### Overview

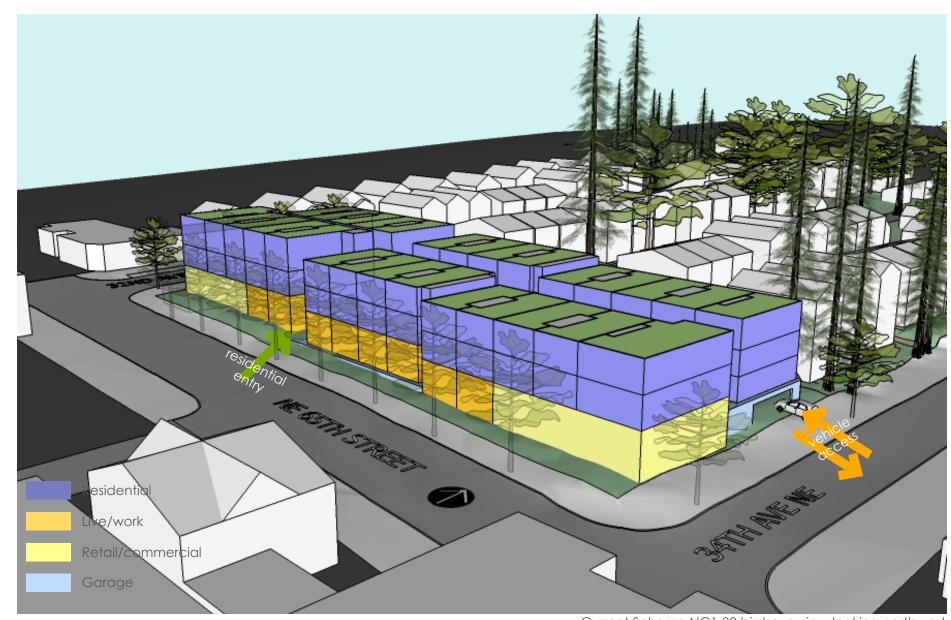
- 3-story with 14'-6" break in massing at 2nd and 3rd level
- pedestrian oriented open space at retail corners and along street front
- structure steps down and away from street at two intervals
- 2-story dwelling units above one story retail at NE 65th Ave
   3-story dwelling units at north bar massing over partial subgrade garage
- each massing bar is one unit deep
- open space between bars is accessed at street level from 32nd Ave NE and NE 65th Street
- (28) 2-story and 3-story units
- (8) live-work units
- up to 6,500 sf retail commercial
- 68 parking spaces within NC garage
  - 55 parking spaces for commercial and NC townhomes
  - 13 reserved parking spaces for LR2 townhomes
- garage entry off of 34th Ave NE

#### **Opportunities**

- each mass is one unit deep, providing natural daylight at either end of unit
- creates community space with interior courtyard
- mass is split apart providing greater solar access
- building is pulled back from the street; providing more pedestrian space and relief at street level
- provides additional width at sidewalk
- provides more vegetation and green space at street level retail
- provides more opportunity for retail to engage the pedestrian zone
- maximizes pedestrian-oriented uses along the street fronts by incorporating new landscape and pedestrian-scaled elements, live/work units, while retail anchors each corner along NE 65th Street.

#### Challenges

- at abutting LR2 zone provides minimum 15' setback of top level
- under FAR development potential



Current Scheme NC1-30 birdseye view looking northwest



Current Scheme NC1-30 birdseye view looking west

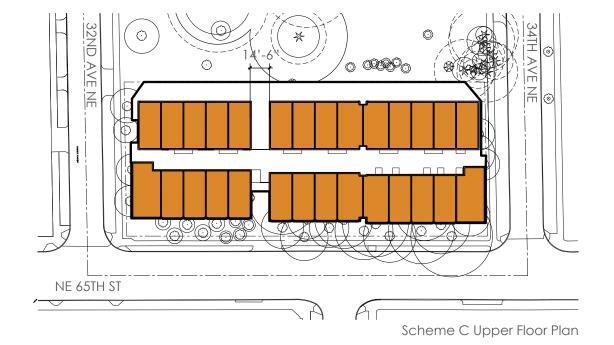
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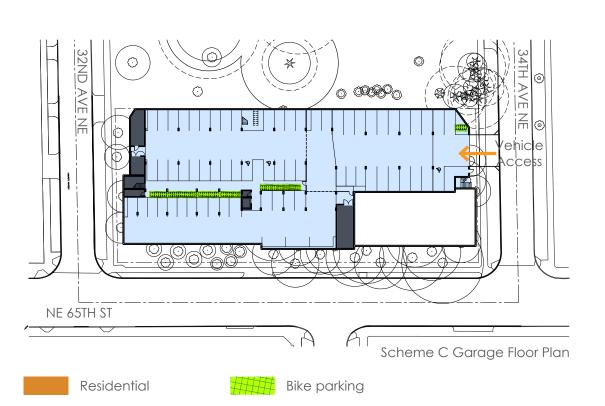
### **CURRENT SCHEME**

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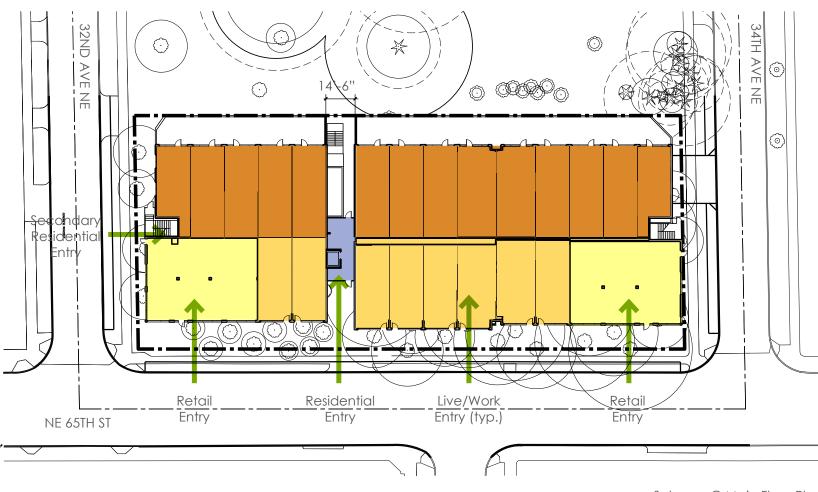
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Retail/commercial





Utility/service



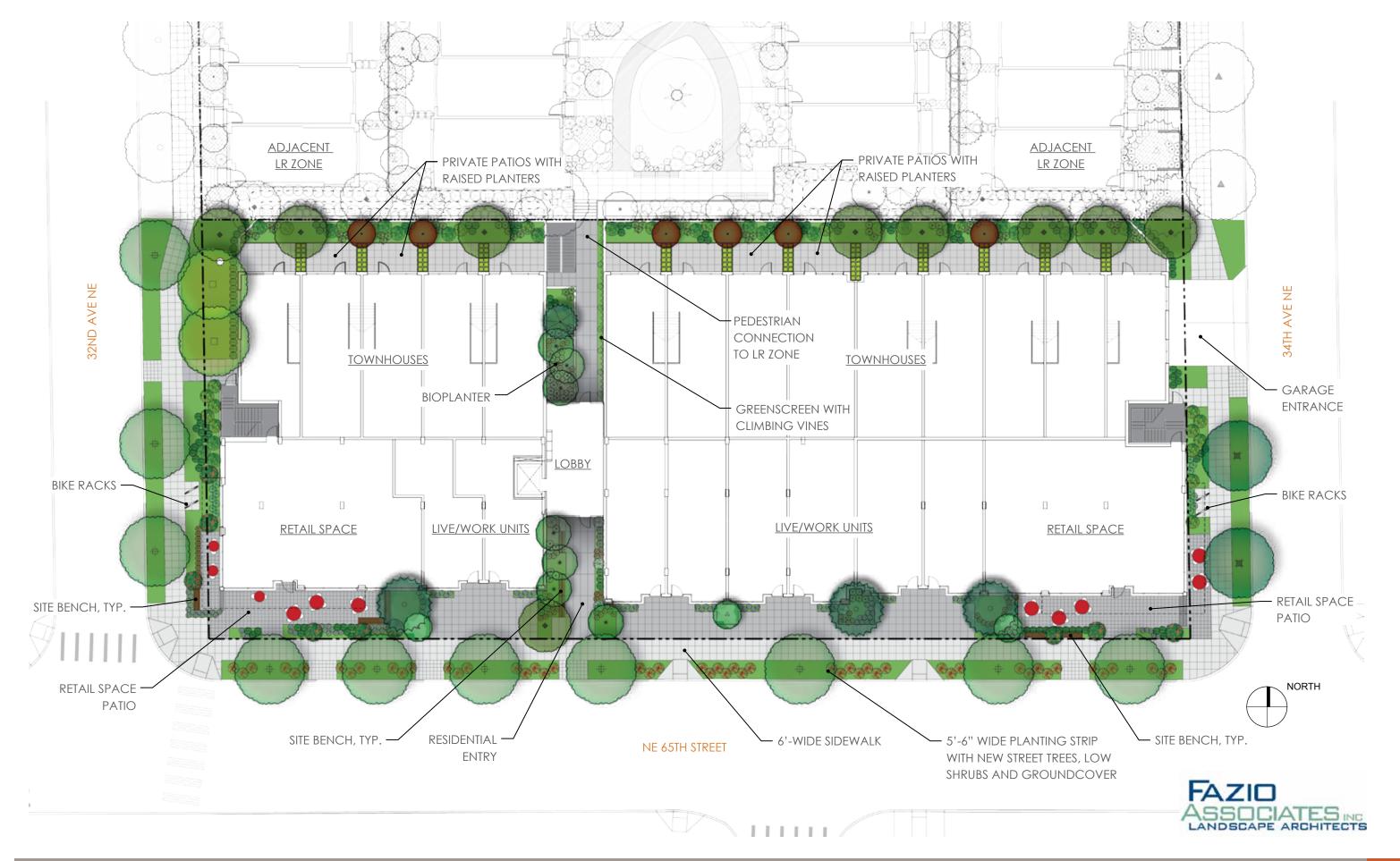
Scheme C Main Floor Plan

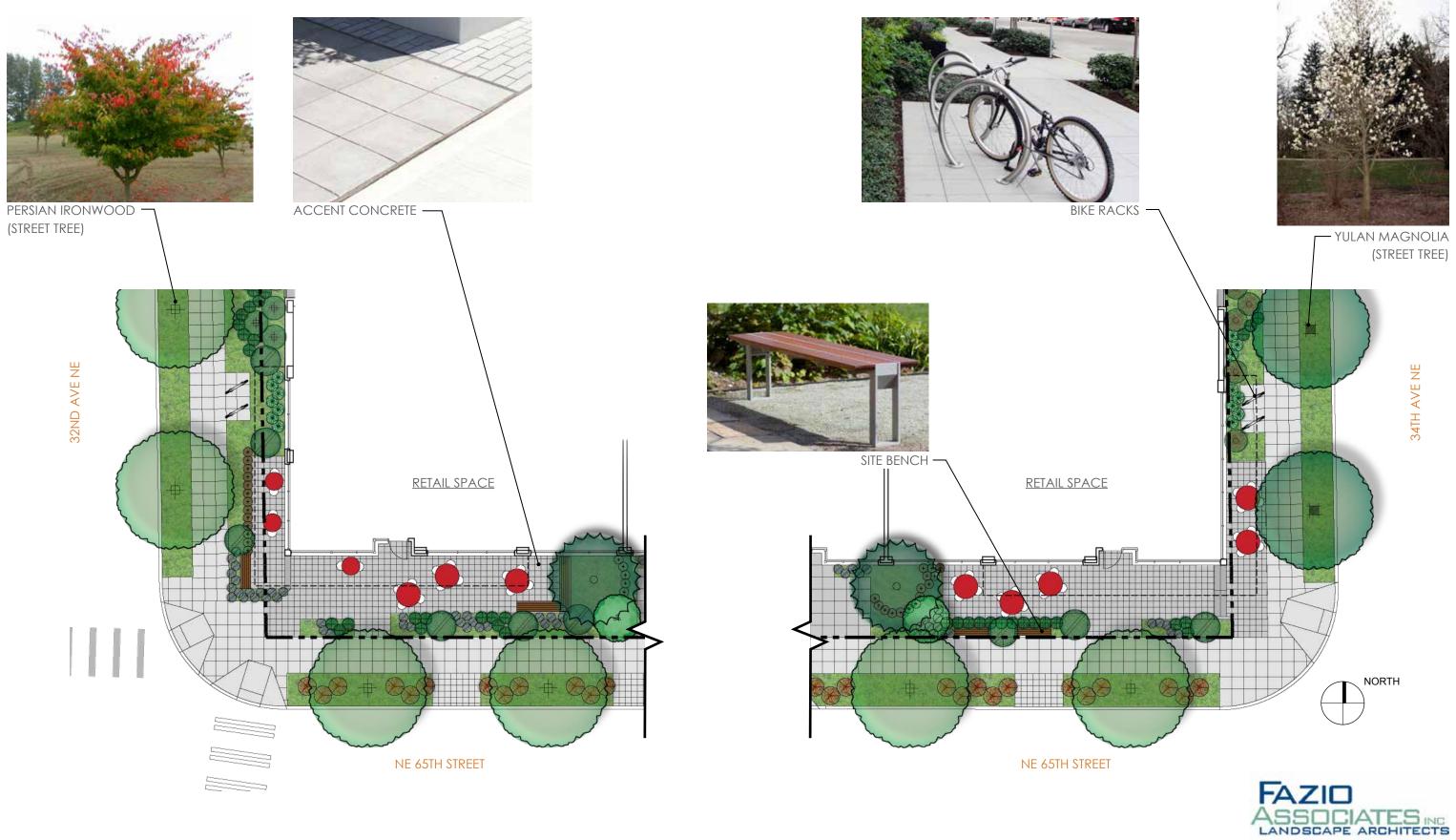


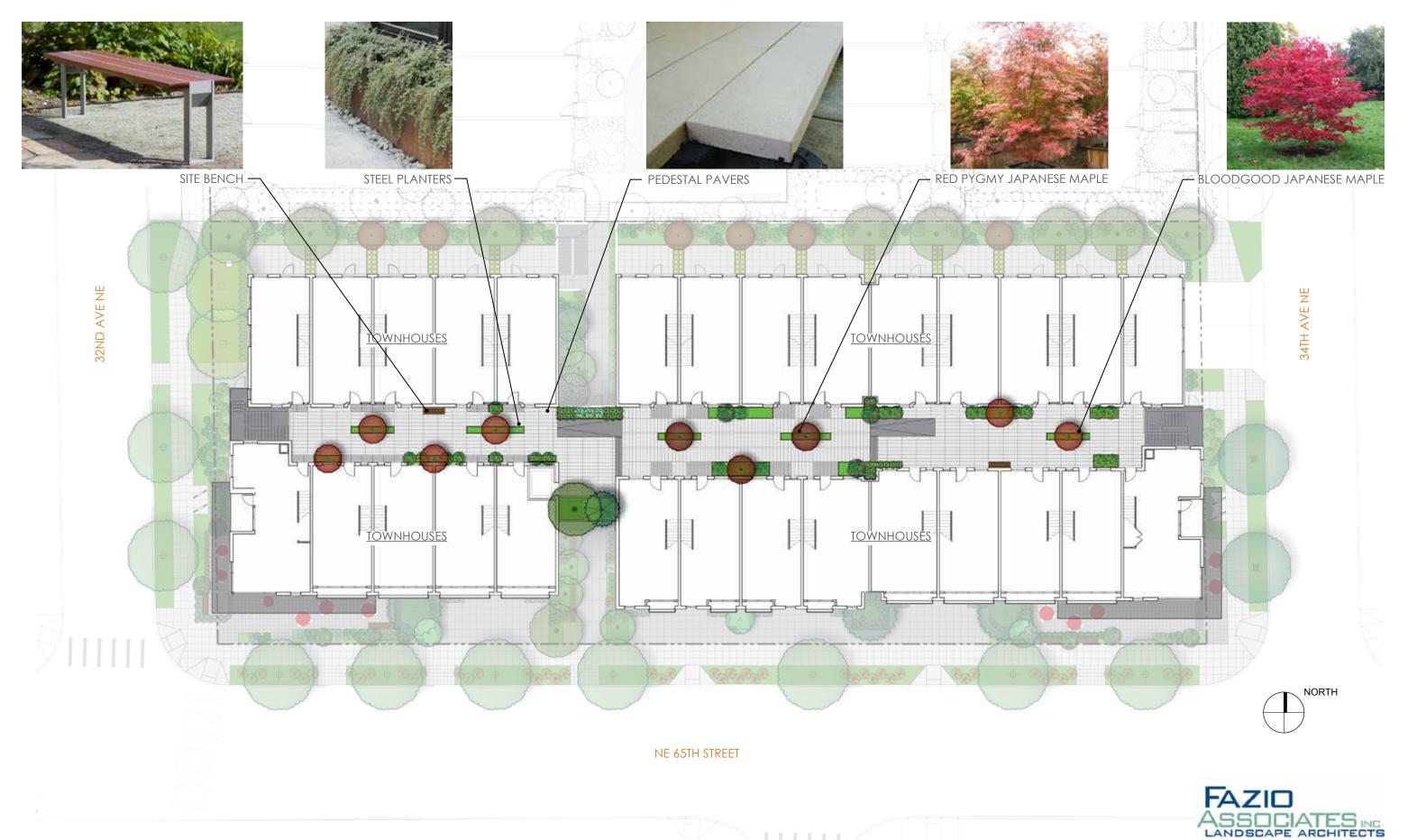




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YULAN MAGNOLIA (STREET TREE)



VINE MAPLE



AMERICAN HORNBEAM



MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK



STAR MAGNOLIA



SHORE PINE



BLOODGOOD JAPANESE MAPLE



RED PYGMY JAPANESE MAPLE



SMOOTH SUMAC



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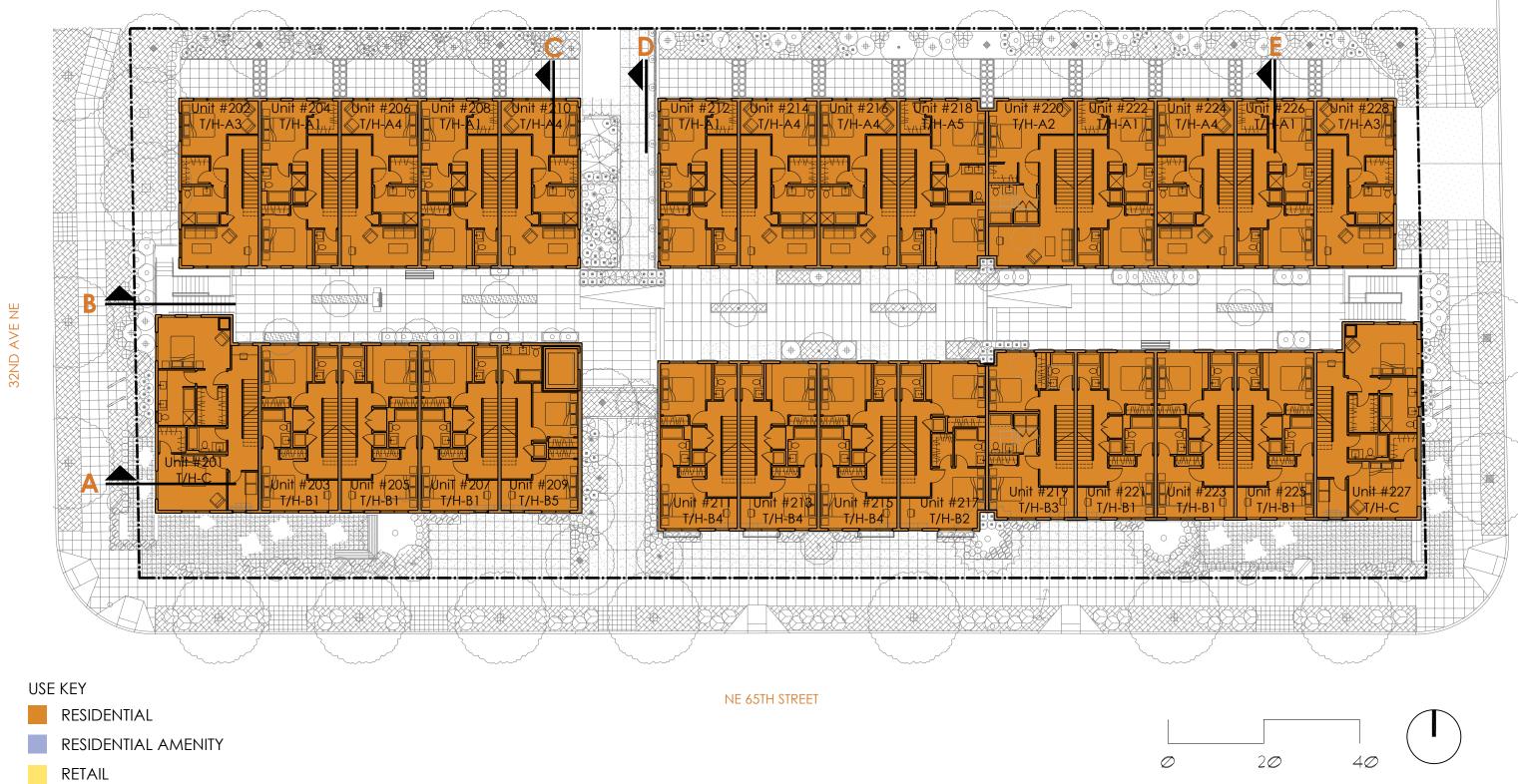




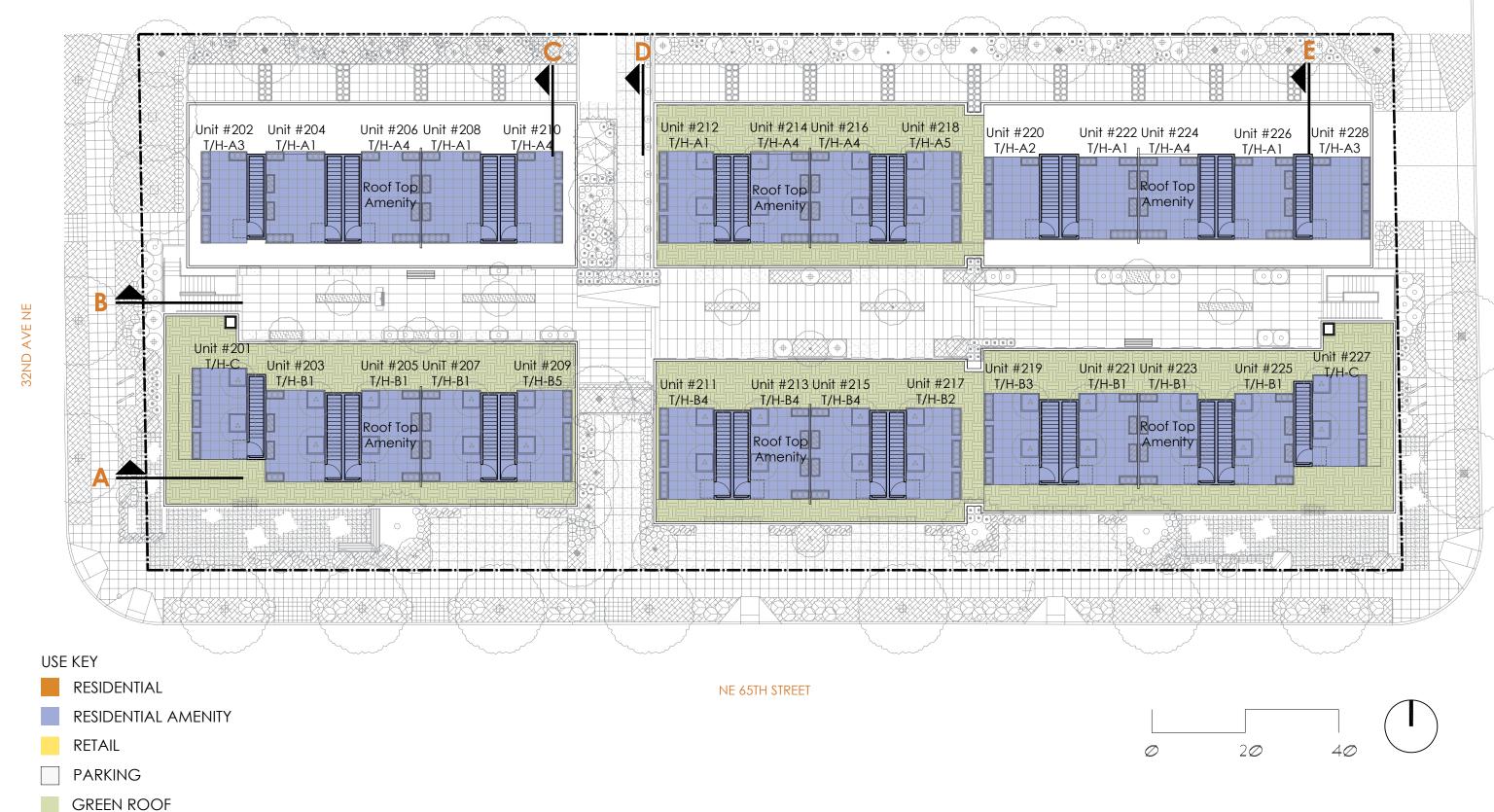


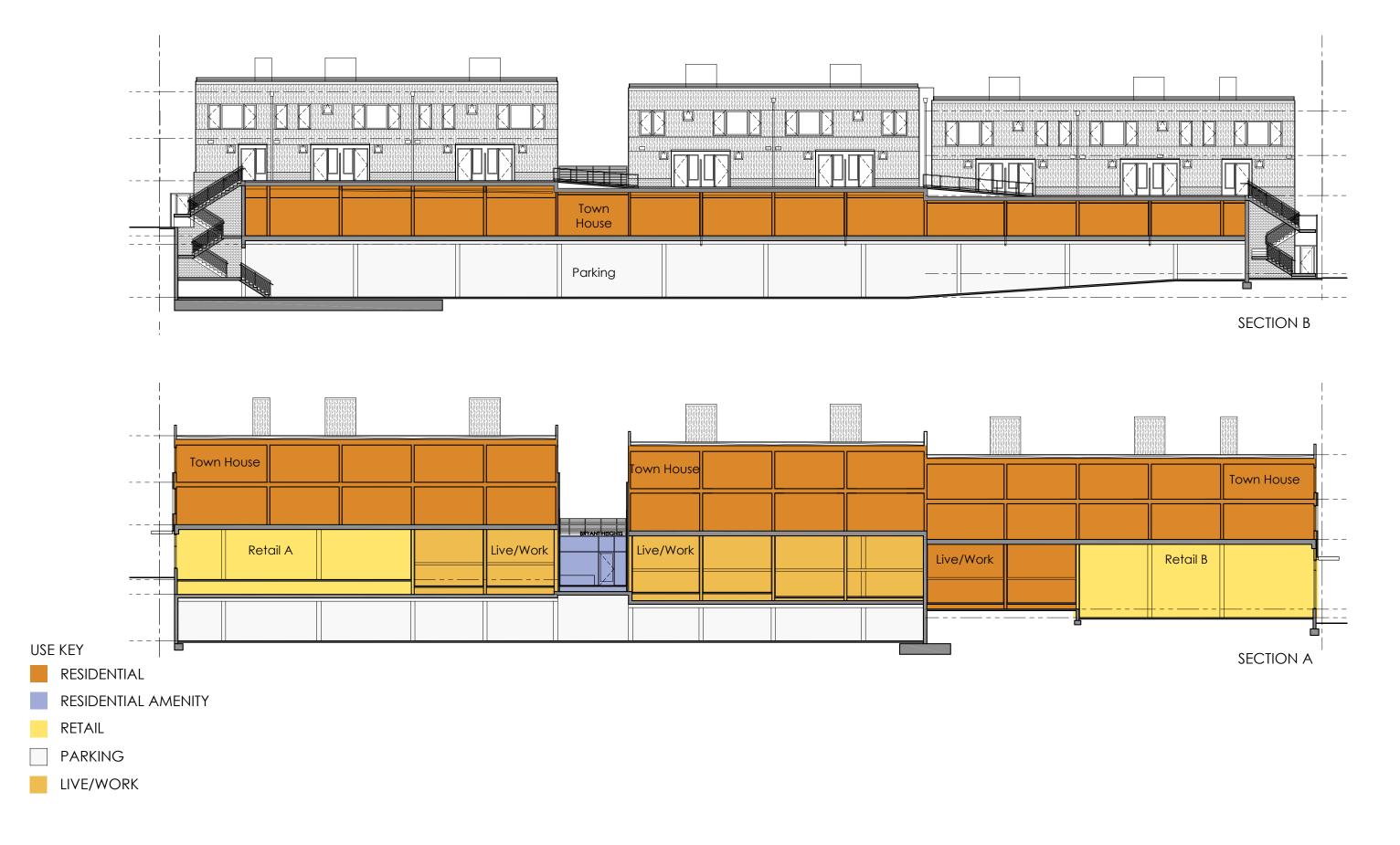


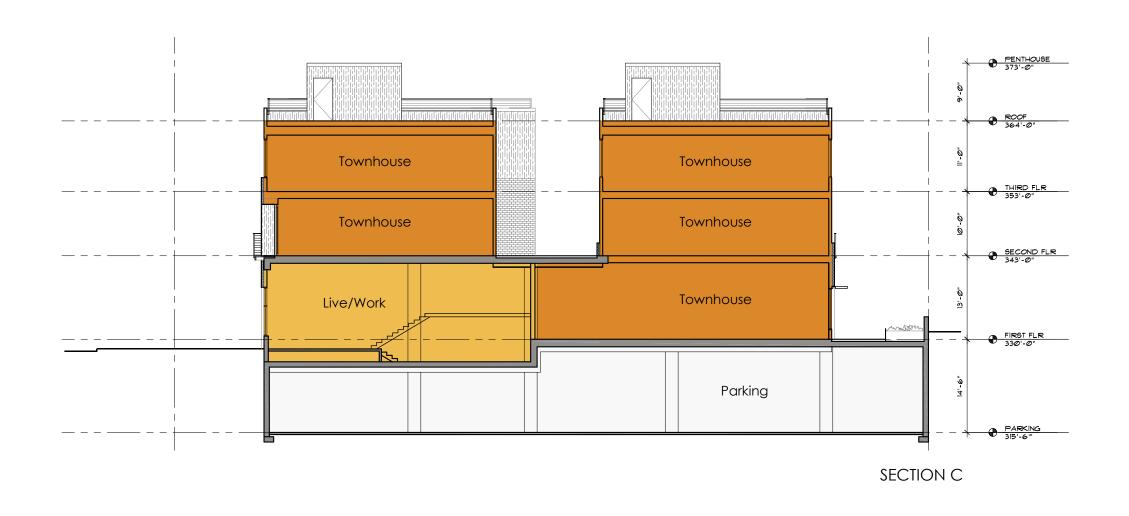
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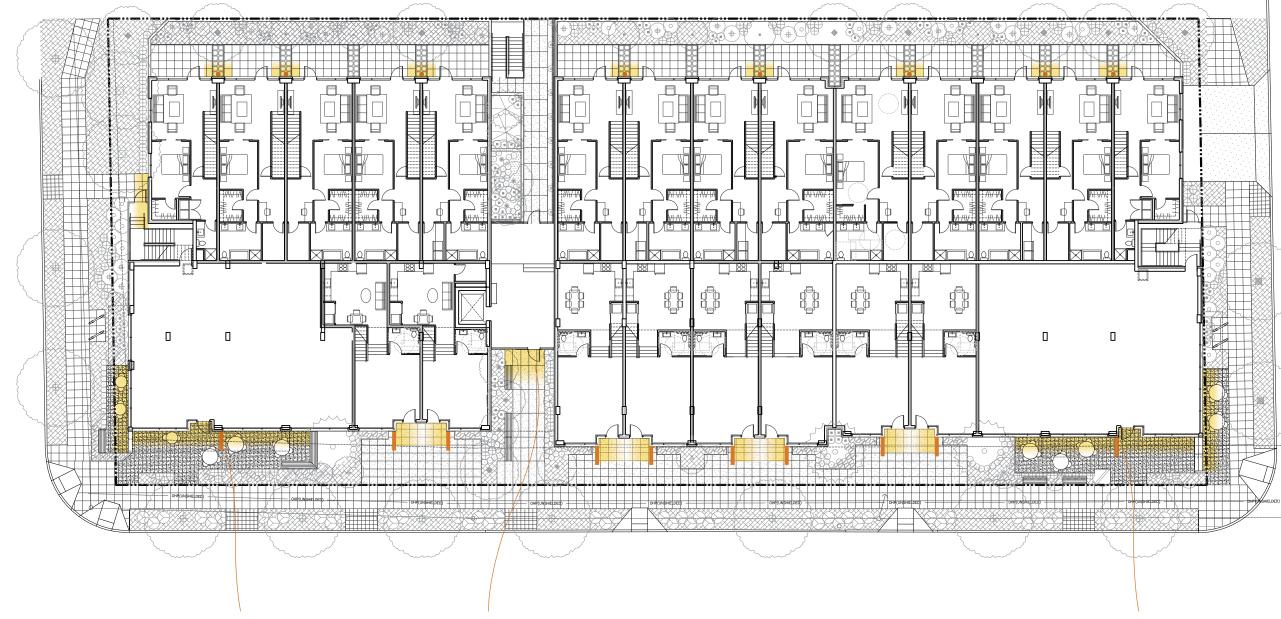




LIVE/WORK







Externally-illuminated under-canopy blade sign

Building-mounted externally-illuminated projecting blade sign above main entry w/ building name

Externally-illuminated under-canopy blade sign



Externally-illuminated under-canopy blade sign



Internally-illuminated under-canopy neon sign



Horizontal under-canopy soffit-wash lighting



Building-mounted up-down sconce



Wall-wash uplight @ entry portal interior



ELEVATED CENTRAL OPEN-AIR CORRIDOR TO UNIT FRONT DOORS

















LIVE-WORK STREET FRONT ON NE 65TH STREET

Break in massing above recessed entry lobby on NE 65th Street improves view to exceptional trees that lie behind the NC property to the north

The building is setback from the south property line to provide benches and landscape that enhance the pedestrian experience

between live-works and retail corners improves pedestrian connection at street front

Storefront and

enhanced by

eliminating barriers

pedestrian experience

and adding individual

Increased transparency

and consistent glazing rhythm and scale

awnings to live-works





**DEPARTURE** 

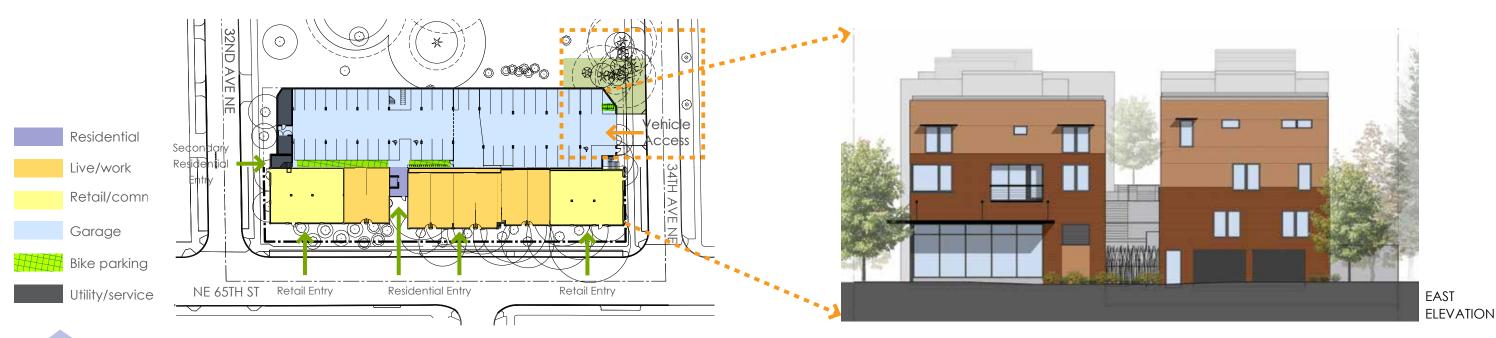
**CODE REQUIREMENT** PROPOSED DESIGN **JUSTIFICATION** 

Residential use at street 23.47A.005 frontage.

A maximum of 20% of street facing facades shall be for residential use.

Departure: The current east façade along 34th Ave NE consists of 42' (47%) of commercial frontage, 11.5' (13%) of residential entry space, and 36' (40%) of garage entry/exit, which serves both commercial and residential uses. 15% of the garage spaces are for commercial use. Pro-rating the garage frontage per use equals 6% commercial, 34% residential. Total use percentages are 47% residential, 53% commercial. Proposing vertical landscaping at NE corner to complement existing trees to remain and mirror mature landscaping of residential use across the street.

The east elevation is a secondary façade on a less traveled street, and as such is the appropriate location for the garage entry/exit (A-2: Streetscape compatibility and A-8: Parking and vehicle access). The garage is available for both commercial and residential uses. Adjacent development across 34th is residential in nature, with both LR-2 and NC1 zoning. The LR-2 zoning is located across from the northern portion of the site, and so a more residential use facing that zoning is appropriate (A-5: Respect for Adjacent Sites). Given the proportions of the site (long and narrow, facing 65th), and the limited residential use along the 65th facade (6%), the total commercial ground floor uses when taking all three elevations into account is greater than 80%. Enhanced landscaping more appropriate than additional commecial use in context w/ neighboring sites (E-1: Landscaping to Reinforce Design Continuity with Adjacent Sites).



NC1-30 LR2

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32nd AVENUE NE commercial building on the corner of 32nd ave and ne 65th st.



34TH AVENUE NE adjacent residence and landscaping



SOUTH ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION

