

## Z22-24 Hotel Redevelopment REVISED

Property Owner: Legacy Hotel of Medina LLC

Applicant: Jim Gerspacher

Location: 253 and 257 South Court Street

Zoning: C-2 (Central Business)

Request: Revisions to an Area Variance to Sections 1135.06 regarding maximum building footprint

and minimum front setback, 1135.08(a) regarding the location of parking in the front yard, and 1135.13(b)(4) regarding the division of the building into storefronts and a new

Area Variance request to Section 1135.06 regarding maximum building height

## **LOCATION AND SURROUNDING USES**

The subject property encompasses 0.96 acres located on the west side of South Court Street. Adjacent properties contain the following uses and zoning:

North – Retail (C-2)

East – Automotive Retail (C-2)

South – Parking Lot (P-F)

West – Retail and Entertainment (C-2)



## **BACKGROUND & PROPOSED APPLICATION**

At the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), application Z22-22 was approved for an Area Variance to Sections 1135.06 regarding maximum building footprint and minimum front setback, 1135.08(a) regarding the location of parking in the front yard, and 1135.13(b)(4) regarding the division of the building into storefronts.

At the October 12, 2023 meeting of the BZA, the Board extended the approval.



At the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting of the BZA, the Board approved a separate application, Z24-08, a variance to Section 1135.06 to allow a larger building footprint than permitted for an event center to the rear of the hotel.

The current application revises the footprint and height of the hotel building, updates building elevations, and provides greater detail. In addition, the proposed hotel incorporates a first floor restaurant, four stories of hotel rooms, a partial fifth story with a rooftop lounge, and a small one-story area located at the rear of the building for deliveries. The proposed revision does not alter the previous approval of Z24-08.

## **BUILDING SIZE, SETBACK, AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 1135.06)**

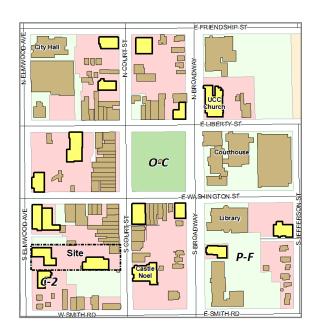
Section 1135.06 includes a table indicating lot development standards for buildings in the C-2 zoning district and includes a maximum building footprint for buildings in the Public Square Area, required front setback, and maximum building height. Requirements, previous approvals, and proposed items are as indicated below:

	Required	Approved	Proposed	
Max Building Footprint	5,000 sq. ft.	sq. ft. 12,784 sq. ft. 16,013		
Required Front Setback	0 ft.	18 ft.	21 ft.	
Max Building Height	40 ft., 60 ft. w/	55 ft. 61 ft		
	PC Approval	JJ 11.	0111.	

Maximum Building Footprint — The previously approved building contained an open courtyard in the center of the entire building. The proposed building's footprint has increased due to the removal of the courtyard on the first floor and modifications to the east and west sides of the building. The open courtyard remains on all other floors of the building and the width of the building adjacent to South Court Street remains unchanged. The applicant has provided a detail of the changes in the building footprint on the "Site Plan and Building Footprint Original" page.

Section 1135.06 applies to buildings in the Public Square area that are zoned C-2.

- The adjacent map illustrates buildings within one block of the square and shows the C-2 district in pink.
- In the C-2 district, 17 buildings have footprints larger than 5,000 sq. ft., which are highlighted in yellow.
- Two existing buildings on the subject site have footprints larger than 5,000 sq. ft.
- Though not subject to a building footprint maximum, 9 buildings are larger than 5,000 sq. ft. in the P-F zoning district. Most far exceed 5,000 sq. ft., with the County Parking Garage having the largest footprint at 52,460 sq. ft.





**Required Front Setback** – The previous approval located the hotel building at an 18 ft. front setback to accommodate the front drop off lane. Plans have been adjusted incorporating a 21 ft. front setback, though the layout and function of the drop off lane remains unchanged.

**Building Height** – The effective building height of 55 ft. was previously approved by the Planning Commission, which can approve a building height up to 60 ft. The overall effective height of the building has increased by 6 ft. to sufficiently accommodate mechanical components. The effective height of the revised building is 61 ft., which is the roof line of the building. Decorative architectural features that do not have functional interior area above this height are not included in the effective height of the building.

The applicant has provided a contrast between the approved and proposed building heights, particularly on "Hotel – Original East Exterior Elevation" and "Hotel – Original East Exterior Elevation" pages. In addition, the "South East Corner – 3D Street Perspective" page illustrates that the proposed hotel building is located 3 ft. 6 in. lower in grade than the building to the north.

## PARKING LOCATION (SECTION 1135.08(a))

Section 1135.08(a) states that parking is not permitted in the front yard in the C-2 zoning district. Approved and proposed plans show a drop-off lane in the front yard accommodating 3 or 4 passenger vehicles. There is little change in the front drop off lane from the previously approved variance. Though drop-off lane spaces are not defined in the Planning and Zoning Code and spaces are not counted towards off-street parking, the intent of the requirement is to locate vehicles to the side or rear of the building in the C-2 district.

## **BUILDING STOREFRONT DIVISION (SECTION 1135.13)**

Section 1135.13(b)(4) states that the front face of the building shall be broken up into storefront modules not exceeding 50 feet in width. Though the front face is not broken up into separate storefronts, it includes several projections and recessions and incorporates a cohesive design. The proposed front face of the building is similar in style to the original approval and the width of the building remains at 124 ft.

## STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES AND APPEALS (SECTION 1107.08(i))

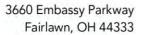
Factors applicable to area or size-type variances ("practical difficulty"). The applicant shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the variance is justified, as determined by the Board. The Board shall weigh the following factors to determine whether a practical difficulty exists and an area or size-type variance should be granted:

- A. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;
- B. Whether the variance is substantial;
- C. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;
- D. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);
- E. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restrictions;
- F. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance; and/or
- G. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance.



The applicant has indicated the following regarding the Standards for Variances and Appeals:

- The variances would allow beneficial use of the property by accommodating mechanical duct work (height) and functionality of the building (footprint).
- The variances are not substantial as the building footprint is only moderately increased and building height is only increased by 6 ft.
- The essential character of the neighborhood would not be altered as the building height and footprint are only an incremental increase from structures in the area.
- The variances cannot be obviated through another method as they are necessary to improve constructability and operations.
- The spirit and intent of the zoning requirements would be observed as the requested variances are minimal and the project will be an asset to the Medina Historic District and South Town District.



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May 1, 2024

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Mr. Dutton,

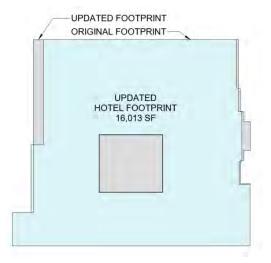
This letter is regarding the proposed hotel on parcel 028-19A-21-397. Our team has been working on adjustments to the overall building design to improve constructability, enhance the floor plans for both operational efficiency and guest experience, as well as enhance the exterior design and compatibility within the Historic District.

These adjustments have resulted in changes that require approval from the Boards and Commissions have authority and a summary of these changes is provided below for their reference.

## **Building Structure:**

1- Footprint increase of 3,229 sf: Previously approved footprint was approximately 12,784 sf and proposed is 16,013 sf.

While there are minor changes to the perimeter dimensions, the square footage increase is largely due to the infill of the courtyard on the first floor. The courtyard remains a feature in the project accessed by guests on the second floor. The exterior perimeter of the hotel has grown negligibly, and it would be nearly impossible for someone to see that increase from outside the hotel. Please see below a snippet showing both footprints overlapped (blue is original footprint – gray is updated)



2- Height increase: the original approved elevations show the top of roof at 55'-0", the updated drawings show 61'-0". The additional height requested is 6'-0" higher than the previously approved plans. This increase in floor height accommodates more advanced HVAC systems than previously approved without sacrificing quality of interior spaces. Unlike the previous design, no suites will have exterior louvered grilles on the newly proposed plans. Without the new height variance, the available methods of construction are narrowed to options that are not as feasible and accommodating mechanical duct work becomes difficult.

The mansard roof was previously approved at 66'-8", the proposed is at 71'-0". This is purely an architectural feature that gives the hotel its historical character and is visible on S Court Street from all sides. The added height is not being used to generate profit to the developer(s).

3- Setback increase from 18ft to 21ft: the building was pushed back a few feet to allow more space between the hotel and the existing southeast building, accommodating the new accessible ramp on the southeast corner. We believe that the dimension increase will also help reduce the perceived height of the building.

#### **Building Exterior Facades:**

- 1- Brick detail added on all facades, especially primary façade (Brick reveals and soldier courses)
- 2- VTAC louvers have been eliminated on north and south facades.
- 3- Window size and shape: In the previously approved design, each hotel suite has a single wide and low window. The proposed design replaces that single window with two tall and slender windows per suite to better fit proportionally within the context of Medina's Historic District.
- 4- Replace the use of EIFS with Fiber cement (for maintenance and durability purposes similar color) on the fifth floor.
- 5- The front canopy is reduced in size.
- 6- Cornice updates: We have assigned Sherwin William color codes to the previously submitted cornice colors to better define the selections. We have also updated the configuration of the colors on the cornice profiles.

#### **Interior Program Changes**

- 1- Hotel Suites: 77 rooms are now proposed instead of 75.
- 2- Restaurant/lounge: The hotel will include restaurant / lounge space on the first and fifth floors.

We hope this letter aids the respective boards and commission during their review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank	you,
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Jana Call

#### FACTORS APPLICABLE TO AREA OR SIZE-TYPE VARIANCES ("PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY")

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A. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;

The variances are requested to improve functionality of the floor plan and constructibility of the building. Without the new height variance the available methods of construction are narrowed to options that are not as feasible and accommodating mechanical duct work becomes difficult. The functionality gained by the footprint changes improve operations and functionality of back of house areas for staff.

B. Whether the variance is substantial;

The new area variance to the building perimeter size is not substantial as it is only a net change of 500sf.

The footprint increase (3,229 SF) is largely due to the infill of the courtyard on the first floor. The exterior perimeter of the hotel has grown negligibly, and it would be nearly impossible for someone to see that increase from outside the hotel. The additional height requested is approximately 5' higher than the previously approved plans. This increase in floor height accommodates more advanced HVAC systems than previously approved without sacrificing quality of interior spaces. Unlike the previous design, no suites will have exterior louvered grilles on the new proposed plans.

C. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;

Because the proposed heights and areas are only incrementally larger than what was previously approved, there would be no discernible difference in impact of the neighborhood. The hotel as proposed will be a positive impact to the character of the neighborhood.

D. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);

These variances will have no adverse affect on the delivery of governmental services.

- E. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restrictions; Our client understands that there are zoning limitations that are compatible with the proposed vision of the property, and that there may be some zoning limitations that require variances or collaboration on unique solutions.
- F. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance; and/or

These variances are requested to improve constructibility and operations, which are both critical to the success of the project.

G. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance.

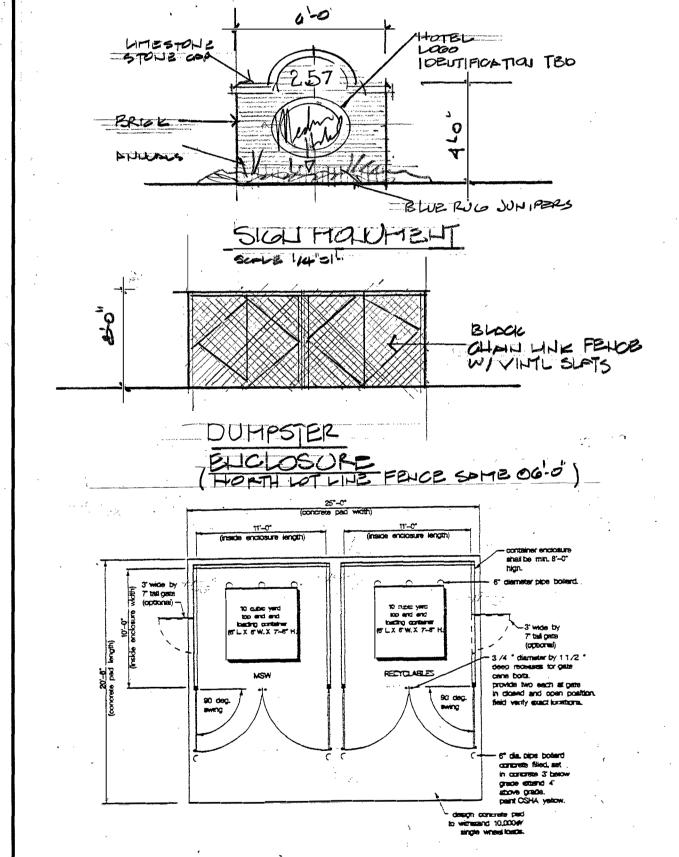
While the benefits of these variances, if approved, would greatly improve the overall project, the overall changes in height and area are relatively minimal. Therefore, we believe justice would be done by granting these changes. As demonstrated in the overall project design, the project will be thoughtfully executed and once completed will be an asset that contributes to the continued success of the Medina Historic District and serves as a hinge to the rising South Town District.

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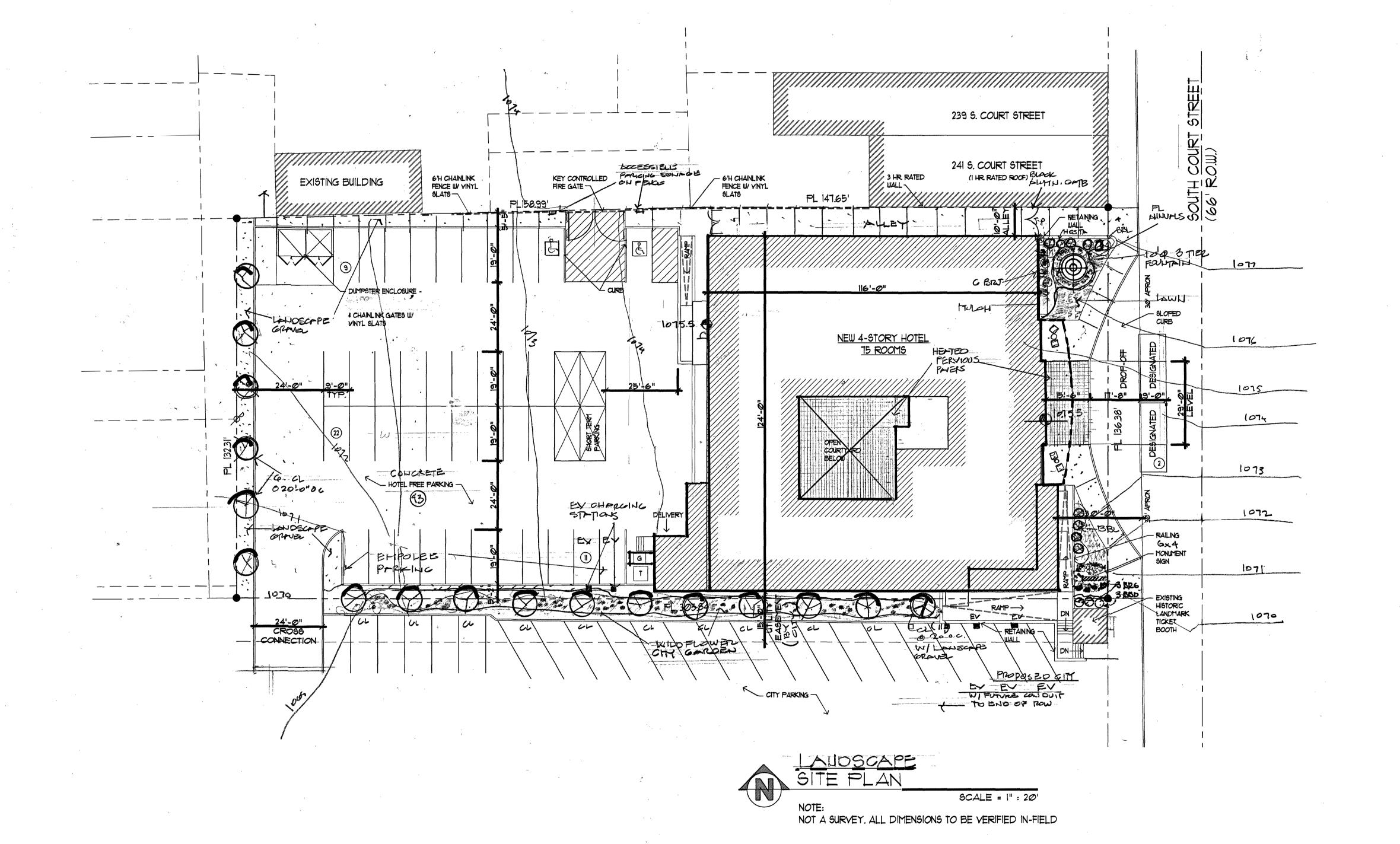
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# Previously Approved Plan - For Reference

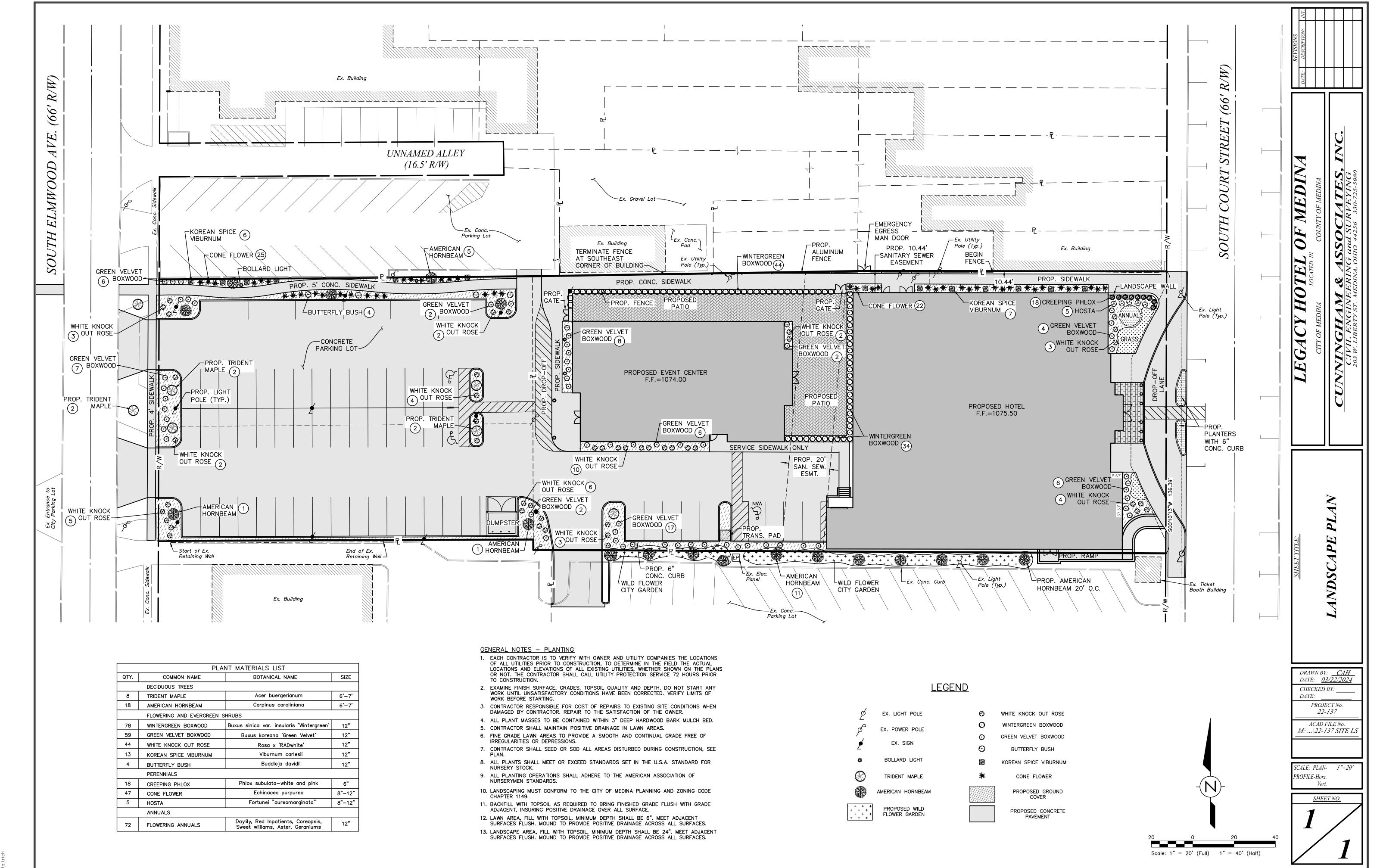
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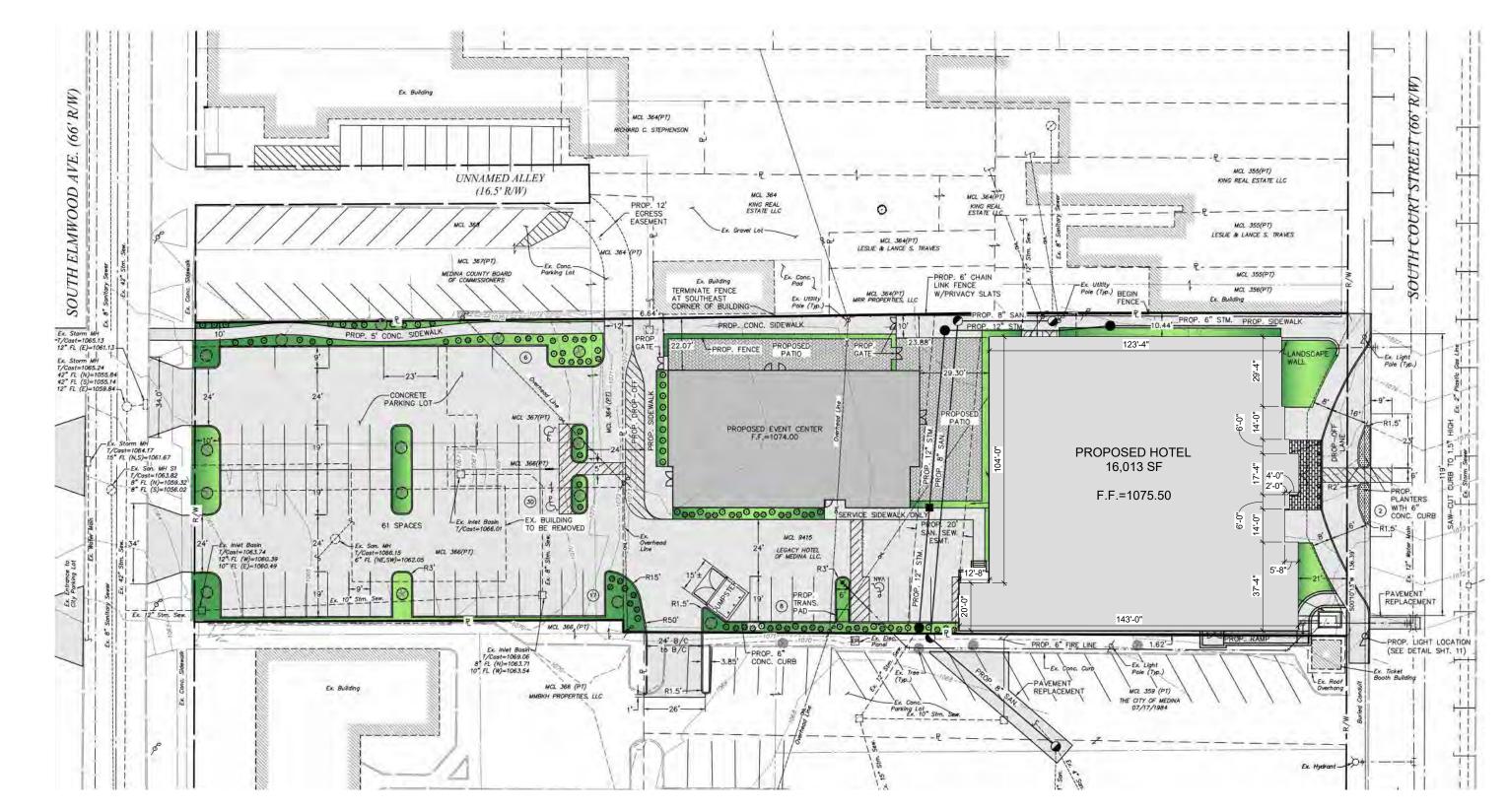


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1 PLAN PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN - HOTEL
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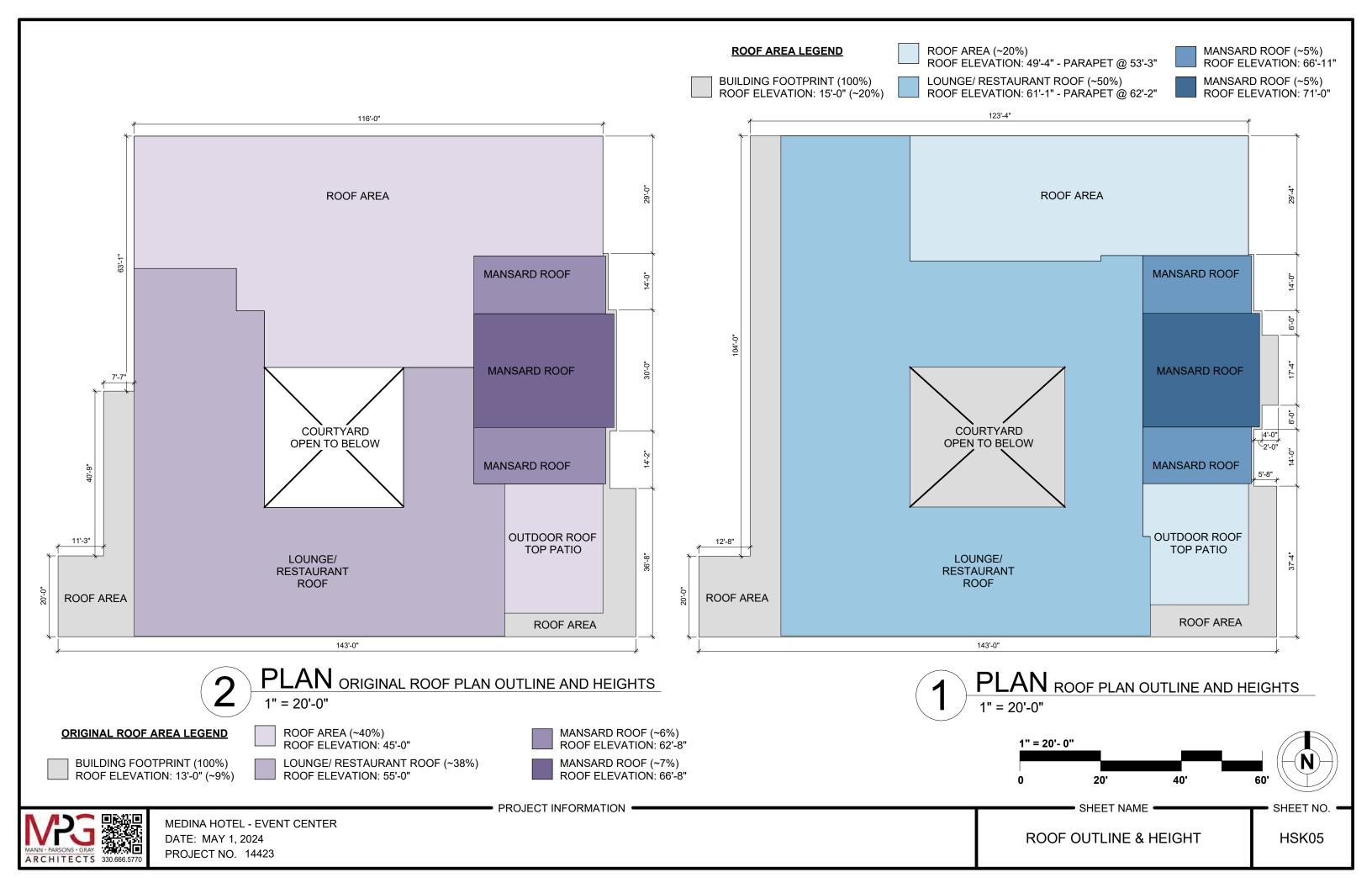
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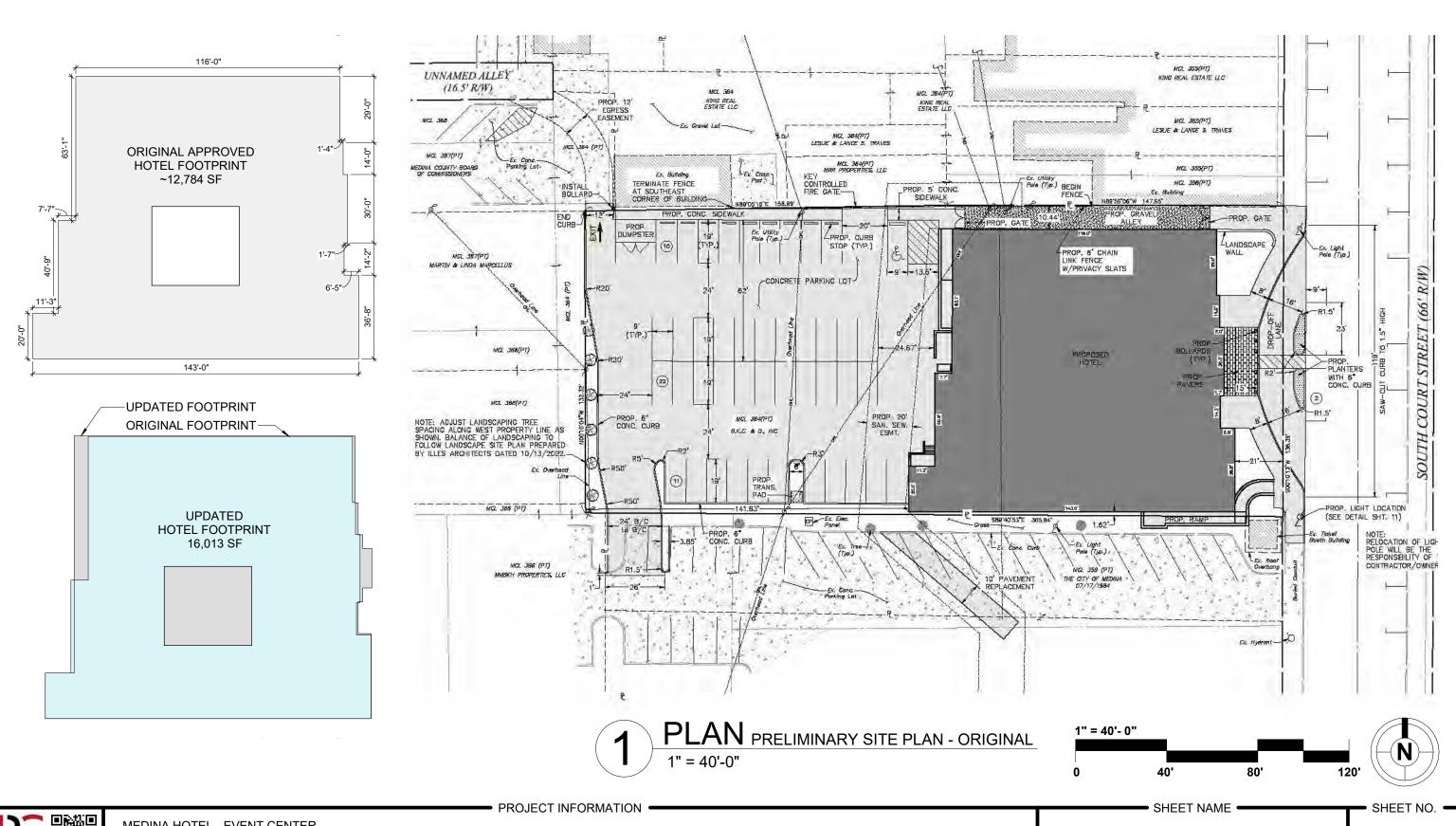


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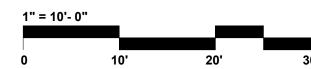
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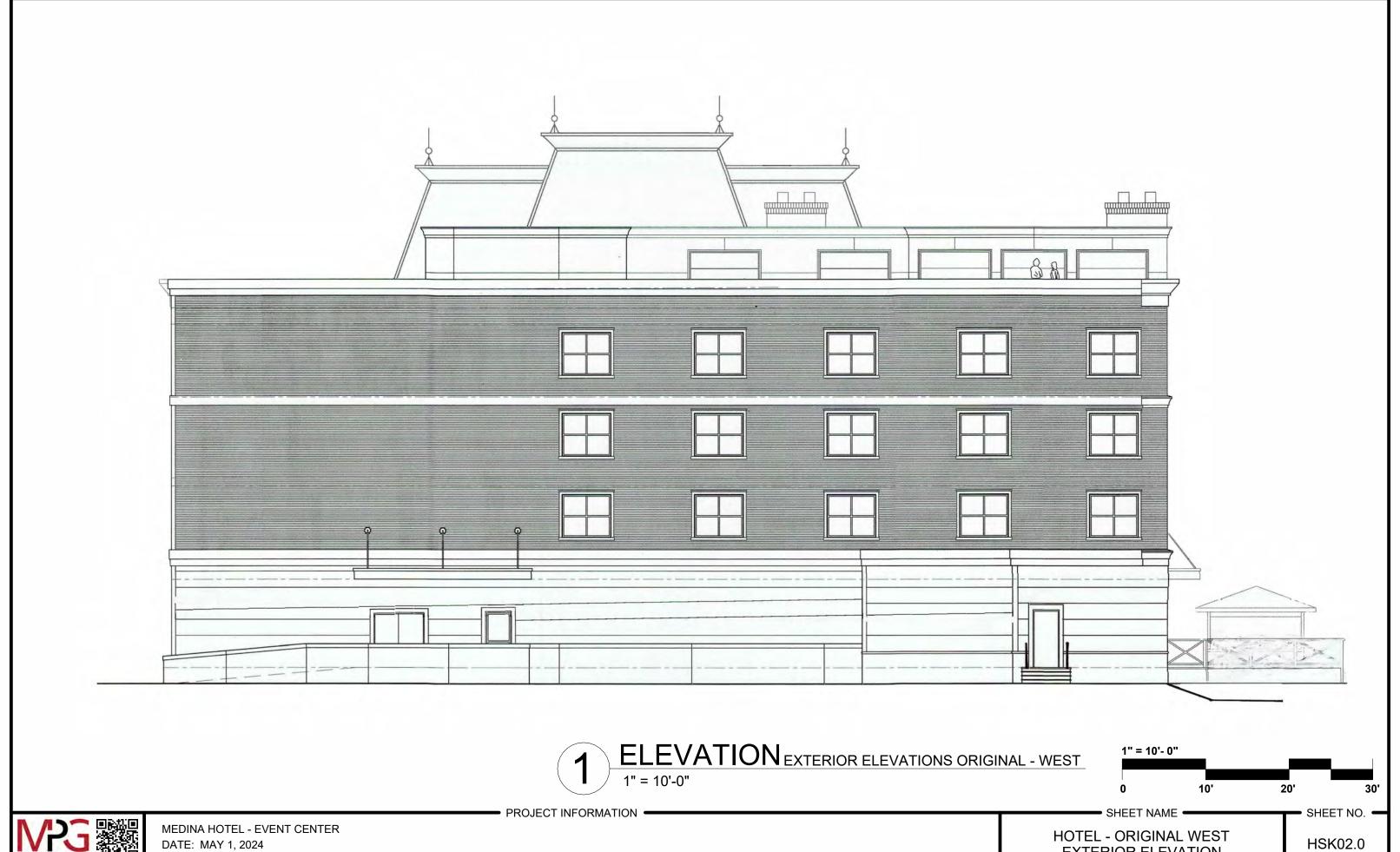




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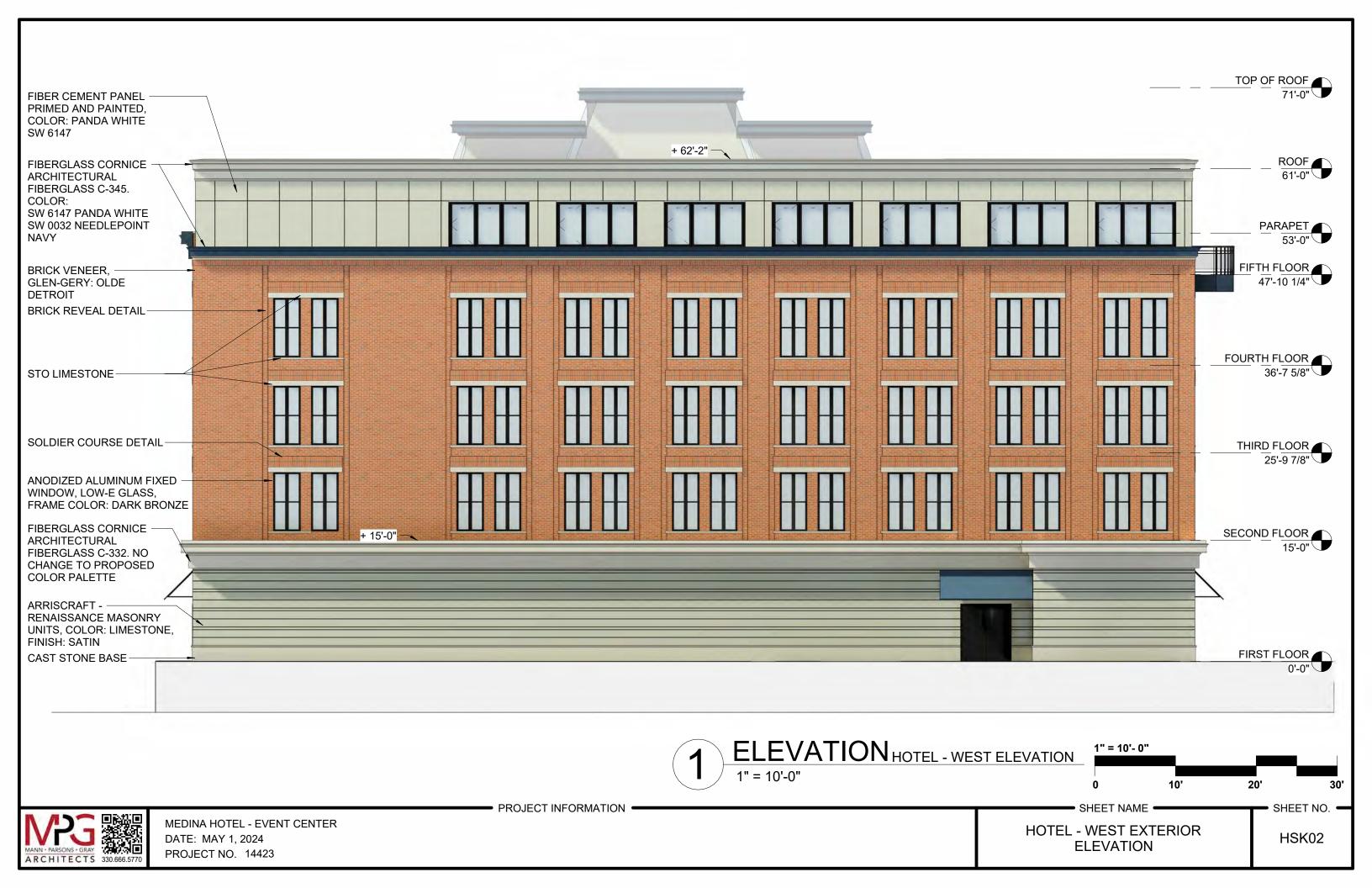


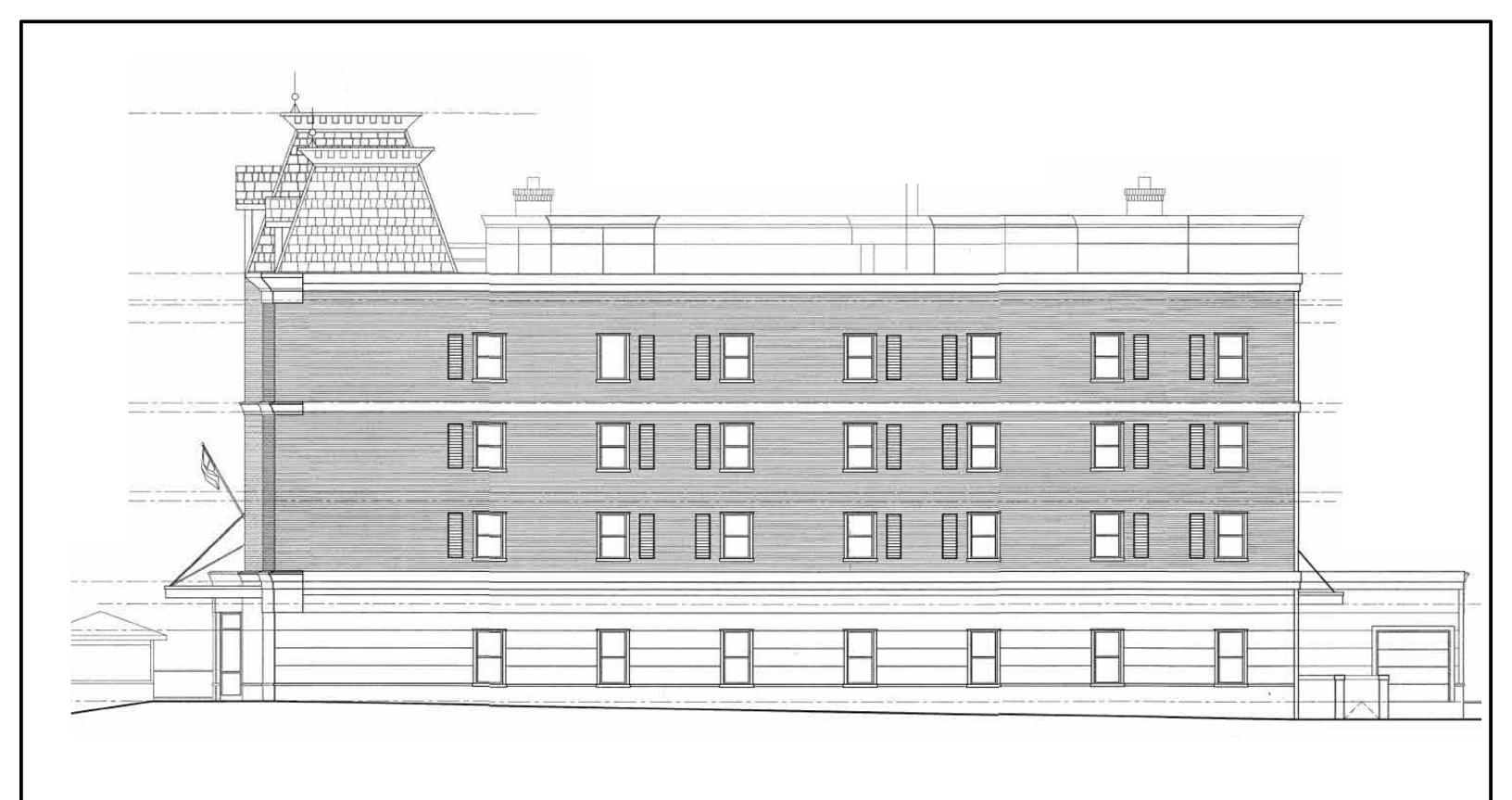


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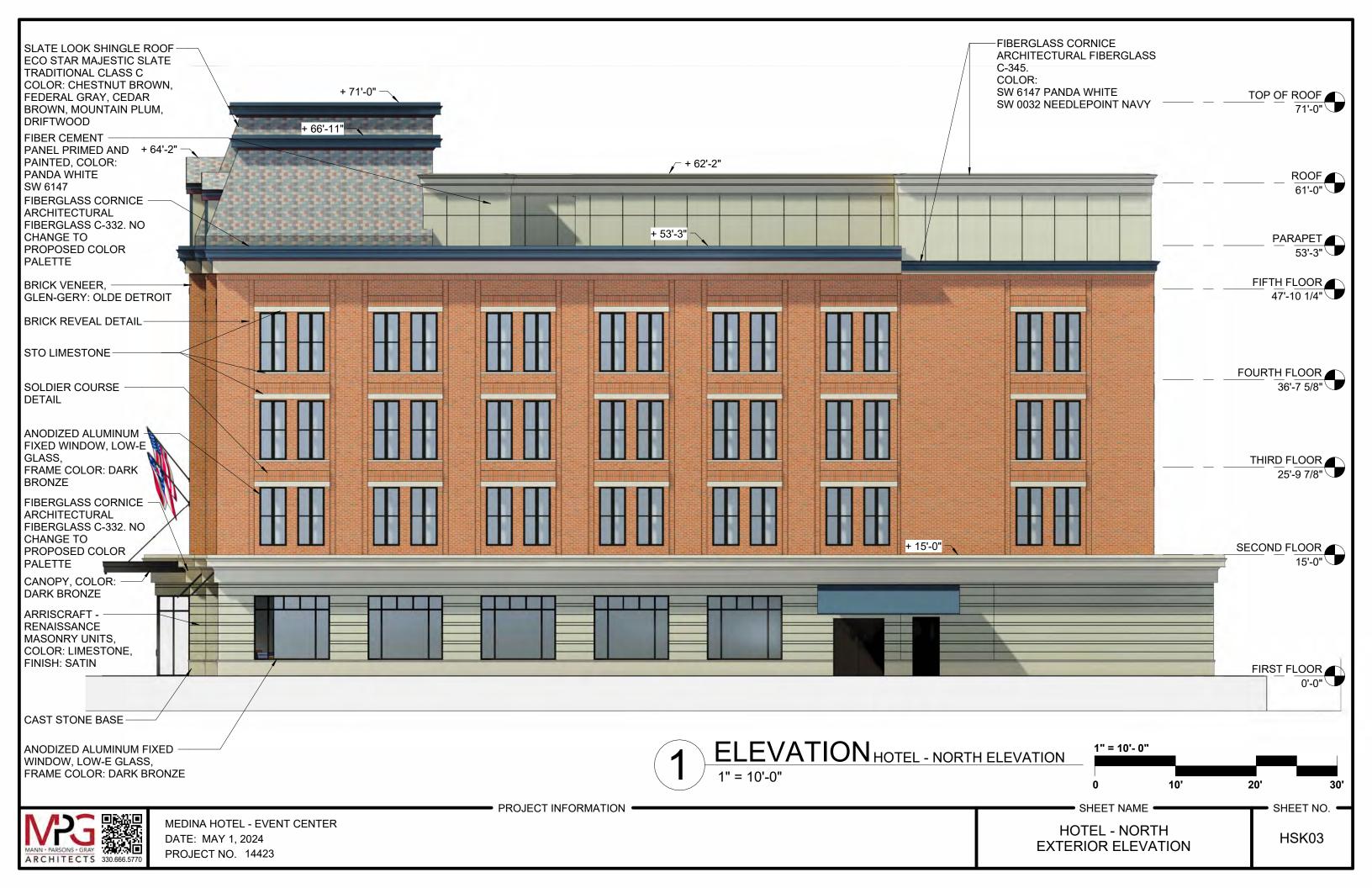
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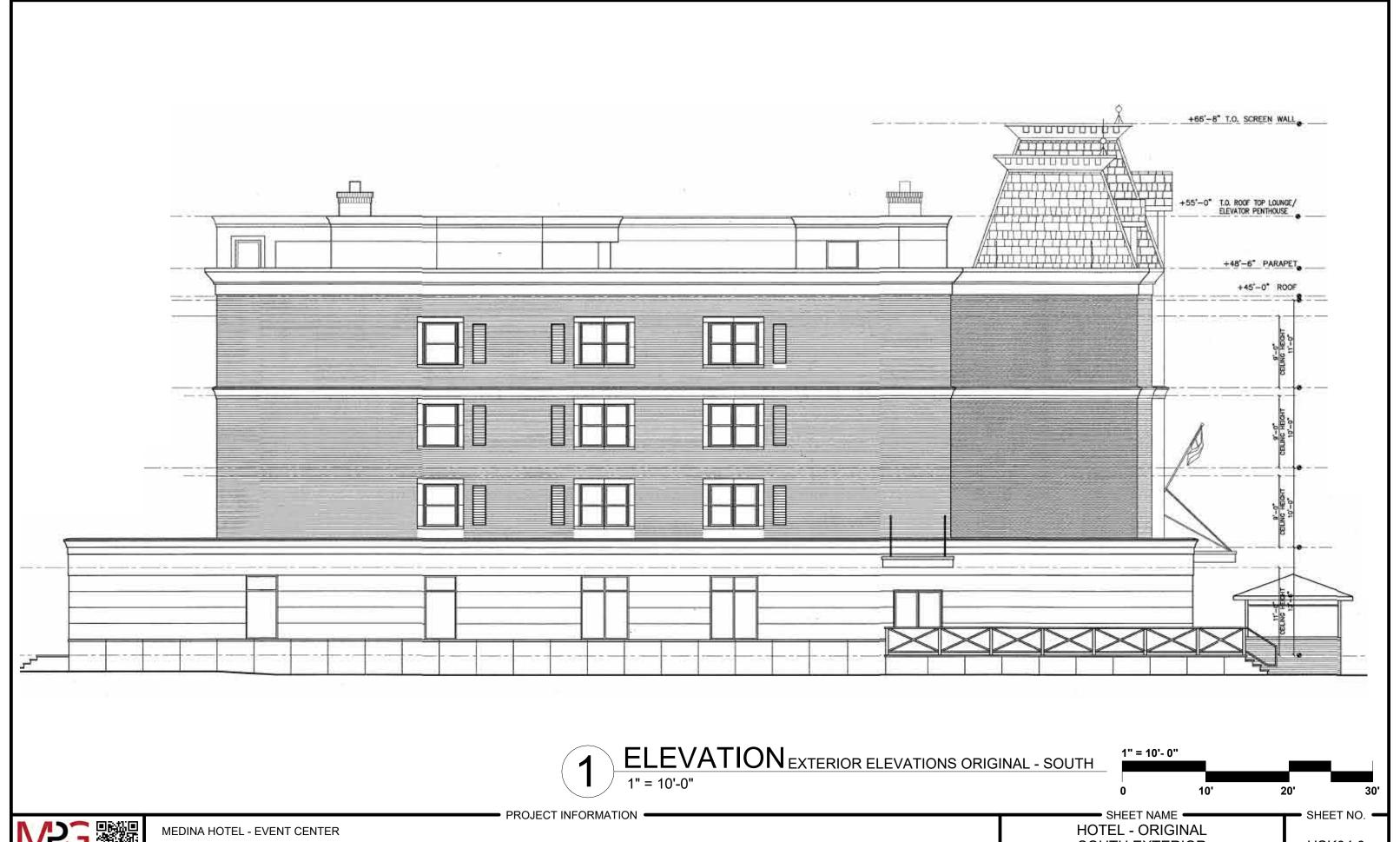
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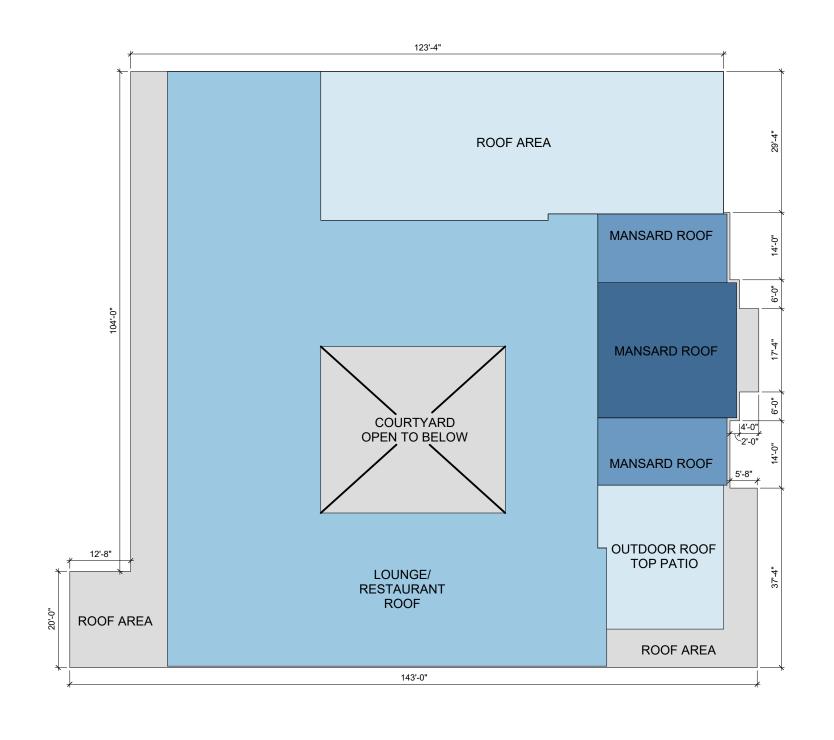
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SOUTH EXTERIOR ELEVATION

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BUILDING FOOTPRINT (100%) ROOF ELEVATION: 15'-0" (~20%)

ROOF AREA (~20%) ROOF ELEVATION: 49'-4" - PARAPET @ 53'-3"

LOUNGE/ RESTAURANT ROOF (~50%) ROOF ELEVATION: 61'-1" - PARAPET @ 62'-2"

MANSARD ROOF (~5%) ROOF ELEVATION: 66'-11"

MANSARD ROOF (~5%) ROOF ELEVATION: 71'-0"

PLAN ROOF PLAN OUTLINE AND HEIGHTS







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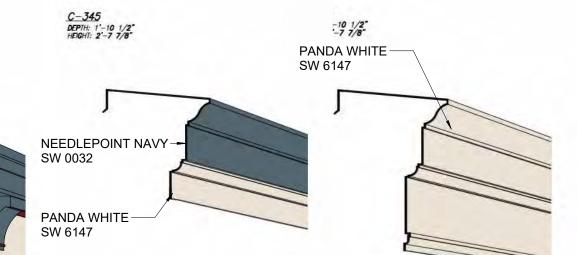
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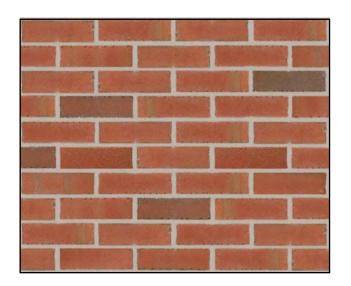


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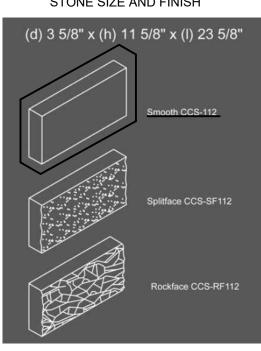


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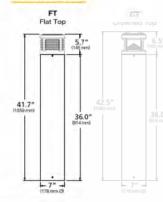


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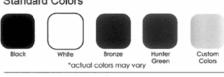




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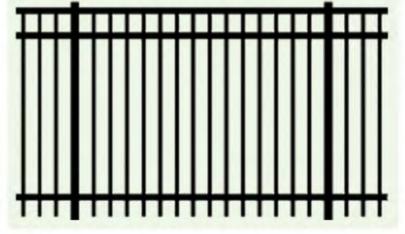


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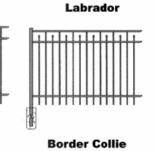


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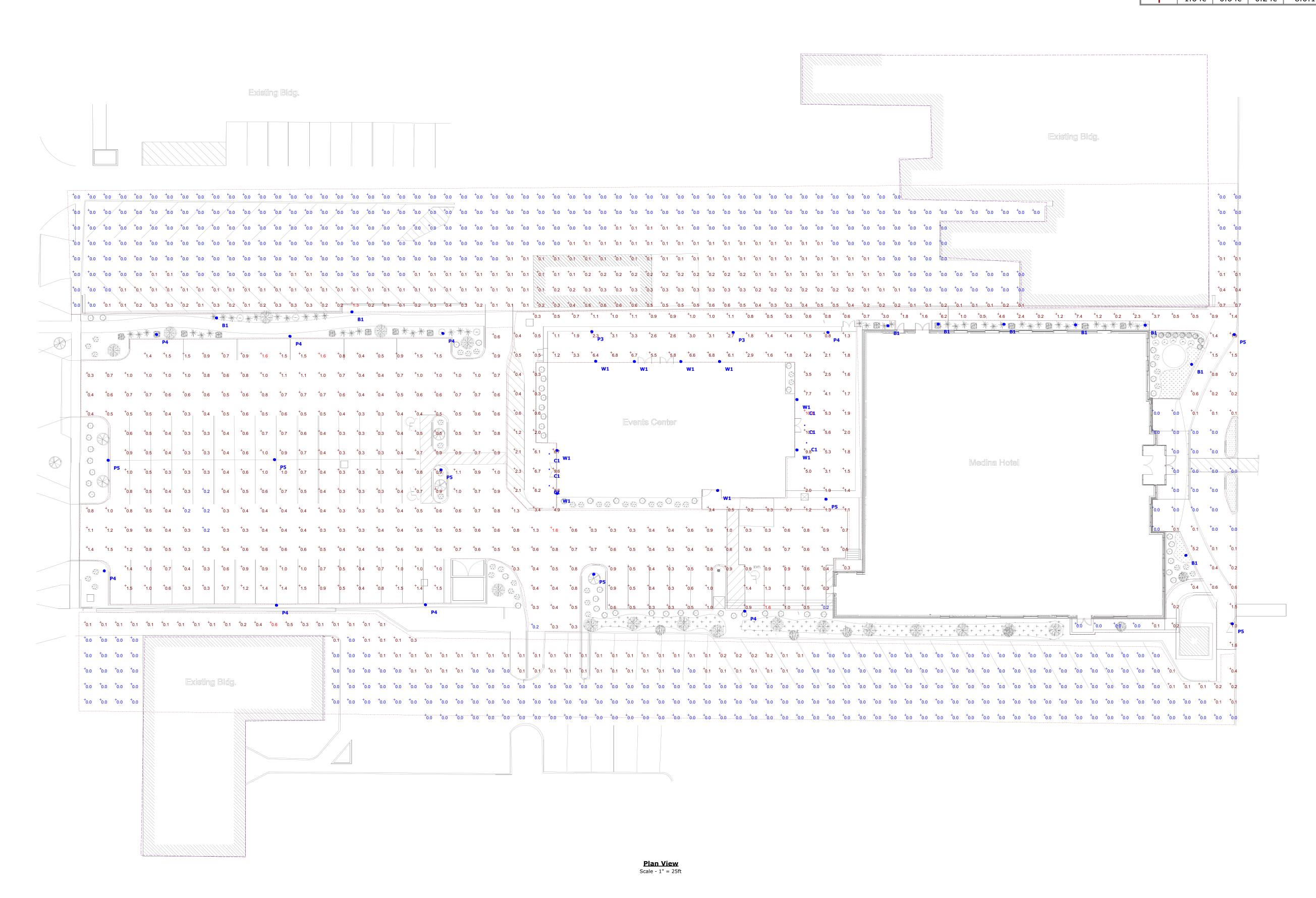
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Summary

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From: Jana Call <jana@mpg-architects.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:27 AM

**To:** Andrew Dutton

**Cc:** lan Jones; Jason Stevenson (jstevenson@autonomycapitalgroup.com); Bobby Johnston

**Subject:** RE: Hotel HPB Meeting

Attachments: HSK10.A - EAST FACADE - 3D PERSPECTIVE OPTION 2.pdf; HSK11.A - SOUTH EAST CORNER - 3D

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NORTH WEST CORNER - 3D PERSPECTIVE OPTION 2.pdf

Good morning Andrew,

Please see attached "Option 2" renders with the painted roof cornice.

As requested, this is a brief balcony description: The new "observation deck" is a balcony feature added on the south façade of the fifth floor, serving the "Sky Lounge" not only as a balcony, but also as an extension when the full height glass door system is fully open. The crescent shaped balcony has an area of 175 sf, with 3'-0" at the narrow sides and 5'3" in the middle. The face of the balcony will be painted navy (SW 0032 Needlepoint Navy) to match the cornice, it will also have dark bronze aluminum guard with glass at 42" high.

Thank you again for all the feedback!

Thank you,

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