#### **AGENDA**

#### **BIRMINGHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of the HDC Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- 3) Courtesy Review
- 4) Historic Design Review
  - A. 100 N. Old Woodward Parks/Maplewood Buildings
  - B. 239 N. Old Woodward Bloom Bistro
  - C. 239 N. Old Woodward Huston Building
  - D. 138 S. Old Woodward D.U.R. Waiting Room
- 5) Sign Review
- 6) Study Session
  - A. NAPC CAMP Commissioner Training
- 7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication
  - A. Pre-Application Discussions
  - B. Draft Agenda
    - 1. July 21st, 2021
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    - 3. Demolitions
    - 4. Action List 2021
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#### Historic District Commission Minutes Of June 2, 2021

Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

#### 1) Rollcall

Present: Chair John Henke; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Keith Deyer (Harbor Springs,

MI), Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang (Harbor Springs, MI), Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Members Steven Lemberg, Cassandra McCarthy; Student Representatives

Charles Cusimano, Elizabeth Wiegand

All located in Birmingham, MI unless otherwise noted.

**Absent:** Board Member Natalia Dukas

**Administration:** Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

06-050-21

#### 2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Debbrecht Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the HDC Minutes of May 19, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Willoughby, Kolo, Deyer, Debbrecht, Henke, Lang, Lemberg

Nays: None

06-051-21

3) Courtesy Review

None.

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4) Historic Design Review

None.

06-053-21

5) Sign Review

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None.

06-054-21

#### 6) Study Session

#### A. NAPC CAMP Commissioner Training

CP Dupuis recommended postponing this item until Ms. Dukas was present since she wanted to discuss her experience with the training.

Chair Henke concurred.

06-055-21

#### 7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

#### A. Pre-Application Discussions

1. 100 N. Old Woodward - Parks/Wooster Building

Chair Henke recommended not holding the pre-application discussion on this item since the applicant submitted no documentation of their proposed changes beyond a memorandum from Kristine Kidorf, a consultant for the applicant, submitted the afternoon of June 2, 2021. He noted that neither the HDC nor the public would likely have had sufficient time to review the memorandum. He stated he found it disrespectful that no documentation was submitted in advance. He recommended the memorandum be made part of the public record and that the item as a whole be adjourned to the HDC's June 16, 2021 meeting.

#### Motion by Ms. Debbrecht

Seconded by Mr. Deyer to adjourn discussion of 100 N. Old Woodward to the HDC's June 16, 2021 meeting.

Victor Saroki, representing the applicant, said he meant no disrespect to the HDC by not submitting the documentation in advance. Mr. Saroki asked if Ms. Kidorf might be able to make a comment.

While Chair Henke said he did not think it was appropriate for Ms. Kidorf to provide comment presently since the motion was to adjourn the discussion, he said he would defer to opinions of the other members of the HDC.

Mr. Willoughby and Ms. Lang said they would be interested in hearing a brief comment from Ms. Kidorf.

Chair Henke said Ms. Kidorf could speak briefly.

Ms. Kidorf explained she had planned to walk to HDC through the memo and the proposed updates to the plans on the screen. She said she had just provided the memorandum in advance for reference.

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Ms. Lang said she would be interested in seeing the presentation.

Chair Henke reiterated that he would not permit the applicant to present at this time since they did not submit documentation in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Saroki said he was fine with the discussion being adjourned to June 16, 2021.

Chair Henke asked Ms. Kidorf if it was her position that there was no historic significance left to 100 N. Old Woodward.

Ms. Kidorf specified that it was her position that there was no historic fabric left on the building.

As Ms. Kidorf began to expand on her position, Chair Henke intervened to offer his thanks to Ms. Kidorf and then returned the conversation to the HDC members.

#### Motion carried, 7-0.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

Yeas: Debbrecht, Deyer, Henke, Lang, Lemberg, Willoughby, Kolo

Nays: None

#### 2. 464 Townsend - Toms-Dickinson House

Chair Henke noted that this item also did not have submitted documentation and said he was growing concerned with the trend of items coming before the HDC without previously-submitted plans.

CP Dupuis briefly described the proposed changes. Chair Henke said he wanted to see them at a historic design review and not administratively approved.

#### B. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting

#### C. Staff Reports

Mr. Kolo asked that all available historic photographs of 100 N. Old Woodward be provided to the HDC before the June 16, 2021 meeting.

Chair Henke said that if the documentation for 100 N. Old Woodward was not submitted in time for the June 16, 2021 meeting the item should not remain on the evening's agenda.

- 1. Administrative Sign Approvals
- 2. Administrative Approvals
- 3. Demolitions
- 4. Action List 2021

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#### Adjournment

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Motion by Ms. Lang Seconded by Mr. Willoughby to adjourn the HDC meeting of June 2, 2021 at 7:50 p.m.

#### Motion carried, 7-0.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

Yeas: Lang, Willoughby, Debbrecht, Kolo, Deyer, Henke, Lemberg

Nays: None

Nicholas Dupuis City Planner



#### Historic District Commission Minutes Of June 16, 2021

Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission ("HDC") held Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Chair John Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 1) Rollcall

Present: Chair John Henke; Board Members Gigi Debbrecht, Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas,

Dustin Kolo, Patricia Lang (Harbor Springs, MI), Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Steven Lemberg; Student Representatives Charles Cusimano,

Elizabeth Wiegand (Grosse Pointe Woods, MI)

All located in Birmingham, MI unless otherwise noted.

**Absent:** Board Member Michael Willoughby; Alternate Board Member Cassandra McCarthy

**Administration:** Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

06-057-21

#### 2) Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Dukas

Seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the HDC Minutes of June 2, 2021 as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Dukas, Lang, Lemberg, Kolo, Deyer, Debbrecht, Henke

Nays: None

06-058-21

#### 3) Courtesy Review

None.

06-059-21

#### 4) Historic Design Review

#### A. 743 W. Frank – King-Argus House

CP Dupuis presented the item.

John Simlik, builder, and Kabir Mendiratta, applicant, were present on behalf of the item.

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Mr. Simlik explained that the goal was to maintain as much of the original cedar boards on the exterior as possible, but said that given the extent of the water, rodent and ant damage he wanted to be realistic about how many boards may need to be removed. He stated that he sent out a sample of the cedar board to get replacement cedar boards with the same dimensions.

Chair Henke asked Mr. Simlik to provide CP Dupuis with a sample of the new boards to verify that they will replicate the existing boards appropriately.

Chair Henke also noted that the applicant has been diligent in working with the HDC and said he believed they would try to maintain as many of the original boards as possible.

#### Motion by Ms. Debbrecht

Seconded by Mr. Deyer to approve the Historic Design Review application and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for 743 W. Frank – King-Argus House. The work as proposed meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard numbers 1, 2, 5, and 6. The HDC also requested periodic updates on the repairs to the exterior as part of the approval.

#### Motion carried, 7-0.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

Yeas: Debbrecht, Deyer, Henke, Dukas, Lang, Lemberg, Kolo

Nays: None

The HDC also confirmed that the applicant could move forward with using the paint colors proposed in the evening's agenda packet.

#### B. 239 N. Old Woodward - Bloom Bistro and Huston Building

CP Dupuis presented the item.

Ron Rea and Nicole Adler were present on behalf of the application.

After HDC discussion, CP Dupuis noted that the applicant could either pursue a contemporary redesign of the front of the building or an accurate historical restoration.

It was noted by a number of HDC members that the plans as proposed seemed more to imitate a historical style not accurate to the original building, which is not permitted under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

There was a general consensus among the HDC members that it would be better to undertake a historical restoration of the building.

Chair Henke listed the limestone cladding, elevation of the limestone sill, the transom windows and the signage issues as some of the aspects the applicants should reassess in their proposal.

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Motion by Mr. Deyer

Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to postpone the historic design review for 239 N. Old Woodward – Bloom Bistro and Huston Building to give the applicant a chance to integrate the HDC's comments into their plans.

Motion carried, 7-0.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

Yeas: Deyer, Debbrecht, Henke, Dukas, Lang, Lemberg, Kolo

Nays: None

06-060-21

5) Sign Review

None.

06-061-21

#### 6) Study Session

#### A. NAPC CAMP Commissioner Training

Ms. Dukas said she would rather present this item during a meeting with a lighter agenda. As a result, the item was postponed.

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#### 7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication

A. Pre-Application Discussions

1. 100 N. Old Woodward - Parks/Wooster Building

Kristine Kidorf, consultant for the project, reviewed her memorandum to the HDC.

Ron Boji, owner, Victor and Alex Saroki, architects, and John Hindo, attorney, were also present on behalf of the project.

After discussion, Chair Henke summarized that the HDC would prefer to see the building restored to its 1889 appearance. He said that going back to the March 17, 2021 proposal offered by the applicant would be more appropriate in that case.

In reply to Mr. Kolo, Mr. Boji confirmed he would also be interested in restoring the building to its 1889 appearance.

There was discussion about the possibility of awnings or structural metal canopies. A number of HDC expressed initial skepticism about structural metal canopies. Two members of the HDC said they would be more interested in canvas awnings.

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In reply to HDC inquiry, Ms. Kidorf said that if the structural canopies were consistent with the design of the building and aesthetically differentiated enough from the historic aspects they could be permissible under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. She stated that she would be able to provide comments regarding the historical basis of an updated design at the applicant's request.

Chair Henke said that would be helpful to demonstrate that the intent of the project was both preserving the historic nature of the building and allowing for some contemporary aspects where appropriate.

Mr. Deyer expressed confidence in Mr. Saroki's design abilities and said he might be able to create something vis-a-vis canopies or awnings that would satisfy the HDC and the applicant team.

CP Dupuis said he would be in touch with the applicant team to determine whether their historic design review would be held on July 7 or July 21, 2021.

- B. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting
- C. Staff Reports
  - 1. Administrative Sign Approvals
  - 2. Administrative Approvals
  - 3. Demolitions
  - 4. Action List 2021

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#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Lang Seconded by Ms. Debbrecht to adjourn the HDC meeting of June 16, 2021 at 9:42 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

Yeas: Lang, Debbrecht, Kolo, Deyer, Henke, Lemberg, Dukas

Nays: None

Nicholas Dupuis City Planner



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**Planning Division** 

**DATE:** July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Historic District Commission

FROM: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

SUBJECT: Historic Design Review – 100 & 136 N. Old Woodward – Parks &

**Wooster Buildings** 

**Zoning:** B-4 (Business-Residential) & D-4 (Downtown Overlay)

**Existing Use:** Two-Story Commercial Building

#### **History (Parks Building)**

The first building on this site was a building which had originally been a Presbyterian Church located at the southeast corner of Maple and Woodward. Surrounding much controversy, it was moved to the northeast corner in the mid-1800's to become a meat market occupied by a succession of successful men. Among the list of proprietors were Alex Parks and John Hanna. Their partnership dissolved in 1889. Parks moved the building to the rear and constructed a new 2-story brick and limestone building which is the present building on the site. In 1967, the two original apartments on the second floor were remodeled into offices. In 1969, the brick façade was covered over with a new marble type façade. The City Commission granted a license agreement for the new façade to encroach into the public right-of-way. The change in the façade was concurrent with occupancy by a new tenant, Rose Jewelers which replaced Birmingham Fruit Company, Estelle's Fine Foods, and AAA Drugs. This building if restored to its original brick façade, which stands behind the marble, would be a major contributor to the Maple/Woodward intersection.

#### **History (Wooster Building)**

James Wooster, the proprietor of the old National Hotel, erected this building in 1913 or 1914 next to his hotel. When the hotel burned but was not destroyed in 1913, the foundation hole for the Wooster Building had already been dug. This simple, limestone trimmed orange brick building's architectural significance results from its key location in a very important block. Sited between the National Bank Building (which replaced the old National Hotel) and the Parks Building, it would serve as a visual tie between the two buildings if the Parks Building were to be restored by removing the marble cladding. Until the mid-1920's, McBride's Hardware occupied the first floor of the Wooster Building before moving across Old Woodward south of the Johnston and Shaw Building. Later, a barbershop occupied the first floor space. In 1941, Sam Bruni

remodeled the second floor into an apartment for his family. In 1946, Mortimer's Men's Store occupied the street floor. In the 1950's, Arthur Murrays Dance Studio took over the space.

#### Introduction

Prior to this most recent project, the subject site had not been before the HDC for any substantial historic review for decades. In October 2019, the applicant came before the HDC for a preapplication discussion with plans for a three-story addition to the existing two-story commercial Parks building that involved the restoration of the historic façade while the entire rear of the building was proposed to be removed and built up. This concept was abandoned in favor of a full-scale restoration project that was expected to reveal the original late 1800's brick façade, which was reviewed and conditionally approved on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The conditional approval included an investigation period, the results of which were to be brought back to the Historic District Commission for review prior to proceeding with the full restoration.

The applicant completed the façade investigation on the Parks Building in the spring of 2021 and found that the original brick and limestone façade on the Parks Building had been removed somewhere in the 1960's and replaced with a more modern, mid-century brick façade.

At this time, the applicant has returned with a new proposal for a *rehabilitation* of the historic building facade. This proposal comes after much discussion at the Historic District Commission surrounding the application of the Secretary of the Interior Standards and protecting the buildings historic designation. The new proposal will include the removal of the entire mid-century façade and new construction that is based closely on the many available photographs of the original building.

In addition to the rehabilitation of the Parks Building façade, the applicant is also proposing a rehabilitation of the Wooster building, which is located on the same property as the Parks Building and is connected on the second floor. The applicant is proposing to connect the first floors and basements of the buildings as well, along with the addition of a new storefront.

#### Proposal

The applicant has submitted new plans proposing a *rehabilitation* of the existing two-story commercial building known as the Parks building. The proposal for the Parks building includes the complete removal of the travertine stone panels, mansard roof, and mid-century facade, new brick and limestone, new storefront glazing, rear paint, and one new steel canopy over the main entrance. As noted above, this proposal also includes the Wooster building in which the applicant is proposing a new storefront system, paint removal on the first floor, a new awning, and new windows at the second floor. As shown by the floor plans, the applicant is proposing to transform the two separate buildings into essentially one with combined basement and first floors for a single retail tenant, and maintaining the existing combined second floor space for an office tenant. This work has been referred to as "Phase 1" of a larger project that will eventually include the

Tiger Shoe Repair and Boyd buildings to the east. The following table summarizes the materials that will comprise the façades post-rehabilitation:

Material	Location	Color
Extruded Brick	Parks Building Façade	Red/Browns
Limestone	Parks & Wooster Base, Banding, Headers, Accents	Natural
Wood Double-Hung Windows	Parks & Wooster Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Black
Steel & Glass Canopy Parks Main Entrance		Stainless Steel
Paint (1)	Parks Building (Rear & East Side)	River Reflections
Paint (2)	Wooster Building (Rear)	Amerst Gray
Striped Fabric Awning	Wooster Building Storefront	Manhattan Classic

The applicant has advised that the intent of this rehabilitation is now to remove the mid-century brick façade and rebuild the Parks building back to more closely match the original 1890's design. The applicant has based their rehabilitation proposal on photographic documentation that the Birmingham Museum has maintained and provided to the applicant for reference. This has been reflected in the elevation drawings submitted that show some important architectural details that are proposed to be closely reconstructed such as window/transom divisions, pilaster caps, and the storefront base.

As for the Wooster building, the applicant has also based their proposal from historical photographs that show a storefront that has also changed significantly over time. The older photographs appear to show a single entry door located on the right side of the storefront, with the current condition appearing later that separates the storefront into two entrances, one for the retail tenant on the left, and one to access the upper floor on the right.

A detailed review of the exterior façade changes to both buildings in regards to the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation is provided below.

#### Planning & Zoning

In general, because the existing building footprint it proposed to remain, there are no bulk, placement or height requirements that must be addressed as a part of this review. However, there are several planning and zoning issues that must be reviewed:

**Parking**: The subject site is located within the Parking Assessment District. Thus, no parking analysis is required for the commercial use.

**Landscaping**: There are no existing landscaping beds on site, nor are any proposed at this time.

**Glazing**: The applicant is proposing to completely replace the storefront glazing on both buildings, and significantly alter the amount of glazing present on the Parks Building. Article 3, Section 3.04 (E)(7) states that storefronts must have transparent areas, equal to 70% of its portion of the facade, between 1 ft. and 8 ft. from the ground. The applicant has provided glazing calculations in between 1 ft. and 8 ft. for both storefronts showing the Parks Building containing 75% glazing and the Wooster Building at 76% glazing.

In addition, because the applicant is proposing new glazing, a review of the clarity requirements must be completed, which requires storefront facades to contain clear glazing (80% Visual Light Transmittance) only. The applicant has not submitted specification sheets on the proposed glazing at this time. Thus, **the applicant must submit specification sheets for all new glazing**.

**Projections into Right-of-Way**: Article 4, Section 4.74 (D)(4)(c)(i) states that removable architectural elements such as awnings, canopies, or marquees may be approved by the Historic District Commission to project into the right of way provided that they are constructed to support applicable loads without any ground mounted supports on public property. Encroachments with less than 15 ft. of clearance above the sidewalk shall not extend into or occupy more than two-thirds of the width of the sidewalk or 5 ft., whichever is less, and must not interfere with any existing or planned streetscape elements or infrastructure.

The applicant is proposing two projections into the right of way: one fabric awning on the Wooster Building and one steel canopy on the Parks Building. Both instances project 5 ft. into the sidewalk, which measures 10 ft. wide. Neither projection interferes with any streetscape elements on S. Old Woodward or E. Maple. Thus, the applicant must receive approval from the Historic District Commission for the projections into the right-of-way.

**Screening**: The applicant is proposing two new screening elements on site. First, the applicant is proposing several new rooftop units ("RTU's") and is proposing a 5 ft. metal panel system to screen the new RTU's. The applicant has submitted specification sheets for the RTU's that show a height dimension of 5 ft. 5 in. Thus, **the applicant must revise the elevation drawings with RTU screening at 5 ft. 5 in. in height.** It is worth noting that the addition of the new RTU's, as well as the new tenants proposed has allowed the applicant to remove a significant amount of the mechanical "clutter" in the rear of the building which includes old RTU's, piping, venting, and wiring for a much cleaner rear façade on both buildings.

In addition to new RTU's, the applicant is also proposing a new dumpster with associated screening. The enclosure proposed is constructed of painted brick at 5 ft. in height (to match the Wooster Building) with a limestone cap and wood gates. Article 4, Section 4.54

(C)(7) states that the screening of trash containers shall be required and shall be constructed of 6 ft. masonry screen wall with a gate. All materials shall match or complement the exterior of the building. Although the applicant meets the material and design requirements for the trash enclosure, the proposed 5 ft. height falls short of the requirement. Thus, the applicant must submit revised plans showing a trash enclosure at 6 ft. in height.

#### Signage

The exterior elevations submitted show one projecting sign proposed on the Wooster Building that reads "BG - Boji Group." The principle building frontage measures roughly 25 ft., which permits the applicant 25 sq. ft. of signage. The projecting sign as proposed measures 6.7 sq. ft. per side for a total of 13.4 sq. ft. in area, falling well within the maximum combined sign area permitted. Furthermore, the projecting sign contains a 6 in. separation from the building face and the sign, and is located within the building sign band as required by the Sign Ordinance.

In addition, there are three areas denoted on the Parks Building where future signage may be placed. The HDC may wish to consider this as a sign plan, and direct the Planning Division to require all future signage to be placed in this area. Although there are minor sign details on the elevations, no signs will be approved as a part of this Design Review, and must be applied for separately.

#### **Design Review Standards and Guidelines**

Chapter 127, Section 127-11 of the Birmingham Code of Ordinances states that in reviewing plans, the commission shall follow the U.S. secretary of the interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the secretary of interior's standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the state historic preservation office of the Michigan Historical Center. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for *Rehabilitation* ("SOI Standards") are provided in full at the end of this report.

In reviewing plans, the commission shall also consider all of the following:

- 1. The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
- 2. The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.
- 3. The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.
- 4. Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.
- 5. Whether the applicant has certified in the application that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm

system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

#### Recommendation

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office defines *rehabilitation* as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

The National Park's Service offers guidelines that suggest in *rehabilitation*, historic building materials and character-defining features are protected and maintained as they are in the treatment Preservation. However, greater latitude is given in the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings to replace extensively deteriorated, damaged, or missing features using either the same material or compatible substitute materials. Of the four treatments, only Rehabilitation allows alterations and the construction of a new addition, if necessary for a continuing or new use for the historic building.

Considering the above, the proposed exterior restoration of the historic Parks and Wooster buildings, as proposed by the applicant, generally meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for *Rehabilitation* numbers 1, 2, 5, 7, and 9. The following analysis breaks down the proposal through the lens of each standard above:

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
  - Both buildings original uses, according to the City's historical files, was a first-floor retail use with residential apartments on the second floor. The buildings have maintained a retail use on the first floor for many years, and the applicant's proposal to retain and enhance the historical use through storefront window systems that more closely resembles the appropriate period for each building adds to the benefit.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The building façade proposals for the Parks and Wooster Buildings do not remove historic materials, nor does it necessarily alter features that characterize the property. In regards to the Parks Building, the entire front building façade was replaced and is no longer original. However, the original building contained what appeared to be at least four separate entrances across the façade that would have characterized the property at the time. Similarly, although the Wooster Building retained much of its historic materials and features, the original storefront was also replaced which contained distinctive features such as a brick column and decorative wood element above the door.

National Park's Service guidelines suggest that when designing a new storefront - when the historic storefront is completely missing or has previously been replaced by one that is incompatible – the design may be an accurate restoration based on documentary evidence, OR it may be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material and color of the historic building. The applicant is not proposing a wholly accurate restoration of either storefront, as the proposed storefronts do not include the features described above. However, the new designs are compatible with the rest of each respective building and the period of significance in which this building rehabilitation is working under.

5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.

As noted above, the first appropriate treatment for a historic property is to preserve. In the case of the front façade of the Parks building, there is no historic fabric left to preserve, as the original façade was removed in the 1960's. However, it appears as though the east and north sides of the building are original and as such are proposed to be preserved. In addition, the Parks Building has a distinct shape that will remain as a part of this rehabilitation. The Wooster Building contains more of its original or early detailing, and the applicant is proposing to carefully preserve these features.

7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

The applicant has indicated that the single layer of paint located on the Wooster Building storefront will be removed to expose the original brick. The applicant has advised that this process should be simple and that no harsh treatments will be used to remove the paint.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

For the Parks Building, the only alterations to the historic storefront design that are being proposed are the omission of separate tenant entrances and the introduction of a new canopy over the main entrance. These alterations are not being added at the expense of historic materials, as the original building façade was removed. The new features are compatible with the size, scale and architecture of the original 1890's building design. Similarly, the Wooster Building storefront is not original, and the newly proposed storefront is also compatible with the size, scale and architecture of the Wooster Building.

At this time, the Planning Division recommends that the Historic District Commission **APPROVE** the Design Review application and issue a certificate of appropriateness for 100 & 136 N. Old Woodward – Parks & Wooster Buildings – provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. The applicant must submit specification sheets for all new storefront and upper floor glass;
- 2. The Historic District Commission APROVES the projections into the right-of-way; and
- 3. The applicant must revise the elevation drawings with RTU screening at 5 ft. 5 in. in height and trash receptacle screening at 6 ft. in height.

#### **Wording for Motions**

I move that the Commission APPROVE the Historic Design Review application and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 & 136 N. Old Woodward - Parks & Wooster Buildings provided the conditions below are met. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard numbers 1, 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be met upon fulfillment of the condition(s):

- 1. The applicant must submit specification sheets for all new storefront and upper floor glass;
- 2. The Historic District Commission APROVES the projections into the right-of-way; and
- 3. The applicant must revise the elevation drawings with RTU screening at 5 ft. 5 in. in height and trash receptacle screening at 6 ft. in height.

OR

I move that the Commission <b>POSTPONE</b> the Historic Design Review application and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 & 136 N. Old Woodward – Parks & Wooster Buildings – until the following conditions are met: ( <i>List Conditions</i> ). The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard number(s) will be met upon fulfillment of condition(s).
OR
I move that the Commission <b>DENY</b> the Historic Design Review application for 100 & 136 N. Old Woodward – Parks & Wooster Buildings. Because of the work does not meet The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard number(s)
Notice to Proceed
I move the Commission issue a Notice to Proceed for number The work is not appropriate, however the following condition prevails:and the proposed application will materially correct the condition.
Choose from one of these conditions:  a) The resource constitutes hazard to the safety of the public or the structure's occupants.

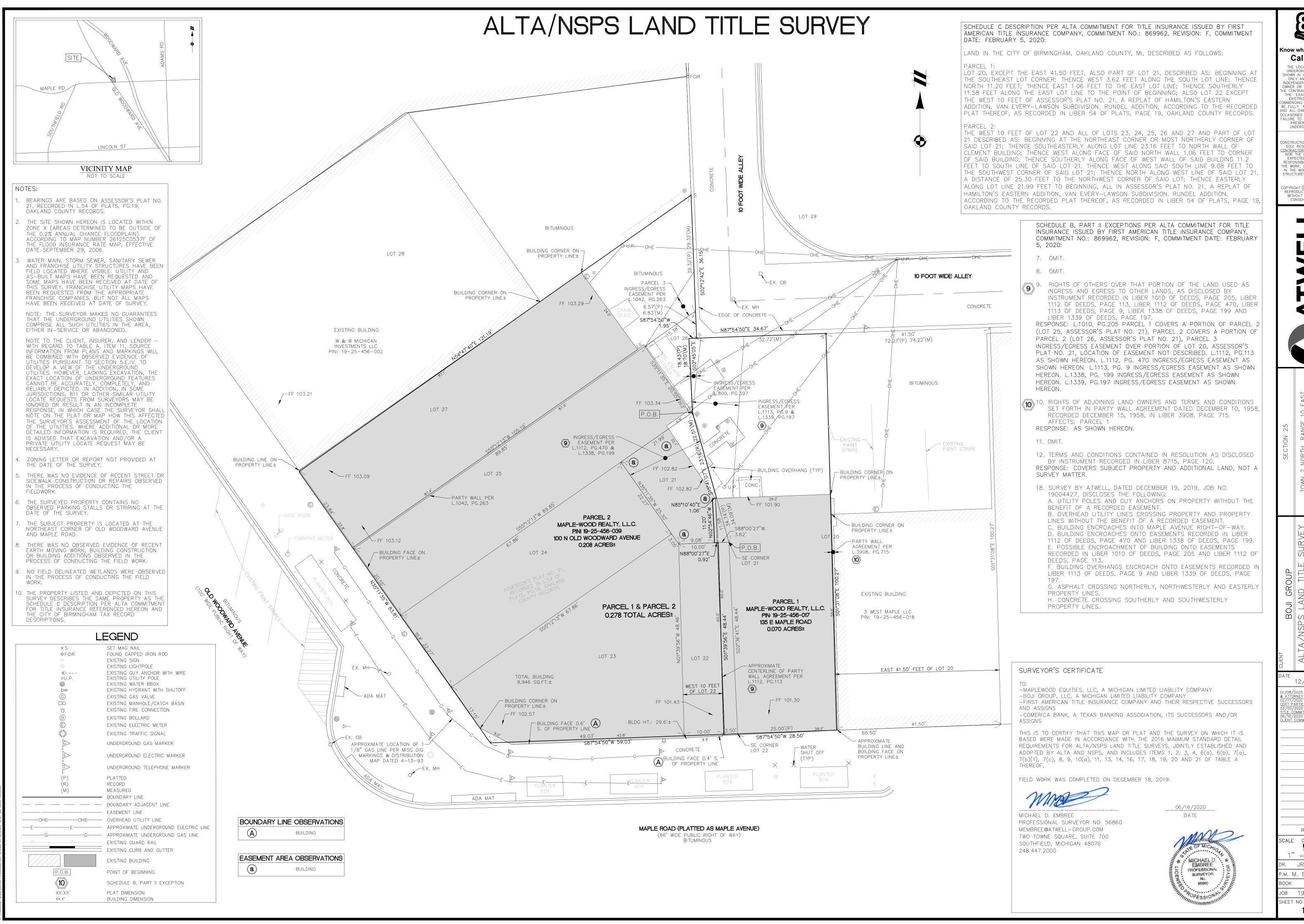
- b) The resource is a deterrent to a major improvement program that will be of substantial benefit to the community and the applicant proposing the work has obtained all necessary planning and zoning approvals, financing, and environmental clearances.
- c) Retaining the resource will cause undue financial hardship to the owner when a governmental action, an act of God, or other events beyond the owner's control created the hardship, and all feasible alternatives to eliminate the financial hardship, which may include

offering the resource for sale at its fair market value or moving the resource to a vacant site within the historic district. have been attempted and exhausted by the owner.

d) Retaining the resource is not in the best of the majority of the community.

### THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8. Significant archaeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.



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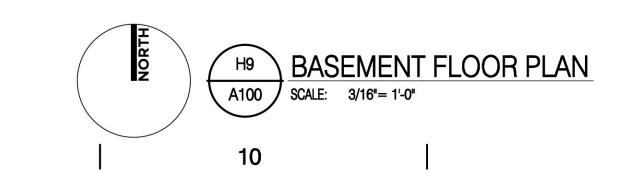
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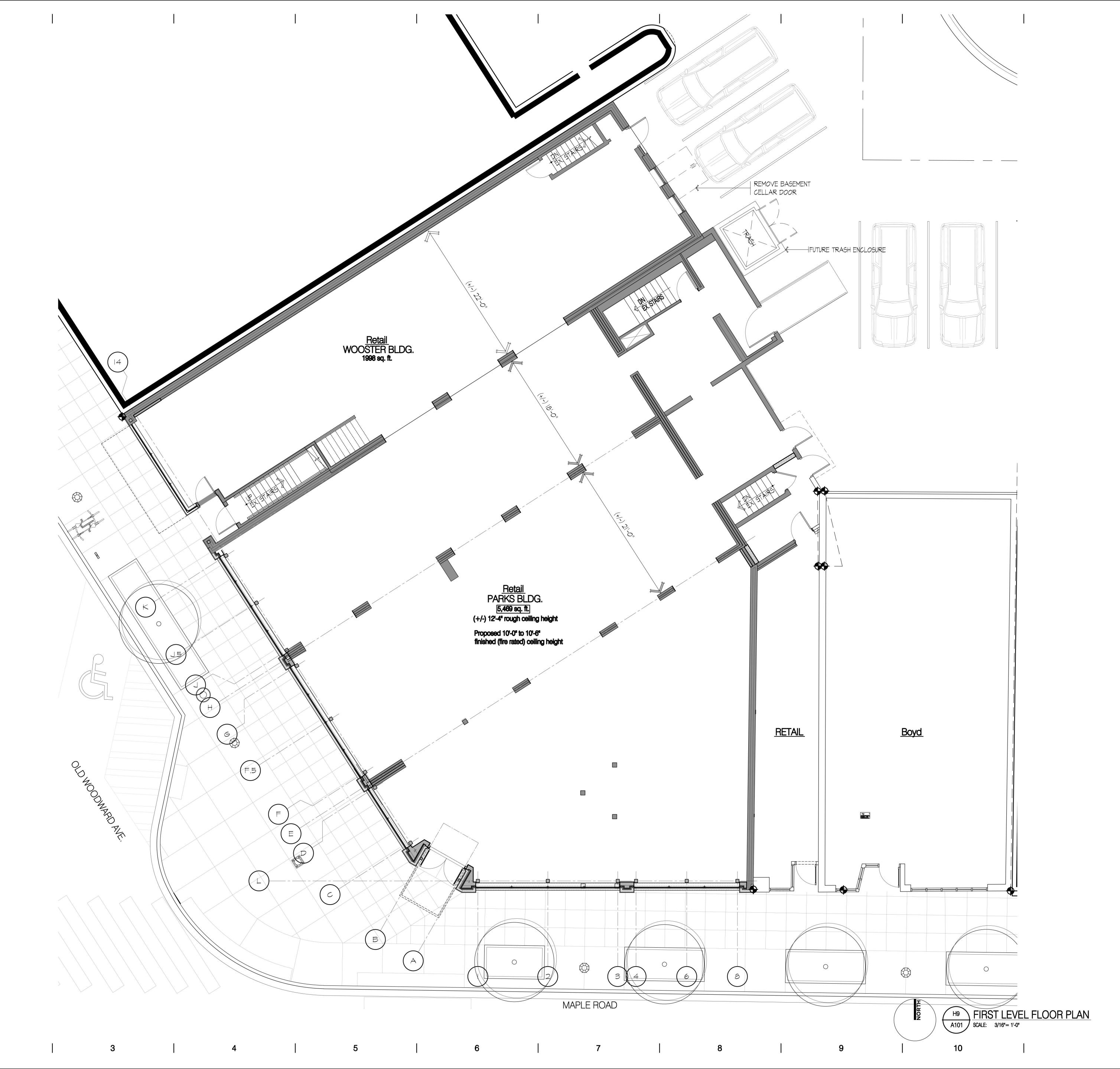
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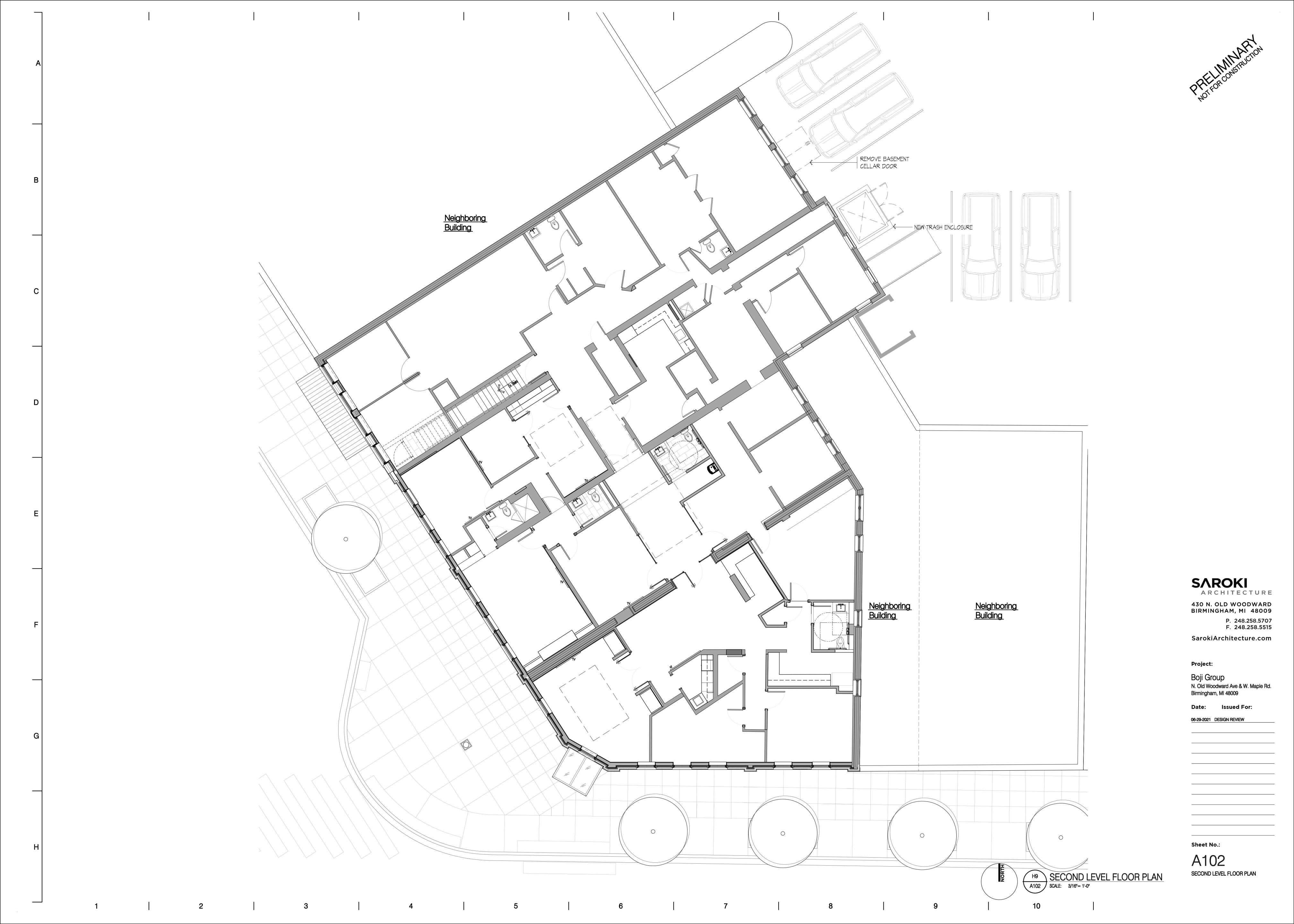
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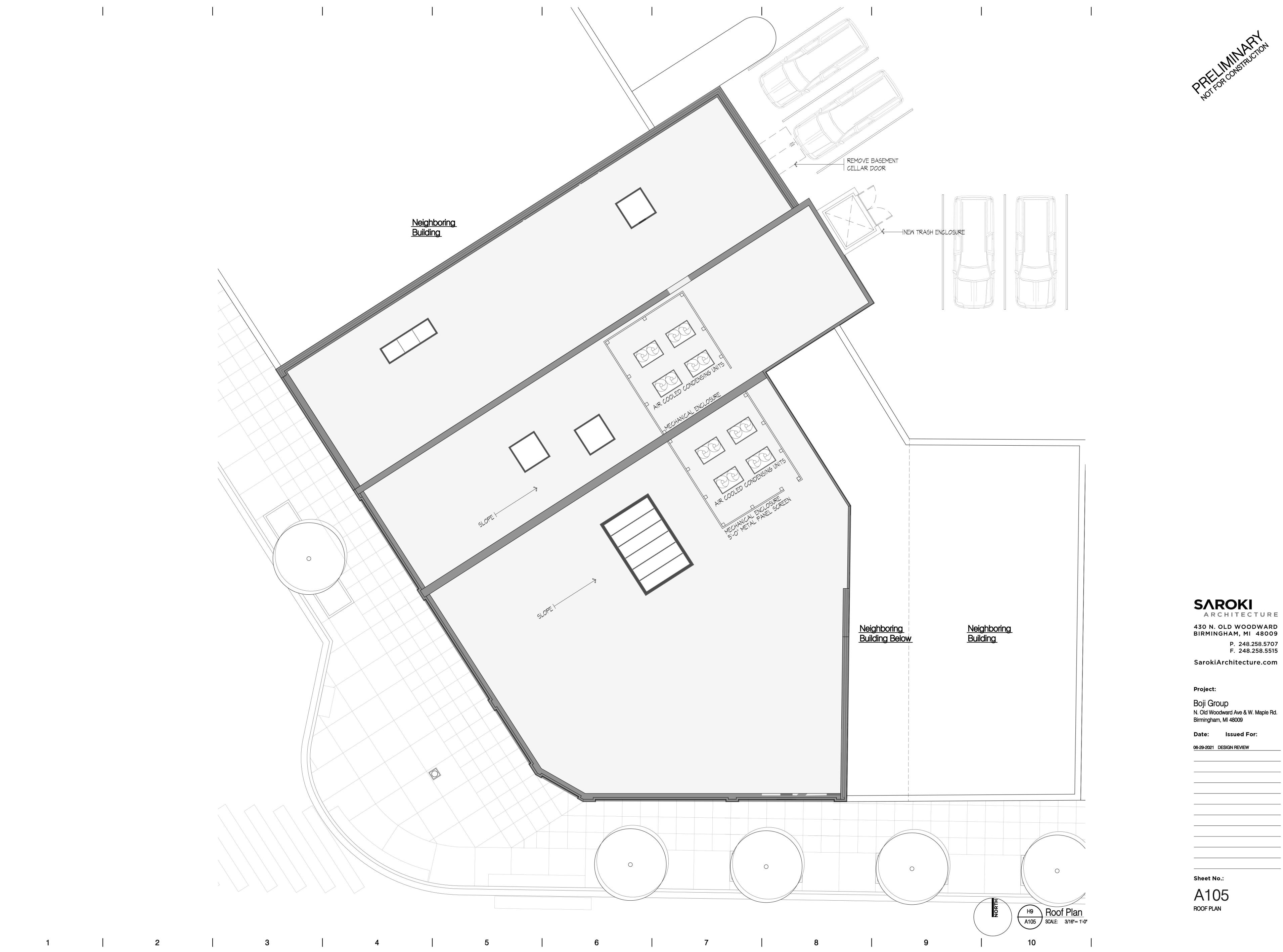
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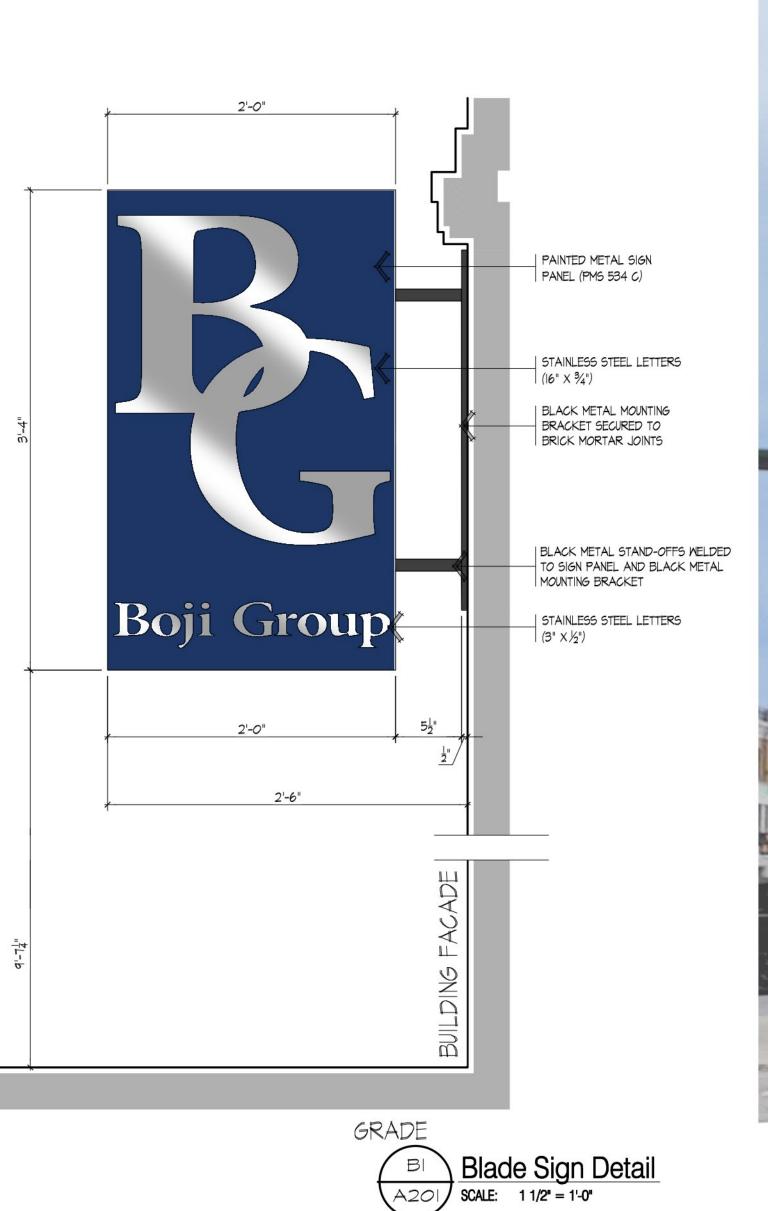
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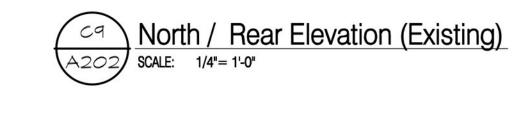
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EAST MAPLE ELEVATION







Trash Enclosure (Proposed)

SCALE: 1/2"= 1'-0"



--- LIMESTONE CAP

I X 6 VERTICAL BOARDS SET IN STEEL FRAME. PAINTED (HC 167) BENJAMIN MOORE AMHERST GRAY

GALVANIZED STEEL POST AND
GATE HARDWARE (HC-67)
PAINTED AMHERST GRAY

PAINTED BRICK. (HC-167)
BENJAMIN MOORE AMHERST GRAY

5" DIAMETER PROTECTIVE

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A202 NORTH / REAR ELEVATION

North / Rear Elevation (Proposed)

SCALE: 1/4"= 1'-0"



New Brick Facade Ragland Extruded Brick Parks Building



Limestone, Typical At Base, Banding, Headers, and Accents Parks & Wooster Buildings



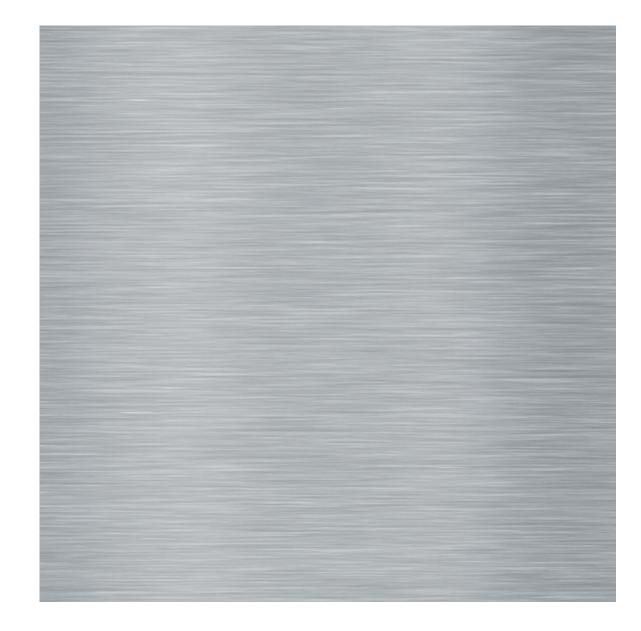
New Painted Wood Double-Hung Windows, Second Floor Typical Parks & Wooster Buildings



Frosted Glass & Stainless Steel Canopy at Corner Entrance Parks Building



Paint at Parks Building, Typical Benjamin Moore River Reflections (1552)



Stainless Steel Letters Boji Group Blade Signage Wooster Building



Blue Metal (PMS #534) Boji Group Blade Signage Wooster Building

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Fabric Awning at Wooster Building Sunbrella Manhattan Classic (4789-000)



Paint at Wooster Building, Typical & Rear Elevation
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## Preliminary or Final Historic Sign / Design Review Application Historic District Commission

#### **Planning Division**

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1. Applicant	Property Owner
Name: RON BOJI	Name: MAPLEWOOD EQUITIES, LLC
Address: 255 S. OLD WOODWARD AVE, SUITE 310	Address: 255 S. OLD WOODWARD AVE, SUITE 310
BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009	BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009
Phone Number: <u>248-646-3151</u>	Phone Number: 248-646-3151
Fax Number: N/A	Fax Number: N/A
Email Address: RBOJI@BOJIGROUP.COM	Email Address: RBOJI@BOJIGROUP.COM
2. Applicant's Attorney/Contact Person	Project Designer/Developer
Name: JOHN HINDO	Name: VICTOR SAROKI
Address: 255 S. OLD WOODWARD AVE, SUITE 310	Address: 430 N OLD WOODWARD AVE, FLOOR 3
BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009	BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009
Phone Number: <u>248-646-3151</u>	Phone Number: 248-258-5707
Fax Number: N/A	Fax Number: N/A
Email Address: JHINDO@BOJIGROUP.COM	Email Address: VSAROKI@SAROKIARCHITECTURE.COM
3. Required Attachments	
• Warranty Deed with legal description of property	Two (2) folded copies of plans including color
Photographs of existing site and buildings	elevations showing all materials and an itemized
Completed Checklist	list of all changes for which approval is requested
• Certified Land Survey	with the changes marked in color
• Landscape Plan showing all existing and proposed elements •	~ ~
• Required fee (see Fee Schedule for applicable amount)	One (1) digital copy of all plans and specifications
• Samples of all materials to be used	(-)
<b>4. Project Information</b> Address/Location of Property: 132-136 N OLD WOODWARD AVE BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009	Name of Historic District site is in, if any: CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRIC Date of Planning Board Approval, if any: N/A
Name of Development: MAPLEWOOD	Date of Application for Preliminary Historic Design Review:
Sidwell #: Parcel 1 : 19-25-456-017 & Parcel 2 : 19-25-456-039	Date of Preliminary Historic Design Review Approval:
Current Use: OFFICE & RETAIL	Date of Application for Preliminary Site Plan: N/A
Proposed Use: OFFICE & RETAIL	Date of Preliminary Site Plan Approval: N/A
Area in Acres: .556 ACRES	Date of Final Site Plan Approval: N/A
Current Zoning: D-4 (DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONING)	Will proposed project require the division of platted lots? NO
Zoning of Adjacent Properties: D-4 (DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONING)	
5. Details of the Nature of Work Proposed (Attach s (Please specifically list all materials and colors to be used) SEE ATTACHED (2) LETTERS FROM KIDORF PRESERVATION CONSULTING FOR	separate sheet if necessary)
AND APPROACH FOR THE PARKS AND WOOSTER BUILDINGS.	
SEE EXTERIOR MATERIAL BOARD FOR ALL MATERIALS AND COLORS.	

#### 6. Buildings and Structures Number of Buildings on site: 6 BUILDINGS (LOT 21-25 & 27) Use of Buildings: OFFICE & RETAIL Height of Building & # of stories: (+/-) 30'-0" AND 2 STORIES Height of rooftop mechanical equipment: 5'-0" 7. Addition Proposed use: N/A Height: N/A Number of floors: N/A Total Floor area in sq. ft. (all floors): N/A Number of sq. ft. on each floor: N/A Office space in sq. ft.: N/A Retail space in sq. ft.: N/A Industrial space in sq. ft.: N/A Seating Capacity: N/A Assembly space in sq. ft.: N/A 8. Required and Proposed Parking Proposed number of parking spaces: 4 (EXISTING PARKING) Required number of parking spaces: 0 Typical angle of parking spaces: 90 DEGREES Typical size of parking spaces: 180 SF Typical width of maneuvering lanes: PARKING OFF OF ALLEY Number of spaces < 180 sq. ft.: 0 Number of handicap spaces: 0 (EXISTING PARKING) Location of parking on the site: REAR OF BUILDINGS Location of off site parking: STREET PARKING Shared Parking Agreement?: N/A Number of light standards in parking area: N/A Height of light standards in parking area: N/A Screenwall material: N/A Height of screenwall: N/A 9. Landscaping Location of landscape areas: N/A Proposed landscape material: N/A STREETSCAPE LANDSCAPING PER CITY STANDARDS STREETSCAPE LANDSCAPING PER CITY STANDARDS 10. Building Lighting

Number of light standards on building: N/A (NO LIGHTS INTENDED) Type of light standards on building: N/A (NO LIGHTS INTENDED)

Height from grade: N/A

Proposed wattage per fixture: N/A

Number & location of holiday tree lighting receptacles: N/A

Size of light fixtures (LxWxH): N/A

Maximum wattage per fixture: N/A

Light level at each property line: N/A

Street Frontage: Width: N/A (NO LIGHTS INTENDED)	Length: N/A (NO LIGHTS INTENDED)
Height: N/A (NO LIGHTS INTENDED)	Length
11. Location of Proposed Signs	
SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS.	
RETAIL SIGNAGE TO BE DETERMINED BY TENANT AND SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW	EW AT A LATER TIME.
12. Type of Sign(s)	
Wall: 4 LOCATIONS	Canopy: N/A
Ground: N/A	Building Name: N/A
Projecting: 1 LOCATION	Post-mounted Projecting: N/A
13. If a wall sign, indicate wall to be used:	
Front: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS	Rear: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
Left side: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS	Right side: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
14. Size of Sign	
Width: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS	Height: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
Depth: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS	Total square feet: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS
Height of lettering: SEE SIGN BAND LOCATIONS ON EXTERIOR ELEVATION	Is
15 Eviating signs surrently legated on property	
15. Existing signs currently located on property Number: 2 SIGNS LOCATED ON THE WOOSTER BUILDING	Type(s): WALL & PROJECTING ON WOSTER BUILDING
Square feet per sign: 12 SF (WALL SIGN) & 4 SF (PROJECTING SIGN)	Total square feet: 16 SF
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16. Materials/Style	
Metal: 1 PROJECTING SIGN ON WOOSTER BUILDING	Wood: N/A
Plastic: N/A	Glass: N/A
Color 1(including PMS color #): BLUE, PMS #534-C	Color 2 (including PMS color #) WHITE, PMS #11-0601
Additional colors (including PMS color #:	
17. Sign(s) Read(s): BOJI GROUP	
<b>18. Sign Lighting</b> Type of lighting proposed: N/A	Number proposed: N/A
Size of light fixtures (LxWxH): N/A	Number proposed: N/A
Size of light fixtures (LXWXH): NA	Height from grade: N/A
Maximum wattage per fixture: N/A	Proposed wattage per fixture: N/A
Location: N/A	Style (include specifications): N/A
Location 1977	Style (include specifications).
19. Landscaping (Ground signs only)	
Location of landscape areas: N/A	Proposed landscape material: N/A
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#### **CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNER**

,	N BOJI ame of property owner)	_, OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND COUNTY OF
OAKL	AND STATE THE FOLLOWING	G:
1.	That I am the owner of real estate located	at 132-136 N OLD WOODWARD AVE, BIRMINGHAM MI 480,09 (Address of affected property)
2.	That I have read and examined the Application RON BOJI  (Name of applicant)	cation for Administrative Approval made to the City of Birmingham by:;
3.	That I have no objections to, and consent Birmingham.	to the request(s) described in the Application made to the City of
	Dated: 6-29-2021	Owner's Name (Please Print) Owner's Signature



Case #: \_\_\_\_\_\_Date: 6-29-2021

## PRELIMINARY or FINAL HISTORIC SIGN / DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION CHECKLIST – PLANNING DIVISION

Address: 132-136 N OLD WOODWARD AVE, BIRMINGHAM MI Project: MAPLEWOOD

Applicant: RON BOJI

applical	plans and elevation drawings prepared for approval shall be prepared in accordance with the following specifications and other descriptions of the City of Birmingham. If more than one page is used, each page shall be numbered sequentially. All
_	ust be legible and of sufficient quality to provide for quality reproduction or recording. Plans must be no larger than 24" x d must be folded and stapled together. The address of the site must be clearly noted on all plans and supporting documentation
A full s	Site Plan site plan detailing the proposed changes for which approval is requested shall be drawn at a scale no smaller than 1 (unless the drawing will not fit on one 24" X 36" sheet) and shall include:
	1. Name and address of applicant and proof of ownership;
	2. Name of Development (if applicable);
	3. Legend and notes, including a graphic scale, north point, and date;
$\checkmark$	4. A separate location map;
$\checkmark$	5. A list of all requested elements / changes to the site plan;
$\checkmark$	6. Any changes requested marked in color on the site plan and on all elevations of any building(s);
$\checkmark$	7. General description, location, and types of structures on the site;
$\checkmark$	8. Details of existing or proposed lighting, signage and other pertinent development features;
<u> </u>	9. A landscape plan showing all existing and proposed planting and screening materials, including the number, size, and type of plantings proposed and the method of irrigation; and
	10. Any other information requested in writing by the Planning Division, the HDC, or the Building Official deemed important to the development.
Elevat	tion Drawings
_	ete elevation drawings detailing the proposed changes for which approval is requested shall be drawn at a scale no than $1" = 100$ ' (unless the drawing will not fit on one 24" X 36" sheet) and shall include:
	11. Color elevation drawings showing the proposed design for each façade of the building;
$\checkmark$	12. List of all materials to be used for the building, marked on the elevation drawings;
$\checkmark$	13. Details of existing or proposed lighting, signage and other pertinent development features;
	14. A list of any requested design changes;
<u> </u>	15. Itemized list of all materials to be used, including exact size specifications, color, style, and the name of the manufacturer;
$\checkmark$	16. All items listed on the Sign Review Presentation Requirements
	17. Any other information requested in writing by the Planning Division, the HDC, or the Building Official deemed important to the development.

451 E. Ferry Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202

313-300-9376

June 23, 2021

Birmingham Historic District Commission City of Birmingham 151 Martin Street Birmingham, Michigan 48012

RE: Parks Building – 132 North Old Woodward

Dear Commissioners,

The owner of the Historic Landmark Parks Building at 132 North Old Woodward is proposing to reconstruct the original façade to match the 1889 photograph below. This work will require the removal of the travertine/marble installed in 1969 and removal or reconfiguration of the non-historic brick below the marble. The limestone trim will be replicated with limestone or cast stone. New storefronts, awnings, and second floor windows replicating the opening shape and sizes shown in the historic photograph will also be constructed per the submitted plans and elevations with this application. The proposal returns the façade appearance to the period of historic significance for the City of Birmingham.

Per the history provided by the city from the initial historic designation, the Parks Building was constructed in 1889 by Alex Parks for a butcher shop and meat market. His son Austin ran the business until 1911 when it was taken over by Bell Bros. & La Joie, a grocery store and meat market. Subsequent owners were Frank Schlaak and David Bell, M.R. Blair, and C.F. Smith store. Photos through c. 1910 show the building stayed in its original configuration except for the addition of awnings and signage.



c. 1890s photo

#### Photos from the 1890s through 1910s, exact dates unknown







By the time of the 1930s, the end of the period of significance for the district, the storefronts had already been changed with new cladding and signage, the opening sizes appear to have remained the same.



In a 1954 photo there were further changes to the storefront, however the upper story brick remained intact.



Sometime after 1954, but before 1969, the entire building façade and storefront were replaced with new brick and windows.



## c. 1960 photo

According to the original study committee report the current marble/travertine façade was installed in 1969 – the City Commission granted a license for the new façade to encroach into the public right-of-way. Per the June 1, 1983, designation report it was believed that the 1889 façade still existed below the travertine façade. The report reads, "This building, if restored, would be a major contributor to the Maple/Woodward intersection." A later report with no date reads, "This building if restored to its original brick façade, which still stands behind the marble, would be a major contributor to the Maple/Woodward intersection."



Photo from 1983 report



#### Photo from newer (undated) report

As is common with local historic districts designated in the 1970s and 80s, no period of significance for the Downtown Historic District was established. Staff conversations with the SHPO have identified a period of significance of 1890 to 1930, as that is the date of construction of the bulk of the historic buildings within the district. This period of significance is confirmed in an October 18, 1984, memorandum from the Historic District Study Committee (Max B. Horton, Chairman) to the City Commission which reads as follows:

"Design relationships in architecture appear to have become a problem since the coming of age of the "modern movement" in the last 35 years or so. When "modern" architecture arrived, thumbing its nose at the past and the surroundings, its problems began. The public has become disaffected with modern design. Existing scale is not respected and there is little ornamentation; the result is monotony. With this sharp change in designs so profoundly affecting the existing streetscape, preservationists and others reacted and the concept of historic districts was born.

While there may not be a clear answer to what constitutes a good relationship between old and new buildings, that should not stop us from trying to find a solution. It is only in a quality-built environment that we can achieve a quality life. The 29 "landmark" structures represent what is left of quality development from a previous era."

The Parks building, which was designated as contributing per the Birmingham City Ordinance at 127-25(2)(m), is a Landmark building in the City. Although the façade has been altered the building still retains historic features on the alley sides of the building, as well as some original chimneys.

Exploration under the current façade indicates that none of the 1889 façade remains on the building. This is further evidenced in the c. 1960 photograph. With 1930 being the end date of the period of significance, the <u>alterations</u> made after the 1930's are considered not historic as those <u>alterations</u> have not achieved significance in their own right.

Per the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation ("Standards") when no historic fabric remains either on the surface or underneath there are three treatment options:

- Keep the building as it is; OR
- Restore the building to its original appearance (this is a restoration option and is NOT required under the rehabilitation standards); OR
- Construct a new façade/storefront that is compatible in massing, size, scale, and materials to the district per standard number 9, which reads: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not

destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

It <u>does not</u> meet the Standards to create a design that is not compatible with the district or return to a design that has no historical significance. It is not recommended to keep the storefront opening sizes and underlying brick facade from the post-1930 renovation which creates an appearance that is outside of the period of significance and is not compatible with the district. Per the Guidelines for Rehabilitation under Storefronts it is not recommended to do the following:

• Introduce a new design that is incompatible in size, scale, material, and color.

Keeping the existing post-1930 storefront configuration is an incompatible design as the existing and underlying storefronts have not acquired significance in their own right because the changes were made after the period of significance for the district.

When the historic storefront is missing, it is recommended to:

• Design and construct a new storefront when the historic storefront is completely missing. It may be an accurate restoration using historical, pictorial, and physical documentation; or be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building.

As the owner proposes an accurate restoration of the façade and storefront using historical and pictorial documentation this meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard number 6.

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Because the proposed new façade and storefronts are based on pictorial evidence, it does not create a false sense of historical development, rather, it is a replacement of missing features substantiated by pictorial evidence and returns the design to a period of historic significance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the owner of the Historic Landmark Parks Building at 132 North Old Woodward requests that this board approve the reconstruction of the historic façade, including new storefronts, awnings, and second floor windows, per the submitted plans as the design is compatible with the historic district and returns the design to the period of historic significance for the City of Birmingham.

I will be in attendance at the Commission's July 7, 2021, meeting for any questions or further discussion. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Kidorf

**Kidorf Preservation Consulting** 

313-300-9376

451 E. Ferry Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202

June 23, 2021

Birmingham Historic District Commission City of Birmingham 151 Martin Street Birmingham, Michigan 48012

RE: Wooster Building – 136 North Old Woodward

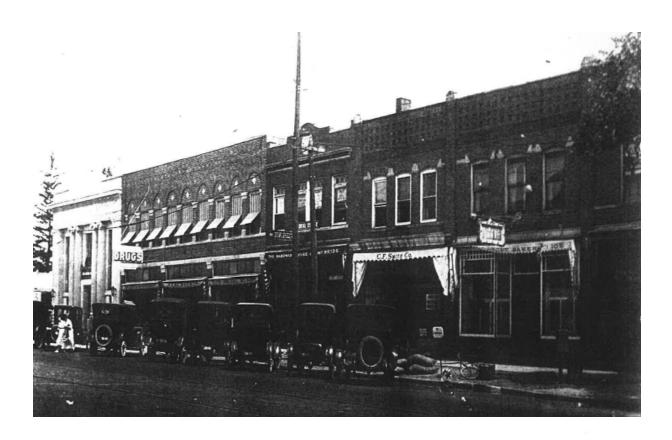
Dear Commissioners,

The owner of the Historic Landmark Wooster Building at 136 North Old Woodward are proposing to construct a new storefront, signage and awning at the first floor, install new double-hung windows with transoms in the original masonry openings at the second floor, and clean and repair the existing stone and brick.

Per the history provided by the city from the initial historic designation, the Wooster Building was constructed in 1913 or 1914 by James Wooster, the proprietor of the National Hotel. McBride's Hardware occupied the building until the mid-1920s, a barbershop then occupied the first floor. Sam Bruni turned the second floor into an apartment in 1941. Beginning in 1946 Mortimer's Men's Store occupied the first floor until the 1950s when Arthur Murray's Dance Studio moved in. In 1967 Warfield Paint Company took over the building and remained there until at least 1983. The building has a key location between the Parks Building to the south and the National Bank Building to the north.



Historic photos from the city provided designation file – unknown dates





The last photo above gives the clearest view of the historic storefront as well as the top. By 1960 the arched pedimented top of the building had been removed and the storefront altered.



The 1960s configuration appears to remain until at least 1983 when the district was designated.



In 1996 the Historic District Commission approved the following:

1.Revising the 4, second-story windows to add glass transoms above the existing double hung windows. 2.Removing the existing glass and tile storefront materials and the existing signage.

3.Constructing a new storefront of medium brown painted wood and glass.

4.Installing a new limestone base to match the existing pilaster base.

5. Establishing the sign band as the wood fascia above the display windows to include tan painted letters and address numerals to be reviewed by the Commission.

These changes appear to have lasted at least until 2005.





Undated updated designation report photo



October 2020 photo from Google Earth

From the photos and information above the existing storefront is not original, nor is it in its original configuration. The building owner is proposing to install a new storefront with a recessed door on the right (south) side. The recess will also access a side facing door that leads to the storefront. The remainder of the storefront will be large windows with a base in proportions similar to the historic and existing storefront. The existing wood panel sign band above the storefront will be reconstructed with a slightly different panel design.

Storefront reconfigurations and alterations are typical in historic commercial buildings. The existing storefront appears to date from 1996 or later, well outside of the period of significance for the district which ends in 1930. The existing storefront has not achieved significance in its own right. The proposed new storefront, awning, signage and windows are compatible with the historic district and does not destroy any historic materials or characteristics of the district. The work meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular standard numbers 5, 6 and 9, which read as follows:

- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

I will be in attendance at the Commission's July 7, 2021, meeting for any questions or further discussion. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Kidorf

**Kidorf Preservation Consulting** 

### **COVENANT DEED**

MAPLE-WOOD REALTY, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 132 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 ("Grantor"), hereby sells, conveys, grants and bargains to MAPLEWOOD EQUITIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 255 S. Old Woodward, Suite 310, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 ("Grantee"), the premises situated in City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, more specifically described as:

See Exhibit A attached hereto, and made a part hereof by this reference ("Property");

for the sum set forth on the Real Estate Transfer Tax Valuation Affidavit filed herewith.

Grantor, for itself, its successors and assigns, covenants, grants, bargains and agrees to and with Grantee, its successors and assigns, that, subject to the exceptions set forth on **Exhibit B** hereto, Grantor has not done, committed or knowingly suffered to be done or committed any act, matter or thing whatsoever, whereby the premises hereby granted, or any part thereof, is, or shall or may be, charged or encumbered in title, estate or otherwise.

If the land being conveyed is unplatted, the following is deemed to be included:

Grantor grants to Grantee the right to make all available divisions under Section 108 of the Land Division Act, Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended.

This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

[Signature page follows]

Covenant Deed Maplewood 35117729

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## [SIGNATURE PAGE TO COVENANT DEED]

Dated as of <b>JWE</b> 39, 2020.	
	GRANTOR:
	MAPLE-WOOD REALTY, L.L.C., Michigan limited liability company
	By: Surfficient State of State
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When recorded return to: Grantee	
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### EXHIBIT A

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Real property located in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and further described as follows:

#### PARCEL 1:

Lot 20, except the East 41.50 feet, ALSO part of Lot 21, described as: Beginning at the Southeast lot corner; thence West 3.62 feet along the South lot line; thence North 11.20 feet; thence East 1.06 feet to the East lot line; thence Southerly 11.58 feet along the East lot line to the point of beginning; also Lot 22 except the West 10 feet of ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 21, A REPLAT OF HAMILTON'S EASTERN ADDITION, VAN EVERY-LAWSON SUBDIVISION. RUNDEL ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 54 of Plats, page 19, Oakland County Records.

#### PARCEL 2:

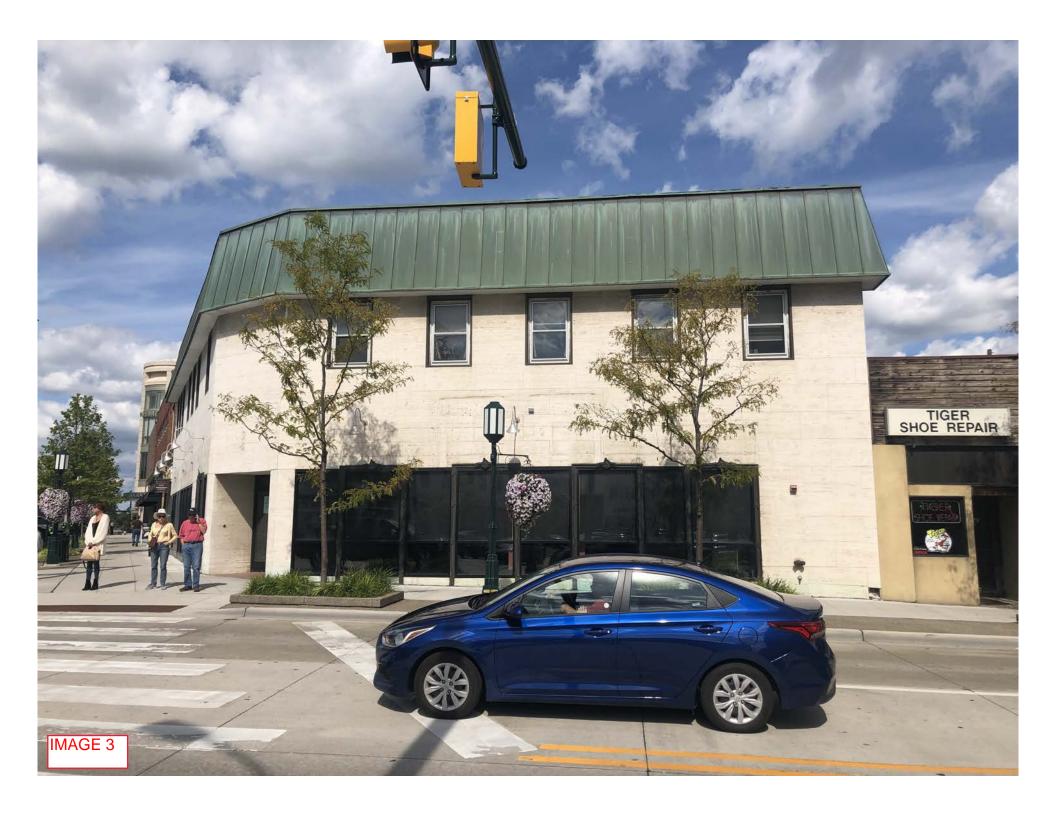
The West 10 feet of Lot 22 and all of Lots 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 and part of Lot 21 described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner or most Northerly corner of said Lot 21; thence Southeasterly along lot line 23.16 feet to North wall of Clement Building; thence West along face of said North wall 1.06 feet to corner of said building; thence Southerly along face of West wall of said building 11.2 feet to South line of said Lot 21, thence West along said South line 9.08 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 21; thence North along West line of said Lot 21, a distance of 25.30 feet to the Northwest corner of said lot; thence Easterly along lot line 21.99 feet to beginning, all in ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 21, A REPLAT OF HAMILTON'S EASTERN ADDITION, VAN EVERY-LAWSON SUBDIVISION. RUNDEL ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 54 of Plats, page 19, Oakland County Records.

Commonly known as: 100, 132-136 North Old Woodward and 135 E. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009

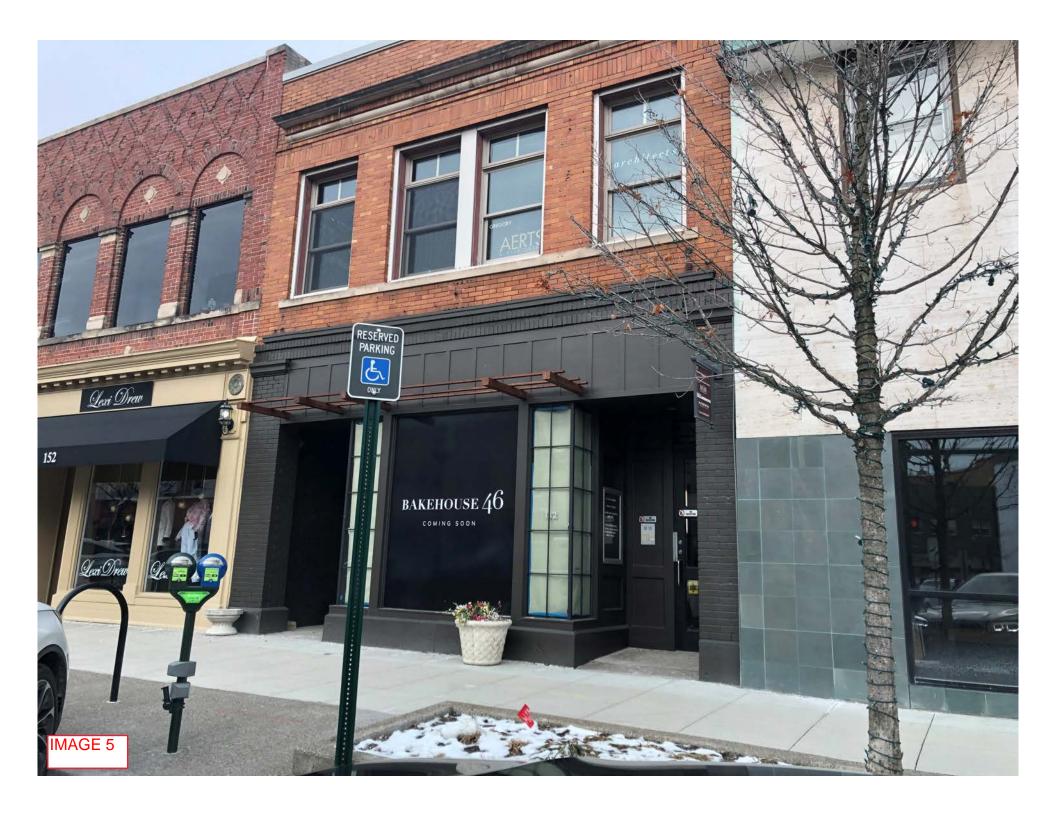
Tax Parcel No.: 19-25-456-017 (Parcel 1) & 19-25-456-039 (Parcel 2)













#### **Submittal Data Sheet**

10-Ton, 230V VRV AURORA HR RELQ120TATJU

#### **FEATURES**

- VRF Industry's first air cooled system that delivers heating down to -22°F (-30°C) as standard
- Daikin's inverter based vapor injection compressor delivers high heating capacity of up to 100% at 0°F (-18°C), up to 85% at -13°F (-25°C) and up to 60% at -22°F (-30°C)
- Refrigerant-cooled efficient and stable inverter board operation, independent of ambient conditions
- Added peace of mind with Auto Changeover ability to back up (auxiliary) heat
- Year round comfort and energy efficiency delivered by combining VRV and VRT technologies
- Available in 6, 8, 10 ton single modules and 12, 16, 20 ton multi-module systems
- Compatible with the VRV-IV T-series Branch Selector Boxes
- Seamless connection to all VRV M, P and T series indoor and air processing units
- Ships factory standard with coil guards
- Assembled in the US to increase flexibility and reduce lead times
- Standard Limited Warranty: 10-year limited parts warranty

#### **BENEFITS**

- Refrigerant cooled inverted technology allows installation without an additional drain pan heater
- Designed and optimized for Total Cost of Construction (TCC) and reduced Life Cycle Cost (LCC)
- Modular and lightweight enables flexibility in system layout and installation
- Engineered with Daikin's inverter based vapor injection compressor for optimized part load efficiency
- Heat exchanger coil wraps around on all 4 sides of the unit to increase the surface area / efficiency
- Corrosion resistant, 1000 hours salt spray tested Daikin PE blue fin heat exchanger
- Long pipe lengths up to 1640 ft total and ability to connect up to 20 indoor units with up to 98 ft vertical separation between indoor units provides design and installation flexibility
- Digital display on the unit for improved and faster configuration, commissioning, and troubleshooting













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## **Submittal Data Sheet**

10-Ton, 230V VRV AURORA HR RELQ120TATJU

PERFORMANCE			
Outdoor Unit Model No.	RELQ120TATJU	Outdoor Unit Name: 10-Ton, 230V VRV AURORA	
Туре:	Heat Recovery	Unit Combination:	
Rated Cooling Conditions:	Indoor (°F DB/WB): 80 / 67 Ambient (°F DB/WB): 95 / 75	Rated Heating Conditions:	Indoor (°F DB/WB): 70 / 60 Ambient (°F DB/WB): 47 / 43
Rated Piping Length(ft):			
Rated Height Difference (ft):	0.00		
Rated Cooling Capacity (Btu/hr):	114,000	Rated Heating Capacity (Btu/hr):	129,000
Nom Cooling Capacity (Btu/hr):	120,000	Nom Heating Capacity (Btu/hr):	135,000
Cooling Input Power (kW):	8.10	Heating Input Power (kW):	9.47
EER (Non-Ducted/Ducted):	13.70 / 12.40	Heating COP (Non-Ducted/Ducted):	4.0 / 3.5
IEER (Non-Ducted/Ducted):	23.40 / 19.60	Heating COP 17F (Non-Ducted/Ducted):	2.3 / 2.3
		SCHE (Non-Ducted/Ducted):	26.70 / 21.40

OUTDOOR UNIT DETAILS				
Power Supply (V/Hz/Ph):	208-230 / 60 / 3	Compressor Stage:		
Power Supply Connections:	L1, L2, L3 Ground	Capacity Control Range (%): 9 - 100		
Min. Circuit Amps MCA (A):	83.4	Capacity Index Limit:	84.0 - 156.0	
Max Overcurrent Protection (MOP) (A):	90	Airflow Rate (H) (CFM):	8806	
Max Starting Current MSC(A):		Gas Pipe Connection (inch):	1-1/8	
Rated Load Amps RLA(A):	39.3	Liquid Pipe Connection (inch):	1/2	
Dimensions (Height) (in):	66-11/16	H/L Pressure Connection (inch)	3/4	
Dimensions (Width) (in):	48-7/8	H/L Equalizing Connection (inch)		
Dimensions (Depth) (in):	30-3/16	Sound Pressure (H) (dBA):	64	
Net Weight (lb):	793	Sound Power Level (dBA):	84.5	
		Max. No. of Indoor Units:	20	

Daikin North America LLC, 5151 San Felipe, Suite 500, Houston, TX, 77056

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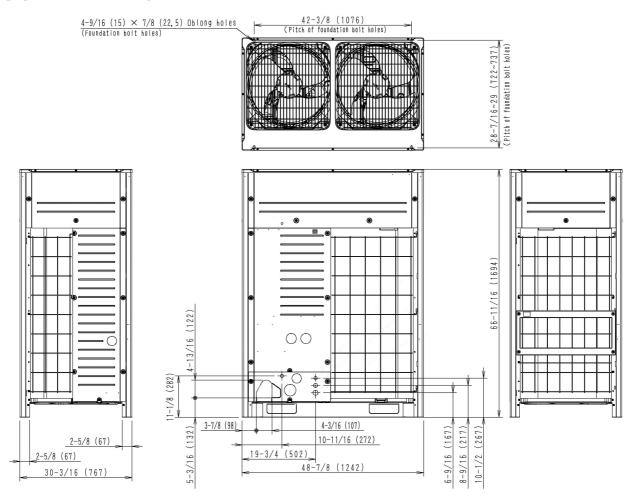


## **Submittal Data Sheet**

10-Ton, 230V VRV AURORA HR RELQ120TATJU

SYSTEM DETAILS			
Refrigerant Type:	R-410A	Cooling Operation Range (°F DB):	23 - 122
Holding Refrigerant Charge (lbs):	25.8	Heating Operation Range (°F WB):	-22 - 60
Additional Charge (lb/ft):		Max. Pipe Length (Vertical) (ft):	295
Pre-charge Piping (Length) (ft):		Cooling Range w/Baffle (°F DB):	-
Max. Pipe Length (Total) (ft):	1,640	Heating Range w/Baffle (°F WB):	-
Max Height Separation (Ind to Ind ft):	0		

## **DIMENSIONAL DRAWING**



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Planning Division** 

DATE: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Historic District Commission

FROM: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

SUBJECT: 239 N. Old Woodward – Bloom Bistro – Design Review

**Zoning**: B4 (Business-Residential) & D4 (Downtown Overlay)

**Existing Use:** 2-Story Commercial Building

## History

Elmer Huston put up this building with 2 stores on the ground level and apartments above in 1923. It housed the Post Office and variety store from 1924 to 1928. In 1929, the Mulholland Dry Goods Company moved into both spaces. Mulholland went out of business in 1963 or 1964. Several businesses were located there until Irving Kay moved into the north half in 1967. Between then and not several businesses, have succeeded each other in the southern half. In the spring of 1982, Irving Kay expanded and occupied the entire ground floor. The second floor façade resembles that of the Leonard Building in W. Maple.

#### Introduction

The subject site is located on the west side of N. Old Woodward just north of Hamilton Row. The multi-tenant building is located in the Central Business Historic District and is a designated historic resource. The applicant has submitted a Design Review application for exterior changes to an existing first-floor tenant space, Bloom Bistro.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Planning Board reviewed the Special Land Use, Final Site Plan and Design Review application for Bloom Bistro and recommended approval to the City Commission with the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant must receive Historic District Commission approval for all exterior changes proposed;
- 2. The applicant must submit revised site plans showing non-public trash receptacles in each outdoor dining area;
- 3. The Planning Board APPROVES the projection into the Willits Alley right-of-way;
- 4. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing;

- 5. The applicant must revise the sign concept for Bloom to meet the dimensional requirements of the Sign Ordinance;
- 6. The applicant must comply with the requests of all City Departments; and
- 7. The Planning Board APPROVES outdoor dining in the Willits Alley.

As required, the applicant is seeking Historic District Commission approval for the Bloom Bistro, and subsequently the exterior changes to the Huston Building proposed with the new tenant.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Historic District Commission postponed consideration of the Design Review application citing concerns about historic materials and the overall design proposal for the historic façade.

## Proposal

At this time, the applicant is proposing several exterior changes related to the Bloom bistro specifically in an effort to keep the Bloom approval process moving while the overall Huston Building proposal is reviewed separately. Please see the table below for a summary of all of the proposed façade materials related to Bloom Bistro:

Material	Location	Color
Metal Header Panel	Above 1st floor windows	Blackened Patina
Wood & Glass Door	Storefront entry	Black Gloss
Wood & Glass French Doors	Storefront	Black Gloss
Paint (1)	Existing standing seam metal roof	Kendall Charcoal
Paint (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor window frames	Caviar
Paint (3)	Existing brick facade	Glacier White
Paint (4)	Existing gutter & downspouts	Kendall Charcoal
Paint (5)	Rear of building	Glacier White
Granite	Storefront Base	Black

Although the applicant is proposing changes to the façade and some of its original materials, it is worth nothing that the proposed façade meets meet several architectural standards required in the Downtown Overlay District including the following:

- 1. At least 90% of the exterior finish material on all facades that face a street shall be limited to the following: glass, brick, cut stone, cast stone, coarsely textured stucco, or wood.
- 2. The primary colors of building exteriors shall be compatible with the colors of adjacent buildings and in character with the surrounding area, although the trim may be of a contrasting color.
- 3. Sliding doors and sliding windows are prohibited along frontage lines.

A more detailed analysis of the façade in relation to the Secretary of the Interior (SOI) Standards will be provided below.

## Signage

Article 2, Section 2.02 of the Sign Ordinance states that the City Commission shall hear and deny, approve, or approve with conditions, those signs for special land uses, after receiving the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviewed signage at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and provided a condition of approval that the applicant must revise the sign concept for Bloom to meet the dimensional requirements of the Sign Ordinance. The applicant has revised the signage proposal and removed the green canvas panel, which is reviewed below.

The applicant is proposing five total signs. The linear frontage of the building measures roughly 42 ft., which permits the building 42 sq. ft. of total signage. Article 3, Section 3.02 of the Sign Ordinance defines a sign as any object, device, logo, display or structure, or part thereof, which is intended to advertise, identify, display, or direct or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means.

In addition, Article 2, Section 2.03 requires sign area to be computed by means of the smallest square or rectangle that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed. Considering the definition and computation regulations above, a breakdown of the building signage is provided in the following table:

Sign Content (Type)	Sign Area (Sq. Ft.)		
Stacked Deli (Existing Wall Sign)	16		
Bloom (Wall Sign – Sign Panel)	15		
Bloom (Projecting Sign)	1.3		
Bloom (Name Letter Sign – Window Header, Vinyl)	3.1		
Bloom (Projecting Signs – Rear)	60*		
Bloom (Wall Sign – Rear Door)	2*		
Total Proposed Combined Sign Area:	35.4		
Total Permitted Combined Sign Area:	42		
*Area not included in proposed combined sign area per Activation Overlay District			

Additionally, the Sign Ordinance permits wall signs to project no more than 9 in. from the building face. As the signage is presently designed, the sign projects 6 in. from the building face, meeting the requirements of the Sign Ordinance.

Finally, the logo wall sign is proposed to be illuminated by a small architectural light fixture above the sign, which is permitted in the Central Business Historic District.

#### Lighting

The applicant is not proposing any new building lighting as a part of the Design Review for Bloom.

## Planning and Zoning

In general, because the existing building footprint it proposed to remain, there are no bulk, placement or height requirements that must be addressed as a part of this review. However, there are four planning and zoning issues that must be reviewed:

**Parking**: The subject site is located within the Parking Assessment District. Thus, no parking analysis is required for the commercial use.

**Landscaping**: There are no existing landscaping beds on site, nor are any proposed at this time. However, there is a small planter in the rear of the building that contains ivy. The applicant is proposing to replant Boston Ivy after the building is repainted.

**Glazing**: As the applicant is proposing to install new glazing, the new glazing will be required to conform to the window standards outlined in Article 4, Section 4.90 of the Zoning Ordinance, which state that:

- 1. No less than 70% of a storefront/ground floor façade between 1 and 8 ft. above grade shall be clear glazing.
- 2. Only Clear glazing (80% Visual Light Transmittance) is permitted on storefront facades at the first floor. Lightly tinted glazing (70% Visual Light Transmittance) above the first floor may be permitted. Mirrored glass is prohibited.
- 3. Required window areas shall be either pedestrian entrances, windows that allow views into retail space, working areas or lobbies. Display windows set into the wall may be approved by the Planning Board.
- 4. Windows shall not be blocked with opaque materials or the back of shelving units or signs.
- 5. The bottom of the window shall be no more than 3 feet above the adjacent exterior grade.

The New Storefront Elevation drawing shown on sheet A-2 contains a calculation showing that the new Bloom storefront contains 63% glazing in between 1 ft. and 8 ft. from grade, falling short of the requirement. However, to allow flexibility in design, these standards may be modified by a majority vote of those appointed and serving on the Historic District Commission for architectural design considerations provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1. The subject property must be in a zoning district that allows mixed uses;
- 2. The scale, color, design and quality of materials must be consistent with the building and site on which it is located;
- 3. The proposed development must not adversely affect other uses and buildings in the neighborhood;

- 4. Glazing above the first story shall not exceed a maximum of 70% of the façade area;
- 5. Windows shall be vertical in proportion.

The Planning Division finds that each of these conditions are met and that the Historic District Commission has additional authority to approve a storefront based on historical context and construction that may not meet the current ordinance. Thus, the applicant must receive approval from the Historic District Commission for the proposed 63% glazing, provide additional glazing, or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning appeals.

Additionally, the applicant has not submitted specification sheets on any proposed glazing to ensure that the clarity requirements of 80% VLT are met. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing.

**Projections into Right-of-Way**: The applicant is proposing a vertical canvas banner that extends from the top of the first floor to just below the roofline at the rear of the building along the alley that projects 1.5 ft. into the Willits Alley right-of-way. The Planning Board approved this projection into the right-of-way.

## **Design Review Standards and Guidelines**

Chapter 127, Section 127-11 of the Birmingham Code of Ordinances states that in reviewing plans, the commission shall follow the U.S. secretary of the interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the secretary of interior's standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the state historic preservation office of the Michigan Historical Center. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation are provided in full at the end of this report.

In reviewing plans, the commission shall also consider all of the following:

- 1. The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
- 2. The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.
- 3. The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.
- 4. Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.
- 5. Whether the applicant has certified in the application that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm

system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

#### Recommendation

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office defines rehabilitation as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

The National Park's Service offers guidelines that suggest in *rehabilitation*, historic building materials and character-defining features are protected and maintained as they are in the treatment Preservation. However, greater latitude is given in the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings to replace extensively deteriorated, damaged, or <u>missing features</u> using either the same material or compatible substitute materials. Of the four treatments, only Rehabilitation allows alterations and the construction of a new addition, if necessary for a continuing or new use for the historic building.

Considering the above, the applicant appears, generally, to meet Standards 1, 2, 7 and 9. However, the proposal in relation to Standards 3 and 6 should be discussed. A Planning Division review of each applicable standard is provided below:

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
  - As noted in the building history above, the building has historically contained retail uses on the ground floor since its construction. The introduction of the Bloom Bistro in the northern tenant space will continue to offer use that is compatible with the building and its history, with appropriate access to each tenant space.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
  - The exterior changes for the introduction of Bloom Bistro do not remove or alter features or spaces that characterize the property. This is especially true because the original significant storefront no longer exists. The proposed new storefront appears to bring the tenant space closer to its historic character by bringing the glazing out from the inset and making it flush with the façade.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

The introduction of tall, operable French doors at the storefront could foster a false sense of historical development and may be inappropriate. When it comes to replacing windows, National Park's Service guidelines recommend replacing incompatible, non-historic windows with new windows that are compatible with the historic character of the building. Operable French-door styled windows were not a feature of this 1923 building. However, Historic District Commission could realistically consider French style doors or operable windows IF they more closely matched the pane configuration, size, and component makeup that were a feature of the original windows.

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Although the historic features of the original storefront had previously been removed rather than left to deteriorate, the proposed storefront does not closely match the design, color and texture evident in the photographs available of the original building façade. Specifically, the fenestration as a result of the French door styled windows conflicts with the original large paned glass storefront that existed originally.

7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

As noted on the plans, the applicant is not proposing to remove the paint on the building to expose the original brick and restore the original look. Rather, the applicant is proposing to paint the front façade brick Glacier White. National Park Service guidance suggests that this is the best treatment when approaching brick that has been painted numerous times over a buildings lifetime. When repainting, the paint color should be, at a minimum, appropriate to the style and setting of the building. This also means that if the building is in a historic district, the color selection should complement the building in question as well as other buildings in the block. In general, color schemes for wall and major decorative trim or details should be kept simple; in most cases the color or colors chosen for a storefront should be used on other painted exterior detailing to unify upper and lower portions of the facade. The applicant appears to be doing just that.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

As the storefront is not original, the proposed work does not remove any historic materials from the building.

Based on a review of the SOI standards and other guidance, the Planning Division recommends that the Historic District Commission **APPROVE** the Design Review for 239 N. Old Woodward – Bloom – with the condition below. The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9 will be met upon completion.

1. The Historic District Commission approves the proposed 63% glazing on the ground floor façade;

OR

- 1. The applicant must provide additional glazing or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals;
- 2. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing; and
- 3. The applicant must revise the storefront glazing to meet the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings.

## **Sample Motion Language**

I move that the Commission APPROVE the Historic Design Review application and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for 239 N. Old Woodward – Bloom Bistro – provided the conditions below are met. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation standard number(s) 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and will be met upon fulfillment of the condition(s):

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OR

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OR

Motion to <b>POSTPONE</b> the Design Review application for 239 N. Old Woodward – Bloom Bistro	_
to allow the applicant time to address the conflicts noted above with the Secretary of the Interior	or
Standards.	

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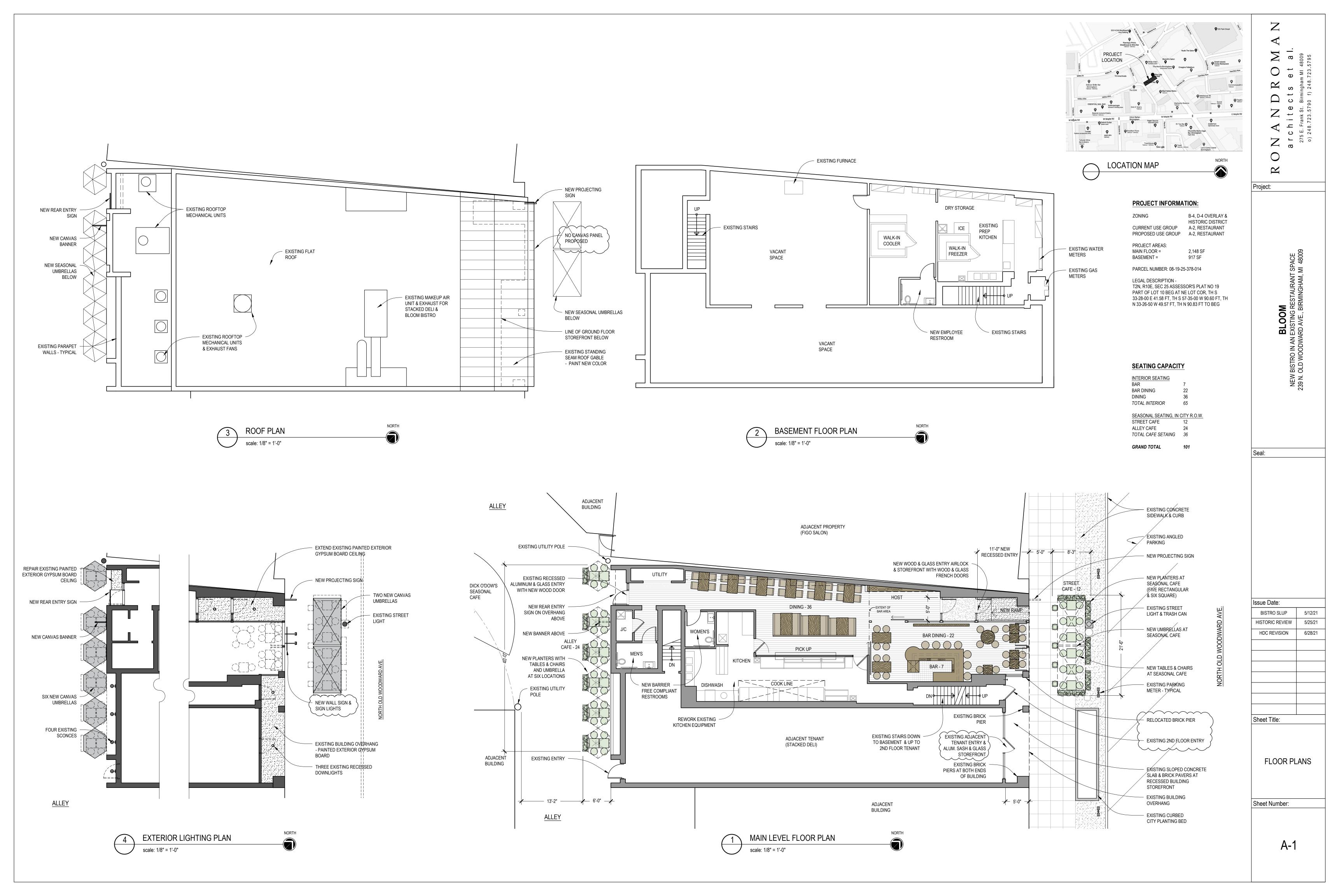
Motion to <b>DENY</b>	the Design	Review	application	for	239 N.	Old	Woodward	<ul><li>Bloom</li></ul>	Bistro	– for
the following rea	sons:									

1.	
2.	
3.	

# THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The U. S. secretary of the interior standards for rehabilitation are as follows:

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
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- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8. Significant archaeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.











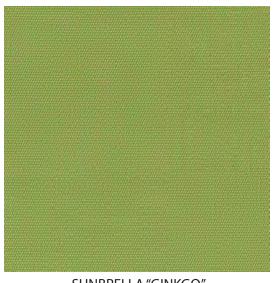
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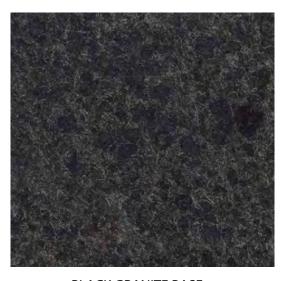
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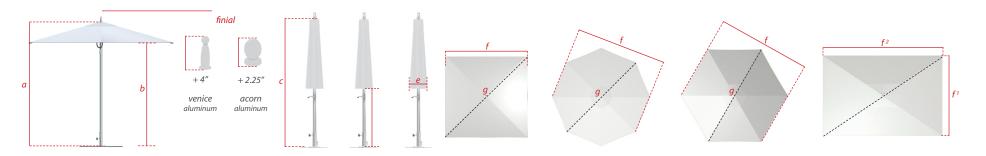
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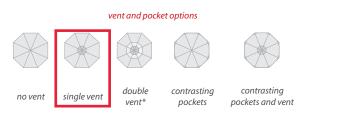


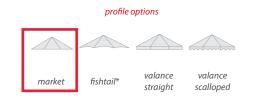
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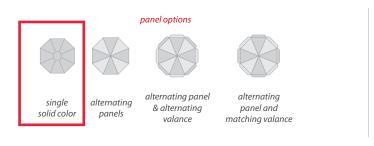
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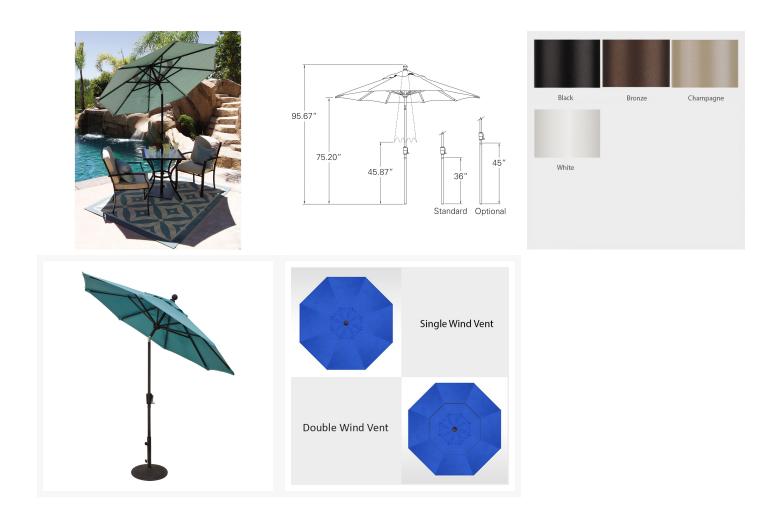


Downtown San Diego 2161 Hancock St San Diego, CA 92110

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#### **Product Images**





#### **Short Description**

7.5' Octagon Custom Push Button Tilt Market Umbrella UM907

#### **Additional Information**

SKU	UM907
Brand	Treasure Garden
Delivery Estimate	10 - 14 Weeks
Residential Warranty	Frame: 1 Year Sunbrella/Outdura/Docril Fabrics: 5 Years O'bravia Fabrics: 4 Years
Fabric	<u>View Fabric Options</u>
Dimensions	Height: 100.8" Coverage: 46 sq. ft. Top Pole: 1.38" Bottom Pole: 1.5" Weight: 15.4 lbs. Number of Ribs: 8

#### 7.5' Octagon Custom Push Button Tilt Market Umbrella UM907

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#### Orange Metal Indoor-Outdoor Table Set with 2 Stack Chairs

Central Model#: 47K-D42 Brand: Flash Furniture Mfg Part#: CH-31330-2-30-OR-GG





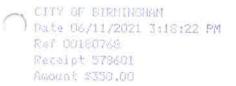
#### **Product Details**

Complete your dining room, restaurant or patio with this chic table and chair set. This colorful set will add a retro-modern look to your home or eatery. The table top features an engraved designer print, stabilizing cross brace and protective rubber floor glides. The lightweight stack chair features plastic caps that prevent the finish from scratching while being stacked. This 3 piece table set is designed for indoor and outdoor settings. For longevity, care should be taken to protect from long periods of wet weather. The possibilities are endless with the multitude of environments in which you can use this table, for both commercial and residential spaces. [CH-31330-2-30-OR-GG]

This Flash Furniture CH-31330-2-30-OR-GG is available from Central Restaurant Products.

#### **Features Include:**

- · Table and Chair Set
- Set Includes Table and 2 Chairs
- Orange Powder Coat Finish
- Designed for Indoor and Outdoor Use
- · Designed for Commercial and Residential Use
- Square Table
- Table Size: 27.75"W x 27.75"D x 29"H
- · Engraved Designer Top
- 2" Thick Edge
- · Cross Brace provides extra stability
- Protective Rubber Floor Glides
- · Stackable Cafe Chair
- · Stacks up to 8 Chairs High
- 330 lb. Weight Capacity
- · Curved Back with Vertical Slat
- Drain Holes in Seat
- · Cross Brace under seat provides extra stability
- · Plastic Caps on cross brace protect finish when stacked
- · Protective Rubber Floor Glides
- Overall Size: 18"W x 20"D x 33"H





# Preliminary or Final Historic Sign/Design Review Application Historic District Commission

**Planning Division** 

Form will not be processed until it is completely filled out.

1.	Applicant Name: Romen Bonislawski, Rong Romen, Inc. Address: 275 E. Frank St. Bir mingham MI 18009 Phone Number: Fax Number: Email address: Comon & Concord Comon Comon	2. Property Owner Name: Oxford Land LLC Address: P.O. Box 414 Troy, M= 48099 Phone Number: 248-362-3870 Fax Number: 248-362-3011 Email address: darre Oatesian. Next
3.	Amarita at Att 180 3 3 mm	4. Project Designer/Developer Name: Address:  Phone Number: Fax Number: Email address:
5.	<ul> <li>Required Attachments</li> <li>Required fee (see Fee Schedule for applicable amount)</li> <li>Two (2) folded copies of scaled plans including color elevations showing all materials and an itemized list of all changes for which approval is requested with changes marked in color.</li> <li>Certified land survey</li> <li>Landscape plan showing all existing and proposed elements</li> <li>Photographs of existing site and/or building.</li> <li>Current aerial photos of the subject site, including all adjacent properties within 200 ft.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Warranty Deed with legal description of property.</li> <li>Samples of all materials to be used</li> <li>Catalog sheets for all proposed lighting, mechanical equipment and outdoor furniture.</li> <li>Completed Checklist.</li> <li>Digital copy of plans.</li> <li>Any new structures or additions will require a signed letter from DTE approving the location of all electrical transformers and electrical equipment.</li> <li>Additional information as required.</li> </ul>
6.	Project Information Address/Location of the property: 289 Noddwadwod  Name of development: 810000 (8isho) Sidwell #: Current Use: 100000 (8isho) Proposed Use: 100000 Area of Site in Acres: Current zoning: 8-4 Zoning of Adjacent Properties: 8-4 Name of Historic District Site is Located in: Date of Application for Preliminary Historic Design Review:	Date of Preliminary Historic Design Review Approval:  Oute of Planning Board Approval:  Date of Application for Preliminary Site Plan:  Date of Preliminary Site Plan Approval:  Date of Application for Final Site Plan:  Date of Final Site Plan Approval:  Will proposed project require the division of platted lots?  Will proposed project require the combination of platted lots?

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Use of Buildings:
Height of Rooftop Mechanical Equipment: 7-5
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Seating Capacity:
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Shared parking agreement?
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Maximum Wattage per Fixture: Location:	Proposed Wattage per Fixture:
Location:	Style (include specifications):
19. Landscaping (ground signs only)	
Location of Landscape Areas:	Proposed Landscape Material:

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The undersigned states the above information is true and correct, and understands that it is the responsibility of the applicant to advise the Planning Division and / or Building Division of any additional changes made to an approved site plan. The undersigned further states that they have reviewed the procedures and guidelines for site plan review in Birmingham, and have complied with same. The undersigned will be in attendance at the Planning Board meeting when this application will be discussed.

Signature of Owner:	Janen / Uta-	Date:	5-25-21			
Print Name: Darrer	Atesia-					
Signature of Applicant:	RMauxans	U Date:	5.25.21			
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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**Planning Division** 

**DATE:** July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Historic District Commission

FROM: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

SUBJECT: 239 N. Old Woodward – Huston Building – Design Review

**Zoning:** B4 (Business-Residential) & D4 (Downtown Overlay)

**Existing Use:** 2-Story Commercial Building

#### History

Elmer Huston put up this building with 2 stores on the ground level and apartments above in 1923. It housed the Post Office and variety store from 1924 to 1928. In 1929, the Mulholland Dry Goods Company moved into both spaces. Mulholland went out of business in 1963 or 1964. Several businesses were located there until Irving Kay moved into the north half in 1967. Between then and not several businesses, have succeeded each other in the southern half. In the spring of 1982, Irving Kay expanded and occupied the entire ground floor. The second floor façade resembles that of the Leonard Building in W. Maple.

#### Introduction

The subject site is located on the west side of N. Old Woodward just north of Hamilton Row. The multi-tenant building is located in the Central Business Historic District and is a designated historic resource. The applicant has submitted a Design Review application for exterior changes to the entire building from roof to storefront.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Planning Board reviewed a Special Land Use, Final Site Plan and Design Review application for Bloom Bistro (a newly proposed tenant in the building) and recommended approval to the City Commission with the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant must receive Historic District Commission approval for all exterior changes proposed;
- 2. The applicant must submit revised site plans showing non-public trash receptacles in each outdoor dining area;
- 3. The Planning Board APPROVES the projection into the Willits Alley right-of-way;
- 4. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing;

- 5. The applicant must revise the sign concept for Bloom to meet the dimensional requirements of the Sign Ordinance;
- 6. The applicant must comply with the requests of all City Departments; and
- 7. The Planning Board APPROVES outdoor dining in the Willits Alley.

As required, the applicant is seeking Historic District Commission approval for the exterior changes to the Huston Building that are related to the introduction of Bloom.

On June 16th, 2020, the Historic District Commission postponed consideration of the Design Review application citing concerns about historic materials and the overall design proposal for the historic façade.

#### Proposal

The applicant is proposing a *rehabilitation* of the historic building facade storefront, parts of which were removed at some point in the buildings history. The proposed changes include extensive work to the ground floor façade including new and redesigned windows/entryways, new limestone façade, and paint. The upper floors are proposed to contain new windows, a new roof, and paint. Please see the table below for a summary of all of the proposed façade materials:

Material	Location	Color
Leaded Glass Transom	Above 1 <sup>st</sup> floor storefront windows	Blackened Patina
Wood & Glass French Doors	1 <sup>st</sup> floor storefront	Glossy Black
Wood & Glass Entry Door	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor entrance (center)	Stained
Wood & Glass Entry Door	Retail entrances	Glossy Black
Limestone	1 <sup>st</sup> floor façade, archway, piers	Natural
Terra Cotta Tile	Roof	Slate
Copper Gutter & Downspout	Roofline	Copper/Patina
Paint	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor façade, rear façade	Glacier White
Aluminum Clad Double Hung Wood Windows	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor windows	?

Although the applicant is proposing a restoration of the original façade and its original materials, it is worth nothing that the proposed façade meets meet several architectural standards required in the Downtown Overlay District including the following:

- 1. At least 90% of the exterior finish material on all facades that face a street shall be limited to the following: glass, brick, cut stone, cast stone, coarsely textured stucco, or wood.
- The primary colors of building exteriors shall be compatible with the colors of adjacent buildings and in character with the surrounding area, although the trim may be of a contrasting color.

- 3. Storefronts shall be directly accessible from public sidewalks. Each storefront must have transparent areas, equal to 70% of its portion of the facade, between one and eight feet from the ground.
- 4. Sliding doors and sliding windows are prohibited along frontage lines.

A more detailed analysis of the façade in relation to the Secretary of the Interior (SOI) Standards will be provided below.

#### Signage

Article 2, Section 2.02 of the Sign Ordinance states that the City Commission shall hear and deny, approve, or approve with conditions, those signs for special land uses, after receiving the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviewed signage at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and provided a condition of approval that the applicant must revise the sign concept for Bloom to meet the dimensional requirements of the Sign Ordinance. The applicant has revised the signage proposal and removed the green canvas panel, which is reviewed below.

The applicant is proposing five total signs. The linear frontage of the building measures roughly 42 ft., which permits the building 42 sq. ft. of total signage. Article 3, Section 3.02 of the Sign Ordinance defines a sign as any object, device, logo, display or structure, or part thereof, which is intended to advertise, identify, display, or direct or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means.

In addition, Article 2, Section 2.03 requires sign area to be computed by means of the smallest square or rectangle that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed. Considering the definition and computation regulations above, a breakdown of the building signage is provided in the following table:

Sign Content (Type)	Sign Area (Sq. Ft.)	
Stacked Deli (Existing Wall Sign)	16	
Bloom (Wall Sign – Canvas/Sign Panel)	15	
Bloom (Projecting Sign)	1.3	
Bloom (Name Letter Sign – Window Header, Vinyl)	3.1	
Bloom (Projecting Sign – Rear)	60*	
Bloom (Wall Sign – Rear Door)	2*	
Total Proposed Combined Sign Area:	35.4	
Total Permitted Combined Sign Area:	42	
*Area not included in proposed combined sign area per Activation Overlay District		

Additionally, the Sign Ordinance permits wall signs to project no more than 9 in. from the building face. As the signage is presently designed, the sign projects 6 in. from the building face. This is due in part to the proposed canvas panel located behind the logo wall sign.

Finally, the logo wall sign is proposed to be illuminated by a small architectural light fixture below the sign, which is permitted in the Central Business Historic District.

#### Lighting

The applicant is proposing minor LED strip up lighting underneath the proposed limestone arched entryway and two recessed downlights in the retail entrances. Although the applicant is proposing new light fixtures, the Planning Division did not seek a photometric plan, citing Article 4, Section 4.21 (C) which requires a photometric plan only if new lighting is proposed that may *significantly alter* the light distribution or illuminance on a site, as deemed necessary by the Planning Division or Historic District Commission. The Historic District Commission may wish to discuss this opinion and update the requirements accordingly, if necessary.

The applicant has submitted specification sheets on the proposed LED strip fixtures that demonstrate that the proposed fixtures are NOT cutoff as defined by Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance. Exception to cutoff luminaries can be made at the discretion of the Historic District Commission under any of the following conditions:

- 1. The distribution of upward light is controlled by means of refractors or shielding to the effect that it be used solely for the purpose of decorative enhancement of the luminaire itself and does not expel undue ambient light into the nighttime environment.
- 2. The luminaire is neither obtrusive nor distracting, nor will it create a traffic hazard or otherwise adversely impact public safety, with appropriate methods used to eliminate undesirable glare and/or reflections.
- 3. The luminaire is consistent with the intent of the Master Plan, Urban Design Plan(s), Triangle district plan, Rail District plan and/or Downtown Birmingham 2016 Report, as applicable.
- 4. The scale, color, design or material of the luminaire will enhance the site on which it is located, as well as be compatible with the surrounding buildings or neighborhood.
- 5. Lighting designed for architectural enhancement of building features (i.e. architectural enhancement lighting). Appropriate methods shall be used to minimize reflection and glare.
- 6. The site lighting meets all requirements set forth in this ordinance including, but not limited to, light trespass and nuisance violations.

The Planning Division finds that the LED strip lighting is appropriate and controlled by the building, preventing ambient light from entering the nighttime environment. Thus, **the applicant must receive approval from the Historic District Commission for the use of non-cutoff light fixtures.** 

#### **Planning and Zoning**

In general, because the existing building footprint it proposed to remain, there are no bulk, placement or height requirements that must be addressed as a part of this review. However, there are four planning and zoning issues that must be reviewed:

**Parking**: The subject site is located within the Parking Assessment District. Thus, no parking analysis is required for the commercial use.

**Landscaping**: There are no existing landscaping beds on site, nor are any proposed at this time. However, there is a small planter in the rear of the building that contains ivy. The applicant is proposing to replant Boston Ivy after the building is repainted.

**Glazing**: As the applicant is proposing to install new glazing, the new glazing will be required to conform to the window standards outlined in Article 4, Section 4.90 of the Zoning Ordinance, which state that:

- 1. No less than 70% of a storefront/ground floor façade between 1 and 8 ft. above grade shall be clear glazing.
- 2. Only Clear glazing (80% Visual Light Transmittance) is permitted on storefront facades at the first floor. Lightly tinted glazing (70% Visual Light Transmittance) above the first floor may be permitted. Mirrored glass is prohibited.
- 3. Required window areas shall be either pedestrian entrances, windows that allow views into retail space, working areas or lobbies. Display windows set into the wall may be approved by the Planning Board.
- 4. Windows shall not be blocked with opaque materials or the back of shelving units or signs.
- 5. The bottom of the window shall be no more than 3 feet above the adjacent exterior grade.

The applicant has submitted glazing calculations that show the proposed storefront contains about 53% glazing in between 1 ft. and 8 ft. from grade. The applicant has also submitted a "developed elevation" that takes into consideration the glass proposed within the recessed entrances, which shows about 67% glazing. Unfortunately, the Zoning Ordinance defines façade as "the vertical exterior surface of a building that is set parallel to a setback line" which would preclude the perpendicular glazing located within the recessed entrances.

However, to allow flexibility in design, these standards may be modified by a majority vote of those appointed and serving on the Historic District Commission for architectural design considerations provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1. The subject property must be in a zoning district that allows mixed uses;
- 2. The scale, color, design and quality of materials must be consistent with the building and site on which it is located;
- 3. The proposed development must not adversely affect other uses and buildings in the neighborhood;
- 4. Glazing above the first story shall not exceed a maximum of 70% of the façade area;
- 5. Windows shall be vertical in proportion.

The Planning Division finds that each of these conditions are met and that the Historic District Commission has additional authority to approve a storefront based on historical context and construction that may not meet the current ordinance. Thus, the applicant must receive approval from the Historic District Commission for the proposed 53% glazing, provide additional glazing, or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning appeals.

The applicant has not submitted specification sheets on any proposed glazing to ensure that the clarity requirements of 80% VLT are met. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing.

**Projections into Right-of-Way**: The applicant is proposing two vertical canvas banners that extend from the top of the first floor to just below the roofline at the rear of the building along the alley that projects 1.5 ft. into the Willits Alley right-of-way. The Planning Board approved this projection into the right-of-way.

#### **Design Review Standards and Guidelines**

Chapter 127, Section 127-11 of the Birmingham Code of Ordinances states that in reviewing plans, the commission shall follow the U.S. secretary of the interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the secretary of interior's standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the state historic preservation office of the Michigan Historical Center. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation are provided in full at the end of this report.

In reviewing plans, the commission shall also consider all of the following:

- 1. The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
- 2. The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.

- 3. The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.
- 4. Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.
- 5. Whether the applicant has certified in the application that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

#### Recommendation

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office defines *rehabilitation* as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

The National Parks Service offers guidelines that suggest in *rehabilitation*, historic building materials and character-defining features are protected and maintained as they are in the treatment Preservation. However, greater latitude is given in the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings to replace extensively deteriorated, damaged, or missing features using either the same material or compatible substitute materials. Of the four treatments, only Rehabilitation allows alterations and the construction of a new addition, if necessary for a continuing or new use for the historic building.

Considering the above, the applicant appears, generally, to meet Standards 1, 7 and 9. However, elements of the proposal seem to conflict with, in some capacity, Standards 2, 3, and 6. A Planning Division review of each applicable standard is provided below:

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
  - As noted in the building history above, the building has historically contained retail uses on the ground floor since its construction. The proposed renovations do not alter the use of the building, and thus remains true to the buildings history.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The revised drawings submitted by the applicant rectify the issues noted in the June 16<sup>th</sup> report regarding the removal of historic brick and limestone window sills in favor of a new limestone storefront. The applicant is still proposing the addition of a new limestone storefront, but is no longer removing any brick. Additionally, the original storefront was removed some time ago and is no longer original or significant. However, the proposal submitted by the applicant involves an alteration of the original storefront that historically

featured large paned glass, stone base and leaded glass transom with a centrally located entry door for each tenant space.

National Parks Service guidelines suggest that when designing a new storefront - when the historic storefront is completely missing or has previously been replaced by one that is incompatible – the design may be an accurate restoration based on documentary evidence, OR it may be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material and color of the historic building. The applicant is not proposing a wholly accurate restoration of the storefront, as the proposed storefronts do not include the features described above. The Planning Division feels as though the new design proposed is not quite compatible with the rest of the building and the period of significance in which this building rehabilitation is working under due to the size and fenestration of the French-door styled windows. The relocation of the entry doors to the sides of the tenant space as opposed to the center of the space may be an acceptable alteration, as the building retains the mirrored look that was historically present, and brings the building into ADA compliance that suits the continued use of the building.

3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

The introduction of tall, operable French doors at the storefront could foster a false sense of historical development and may be inappropriate. When it comes to replacing windows, National Parks Service guidelines recommend replacing incompatible, non-historic windows with new windows that are compatible with the historic character of the building. Operable French-door styled windows were not a feature of this 1923 building. However, Historic District Commission could realistically consider French style doors or operable windows IF they more closely matched the pane configuration, size, and component makeup that were a feature of the original windows.

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Generally, many of historic features on the building facade have been removed rather than left to deteriorate. Still, the applicant has proposed new materials attempting to match the design, color and texture of the historic materials evident in the photographs. The replacement materials that require some discussion are the terra cotta roof tiles and the second floor windows. The original building would likely have had a slate roof, which seems to be confirmed by the photographs available. Although the terra cotta is a different

material, the finished slate-colored look could offer a similar visual experience in terms of color variations and general shape. Finally, the revised plans showing the replacement of the non-original second floor windows with new wood and glass double-hung windows with true divided lites is now appropriate. It is clear in photographs that the original windows were double-hung, and have remained double hung to present day.

7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

As noted on the plans, the applicant is not proposing to remove the paint on the building to expose the original brick and restore the original look. Rather, the applicant is proposing to paint the front façade brick Glacier White. National Parks Service guidance suggests that this is the best treatment when approaching brick that has been painted numerous times over a buildings lifetime. When repainting, the paint color should be, at a minimum, appropriate to the style and setting of the building. This also means that if the building is in a historic district, the color selection should complement the building in question as well as other buildings in the block. In general, color schemes for wall and major decorative trim or details should be kept simple; in most cases the color or colors chosen for a storefront should be used on other painted exterior detailing to unify upper and lower portions of the facade. The applicant appears to be doing just that.

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The revised proposal does not appear to remove any historic materials that are left on the building façade.

Based on a review of the SOI standards and other guidance, the Planning Division recommends that the Historic District Commission **POSTPONE** the Design Review for 239 N. Old Woodward – Huston Building – to allow the applicant time to address the conflicts noted above with the Secretary of the Interior Standards, as well as any further Historic District Commission comments.

#### **Sample Motion Language**

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Motion to **APPROVE** the Design Review application for 239 N. Old Woodward – Huston Building – with the following conditions:

- 1. The Historic District Commission APPROVES the non-cutoff LED light strips beneath the limestone arch;
- 2. The Historic District commission APPROVES the proposed 53% glazing;

#### OR

- 2. The applicant must provide additional glazing, or obtain a variance from the Board of Zoning appeals.
- 3. The applicant must submit specification sheets with Visual Light Transmittance figures for all proposed glazing.

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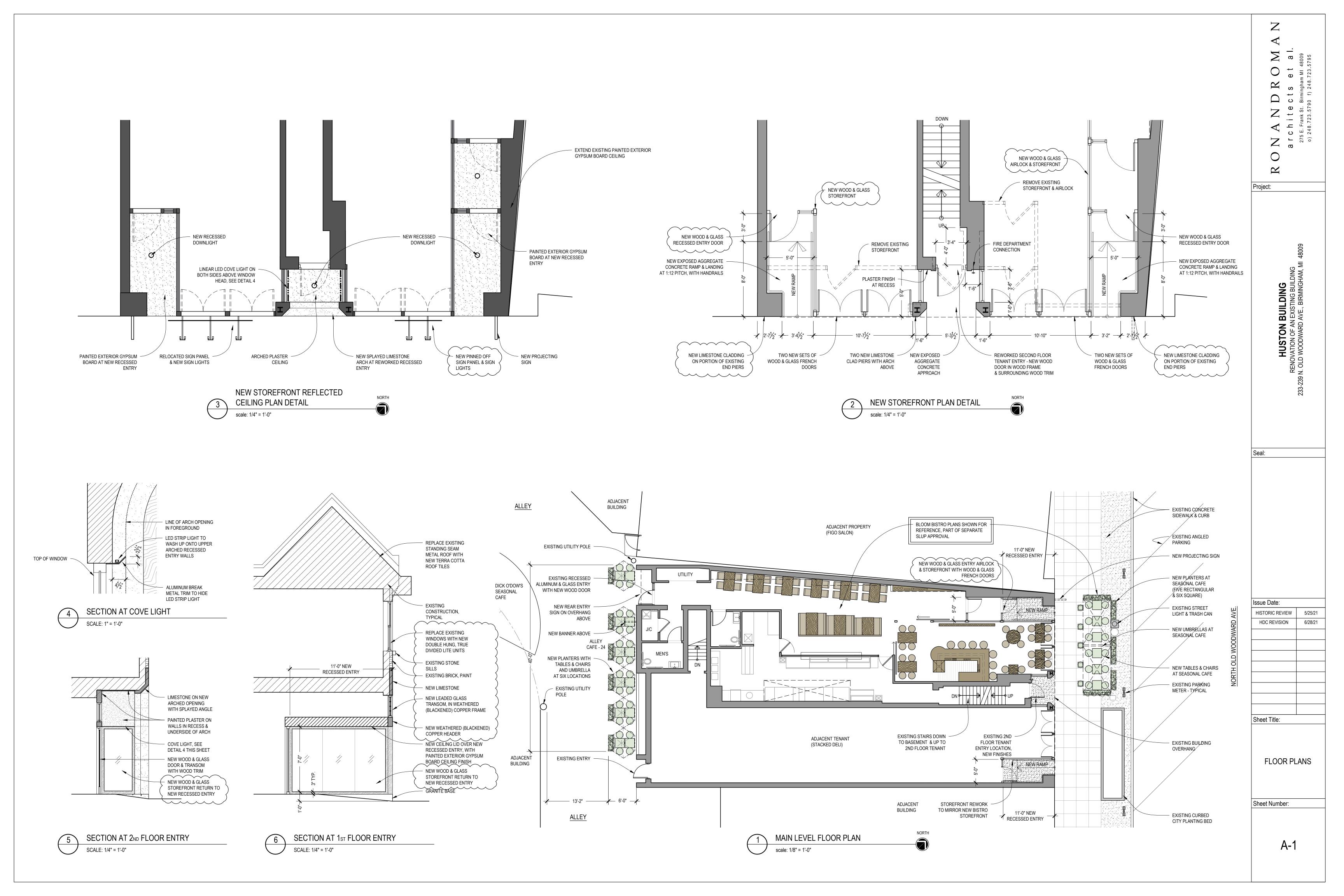
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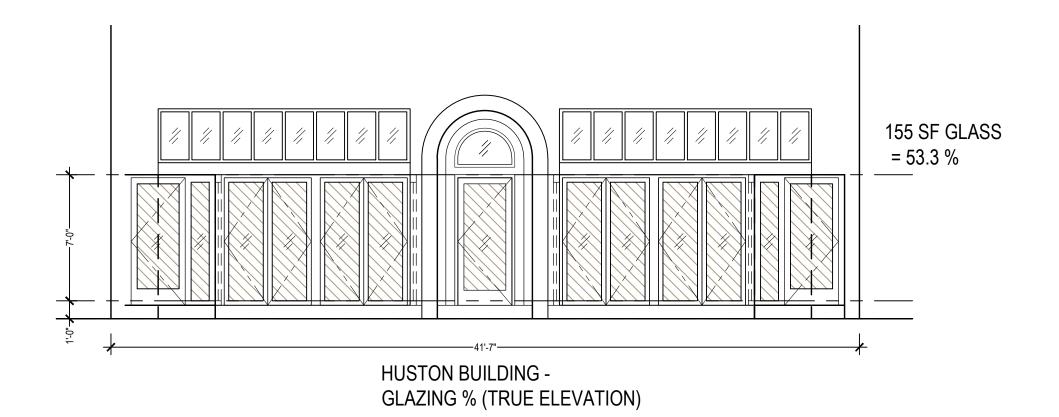
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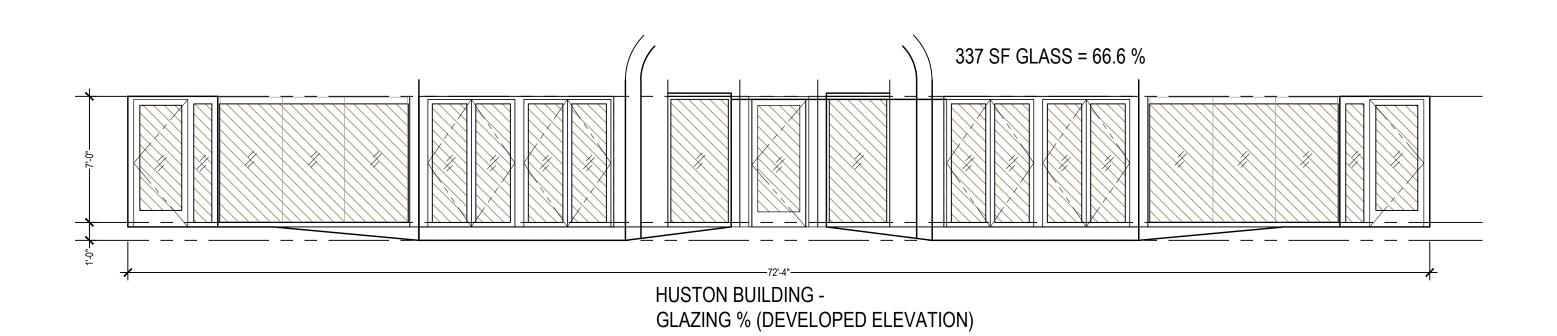














SHERWIN WILLIAMS "GLACIER WHITE" OC-37



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WHITE PAINTED CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS, ON ALLEY ELEVATION



**EXISTING IVY ON REAR ALLEY WALL** 



STAINED & VARNISHED WOOD DOOR, TRIM & TRANSOM AT SECOND FLOOR ENTRY



EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE RAMPS, LANDING & APPROACHES AT **OLD WOODWARD STOREFRONTS** 



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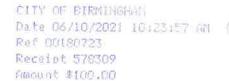


**GRANITE BASE** 



BLACK GLOSS PAINTED WOOD DOORS & FRAMES AT NEW STOREFRONT

Huston Building







## Preliminary or Final Historic Sign/Design Review Application Historic District Commission

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	<ul> <li>Required Attachments</li> <li>Required fee (see Fee Schedule for applicable amount)</li> <li>Two (2) folded copies of scaled plans including color elevations showing all materials and an itemized list of all changes for which approval is requested with changes marked in color.</li> <li>Certified land survey</li> <li>Landscape plan showing all existing and proposed elements</li> <li>Photographs of existing site and/or building.</li> <li>Current aerial photos of the subject site, including all adjacent properties within 200 ft.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Warranty Deed with legal description of property.</li> <li>Samples of all materials to be used</li> <li>Catalog sheets for all proposed lighting, mechanical equipment and outdoor furniture.</li> <li>Completed Checklist.</li> <li>Digital copy of plans.</li> <li>Any new structures or additions will require a signed letter from DTE approving the location of all electrical transformers and electrical equipment.</li> <li>Additional information as required.</li> </ul>
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18. Sign Lighting	
Type of Lighting Proposed:	Number Proposed:
Size of Light Fixtures (LxWxH):	
Maximum Wattage per Fixture:	Lighting Height from Grade:
	Proposed Wattage per Fixture:
Location:	Style (include specifications):
19. Landscaping (ground signs only)	
Location of Landscape Areas:	Proposed Landscape Material:
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reviewed the procedures and guidelines for site plan review in Birmingham, and have complied with same. The undersigned will be in attendance at the Planning Board meeting when this application will be discussed.

Signature of Owner:

Print Name:

Signature of Applicant:

Print Name:

Roman Bonislauski

Signature of Architect:

Date: 5-25-21

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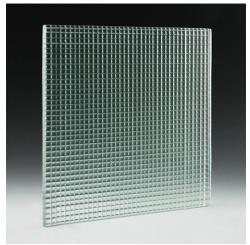
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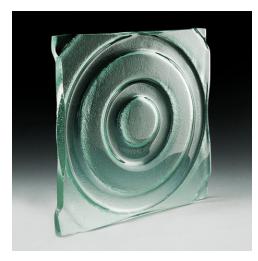
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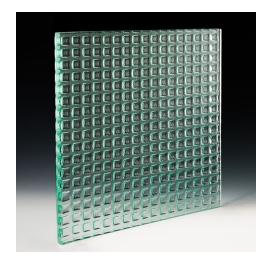
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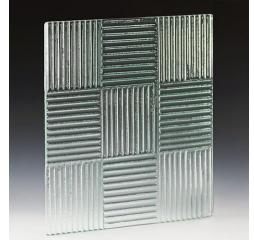
The undersigned states the above information is true and correct, and understands that it is the responsibility of the applicant to advise the Planning Division and / or Building Division of any additional changes made to an approved site plan. The undersigned further states that they have





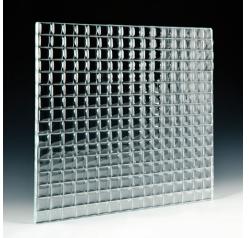




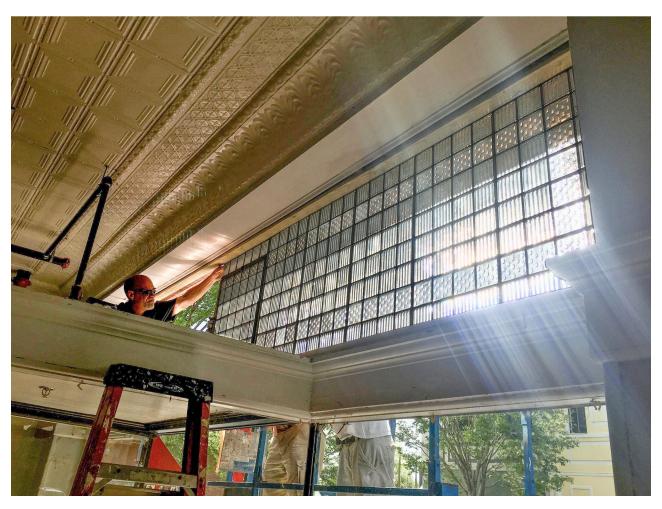


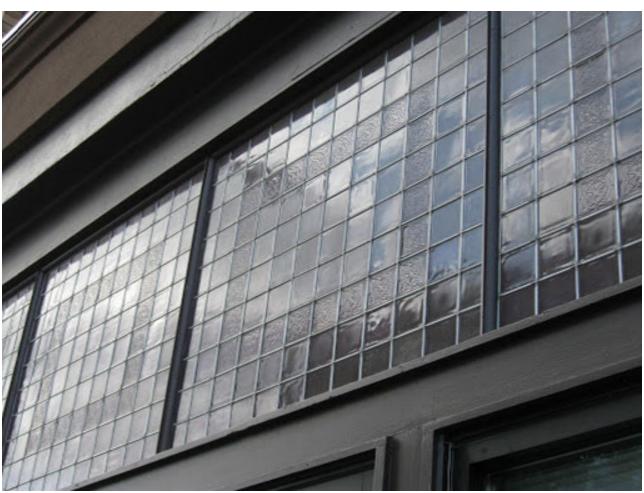


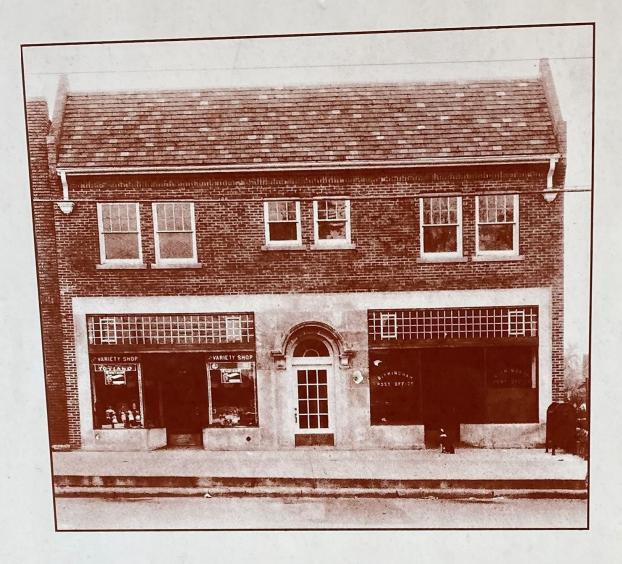












# Huston Building - 1923

Imer Huston had this building constructed with two stores on the ground level and apartments above in 1923. It housed the post office and a variety store from 1924 to 1928. In 1929, the Mulholland Dry Goods Company moved into both spaces. The original building had a decorative transom with prismatic glass panes above the display windows, which was typical of the early 20th century storefronts. The building has retained its steep side gable roof and the original configuration of the symmetrical second floor windows.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**Planning Division** 

DATE: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO: Historic District Commission

FROM: Nicholas Dupuis, City Planner

SUBJECT: 138 S. Old Woodward – D.U.R. Waiting Room/Evereve – Design

Review

**Zoning:** B4 (Business-Residential) & D4 (Downtown Overlay)

**Existing Use:** 1-Story Commercial Building

#### History

This was the waiting room for the electronic trolley operated by the Detroit Urban Railroad. It was designed by the nationally known Detroit urban architectural firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls. It was built in 1910 to shelter waiting passengers and was also the location of a turnaround loop for those cars not heading to Pontiac. In the late 1920's the building was converted to the Birmingham Savings Bank. The initials "BSB", cut in stone, can still be seen above the entrance.

#### Introduction

The subject site is located on the west side of S. Old Woodward just south of Maple Rd. The single-story commercial building is located in the Central Business Historic District and is a designated historic resource. The applicant has submitted a Design Review application for exterior front-facade changes for a new tenant, Evereve.

#### **Proposal**

The applicant is proposing minor exterior changes to the front façade that include paint, a new awning, and a sign. Please see the table below for a summary of all of the proposed façade materials:

Material	Location	Color Panda White			
Paint	Front Facade	Panda White			
Fabric	Storefront Awning	Marine Blue w/ Magenta & White			

As there are no substantial material changes to the building façade, nor the storefront glazing, a review of the Downtown Overlay Architectural Standards is not required. However, it is worth

noting that the building appears to be in compliance with the Overlay Standards as the building façade is predominantly stone and glass.

A more detailed analysis of the façade in relation to the Secretary of the Interior (SOI) Standards will be provided below.

#### Signage

The applicant is proposing to install one new halo-illuminated name letter sign above the new proposed awing. The sign will be located in the center of the storefront unlike the previous tenant, Pogo, whose sign was located in the upper left corner of the building façade. As the principle building frontage measures about 32 ln. ft., the applicant is permitted 32 sq. ft. of signage. The sign as proposed, which reads "Evereve", measures in at 11.4 sq. ft., meeting the requirements.

In addition to a maximum combined sign area, the Sign Ordinance also permits signs to project no more than 9 in. from the building face, with electrical raceways not to exceed 4 in. in depth. The sign plans submitted show a side profile with some dimensions labeled, but the full projection dimension (letters + standoff + raceway) is not shown on the plans. Thus, **the applicant must submit revised sign plans showing the total sign projection from the building face not to exceed 9 in.** 

#### Lighting

The applicant is not proposing any new lighting as a part of the Design Review for Evereve.

#### Planning and Zoning

In general, because the existing building footprint it proposed to remain, there are no bulk, placement or height requirements that must be addressed as a part of this review. However, there are four planning and zoning issues that must be reviewed:

**Parking**: The subject site is located within the Parking Assessment District. Thus, no parking analysis is required for the commercial use.

**Landscaping**: There are no existing landscaping beds on site, nor are any proposed at this time.

**Glazing**: There are no changes proposed to the existing storefront glazing.

**Projections into Right-of-Way**: The applicant is proposing a new marine blue triangulated awning with magenta and white stripes above the storefront windows to replace an existing black awning. Article 4, Section 4.74 (D)(4)(c)(i) states that removable architectural elements such as awnings, canopies, marquees may be approved by the Historic District to project into the right of way provided that they are constructed to support applicable loads without any ground mounted supports on public property.

Encroachments with less than 15 ft. of clearance above the sidewalk shall not extend into or occupy more than two-thirds of the width of the sidewalk or 5 ft., whichever is less, and must not interfere with any existing or planned streetscape elements or infrastructure.

The awning as designed projects 12 in. into the right-of-way, which is well within the requirements listed above. As such, there will also be no interference with the S. Old Woodward streetscape with the installation of the awning.

#### **Design Review Standards and Guidelines**

Chapter 127, Section 127-11 of the Birmingham Code of Ordinances states that in reviewing plans, the commission shall follow the U.S. secretary of the interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the secretary of interior's standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the state historic preservation office of the Michigan Historical Center. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation ("SOI Standards") are provided in full at the end of this report.

In reviewing plans, the commission shall also consider all of the following:

- 1. The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
- 2. The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.
- 3. The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.
- 4. Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.
- 5. Whether the applicant has certified in the application that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

#### Recommendation

Considering the minor nature of the exterior façade changes proposed, the applicant appears to meet Standards 1, 2, and 9. A Planning Division review of each applicable SOI Standard is provided below:

1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.

The new proposed tenant, Evereve, will continue the retail/commercial use that has been present since the building was converted to the Birmingham Savings Bank in the late 1920's.

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The applicant is not proposing any changes that will alter the historic character of the property. Although awnings may not have been a feature of the building, fabric awnings, such as the awning proposed, are and acceptable addition in some cases and should be added without damaging the building or visually impairing distinctive architectural features. The awning as proposed does not damage the visual appearance of the building or its features and will be replacing an existing awning that will not do significant damage to the storefront.

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The addition of the paint, awning and signage will not significantly damage the materials that characterize the property, and are compatible with the massing, size, scale and features of the building. The applicant is proposing to patch and repair existing damage and repaint, which is a preferred treatment in this case compared to paint removal to reveal the original stone. Paint removal risks damage to the original stone façade, whereas the proposed painting and color selection will bring the building closer to the natural stone appearance without the potential for damage. It is also worth noting that the size of the sign is well under the permitted combined sign area, which adds an added benefit that does not detract from the building or its features.

Based on a review of the SOI Standards and other equivalent guidance, the Planning Division recommends that the Historic District Commission **APPROVE** the Design Review for 138 S. Old Woodward – D.U.R. Waiting Room/Evereve – with the condition listed below. Upon completion, the project will meet Secretary of the Interior Standard's numbers 1, 2, and 9.

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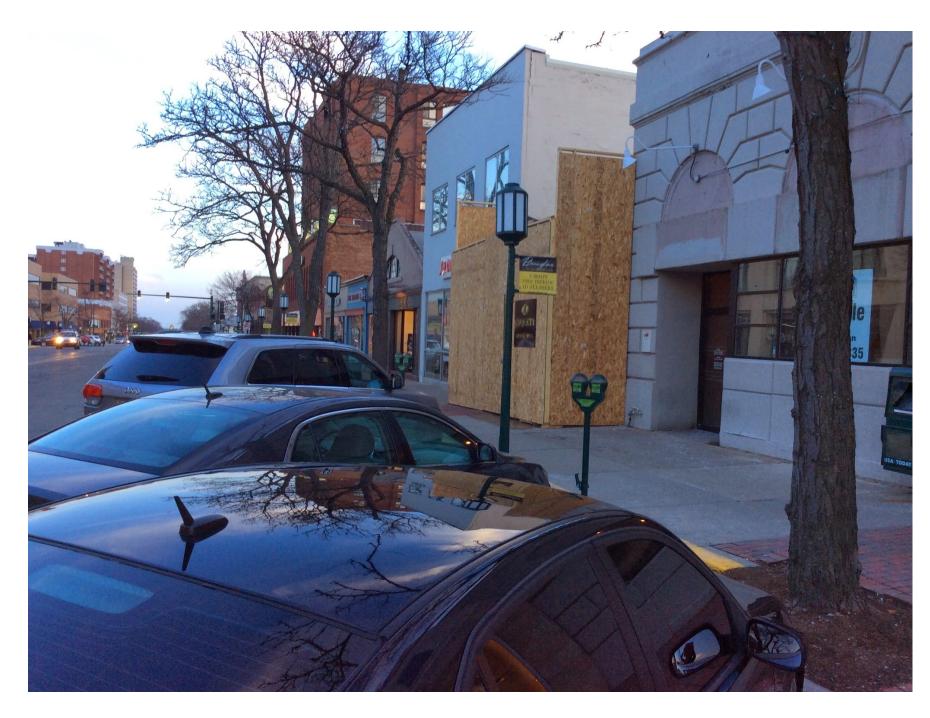
BIRMINGHAM EXTERIOR PROPOSAL

# Woodward Ave Shops – Existing (for reference)



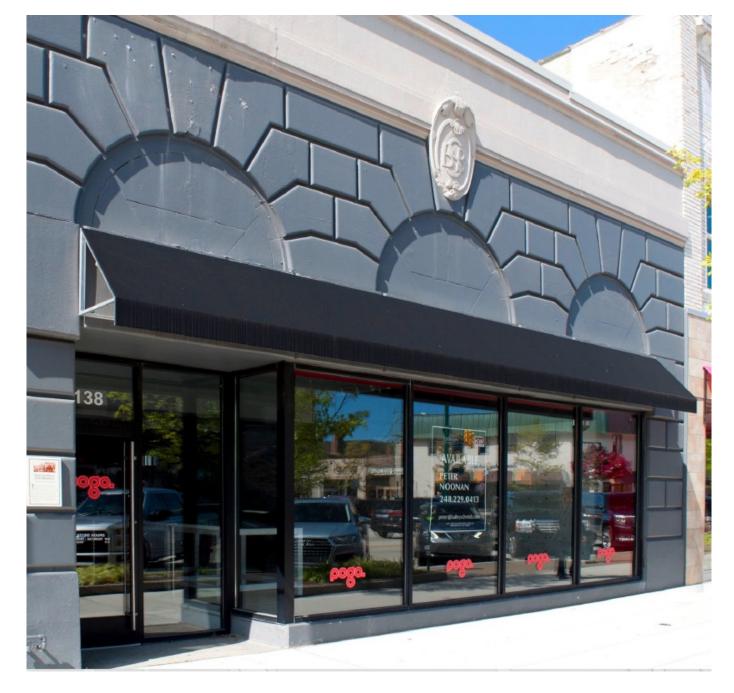
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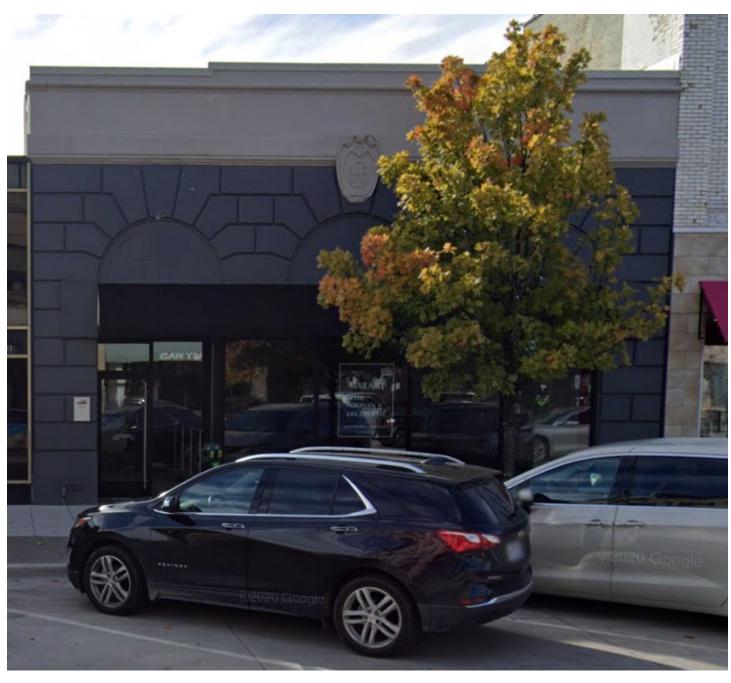




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# BIRMINGHAM EXISTING EXTERIOR STOREFRONT



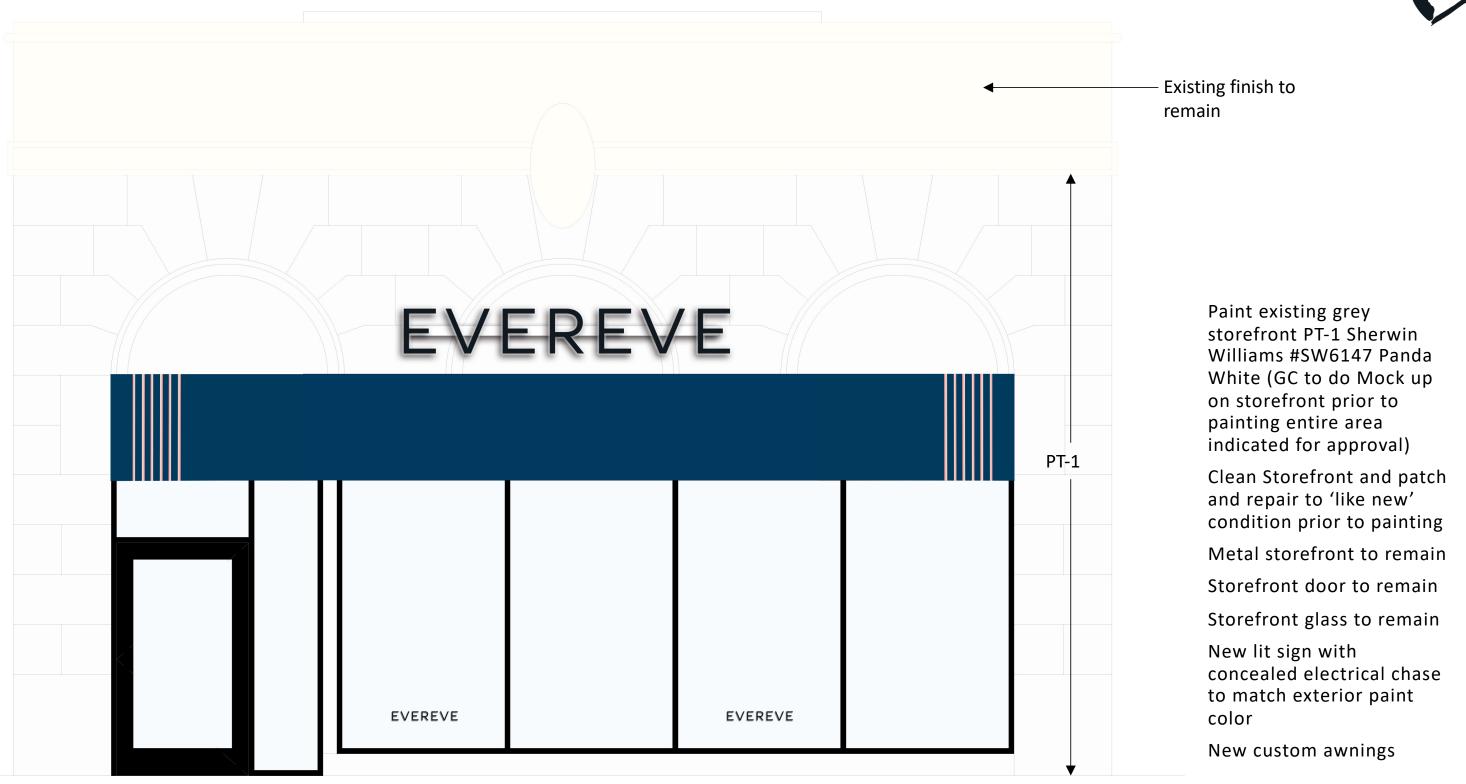


**Exterior Views** 

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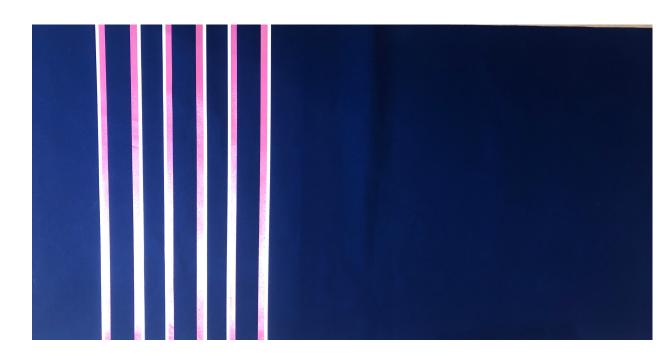
#### EVEREVE STOREFRONT PROPOSED UPDATES





# BIRMINGHAM STOREFRONT FINISHES





Custom awning fabric

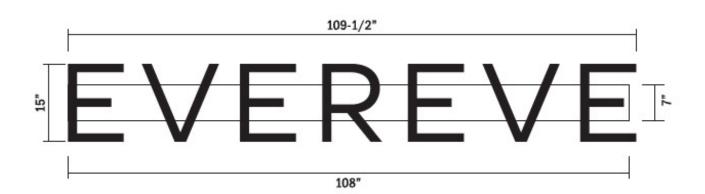
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EVEREVE **MAIN ID** 



PROPOSED: PROVIS PROFILE 11Bs LETTERS ON 7"T X 3"D X 108" W RACEWAY

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"





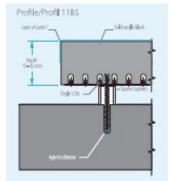




# Profile 11BS

fine-stroked back and side-lit letter made of full acrylic block single embedded and sealed Nichia LEDs front and sides partially painted RAL paint color matching available







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138 OLD WOODWARD AVE BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009

PROJECT TYPE:

ILLUMINATED CHANNEL LETTERS

CUSTOMER APPROVAL:

NAME: .

PROJECT CONTACT: MIKE PANKEY

REVISION 1: 06.07.21 MW

REVISION 2: 06.10.21 MW REVISION 3:

REVISION 4:

DATE: \_

SALES: MP DESIGN: MW DATE: 06.3.21

DWG: 2021 BIRMINGHAM MI

DETAIL: PROVIS PROFILE 11Bs SIDE LIGHT BLOCK ACRYLIC CHANNEL LETTERS ON RACEWAY. LETTER FACES ARE BLACK WITH WHITE RETURNS. RACEWAY PAINTED TO MATCH BUILDING.

SCALE: 3/4" = 1' - 0"

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EVEREVE ACRYLIC WINDOW GRAPHICS LANDMARK

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18-1/4"

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DETAIL: 1/8" ACRYLIC LETTERS PAINTED SATIN BLACK BACKED WITH ADHESIVE APPLIED FIRST SURFACE ON WINDOWS 6" ABOVE BOTTOM MULLIONS.

SCALE: 6" = 1' - 0"

PAGE: 2



EVEREVE AWNINGS LANDMARK

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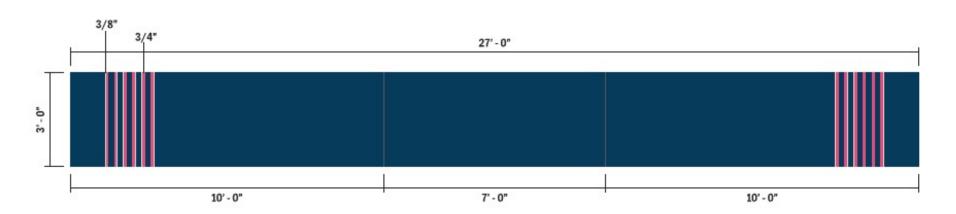
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#### NOTE: AWNING TO BE MADE IN THREE SECTIONS FOR EASE OF TRANSPORT AND INSTALLATION



SIDE VIEW



#### NOTE: SIZE TO BE VERIFIED WITH FIELD SURVEY PRIOR TO PRODUCTION



DETAIL: SUNBRELLA MARINE BLUE AWNING FABRIC WITH GERBER 220-103 MAGENTA & 220-100 OYSTER WHITE VINYL STRIPES ON 1" ALUMINUM TUBE FRAMES.



THANK YOU



# Design Review Application Planning Division

Form will not be processed until it is completely filled out

3. F N A	Applicant Name:Address:	2.	Property Owner Name:Address:				
	Phone Number:Email address:		Phone Number:Email address:				
3.	Project Contact Person Name: Address:	4.	Project Designer/Developer Name:				
	Phone Number:Email address:		Phone Number:Email address:				
5.	Required Attachments  I. Two (2) paper copies and one (1) digital copy of all project plans including:  i. A detailed and scaled Site Plan depicting accurately and in detail the proposed construction, alteration or repair;  ii. Colored elevation drawings for each building elevation;  iii. A Landscape Plan (if applicable);  iv. A Photometric Plan (if applicable);  II. Specification sheets for all proposed materials, light fixtures and mechanical equipment;		<ul> <li>III. Samples of all proposed materials;</li> <li>IV. Photographs of existing conditions on the site including all structures, parking areas, landscaping and adjacent structures;</li> <li>V. Current aerial photographs of the site and surrounding properties;</li> <li>VI. Warranty Deed, or Consent of Property Owner if applicant is not the owner;</li> <li>VII. Any other data requested by the Planning Board, Planning Department, or other City Departments.</li> </ul>				
<ol><li>7.</li></ol>	Project Information Address/Location of the property:	epara	Is the property located in a floodplain?				

	Required and Proposed Parking	
	Required number of parking spaces:	Number of underground parking levels:
	Proposed number of parking spaces:	Typical size of parking spaces:
	Location of parking on site:	Typical width of maneuvering lanes:
	Location of parking off site:	Number of handicap spaces:
	Shared parking agreement?	Screenwall material:
	Size of surface parking lot:	Height of screenwall:
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	Number of benches:	
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	Location of loading spaces on site:	Height of screenwall:
12.	Exterior Waste Receptacles	
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	Proposed number of waste receptacles:	Screenwall material:
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The undersigned states the above information is true and correct, and understands that it is the responsibility of the applicant to advise the Planning Division and / or Building Division of any additional changes made to an approved site plan. The undersigned further states that they have reviewed the procedures and guidelines for Site Plan Review in Birmingham, and have complied with the same. The undersigned will be in attendance at the Planning Board meeting when this application will be discussed.

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Signature of Owner:			Date:
Print name:			
Signature of Applicant:			Date:
Print Name:			
Signature of Architect:			Date:
Print Name:			
	Office Use Only		
Application #:	Date Received:	Fee:	
Date of Approval:	Date of Denial:	Accepted By:	



## **Notice Sign Rental Application**

## Community Development

••	Applicant	2.	Property Owner
	Name:		Name:Address:
	Address:		Address:
	Phone Number:		Phone Number:
	Fax Number:		Fax Number:
	Email address:		Email address:
3.	Project Information		
-	Address/Location of Property:		Name of Historic District, if any:
	Name of Development:		Current Use:
	Area in Acres:		Current Use:  Current Zoning:
4.	Date of Board/Commission Review		
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	Planning Board:		Board of Building Trades Appeals:
	Planning Board: Historic District Commission:		Housing Board of Appeals:
	Design Review Board:		Other:
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# AGENDA BIRMINGHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of the HDC Minutes of July 7th, 2021
- 3) Courtesy Review
- 4) Historic Design Review
- 5) Sign Review
- 6) Study Session
  - A. NAPC CAMP Commissioner Training
- 7) Miscellaneous Business and Communication
  - A. Pre-Application Discussions
  - B. Draft Agenda
    - 1. August 4th, 2021
  - C. Staff Reports
    - 1. Administrative Sign Approvals
    - 2. Administrative Approvals
    - 3. Demolitions
    - 4. Action List 2021
- 8) Adjournment

Link to Access Virtual Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/91282479817

Telephone Meeting Access: 877 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID Code: 912 8247 9817

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A PERSON DESIGNATED WITH THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that board meetings will be conducted in person once again. Members of the public can attend in person at Birmingham City Hall or may attend virtually at:

# STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION & GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

# Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.



#### Standards for Rehabilitation

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
- 4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
- 8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

#### INTRODUCTION

In Rehabilitation, historic building materials and character-defining features are protected and maintained as they are in the treatment Preservation. However, greater latitude is given in the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings to replace extensively deteriorated, damaged, or missing features using either the same material or compatible substitute materials. Of the four treatments, only Rehabilitation allows alterations and the construction of a new addition, if necessary for a continuing or new use for the historic building.

#### Identify, Retain, and Preserve Historic Materials and Features

The guidance for the treatment **Rehabilitation** begins with recommendations to identify the form and detailing of those architectural materials and features that are important in defining the building's historic character and which must be retained to preserve that character. Therefore, guidance on *identifying*, *retaining*, *and preserving* character-defining features is always given first.

# Protect and Maintain Historic Materials and Features

After identifying those materials and features that are important and must be retained in the process of **Rehabilitation** work, then *protecting and maintaining* them are addressed. Protection generally involves the least degree of intervention and is preparatory to other work. Protection includes the maintenance of historic materials and features as well as ensuring that the property is protected before and

during rehabilitation work. A historic building undergoing rehabilitation will often require more extensive work. Thus, an overall evaluation of its physical condition should always begin at this level.

#### Repair Historic Materials and Features

Next, when the physical condition of character-defining materials and features warrants additional work, *repairing* is recommended. **Rehabilitation** guidance for the repair of historic materials, such as masonry, again begins with the least degree of intervention possible. In rehabilitation, repairing also includes the limited replacement in kind or with a compatible substitute material of extensively deteriorated or missing components of features when there are surviving prototypes features that can be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence. Although using the same kind of material is always the preferred option, a substitute material may be an acceptable alternative if the form, design, and scale, as well as the substitute material itself, can effectively replicate the appearance of the remaining features.

# Replace Deteriorated Historic Materials and Features

Following repair in the hierarchy, **Rehabilitation** guidance is provided for *replacing* an entire character-defining feature with new material because the level of deterioration or damage of materials precludes repair. If the missing feature is character defining or if it is critical to the survival of the building (e.g., a roof), it should be replaced to match the historic feature based on physical or his-

toric documentation of its form and detailing. As with repair, the preferred option is always replacement of the entire feature in kind (i.e., with the same material, such as wood for wood). However, when this is not feasible, a compatible substitute material that can reproduce the overall appearance of the historic material may be considered.

It should be noted that, while the National Park Service guidelines recommend the replacement of an entire character-defining feature that is extensively deteriorated, the guidelines never recommend removal and replacement with new material of a feature that could reasonably be repaired and, thus, preserved.

#### Design for the Replacement of Missing Historic Features

When an entire interior or exterior feature is missing, such as a porch, it no longer plays a role in physically defining the historic character of the building unless it can be accurately recovered in form and detailing through the process of carefully documenting the historic appearance. If the feature is not critical to the survival of the building, allowing the building to remain without the feature is one option. But if the missing feature is important to the historic character of the building, its replacement is always recommended in the **Rehabilitation** guidelines as the first, or preferred, course of action. If adequate documentary and physical evidence exists, the feature may be accurately reproduced. A second option in a rehabilitation treatment for replacing a missing feature, particularly when the available information about the feature is inadequate to permit an accurate reconstruction, is to design a new feature that is compatible with the overall historic character of the building. The new design should always take into account the size, scale, and material of the building itself and should be clearly differentiated from the authentic historic features. For properties that have changed over time, and where those changes have acquired

significance, reestablishing missing historic features generally should not be undertaken if the missing features did not coexist with the features currently on the building. Juxtaposing historic features that did not exist concurrently will result in a false sense of the building's history.

#### **Alterations**

Some exterior and interior alterations to a historic building are generally needed as part of a **Rehabilitation** project to ensure its continued use, but it is most important that such alterations do not radically change, obscure, or destroy character-defining spaces, materials, features, or finishes. Alterations may include changes to the site or setting, such as the selective removal of buildings or other features of the building site or setting that are intrusive, not character defining, or outside the building's period of significance.

#### Code-Required Work: Accessibility and Life Safety

Sensitive solutions to meeting code requirements in a **Rehabilitation** project are an important part of protecting the historic character of the building. Work that must be done to meet accessibility and life-safety requirements must also be assessed for its potential impact on the historic building, its site, and setting.

#### Resilience to Natural Hazards

Resilience to natural hazards should be addressed as part of a **Rehabilitation** project. A historic building may have existing characteristics or features that help to address or minimize the impacts of natural hazards. These should always be used to best advantage when considering new adaptive treatments so as to have the least impact on the historic character of the building, its site, and setting.

#### Sustainability

Sustainability should be addressed as part of a **Rehabilitation** project. Good preservation practice is often synonymous with sustainability. Existing energy-efficient features should be retained and repaired. Only sustainability treatments should be considered that will have the least impact on the historic character of the building.

The topic of sustainability is addressed in detail in *The Secretary* of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation & Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

# New Exterior Additions and Related New Construction

Rehabilitation is the only treatment that allows expanding a historic building by enlarging it with an addition. However, the Rehabilitation guidelines emphasize that new additions should be considered only after it is determined that meeting specific new needs cannot be achieved by altering non-character-defining interior spaces. If the use cannot be accommodated in this way, then an attached exterior addition may be considered. New additions should be designed and constructed so that the character-defining features of the historic building, its site, and setting are not negatively impacted. Generally, a new addition should be subordinate to the historic building. A new addition should be compatible, but differentiated enough so that it is not confused as historic or original to the building. The same guidance applies to new construction so that it does not negatively impact the historic character of the building or its site.

**Rehabilitation as a Treatment.** When repair and replacement of deteriorated features are necessary; when alterations or additions to the property are planned for a new or continued use; and when its depiction at a particular time is not appropriate, Rehabilitation may be considered as a treatment. Prior to undertaking work, a documentation plan for Rehabilitation should be developed.

#### **ROOFS**

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### **NOT RECOMMENDED**

**Replacing** in kind an entire roof covering or feature that is too deteriorated to repair (if the overall form and detailing are still evident) using the physical evidence as a model to reproduce the feature or when the replacement can be based on historic documentation. Examples of such a feature could include a large section of roofing, a dormer, or a chimney. If using the same kind of material is not feasible, then a compatible substitute material may be considered.

Removing a feature of the roof that is unrepairable and not replacing it, or replacing it with a new roof feature that does not match.

convey the same appearance of the roof covering or the surviving components of the roof feature or that is physically or chemically incompatible.

Using a substitute material for the replacement that does not

Replacing only missing or damaged roofing tiles or slates rather than replacing the entire roof covering.

Failing to reuse intact slate or tile in good condition when only the roofing substrate or fasteners need replacement.

Replacing an incompatible roof covering or any deteriorated non-historic roof covering with historically-accurate roofing material, if known, or another material that is compatible with the historic character of the building.

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#### Designing the Replacement for Missing Historic Features

Designing and installing a new roof covering for a missing roof or a new feature, such as a dormer or a monitor, when the historic feature is completely missing. It may be an accurate restoration based on documentary and physical evidence, but only when the historic feature to be replaced coexisted with the features currently on the building. Or, it may be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building.

Creating an inaccurate appearance because the replacement for the missing roof feature is based upon insufficient physical or historic documentation, is not a compatible design, or because the feature to be replaced did not coexist with the features currently on the building.

Introducing a new roof feature that is incompatible in size, scale, material, or color.

# Habachi House

[21] The windows on the lower floor, which were too deteriorated to repair, were replaced with new steel windows matching the upper-floor historic windows that were retained.

#### **WINDOWS**

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The following work is highlighted to indicate that it is specific to **Rehabilitation** projects and should only be considered after the preservation concerns have been addressed.

#### Designing the Replacement for Missing Historic Features

RECOMMENDED

Designing and installing a new window or its components, such as frames, sash, and glazing, when the historic feature is completely missing. It may be an accurate restoration based on documentary and physical evidence, but only when the historic feature to be replaced coexisted with the features currently on the building. Or, it may be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building.

Creating an inaccurate appearance because the replacement for the missing window is based upon insufficient physical or historic documentation, is not a compatible design, or because the feature to be replaced did not coexist with the features currently on the building.

NOT RECOMMENDED

Installing replacement windows made from other materials that are not the same as the material of the original windows if they would have a noticeably different appearance from the remaining historic windows.

#### **STOREFRONTS**

#### RECOMMENDED

#### NOT RECOMMENDED

**Repairing** storefronts by patching, splicing, consolidating, or otherwise reinforcing them using recognized preservation methods. Repair may include the limited replacement in kind or with a compatible substitute material of those extensively deteriorated or missing components of storefronts when there are surviving prototypes, such as transoms, base panels, kick plates, piers, or signs.

Removing storefronts that could be stabilized, repaired, and conserved, or using untested consolidants, improper repair techniques, or unskilled personnel, potentially causing further damage to historic materials.

**Replacing** in kind an entire storefront that is too deteriorated to repair (if the overall form and detailing are still evident) using the physical evidence as a model to reproduce the feature or when the replacement can be based on historic documentation. If using the same kind of material is not feasible, then a compatible substitute material may be considered.

Replacing a storefront feature when repair of the feature and limited replacement of deteriorated or missing components are feasible.

Using a substitute material for the replacement that does not convey the same appearance of the surviving components of the storefront or that is physically incompatible.

Removing a storefront that is unrepairable and not replacing it or replacing it with a new storefront that does not match.

The following work is highlighted to indicate that it is specific to Rehabilitation projects and should only be considered after the preservation concerns have been addressed.

#### Designing the Replacement for Missing Historic Features

Designing and installing a new storefront when the historic storefront is completely missing or has previously been replaced by one that is incompatible. It may be an accurate restoration based on documentary and physical evidence, but only when the historic storefront to be replaced coexisted with the features currently on the building. Or, it may be a new design that is compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building.

Creating an inaccurate appearance because the replacement for the missing storefront is based upon insufficient physical or historic documentation, is not a compatible design, or because the feature to be replaced did not coexist with the features currently on the building.

Using new, over-scaled, or internally-lit signs unless there is a historic precedent for them or using other types of signs that obscure, damage, or destroy character-defining features of the storefront and the building.

#### **STOREFRONTS**

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### **NOT RECOMMENDED**

Replacing missing awnings or canopies that can be historically documented to the building, or adding new signage, awnings, or canopies that are compatible with the historic character of the building.

Adding vinyl awnings, or other awnings that are inappropriately sized or shaped, which are incompatible with the historic character of the building; awnings that do not extend over the entire length of the storefront; or large canopies supported by posts that project out over the sidewalk, unless their existence can be historically documented.

#### Alterations and Additions for a New Use

Retaining the glazing and the transparency (i.e., which allows the openness of the interior to be experienced from the exterior) that is so important in defining the character of a historic storefront when the building is being converted for residential use. Window treatments (necessary for occupants' privacy) should be installed that are uniform and compatible with the commercial appearance of the building, such as screens or wood blinds. When display cases still exist behind the storefront, the screening should be set at the back of the display case.

Replacing storefront glazing with solid material for occupants' privacy when the building is being converted for residential use.

Installing window treatments in storefront windows that have a residential appearance, which are incompatible with the commercial character of the building.

Installing window treatments that are not uniform in a series of repetitive storefront windows.



[29] The rehabilitation of the 1910 Mā'alaea General Store (a), which served the workers' camp at the Wailuku Sugar Company on the Hawaiian island of Maui, included the reconstruction of the original parapet (b).



#### **Historic District Commission Action List - 2021**

Historic District Commission	Quarter	Rank	Status
Schedule Training Sessions for HDC and Community	1st (January-March)	1	
Create RFP for Historic Design Guidelines	1st (January-March)	2	
Develop and Market Historic Walking Tours	2 <sup>nd</sup> (April-June)	3	
Develop Resources for the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit	3 <sup>rd</sup> (July-September)	4	
Adopt Historic Preservation Marketing Plan	3 <sup>rd</sup> (July-September)	5	
Historic District Ordinance Enforcement	4 <sup>th</sup> (October-December)	6	

#### **Updates:**

- 1. Three trainings selected (need to be scheduled):
  - Historic District Commissioner Training
  - Building Assessment 101
  - Understanding Historic Designation

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