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PROJECT INFORMATION

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700 NE 45th St, Seattle WA

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LANDSCAPE

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3.0 PROPOSAL

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is an eight-story apartment building of approximately 75,000 square feet with twenty-nine units. The ground floor contains a residential lobby along with building amenities and mechanical / service spaces.

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- Provide a high-quality living environment for residents at a location within walking distance to the University of Washington, shopping, and multiple public transit options
- Provide a building distinct in form and expression that serves as a landmark at the western gateway to the University District
- Provide an active, safe, and inviting pedestrian-oriented streetfront at the intersection of NE 45th St and 7th Ave N, that includes:
 - A building undercut at the ground level to expand the pedestrian space
 - Generously landscaped plaza incorporating an existing Heritage cork oak tree
 - Maximum transparency and active uses on the ground floor that provide "eyes on the street"
 - · Landscaping and new trees along the street edges that provide a buffer between the sidewalk and the busy streets

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KEY

University District Urban Center Village

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

- 1. Project Site (Zoning Massing)
- 2. Apodment Suites at Strada
- 3. University West Apartment Building
- 4. 47+7 Apartments
- 5. Duncan Place
- 6. Lightbox
- 7. Plaza 45 Apartment Building
- 8. Blue Moon Tavern
- 9. Fedex Office
- 10. The University Plaza Condominium
- 11. University Business Center
- 12. 45th Street Plaza
- 13. Olive Seattle Apartment Building
- 14. Graduate Seattle Hotel
- 15. University District Light Rail Station 두
- 16. UW Tower
- 17. WSECU Plaza Office Building
- 18. University District Office Building
- 19. The Kennedy Building
- 20. Petco
- 21. Westwood Apartments

4.0 SUMMARY CONTEXT ANALYSIS

The proposed project aims to contribute to the continued densification and transformation of the western edge of the University District with a contextually scaled proposal that will enhance the pedestrian experience at the corner.

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- 6. Lightbox
- 7. Plaza 45 Luxury Apartments
- 8. Blue Moon Tavern
- 9. Campus View Apartments
- 10. Westwood Apartments
- 11. The Kennedy Building
- 12. The Standard
- 13. U District Light Rail Station 👕
- 14. University of Washington Tower
- 15. OLiv Seattle
- 16. The M Seattle
- 17. TraVigne on Eleventh Avenue
- 18. 50th & Roosevelt



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4.0 SUMMARY CONTEXT ANALYSIS

- Mixed-use and commercial uses are prevalent along NE 45th St
- Similarly scaled multi-family residential buildings are typical on intersecting side streets

LEGEND

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Under Constructior	1	
Single Family		
Multi Family		
Mixed-Use		
Office		
Retail		
School/Institutional		
Religious		
Parks/Open Space		
Site		

4.0 SUMMARY CONTEXT ANALYSIS

NE 45th St transitioning into a multi-modal street:

- Bicycle friendly lane
- Well-served by bus transit services
- NE 45th St and 7th Ave NE are Class II pedestrian streets



LEGEND

Light Rail Station	E
Minor Arterial	
Bus Routes	—0 —
Bus Numbers	4
Bicycle Dedicated Lanes	
Bicycle Friendly Roads	
Principal Pedestrian Streets	
5 Minute Pedestrian Walkshed (approx.)	

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- Zoned Seattle Mixed, University Community Urban Center with a 95-foot midrise height limit and a 320-foot highrise height limit
- All parcels on NE 45th St to east of the project site share same zoning designation
- Zoning changes to Multifamily, Midrise immediately north of the site

LEGEND	
Seattle Mixed	
Neighborhood Commercial	
Midrise	
Lowrise Multi-Family	
Major Institutions	
Zone Boundaries	
Gateway Corner	
Placemaking Corner	· - ·
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6.0 ZONING DATA

PRELIMINARY SEATTLE ZONING CODE ANALYSIS

Parcel Numbers	881240-0400-09
Lot Area	14,408-sf (±0.33 acres)
Zoning	Seattle Mixed, University Community Urban Center
Overlays	University Community Urban Center, Light Rail Station Overlay
Permitted Uses	All uses are permitted outright, either as principal or accessory uses, except those specifically prohibited by Subsection B
Street Level Uses	The site is located on NE 45th Street, East of 7th Avenue NE. This site does not have a street-facing façade abutting streets required to have street-level uses per 23.48.605 Map A.
Street Level Standards	 Street level frontage to comply with transparency and blank façade provisions except for portions of structure in residential use: Minimum 60% of street-facing façade 2-ft to 8-ft above sidewalk to be transparent for non-residential uses. Blank façades limited to 20-ft lengths and not to exceed 40% of façade width.
	 Provide continuous overhead weather protection along at least 60% of NE 45th St and 7th Ave NE The covered area shall extend a minimum of 6-ft from the structure, unless otherwise provided in this subsection 23.48.640.F, and unless there is a conflict with existing or proposed street trees or utility poles, in which case the Director may adjust the width to accommodate such features as provided for in subsection 23.48.640.F.6. NE 45th St and 7th Ave NE are Class II pedestrian streets per MAP A for 23.48.640.
Otwart II a subt	
Structure Height	 Maximum structure height as zoned: 95-ft for midrise Rooftop features: Open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, greenhouses, parapets and firewalls permitted to exceed maximum height limit up to 4-ft. Solar collectors and mechanical equipment may extend 15-ft, and stair and elevator penthouses may extend 16-ft above maximum height limit.
Floor Area Ratio	 Maximum allowable FAR for 95-ft height limit: Base FAR: 4.75 Potential Additional FAR 0.5 Floor area exemptions: All stories or portions of stories below grade are not counted. Portions of story 4-ft or less above grade (lower existing or finished grade) are not counted.
Setbacks	 8 ft minimum setback is required along NE 45th St 2 ft alley dedication An upper level setback of 15-ft above 65-ft above grade along rear or side lot lines abutting an LR-zoned lots. 7ft setback for street level residential units along 7th Ave NE
Landscaping and Screening	Green Factor of ≥0.30 required. Street trees required with any development proposal. Existing street trees to be retained in consultation with SDOT Forestry. Standards for landscaping and screening where required for certain uses to consist of fences, walls, or landscaped areas including bio-retention facilities.
Light and Glare	Exterior lighting to be shielded and directed away from adjacent uses.
Amenity	Residential amenity area equal to 5% of residential gross floor area excluding areas used for mechanical equipment and parking.
	 Amenity area requirements: All residents have access to at least an amenity or private area. Common residential amenity areas shall have a dimension of at least 10-ft and a minimum area of 250-sf.
Parking	No parking required for residential uses in commercial zones located in Urban Center within Frequent Transit Service Area.
	 Bicycle parking required for multi-family structures as follows: Long-term: 1 space per DU Short-term: 1 space per 20 DUs
List of Potential Departures 23.41.012	 Weather protection along NE 45th St and 7th Ave NE Preservation of Tier 1 tree along NE 45th St, and subsequent additional 0.5 FAR Upper level setback along north property line

SM-U 95-320 (M1) Will comply Will comply Will comply Will comply Will comply Potential departure request (See below) Will comply Will comply Site Area: 14,408-sf Base FAR (4.75) Area: 70,920-sf Potential Additional FAR (0.5) Area 7,204-sf Total allowable FAR Area: 78,124-sf Will comply Will comply Potential departure request (See below) Will comply 0 parking spaces provided. Will comply Will comply Granting of departure not excluded by 23.41.012.B Granting of departure allowed per 23.41.012.B Sec 10.b Granting of departure not excluded by 23.41.012.B



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7.0 COMPOSITE SITE PLAN

- Entry located centrally on site off of NE 45th St
- The building mass is set away from the south property line along NE 45th street to provide exterior space for landscape and plaza
- The massing is organized in shallow H-shaped plan with two courtyards; one locating the entry to the building and one at the north property line providing relief to the north neighbor
- The west building wing fronting NE 45th Street is set back to preserve the Heritage cork oak tree on site

8.0 NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

EDG RESPONSE & INCORPORATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN GUIDLINES

These series of diagrams incorporate the feedback the project received at EDG and highlight the projects incorporation of the University District Neighborhood Guidelines



CORNER RELIEF AND TREE PRESERVATION

The southwest corner of the massing is recessed to preserve the existing Heritage cork oak tree on site and provide relief to the corner of 7th Ave NE and NE 45th St. Aligning with Neighborhood Design Guidelines CS2.2.c, CS1.1.c, the recessed massing at the corner provides space for a plaza that activates the building edge. Aligning with Neighborhood Design Guidelines PL3.1 the recessed mass allows the front entry to be more identifiable by pedestrians from the sidewalk.



UNDERCUT MASSING

The ground floor is recessed from the larger massing to differentiate amenity space from residential floors above, address the scale of the streetscape, and provide better proportions to the building. This under cut and glazing wraps into the alley treating the alley as a potential pedestrian route aligning with Neighborhood Design Guidelines PL1.1.d and PL1.2.c.

A GATEWAY PROJECT

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This building belongs both to the university district and greater Seattle. Its location on a prominent street with the freeway to the west means it will be highly visible from various vantage points. The building as viewed from the west on NE 45th St presents a strong, articulated form that anchors this prominent gateway site. The west leg of the building is held back responding to both the curved corner site and the heritage tree. The resultant layered massing suggests a transition or gateway aligingin with Neighborhood Design Guidlines CS2.3. The heritage tree is prominent and appears integrated into the overall concept. The long edge of the building faces west taking advantage of the openness and views and provides a strong linear shape facing the freeway. The ends of the legs along the south edge hint at the finer grain of the development further east along NE 45 St.



View West - Relationship of Proposed Building and North Neighbor



View North - Relationship of Proposed Building Alley



North Elevation - Window Mapping



East Elevation - Window Mapping

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1. CONTEXT; GATEWAY SITES; AND MASSING

c) The Board requested more specific information be provided in the Recommendation packet, describing how the Concept 3 design relates to the adjacent sites to the north and east, including window locations and programing at the ground level. (CS2-D-5)

Response:

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A courtyard is introduced at the north elevation to provides relief to the neighboring building and minimize shading. The courtyard also orients apartment units away from the neighboring building, providing a greater degree of privacy. No windows from the proposed building face the north.

On the east façade, a mixture of clerestory and full height windows are used to minimize concerns for privacy of eastern neighbors. The roof top terrace is located towards the south to provide greatest separation between the terrace and neighboring residential units.

1. CONTEXT; GATEWAY SITES; AND MASSING

d) The Board supported Concept 3's shift in massing to the north that allows for the preservation of the Heritage Tree, but they noted that additional information in the Recommendation packet would be useful to understand the design impact of the reduced upper-level setback on natural light to the adjacent building to the north. (CS1-1-a, CS1-B-2)

Response:

The additional mass within the 15ft setback above 65ft has limited impact in the shading of the north neighbor as shown in the comparative shade diagrams. A centrally located courtyard along the north façade helps minimize the shading impacts to the adjacent building.

The proposed midrise 8-story project is significantly smaller in scale then the allowable maximum building height for the site. The new proposed project would have far less impact to neighbors natural light with a proposed total height less than half that of the maximum highrise building height .

The project would also lose 16 bedrooms without the departure.

ALOWABLE BUILDING VOLUME ON SITE

DECEMBER 21

SOLAR NOON

PROPOSED MASSING WITH DEPARTURE









MARCH 21

SOLAR NOON

Additional shadow created by structure

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JUNE 21 SOLAR NOON





Design Intent - Wrapper Condition



Revised South Elevation



Revised Perspective from NE 45th St Looking Northwest



Revised Perspective from 7th Ave. NE Looking northeast



a) The Board requested additional study of the blank façade at the south elevations shown on page 48 of the EDG packet, noting that this is a prominent façade that will be visible from many vantage points. The Board suggested evaluating additional windows, glazing, different materials, secondary massing moves, and artwork, to showcase this as a gateway to the U-District, while also keeping the interior programming in mind. (DC2-2-g, DC2-2-I, DC2-B-1, DC2-B-2)

Response:

The design team took the recommendation of the board at EDG and studied multiple iterations of the south façade. The current proposal introduces a wrapper shielding residents from the neighbor to the north and busy street / intersection to the south, while introducing selective slot and clerestory windows to the south facade facing busy NE 45th St. This fenestration patterning echoes that of the east and west facades, while maintaining privacy for the unit bedrooms facing NE 45th St.

The team also differentiated the material at the core from that of the adjacent east and west legs of the building. The change in material further breaks up the overall building mass, reducing the perceived bulk and scale of the building.

2. FAÇADE CONCEPT:

b) The Board also added that additional information should be provided for the north and east facades, including materials, cladding and window details and other secondary architectural features that will add depth and texture and visual interest to the facade and help mitigate scale. (DC2-A.2, DC2-C, DC2-D)

Response:

A highly transparent first floor activates the ground plane at a human scale along each street as well as the alley. This glazed first floor also creates a contrast with the floating mass above.

White walls on north and south elevations wrap dynamic east and west façades composed of ribbed metal panels and patterned windows, creating unique visual interest



View Looking Northwest

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View From Ground Level Unit Terrace Looking North



View at Sidewalk Adjacent to Unit Terrace Looking South



8BD 200'-0" UNIT 7th Ave 196'-6" Section B

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Section C

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8.0 ITEMIZED RESPONSE TO EDG





a) The Board expressed concern regarding the integration of the building with the street level, particularly the sidewalk's relationship to the lower-level residential spaces. The Board requested information in the Recommendation packet that clearly demonstrates the building's relationship with 7th Avenue, adjacent buildings, and the route for cyclists. (PL3-2, CS2-B, CS2-2)

c. The Board requested cross-section drawings at 7th Ave NE, to help visualize the transition from the public sidewalk area to the residential units. (PL3-2-c)

Response:

The largest differential between the sidewalk grade and terrace at the northern corner of the site is 4'-11". Plantings on both the street and terrace side of the retaining wall help to mitigate the change in elevation as well as provide privacy to lower level units.



3. SITE CIRCULATION AND GROUND PLANE:

b) The Board requested complete details on the bike route between the street and the building, including whether bikes will use the main entry. (PL4-1-c, PL4-B-1)

Response:

Long term bike storage is provided on the first floor adjacent to the lobby space. Bicycles will enter the site off of NE 45th st and will use the main entry to the building to access the bike storage.

BICYCLE ENTRY ROUTE



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Landscape Site Plan at Street Level



Rendering of building entrance at the corner of 7th Ave NE and NE 45th St looking east

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3. SITE CIRCULATION AND GROUND PLANE:

d) The Board encouraged extensive plantings to create a full-feeling landscape at the southwest corner, as opposed to below-grade or "sunken down" plantings, in order to increase visibility from the sidewalk or street. (DC4-D-4)

e) Overall, the Board emphasized the importance of landscaping and site design that contribute positively to the area's visual appeal and functional usability. (PL1, DC3, CS2-B, CS2-2)

Response:

Planting areas at the southwest corner have been extended and expanded in area since the EDG meeting, with colorful grey/green fragrant flowers and foliage wrapping both sides of the corner, leading into the extensive plantings and paving wrapping the Cork Oak.

The extensive entry terrace provides a variety of spaces for connections at the corner. Along 7th Avenue a pedestrian easement now permits a standard landscape strip at the curb, as well as a landscape strip at the base of the fence line. The layering permits softening of this public edge, with a mix of plantings at the fence.

Similarly, the planter along the south property line and the bioplanter along the active alley provides a layer of landscape that softens this well used public frontage.

TREE PROTECTION

9.0 FLOOR PLANS



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9.0 FLOOR PLANS

10.0 COMPOSITE LANDSCAPE / HARDSCAPE PLAN / TREE PROTECTION

LANDSCAPE PLAN - STREET LEVEL





Cork Oak inspires



stone slab

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grays and greens



Tofino - better bike rack

10.0 COMPOSITE LANDSCAPE / HARDSCAPE PLAN / TREE PROTECTION

PODIUM AND ROOF LEVEL



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cozy corner and killer view



gathering spot and killer view

10.0 COMPOSITE LANDSCAPE / HARDSCAPE PLAN / TREE PROTECTION

PLANT SCHEDULE

Street Level



SMALL TREE

SYMBOL

SHRUBS

SHRUB AREAS

LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA X FAURIEI 'TUSCARORA' TUSCARORA CE BOTANICAL NAME COMMON NAM

STRAWBERRY TR

ARBUTUS UNEDO

GREEN ROOF WITH PERENNIALS PLANT IN GROUPS OF 3-5; PLANT STRAWBERRY THROUGHOUT ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM 'SUMMER PASTELS'



Street Level



Olea europaea Olive

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Lavandula angustifolia English Lavender



Rosa 'Noaschnee' 'White Flower Carpet' Rose



Ornamental Onion



Carpinus caroliniana Carolina Hornbeam



Lavandula stoechas 'Otto Quast' Spanish Lavender



Salvia rosemarinus 'Arp' Arp Rosemary



Brachyglottis greyii Daisy Bush



Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn' Dawn Viburnum



Mahonia x media 'WInter Sun' 'Winter Sun' Mahonia



Perovskia atriplicifolia Russian Sage



Cistus hybridus Rockrose

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On structure



Acer japonicum Full Moon Maple



Lagerstroemia 'Tuscarora' Tuscarora Crape Myrtle



Arbutus unedo Strawberry Tree



Sedum green roof with colorful perennials



			EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED: REFER BELOW FOR IDENTIFICATION & SIZE.			
TREE #	SPECIES	COMMON NAME	DSH	EXCEPTIONAL	STATUS	
On Site						
l	Quercus suber	Cork Oak	28	Tier 1	Retain	
4	Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	11.7	Tier 4	Remove	
5	Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	7.1	Tier 4	Remove	
Right of W	ay - Conceptually Approve	ed by SDOT Urban Forestry #	SDOTTREE	0006290		
2	Acer x freemanii	Freeman Maple	10	Tier 4	Retain	
3	Acer rubrum	Red Maple	16	Tier 3	Retain	

Arborist Report: 700 NE 45th St. Seattle WA 98105 on July 13, 2020 by Tree Solutions and updated Memo on October 26, 2023 by Scott Shelby Consulting LLC

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11.0 ELEVATIONS



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NORTH ELEVATION



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SOUTHWEST WALL ELEVATION



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NORTHEAST COURTYARD ELEVATION



NORTHWEST COURTYARD ELEVATION

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11.0 ELEVATIONS

12.0 MATERIAL AND COLOR PALETTE







NORTH ELEVATION



STOREFRONT, FRAME FINISH BLACK

VINYL WINDOWS AND DOORS WOOD PRIVACY PANELS BLACK



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CONCRETE

METAL CANOPY, BLACK





EAST ELEVATION

WEST ELEVATION



STOREFRONT, FRAME FINISH BLACK

BLACK

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12.0 MATERIAL AND COLOR PALETTE

METAL CANOPY, BLACK

13.0 RENDERINGS



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13.0 RENDERINGS

14.0 EXTERIOR LIGHTING PLAN

LIGHTING CONCEPT PLAN - L1



LIGHTING CONCEPT PLAN - L2 COURTYARD

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LIGHTING CONCEPT PLAN - ROOF













MAIN ENTRY PRECEDENT - 520 PIKE Architect: Olson Kundig Architects

Photo: Architectural Elements



MAIN ENTRY PRECEDENT - 2200 WESTERN Architect + Photo: Weinstein A+U

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15.0 SIGNAGE CONCEPT PLAN



RETAIL PRECEDENT - 900 65TH Architect + Photo: Weinstein A+U



RETAIL PRECEDENT - 900 65TH Architect + Photo: Weinstein A+U

16.0 BUILDING SECTIONS





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16.0 BUILDING SECTIONS



17.0 DEPARTURES

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD DEPARTURE REQUEST #1

Design Standard	Departure Request	Rationale for Requested Departure
23.48.645.B.3 Setback Requirements For a lot in the SM-U 95-320 zone that abuts a lot in a MR zone, portions of any structure above 65 feet in height are required to set back a minimum of 15 feet from the abutting lot line.		The preferred scheme is an "H" shape with open provides relief along the north elevation and allo courtyard rather than the adjacent building to the proposal is a highrise, the one-story difference betw the open courtyard renders the setback requirement better serves to meet Guidelines CS2 –3 a.1 and D University Guidelines CS2.3.a.1 Express a sense massing, unique design concepts and the highest a University Guidelines DC2.1.a Design building mat to the context, streetscape and all guidelines, not r



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en courtyards facing north and south. The northern courtyard llows an efficient floorplate configuration with units facing the ne north. While the setback provides necessary relief when the etween the existing building and the proposed project along with ment virtually meaningless in this context. The regular massing DC2-1a.

se of arrival to the district area with distinctive forms, prominent st attention to design quality.

massing and form to express an intentional and original response ot merely a reflection of the code-allowable building envelope

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD DEPARTURE REQUEST #3

Design Standard	Departure Request	Rationale for Requested Departure
23.48.640.F	Allow project to not provide overhead weather protection over the sidewalk.	The preferred concept looks to preserve a large Her space for the existing Heritage Cork Oak Tree along w weather protection over the sidewalk. After subtractin Prioritizing the landscape better serves the pedestriar
not residential units is required to have overhead weather	NE 45th St Weather Protection Calculations: 29'-2"+26'-0"+29'-2" = 84'-4" street frontage along 45th	
protection of at least 6 feet in depth from either canopies, marquees, or arcades.	60 percent of 84'-5" = 50'-8" of required weather protection along 45th	University Guidelines CS2.3.a.2 Create pedest landscaping features, public plazas, active uses, and a
Overhead weather protection 6 feet deep shall be located between 8 and 13 feet above grade.	7th Ave NE Weather Protection Calculations:	
0	21'-6" of street frontage not occupied by residential dwelling units 60 percent of 21'-6" = 12'-11" linear ft of required weather protection along NE 7th Ave	
be located between 10 and 15 feet above the sidewalk.		



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17.0 DEPARTURES

Heritage cork oak tree and street trees along NE 45th St. Allowing g with a generous, landscaped plaza is not compatible with overhead cting exempt areas any amount provided would offer little protection. rian and better meets Guideline CS2 –3. a.2 at this gateway site.

estrian accommodating entries with wider sidewalks, significant ad art.

The extent of sidewalk area able to provide weather protection without disturbing root systems of the street trees and the exception Cork Oak Tree.

The extent of sidewalk area unable to provide weather protection with the preservation of street trees and the exception Cork Oak Tree.

17.0 DEPARTURES

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD DEPARTURE REQUEST #2

Design Standard	Departure Request	Rationale for Requested Departure
23.41.012.B.10.b.1	meet Guidelines CS2 –3 a.1 and 2	
Departures of up to an additional 0.5 FAR may be granted		cork oak tree on site.
if the applicant demonstrates that:		University Guidelines CS2.3.a.1 Express a sense massing, unique design concepts and the highest a
1)The departure is needed to protect a tree that is		
located on the lot that is either an exceptional tree, as defined in Section 25.11.020, or a tree greater than 2 feet		University Guidelines CS2.3.a.2 Create pedestr
in diameter measured 4.5 feet above the ground; and		landscaping features, public plazas, active uses, a
2)Avoiding development in the tree protection area will reduce the total development capacity of the site;		



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recoup lost square footage from the preservation of the Heritage

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estrian accommodating entries with wider sidewalks, significant , and art.





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