# AGENDA CITY OF STURGEON BAY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Tuesday, March 29, 2022 @ 12:00 Noon Council Chambers, City Hall 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Adoption of agenda.

3. Public Hearing:

Petition for variance from Sections 20.27(1), 20.31(4)(c), and 27.13(4)(c)(5), of the municipal code for Richard Robinson located at 911 Green Bay Rd; parcel #281-66-13000101

4. Consideration of:

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5. Adjourn.

NOTE: DEVIATIONS FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR.

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## **MEMO**

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Christopher Sullivan-Robinson Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

Subject: Variance Application Review – 911 Green Bay Rd

**Petition:** Richard Robinson, representative of Green Bay & Duluth, LLC, is petitioning for approval of 3 separate variance for the property located at 911 Green Bay Rd; formerly known as Woldt's Corner Pub. These variances are due to the proposed redevelopment of the site. See the attached materials for more details. The variances requests are from Chapters 20 (Zoning Code) and Chapter 27 (Sign Code).

The existing site contains the restaurant building and seven lodging units. The six smaller buildings and the restaurant will be removed from the site. However, the larger dwelling to the south will remain with a portion of the property to be split off. The developer proposes to build a new 75' 9" x 80' x 19' H building which will contain three business spaces. The eastern most unit will contain a drive-through facility as shown on the project plan. The existing parking lot will be removed and replaced with a 42-space parking lot.

**Zoning:** The provisions of Chapter 20 were adopted to promote the health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the city, and to secure adequate light, pure air and safety from fire and other dangers, to conserve the taxable value of the land and buildings throughout the city, to preserve and enhance aesthetic value and to ensure aesthetic compatibility with neighboring property, and preserve the appropriate character of each area within the sound principles of zoning throughout the city. The provisions of Chapter 27 were adopted to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare and preserve and enhance aesthetic values by regulating and controlling the design, area, number, construction, illumination, installation, location and maintenance of all signs referred to hereunder.

20.27(1): This section requires the combined area of all impervious surfaces to not exceed 70% of the total area of a lot in the General Commercial (C-1) The applicant proposes a site plan with a total impervious ratio of 89.22% for the northerly parcel. The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance the aesthetic value and maintain a certain character which is also required in several other zoning districts. In addition, this code is intended to provide space for stormwater management and landscaping.

20.31(4)(c): This section requires all off-street parking spaces to be located at least 5 feet from any public right-of-way. The applicant proposes to have two parking spaces that would encroach the setback from HWY 42/57 by 3 feet. The 5-foot setback requirement for parking areas is intended to provide separation between parking vehicles, pedestrians, and public infrastructure. It is also intended to allow for green space and landscaping.

27.13(4)(c)(5): This section requires ground signs to be setback at least 5 feet from the street right-of-way. The applicant proposes a ground sign that will encroach the setback from HWY 42/57 by 5 feet. The purpose of the requirement is more related to aesthetics and character of the area. However, it allows open air and space for safety and maintenance of the sign structure. The setback also allows for neighboring signs to be more visible and for signs to be less distracting for motorists.

**Surrounding Area:** The surrounding properties to the east and west are zoned C-1 and contain service / retail uses. To the south, is a farmstead, zoned C-3 and Agriculture.

Variance Standards: There are standards for granting a zoning variance which is defined by State Statute 62.23(7)(e)7.d. A property owner bears the burden of proving "unnecessary hardship," as that term is used in this subdivision, for an area variance, by demonstrating that strict compliance with a zoning ordinance would unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property owner's property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with the zoning ordinance unnecessarily burdensome or, for a use variance, by demonstrating that strict compliance with a zoning ordinance would leave the property owner with no reasonable use of the property in the absence of a variance. In all circumstances, a property owner bears the burden of proving that the unnecessary hardship is based on conditions unique to the property, rather than considerations personal to the property owner, and that the unnecessary hardship was not created by the property owner.

The applicant is responsible for proving an unnecessary hardship, identifying any property limitations, and the variance would not in turn negatively impact the public interest.

#### Other Considerations:

- 1. The Aesthetic Design and Site Plan Review Board granted a certificate of appropriate for this project on March 14, 2022 with the condition that screening be providing on the south lot line, the rear driveway way by the dwelling be removed, and the site / landscape plan be revised to show a sidewalk extending along S Duluth Ave.
- 2. In August of 2007, this property was granted a variance to allow a ground sign to be 1-foot from the highway right-of-way line. I believe the existing sign structure shown on the site plan is the same structure from 2007. Based on the information we have; the existing sign is located in the highway right-of-way.
- 3. The intended use of this new building is proposed to be Professional Office / Retail. Offstreet parking for these types of uses is based on customer service area. Retail stores / service establishments require 1 space for 200 square feet of floor area. Offices require 1 space for every 300 square feet of floor area. Restaurants require one space per four seats. Based on the information we have; the property owner would need to provide about 28-30 spaces which is at least 10 parking spaces less than proposed. Keep in mind, this can vary based on the use and number of employees and restaurant seats.
- 4. The project plan will include removal of existing asphalt within the neighboring property to the west, the driveway to the south, and the right-of-way on the north and east. Though the lot itself increases in impervious surface there is a reduction around the site. The hotel to the west currently does not conform to the impervious surface ratio; however, it will likely conform after some asphalt is removed from this development. While removal of impervious surface on other property does not directly allow the

developer to meet the code, it should be considered by the ZBA as a positive during consideration of the variance.

5. Right now, the property is one parcel. The requested impervious surface ratio of 89% is needed when the property is divided. Most of the existing green space is on the southerly

proposed parcel.

6. Stormwater management plan is required for this site. The City Engineer has seen the preliminary design and no issues have been identified. The developer intends to convert the existing basement of the restaurant building into an underground tank. Water from the site will lead to the tank and extend to catch basins by the curbs.

7. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance in 2006 to exceed the impervious surface ration on the Door County Cooperative property at 317 Green Bay Road. Similar to the proposed project, that variance involved the use of underground stormwater management facilities. The ZBA also granted a variance to Door County Ace Hardware

to exceed the max ISR.

**Staff Opinion:** City staff do no have any concerns with the setback variances for the sign or parking lot. The sign and pavement are actually further from the right-of-way than present. However, the committee should consider the impervious surface carefully based on what is proposed and what is needed. If there is an opportunity to reduce the amount of variance needed then that should be the committee's priority. If a variance is granted, one condition would be to restrict the maximum impervious surface ratio on the proposed southerly lot. If looked at as a whole the redevelopment will meet (or come close to meeting) the max ISR. Therefore, the ZBA could consider granting relief for the northerly parcel provided the impervious surface on the southerly parcel is kept low.

**Options:** The Zoning Board of Appeals has the ability to approve up to what is being requested. In addition, conditions can be added which are relevant to the variance request. If there are other considerations or additional information required the Board can push back their decision to the next meeting. The petitions can also be denied. Either way, the members should provide relevant reasoning for the decision.

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### CITY OF STURGEON BAY VARIANCE APPLICATION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Company	Green Bay & Duluth, UC	do Resource Onefeathy UC		
Street Address	3405 Hawthorne Blvd.	Kimberly Burton		
		1740 E. Matthew Dr.		
City/State/Zip	St. Louis MO 63104 (314) 504-2664	De Pere WI 54115		
Daytime Telephone No.	(314)504-2664	(920) 819-2637		
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers, 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 12:00 Noon or shortly thereafter, in regard to a request from Green Bay & Duluth, LLC for variances from the following code sections.

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The subject property is formerly known as Woldt's Corner Pub and is located at 911 Green Bay Rd; parcel #281-66-13000101. The variance application is on file with the Community Development Department and can be viewed at City Hall, 421 Michigan Street, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or on the City website: <a href="www.sturgeonbaywi.org">www.sturgeonbaywi.org</a>. The public is invited to give testimony regarding the variance request in person at the hearing or in writing.

By order of:

City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals.

## Public Hearing Notice Map 911 Green Bay Rd Variance Request from Green Bay & Duluth LLC





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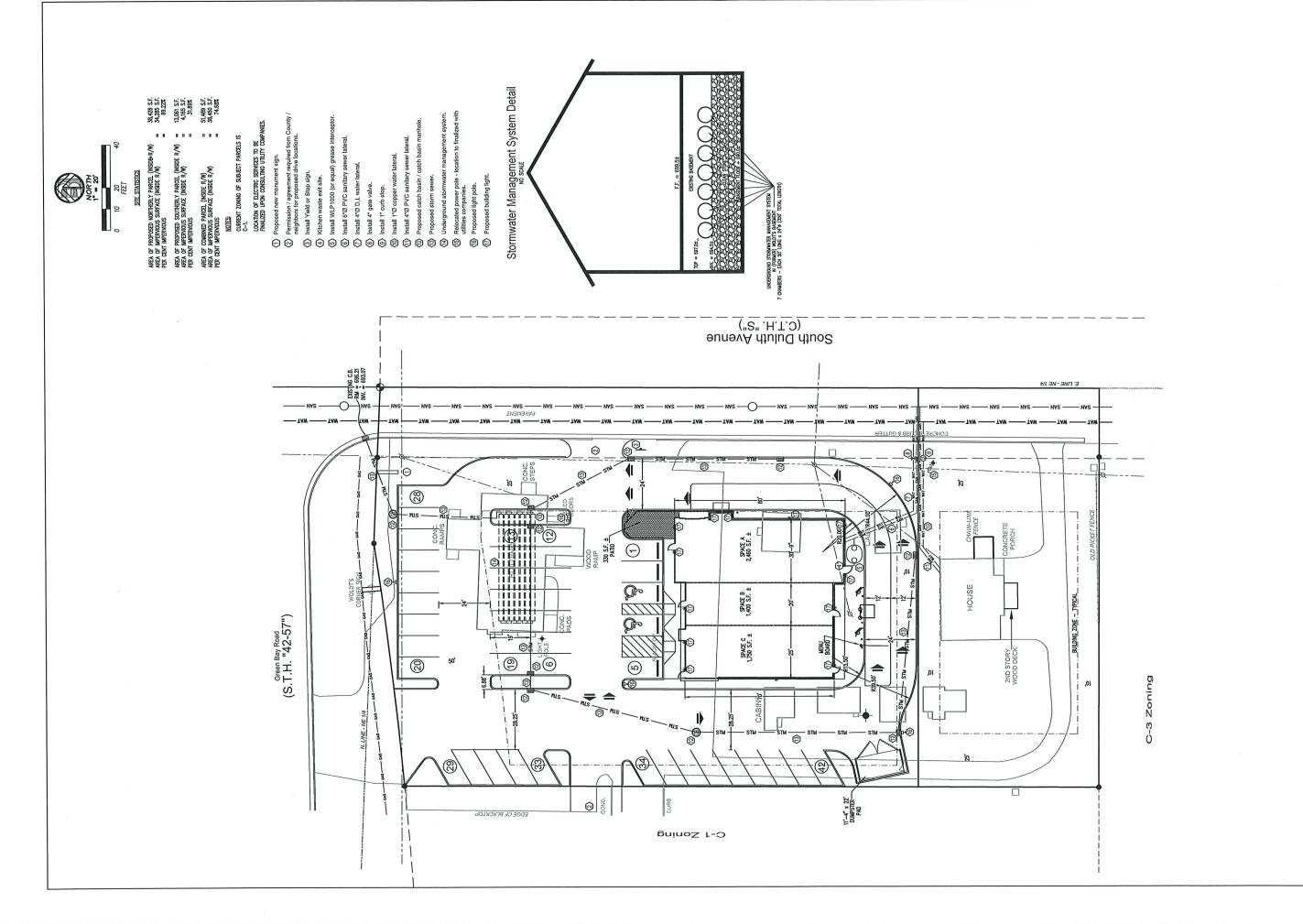












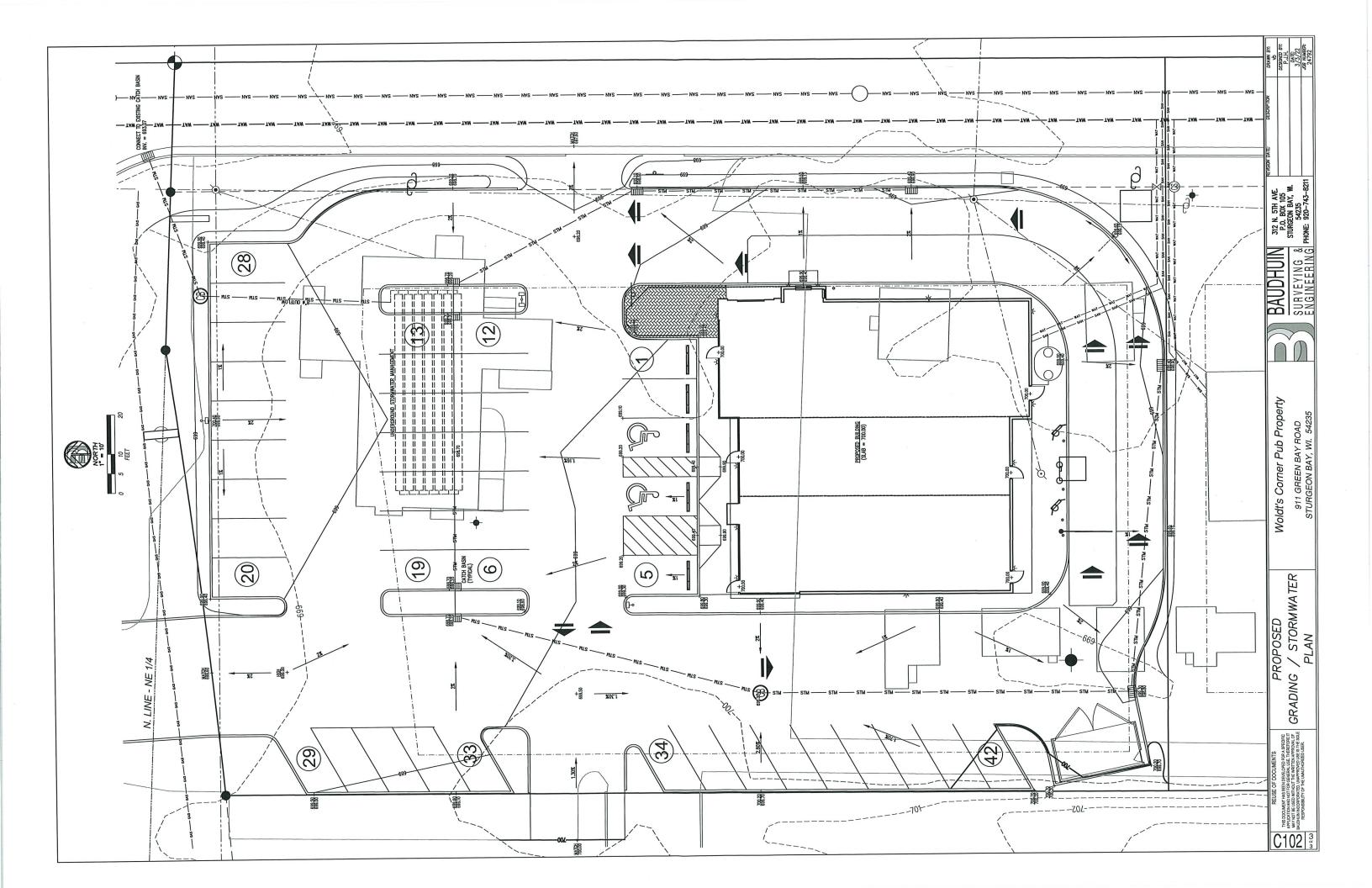
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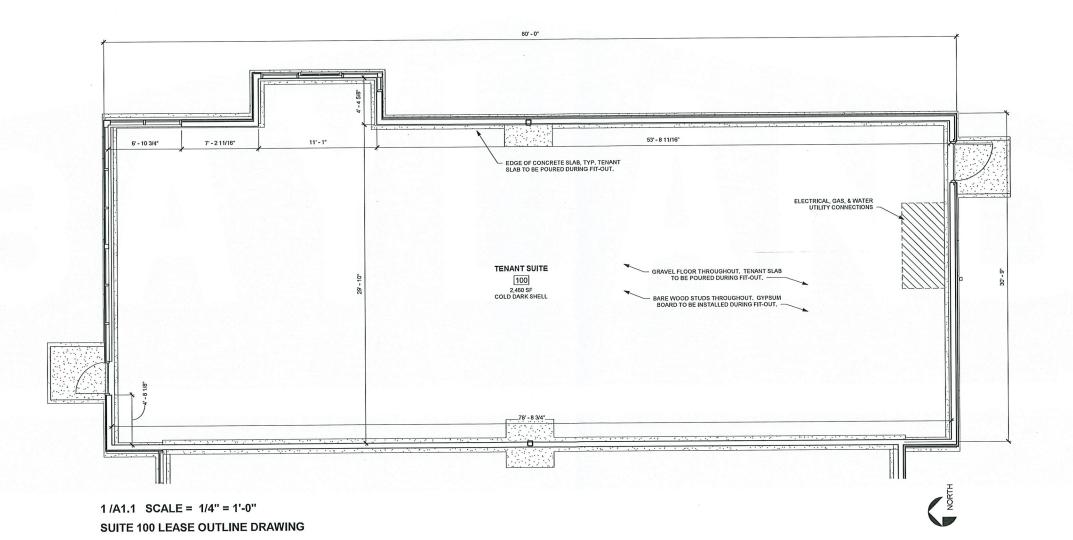
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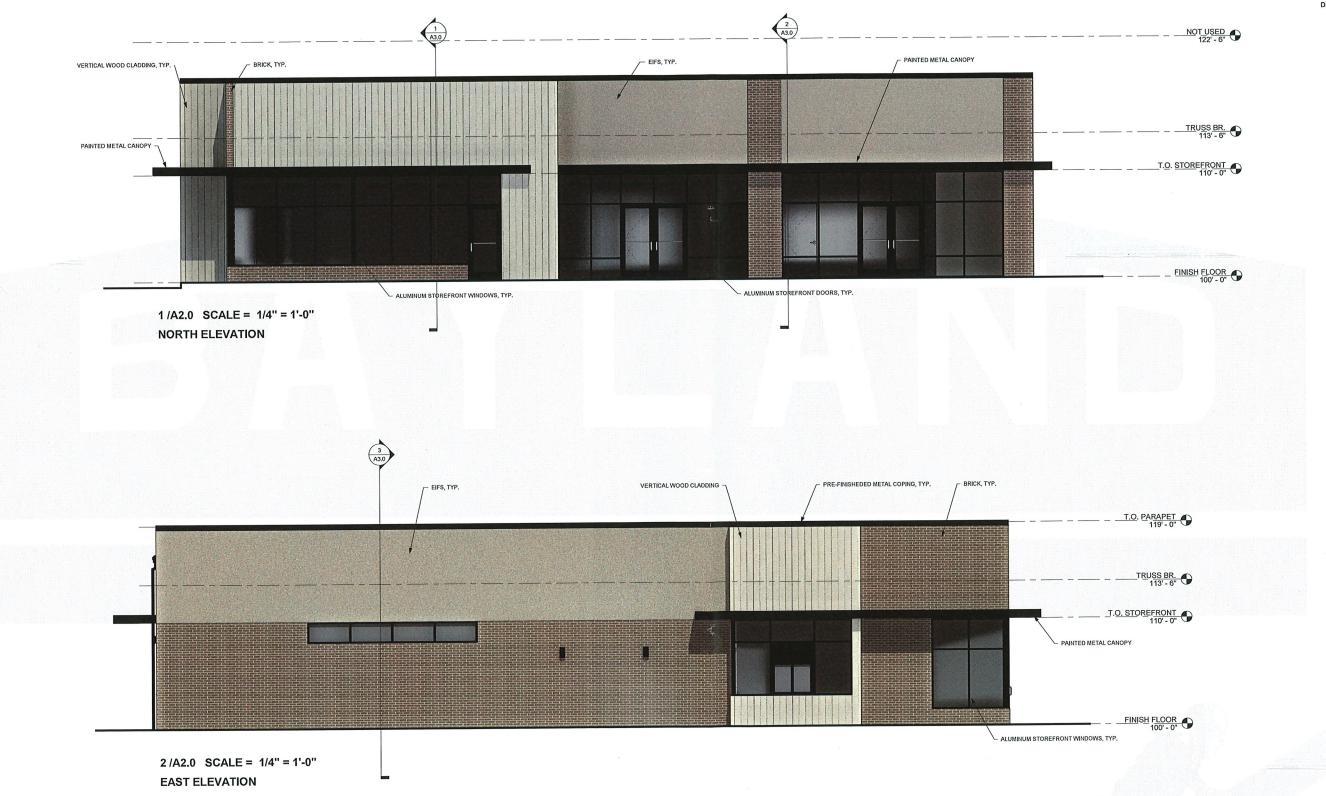
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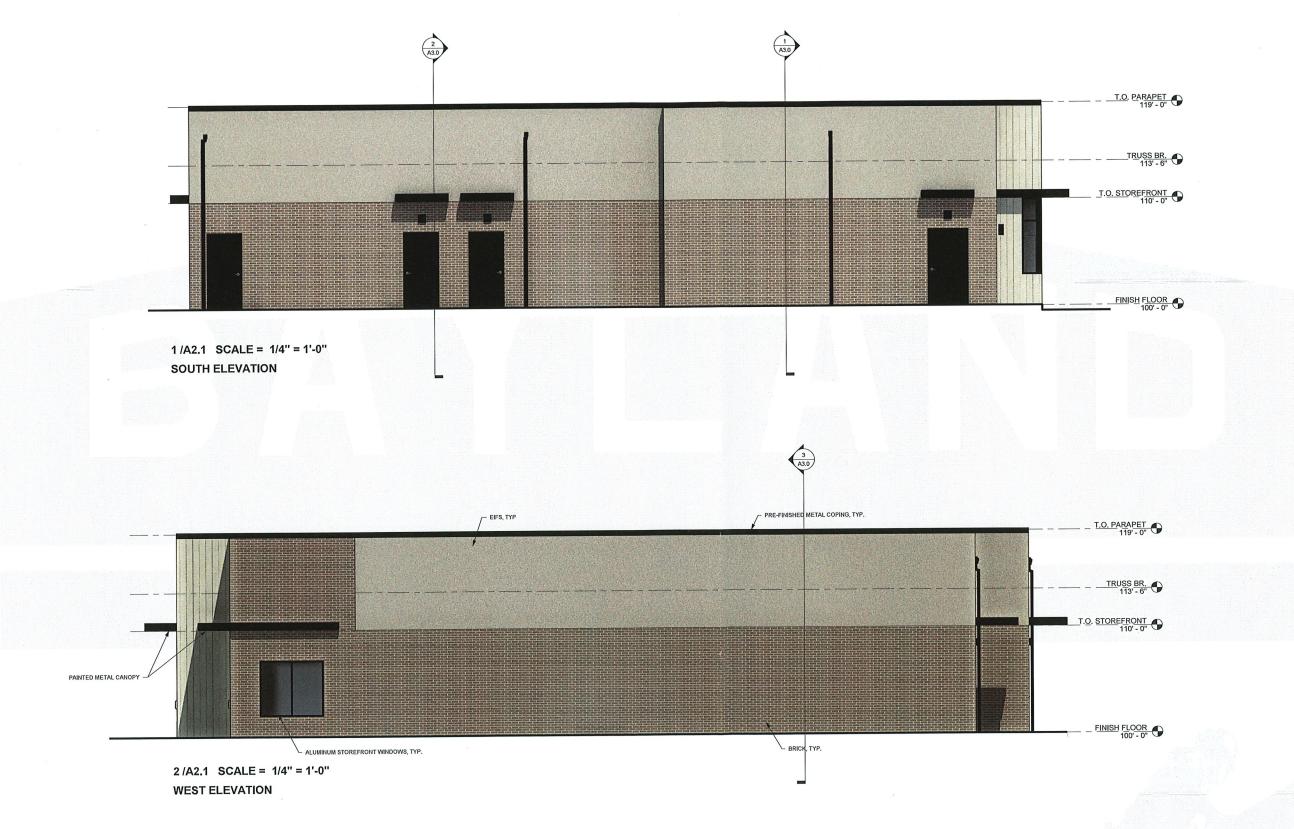
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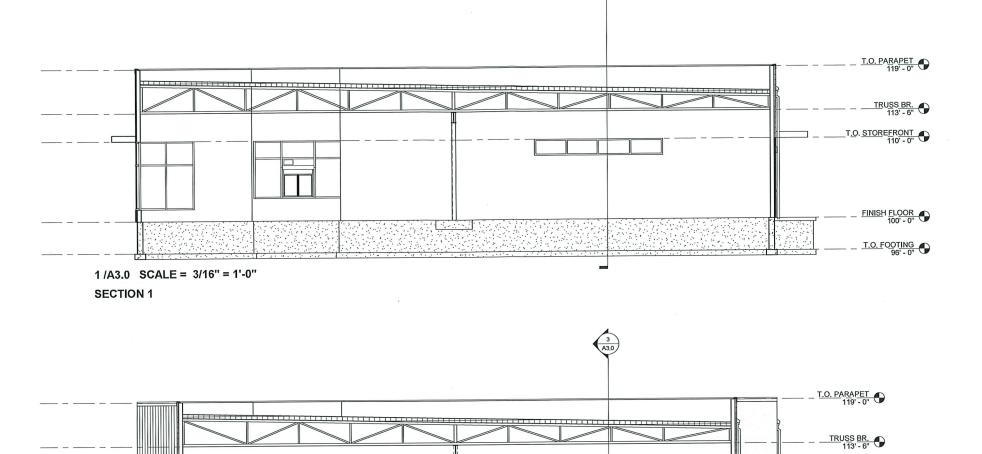
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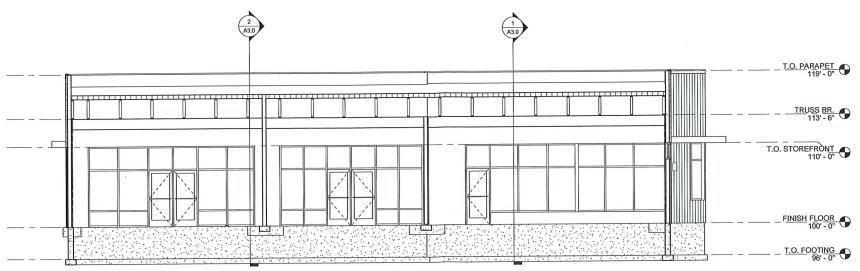
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