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About abutting walls: to avoid an ugly tall wall that is against somebody else property, I think there are solutions other than set back. For example:

Add windows to the tall wall. Place the window in such a way that nobody can look out of the windows. Paint a trompe l'oeil, like on the wall near the Historical Society downtown.

Add some artwork to the wall, artwork that will withstand wind and rain.

Perhaps a "living wall" of low to no care native succulents.

Add some architecural lines to break the wall. For example, a line of roof tiles in the shape of a rooftop. Add some small balconies, though I don t like this idea so much.

A pleasant addition to the neighborhood would be to include one or two parklets on Woodstock, like miniature Pioneer squares, perhaps incorporated with bus stops, so as not to be a non-stop 15 block wall of retail and apartments.

Don't forget to plant lots of trees!

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