Roosevelt Neighborhood Values

Roosevelt High School is a Landmark building, and has a central impact on the visual character of the neighborhood, the views of which, from the high school to the south, and views of the high school from the surrounding streets, are of great importance to the community.

There is strong need to create a safe environment for the students coming and going through this area.

There is a need to increase residential density to accommodate a fair share of new residents, and provide a fair share of affordable housing.

There is strong desire to create a streetscape environment that is activated, vibrant, walkable and pedestrian-friendly, including a pedestrian greenway along NE 66th Street.

There is a need to create effective transitions from the neighborhood core centered at 65th Street and Roosevelt Avenue to the single-family zones to the east, north, and south of the blocks in question.

There is a GAP in Open Space for this neighborhood, as outlined by Seattle Parks and Recreation.

The Roosevelt Neighborhood is designated as an “Urban Village” in accordance with the City of Seattle neighborhood village typologies and with the characteristics that this designation implies.

1. Maintain Roosevelt High School’s central impact on the neighborhood by protecting views from the high school to the south and views of the high school from the streets.

2. Create a streetscape environment that is activated, vibrant, walkable and pedestrian friendly, including a pedestrian greenway along NE 66th Street.

3. Create effective transitions in height, bulk, and use from the core to the single-family zones.

4. Create additional open green space.

5. Respects the designated City of Seattle Landmark Roosevelt High School, as well as the cultural heritage of the nearby bungalow neighborhood areas.

6. Enhance the character of the built environment through appropriate selection of façade materials, design, lighting, and landscape.

7. Enhance the economic environment by providing spaces for appropriate economic activities and supporting those activities through appropriate streetscape enhancements consistent with local neighborhood character.

8. Support the social and communal character of the neighborhood by providing interior and exterior spaces and amenities that support and enhance community interaction and engagement.

9. Incorporate robust practices and measures of sustainable design and building, including those related to energy use and efficiency; water use and efficiency; runoff; and construction processes and materials.

10. Keep a safe, clean environment for everyone, including Roosevelt students.

11. Increase residential density to accommodate a fair share of new residents.

12. Provide a fair share of affordable housing.

13. Honor the planning process and involvement to-date by the neighbors.
Roosevelt Neighborhood Values: The High School Blocks

Potential to provide space for gathering, and/or additional ground level open space.

Opportunity to realign street to create additional sidewalk open space.

Potential "Third Place" active gathering space suitable for High School performances and casual neighborhood events.

Setback at building corner for view of High School and "Afternoon Crowd" gathering.

Architectural feature to respond to High School Entry.

Building massing at corner to respond to view of High School.

Design variety into building facades, vary composition and architectural elements along street edges to visually reduce the length of buildings. (typ. all blocks).

For through-block developments, average setback along 15th Ave NE may be reduced to 5' if the average setback along 14th Ave NE is increased to 15'.

Provide places to wait for bus transit.

Provide periodic “retail eddies” along all of NE 65th St.

For through-block developments, average setback along Brooklyn may be reduced to 5' if average setback along 14th Ave NE is increased to 15'.

Non-Residential or Retail Use Allowed

Residential Use Preferred

Upper-Level Viewpoint for Seattle Skyline or Olympic Mountains

Ground-Level Viewpoint for High School

Link Light Rail Station Entry

Active Public Plaza

Passive Open Space or Public/Private Open Space

Ground-Related Residential Entries Preferred

ATHLETIC FIELD

NE 67th St.

12th Ave. NE

NE 65th St.

NE 66th St.

NE 67th St.

15th Ave. NE

14th Ave. NE

12th Ave. NE

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