

Values statement – new affordable housing at NE 74th and Glisan

Generated through community engagement with:

- A stakeholder group of 18 people including neighbors and members of communities affected by oppression and housing disparities including Black, Indigenous and other people of color and people who have been houseless and/or have lived in low-income housing.
- A survey, with 839 respondents, circulated to neighbors and people with similar experiences to those who will live in this new building.

OUTDOOR SPACE

A sense of interdependent community. Beautiful green spaces with water, sunlight, plants and a feeling of wildness. Gathering spaces and gardens for connection, learning and growing food together. A balance of quiet, protected areas and active play spaces for people of all ages. Sustainable, safe from hazards and accidents, ADA accessible, easily maintained and beneficial to all. With basic necessities like bike/cart parking, pleasant areas for smoking where smoke and noise don't disturb others, effective ways for visitors and residents to communicate, etc.

GROUND FLOOR USES

Promote a safe, active, lively neighborhood, welcoming to people with disabilities, and avoid noise, disturbance or bad air quality for building residents. Uses affordable to and supportive of building residents and other low-income neighbors, additionally serving the broader community. Minimize gentrification risk by ensuring opportunities and benefits go to building residents or to small businesses and organizations already in the neighborhood. Include flexible spaces/uses by and for residents (such as kitchen, art, event and gathering space).

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

Support access to basic needs so building residents and neighbors can thrive, succeed and embrace joy. Use partnerships to bring services and resources into the building. Support learning, economic mobility and family wellbeing (e.g. with classes, job skills, afterschool activities and affordable year-round childcare). Holistic programming that supports the whole person – mentally, spiritually, physically and emotionally – and promotes systemic and relational wellness. Opportunities for building residents to shape and evaluate service offerings. Resident generated values and guidelines for how spaces and services are used.

FUTURE ENGAGEMENT TO BE DONE BY DEVELOPER

Developer has a track record of trauma-informed, diversity-equity-inclusion oriented engagement with Black, Indigenous, people of color and other marginalized groups – and/or strong partnerships with community-based organizations. Developer is committed, open, resilient, transparent, doesn't take things personally and makes meaningful changes to the project based on input. Actively engage and uplift people with similar experiences to those who will live in the building and other impacted groups. Commit to overcoming barriers and create welcoming spaces for participation by marginalized groups (e.g. through trusting relationships, activity format, location, language and disability access, housing advocates and incentives). Collaborate and share decision-making with stakeholders to promote buy-in and best possible outcomes. Feedback is listened to and matters.