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CONTEXT & SITE

- Move away from strip mall feel on the west side of 25th
- Closer to 20' storefronts would be more supportive of small businesses
- Existing exceptional tree on Brooklyn should be considered for reduction to resolve problems for neighbors

GATEWAYS

Move 47th & Roosevelt to 50th

PUBLIC LIFE

- Expand ped-friendly alleys to all of U District
- All open spaces should be warm, human scaled, use natural materials, and include tables for conversation rather than benches
- Use of native plantings
- University Way north of 50th: encourage wide sidewalks condusive to outdoor seating
- Landscaping becomes key to soften and make welcoming
- Encourage garage-door type openings to make permeable edges
- Provide enough space between building entries and bus stops to provide ample pedestrian flow
- High quality materials should be brick, exposed concrete
- Avoid tall fences at sidewalks
- Discourage trash and recycling bins from remaining on sidewalk
- Wider sidewalks throughout the U District
- Plan for opportunities to foster pedestrian-priority shared streets on the short end of a block between the alley and the street
- Open space should promote conversation, paly, community building; not just strangers alone together

DESIGN CONCEPT

- Create an interesting U District skyline
- Encourage bay windows
- Emphasize materials that will hold up in wet rainy weather