

6550-6556 Ravenna Avenue NE


SITE AREA: 16,867 sf
ZONING: Lowrise 3 (LR3)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposal for 16 new townhomes 3 stories above grade with rooftop amenity area. 16 on-site parking spaces are proposed in a subgrade garage.

## SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

## Height limit Required:

 (with ground floor dwelling units $18^{\prime \prime}+$ above sidewalk grade) 30' - units within 50' of SF zone w/o street dividing

| Density Limit | Required: | No limit* |
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| Parking $\quad$ Required: | 1 space per 1 <br> dwelling units |  |
| Bike: 1 per 4 units |  |  |

FAR

Setbacks Required: $\quad$| Front/Rear: 5' min, 7' avg |
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| Side: 5' if building is $40^{\prime}$ or less |
| in length, or 7' Average |
| 5' min. | 5 5'min.

| Trash | Required: | 225 sf w/ 12' min dimension (SMC Table A 23.54 .040 ) |
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Amenity Area Required:
$25 \%$ of lot area $0.25 \times 16,867 \mathrm{sf}=4,217 \mathrm{sf}$

Landscaping Required: Green Factor of 0.6 or greater

Proposed:
$30^{\prime} \& 34^{\prime}$

Proposed: 1 unit / 1,054 sf
Proposed: 1 space per 1 dwelling units (16) Bike: 1 per 4 units (4 min.)

Proposed: $21,919 \mathrm{sf}$

Proposed: Front/Rear: 5' min Side: $5^{\prime}$ min, $7^{\prime}$ avg

Proposed: 225sf min within building

Proposed: $4,217 \mathrm{~min}$.

Proposed: Green Factor of 0.6 or greater


In addition to a thriving immediate context, the larger local context offers many bike paths, parks, and local amenities. To the right is a graphic adopted from the Seattle DOT 2016 Bike map.

(1) Ravenna-Eckstein Park / Community Center (100 ft from project site)


Ravenna Park ( $1 / 3$ mile from project site)


Green Lake Park (1.1 miles from project site)



## IMMEDIATE SITE CONTEXT:

The project site is just one block north of commercial developments along the minor arterial NE 65th St, and three blocks west of the principa arterial 25 th Ave NE. The area consists of a mix of multi-family residential and commercial to the west and south, and single-family zones to the north and east.

Not only is the area very walkable, there are several bus routes that pass close to the site, Ravenna Eckstein and KP Gnome Parks to the west and the future light rail station planned at Roosevelt is just $3 / 4$ mile away.

(11) Looking into the stit fom Ravemna Ave NE

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## PROJECT ADDRESS：

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PARCEL NUMBERS：
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## OWNER：

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## LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS：

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## SURVEY KEY：

－－－－－－PROPERTY LINE
$=-=-=-=-=-$ EXISTING BUILDING TO BE REMOVED
＿－．．．．．．WATER MAIN／SERVICE
—．．．．．．．GAS MAIN／SERVICE
＿．．．．．．．SEWER MAIN／SERVICE
－STORM SEWER MAN HOLE／LATERAL LINE
－ーーーーー POWER POLE／OVERHEAD POWER LINES



Existing neighboring 2-story house


Existing curb cut / driveway at project site


Existing 1-story neighboring apartment buildings

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## Seattle Design Guidelines

## CONTEXT \& SITE

CS1 B 1 : Sun and Wind
Take advantage of solar exposure and natural ventilation available onsite where possible.
Response: The large courtyard, with its primary orientation from north to south, allows ample and varying types of day lighting into the units and the courtyard. It also provides better opportunity to capture prevailing winds, ventilating the courtyard and every unit which abuts it.

## > CS2 D 1: Existing Development and Zoning

Respond to the height, bulk and scale of neighboring buildings and the scale of anticipated development for the area. Response: The building is consistent in scale with existing multifamily buildings in the area as well as likely future development: masses articulated with with human-scale elements and traditional materials.
> CS3 A 3: Established Neighborhoods
Build on the the neighborhood's traditional architectural character and compliment the architectural style of nearby buildings.

Response: The form of the building, articulated individual unit entries, and use of brick as the dominant street-facing facade material along with horizontal wood siding and cemetitious panel accent materials respond well to the existing neighborhood character and historical context.

## PUBLIC LIFE

> PLI A 2: Conncectivity: Adding to Public Life
Seek opportunities to foster human interaction through an increase in the size and/or quality of project-related open space available for public life.

Response: The large courtard provides resident access to individual green space. Additionally, this space will offer seating and places to socialize, and by opening up to both Ravenna Ave and 68th, greater opportunities for interaction with the larger community.
> PL2 A 1: Walkability: Accessibility
Provide access for people of all abilities in a manner that is fully integrated into the project design. Response: The Ravenna neighborhood is home to residents of all ages and abilities. Although not required, our proposed scheme accommodates ADA accessible features within the courtyard. Additionally, $25 \%$ of the units have a ground floor dwelling unit that is designed to meet the ADA guidelines.

## > PL3 B 2: Residential Edges: Ground Level Residential

Consider privacy and security for residences on the ground floor by raising the floor level, setting the building back from the street, and providing transition elements and spaces.

Response: Street-facing units are raised betwee 1'-6" and 4'-0" above the sidewalk, and the courtyard is raised 2' above at its entry point. In the preferred scheme, there is an increased setback from the street, which includes planters and front stoops. This creates a clear threshold between private and public.

## >PL4 A 1: Active Transportation: Planning ahead for bicyclists

Facilitate connections to bicycle trails and infrastructurea around and beyond the project.
Response: There is a neighborhood greenway along 68th St north of the project site, as well as access to bike-friedly roadways within one mile. There is bike access to the courtyard as well as bike parking in the sub grade garage.


## DESIGN CONCEPT

## > DC1 B 1: Vehicular Access and Circulation

Choose locations for vehicular access, service uses, and delivery areas that minimize conflict between vehicles and non-motorists wherever possible.

Response: In the preferred scheme, the sub-grade parking access is located in SDOT's ideal location. This location pulls vehicular traffic to the south lot line and separates it from pedestrian traffic around the intersection and at the courtyard. Not only will this solution take resident's cars below grade, but the change the site's use takes parked cars off of the treet. This will resuly in a decrease in cars parked on the street near the site.
> DC2 B 1: Facade Composition
Ensure facades are attractive and well-proportioned through placement of details and patterns. Response: A regulated and controlled window pattern in a brick facade is proposed in the preferred scheme. This creates a rhythm not unlike the surrounding homes and the larger buildings to the west.

## > DC2 A 2: Reducing Perceived Mass

Use secondary architectural elements to reduce the perceived mass of larger projects.
Response: The preferred scheme shows variation in the building facade with extruded portions of the mass that relate to scale of neighboring structures. This is also achieved by differentiating materials on each facade, with special attention to facades that face single family neighbors.
> DC2 D: Scale and Texture

esign character of the building in form, scale and materials with human scale at street level.
Response: Individual-and orticulated•unit entries•enhance•the•pedestrian experience along•Ravenna - .
Ave. Brick, with its small regular modules, provides texture and order to the main rectangular form. In the preferred scheme, the brick is applied to two of three stories along Ravenna Ave, which emphasizes a more pedestrian friendly two-story volume rather than three.

## > DC3 B 1: Open Space Uses and Activities: Meeting User Needs

Plan the size, uses, activities, and features of each open space to meet the needs of expected users, ensuring each space has a purpose and function

Response: The courtyard has been programmed to provide private areas for each resident, circulation to and through the courtard, and spaces for resting and gathering.

## > DC4 D 2: Trees, Landscape and Hardscape Materials: Hardscape Materials

Hardscape Materials: Use exterior courtyards, plazas, and other hard surfaced areas as an opportunity to add color, texture, and/or pattern and enliven public areas

Response: The primary pedestrian entry features a detailed, broad entry ramp flanked by plantings that provides a generous and welcoming entry. The on-structure pavements feature precast pavers, with distinct pavement treatments at congregating courtyards, concrete slab benches with wood bench and cast in place planters to anchor these spots.

## scheme A

21 units (apartments)
18 parking spaces (100\% FAR (21,927 sf)

NE 68TH ST



## scheme B

16 units (townhomes)
16 parking spaces 98.3\% FAR (21 562 s)


16 units (townhomes)
16 below grade parking spaces
(99.9\% FAR (21,919 sf)

NE 68TH ST




## overview

- 3 story apartment + basement
- 21 units
- 21 parking spaces
- FAR shown $=21,927$ sf ( $100 \%$ FAR Utilization of max 21,927 sf allowed) B: $\quad 0$ sf FAR (below grade) $6,792 \mathrm{sf}$ $7,140 \mathrm{sf}$
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7 3: $\quad 7,140 \mathrm{sf}$ Roof: 855 sf


## opportunities

- building mass pulled away from setbacks allows greater separation from single-family neighbors (Design Guideline CS2.D.3)


## challenges

- simple, box-like form will require additional articulation by many additive architectural elements to break down scale (Design Guideline DC2.A.2)
- building pulled away from street edge will need a high level of attention to appropriately engage with street and neighborhood (Design Guideline CS2.B.2)
- director's review required for increased driveway slope (slope is $\sim 18 \%$, code allows $15 \%$ per SMC 23.54.030.D.3)


Conceptual section looking south

NE 68TH ST


BASEMENT (SUBGRADE)



Looking south from intersection of Ravenna Ave NE and NE 68th St


East elevation (looking West from single family neighbors)
oning envelope, not accounting for allowed height bonuses

## overview

- 3-story townhomes
- 16 units
- 16 parking spaces
- FAR shown $=21,562$ sf (98.3\% FAR

Utilization of max 21,927 sf allowed)

| 1: | $7,014 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2: | $7,274 \mathrm{sf}$ |
| 3: | $7,274 \mathrm{sf}$ |

3: $\quad 7,274 \mathrm{sf}$
Roof: 0 sf

## opportunities

- separate buildings create opportunity to relate to surrounding structures (Design Guideline DC2.C.3)


## challenges

- vehicular circulation is inefficient and costly, increasing curb cuts, and reducing budget for landscaping and exterior materials (Design Guidelines DC1.C.1-2 and DC2.C.1)
- departures required for driveway width and groundlevel amenity area (per SMC 23.45.522)
- units oriented north-south do not engage the street along Ravenna Ave and neighbor to the west (Design Guideline CS2.B.2)


BASEMENT (SUBGRADE)



Blocks

ADJ. ZONING


Looking south from intersection of Ravenna Ave NE and NE 68th St


East elevation (looking West from single family neighbors)
*Zoning envelope, not accounting for allowed height bonuses


B Looking north up Ravenna Ave NE


West elevation (looking East from Ravenna Ave NE)

## overview

- 3 stories + basement
- 16 units
- 16 parking spaces
- FAR shown $=21,919$ sf (99.9\% FAR Utilization of max 21,927 sf allowed) B: $\quad 0$ sf FAR (below grade) 7.163 sf
7.439 sf $7,439 \mathrm{sf}$ 7,038 sf Roof: 279 sf


## opportunities

- no departures required
- street-facing stoops articulate individual entries (Design Guideline CS3.A.3
- building and courtyard engage street and respond to surrounding context (Design Guideline CS2.B.2)
- building masses relate to footprint of current school opportunity to incorporate history (Design Guideline CS3.A. 1 and CS3.B)
- (see pages 9-10 for full list)
challenges
- articulation of resident courtyard at sidewalk will require attention to delineate public/private zones (Design Guideline PL3.B.2


BASEMENT (SUBGRADE)


Conceptual Section Looking South
NE 68TH ST


SCHEME


B Looking north up Ravenna Ave NE


East elevation (looking west from single family neighbors)


West elevation (looking east from Ravenna Ave NE)
*Zoning envelope, not accounting for allowed height bonuses
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LOW RISE BREAKING DOWN SCALE
 SINGLE BREAKING

## design concepts

## tying into existing context

- Siting the courtyard entry at the original location of building break creates a continuity with the existing massing of the neighborhood.
- Responding to existing materials, scale, texture, form, and color by using a red brick facade with punched openings and raised entry stoops.
- Reflecting the pattern of adjacent buildings with a prominant cornice line through the use of parapet railings, datums, and metal coping.


## creating community through courtyard

- The raised landscaped courtyard provides a sheltered space for informal seating and gathering of residents.
- Sheltered courtyard creates an entry off a common open space to encourage interaction between neighbors.
- Enhanced accessiblity is incorporated into our design by allowing ADA access into the courtyard and providing more accessible features on ground floor units.


## respecting single family neighbors

- upper floors have a change in plane and material to reinforce the residential scale of the neighborhood with streetfronting two story volumes.
- Height of the buildings step down off Ravenna Ave toward single family neighbors to the east.


Proposed Building Outline
The break between proposed townhome buildings responds to the spacing of the existing buildings. The courtyard entry will celebrate this tie to the site's history, and incorporate design elements that are reminiscent of the former buildings and the neighborhood.

## Tree Protection

Per SEPA 25.11.050.B, the neighboring trees along the west property do not disturb the inner root zone and is disturbing less than $33 \%$ of the total area of the outer root zone. The following chart and diagram to the right describes our compliance with the recommended guidelines.

| TREE PROTECTION SCHEDULE |  |  |  |  |
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| TREE | OUTER ROOT ZONE RADIUS | OUTER ROOT ZONESF | ENCROACHMENT INTO O.R.Z. | PERCENTAGE |
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| C | ${ }_{22^{22} \cdot 00^{\prime \prime}}$ | 1140.4 SQ. FT. |  | 14.24\%\% |
| E | 18\%-0" | ${ }^{7} 763.4$ sQ. FT . | 822.0 sQ. FT. |  |
| ${ }_{\text {G }}$ | 111-0" | 285.1 SQ. FT. | - $0.3 \mathrm{SQ} . \mathrm{FT}$. | 0.09\% |
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| TOTAL |  | 6715.154297 SQ. | 952.326255 SQ. FT. | 14.18\% |


approaches to single family zone transition:
(1) MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE BUFFER AND ADDITION OF NEW BUFFER
(2) MAINTENANCE OF EXIITING fence
(3) BREAKING DOWN OF ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS TO RESPOND TO SINGLE FAMILY SCALE
(4) RAISED WINDOW SILL HEIGHTS AT ELEVATION FACING SINGLE FAMILY ZONE FOR INCREASED PRIVACY
Section through single family zone transition at east property line


Second floor plan showing uses facing single family zone transition (detail at north east corner of site)


B East elevation looking west from single-family neighbors at north east corner of site

Perspective looking south east from intersection of NE 68th St and Ravenna Ave NE


A Perspective looking south through courtyard


B Courtyard resident entry


Character Studies



A West elevation (looking east from Ravenna Ave NE)
brick relief


C East elevation (looking west from multi-family neighbors)


North elevation (looking south from single family neighbors)

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Material Studies



street tree strip and shrub edge

private entry

neighborhood greenway

community courtyard


