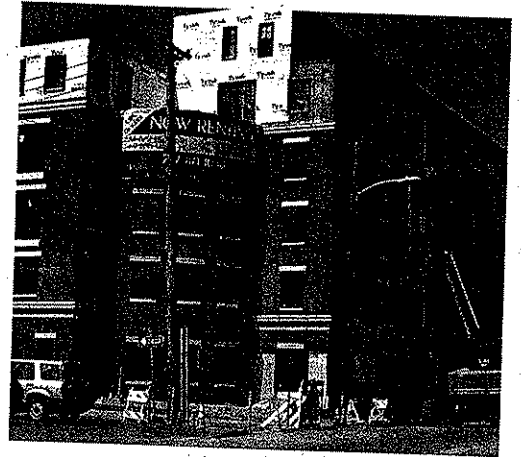




Congress Street's unsung, hidden and unpolished gems



1. 730 Congress St.

Walker Terrace

Historically the buildings in this neighborhood have been snug to the sidewalk – the Hay and Peabody Funeral Home and Neal Dow House are surviving examples – but during the Fifties and Sixties, many of them were razed for gas stations, resulting in blocks that more closely resemble suburban strip development than they do downtown Portland.

Walker Terrace begins to restore the traditional street wall. The 40-unit apartment building was designed by architect David Lloyd. Developers are Nathan Szanton and Bobby Monks.

The building reintroduces an urban scale and density to this part of town. It uses quality, traditional materials – mostly brick, but also copper on the fifth floor, the mezzanine and bay windows. Sills and headers are precast concrete tinted the color of granite. A ground-floor parking garage is disguised, in part, by a brick façade with four large display windows for showcasing art from the Whitney Gallery and The Clown.

Walker Terrace will undoubtedly bring new blood to the neighborhood. Time will tell if it inspires further development of vibrant new architecture.