STAFF REPORT: 11-13-2019 MEETING PREPARED BY: J. ROSS

**APPLICATION NUMBER: 19-6504** 

ADDRESS: 2937 E. GRAND BOULEVARD HISTORIC DISTRICT: JAM HANDY APPLICANT: KAREN O'DONOGHUE

DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION: 10/10/2019

**DATE OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 10/29/2019** 

**SCOPE**: INSTALL TWO NEW STOREFRONTS AT WEST ELEVATION

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The subject property includes the 9-story building that is located at the SW corner of E. Grand Boulevard and Beaubien that was erected in 1913 by Theo Starret Co. to serve as a storage warehouse for the Schwiwe Storage Company. The building is currently vacant. The main facades facing E. Grand and Beaubien have four pilasters symmetrically arranged that run the entire height of the building, stone accents, and windows with stone sills centrally located between the pilasters. There is no fenestration on the west facade. A corner tower on the NE corner of the building rises one floor above the roofline. Windows on the east, south, north elevations, stories 3-9, are recently-added, aluminum ribbon, curtain wall window systems. Newly-installed aluminum double-hung windows are also present at the east, south, and north elevations. A column of metal louvers have been added to the rear elevation in order to vent the existing mechanical shaft. Finally, the west elevation, which originally lacked fenestration, is due to receive new aluminum ribbon, curtain wall windows and a projecting glass storefront entrance at the first-story, northern corner.



## **PROPOSAL**

With the current proposal, the applicant is seeking the Commission's approval for the following work items:

## West Elevation

• At the first story, install two new storefront entries. Each entrance will include a multi-lite, roll-up aluminum door with an integrated single, hinged person door. The new storefronts will be black.

## **Rear/South Elevation (work completed)**

- Install a new masonry loading dock
- Remove and partially infill one overhead door opening.
- Install two, single hinged metal pedestrian doors
- Remove the windows at the building's western-most column and install new louvered metal vents (to provide venting to the mechanical equipment shaft)

## STAFF OBSERVATIONS AND RESEARCH

- The Commission issued a Notice to Proceed to rehabilitate the project at the 6/14/2017 regular meeting. Please see the attached staff report for the approved rehabilitation scope. A review of current conditions and the 6/14/2017 elevation drawings indicates that the work at the rear has been slightly modified from the version of the proposal which the Commission approved in 2017.
- The proposed two new doorways at the west elevation also represents a modification to the rehab scope which was approved in 2017

#### **ISSUES**

• None

## RECOMMENDATION

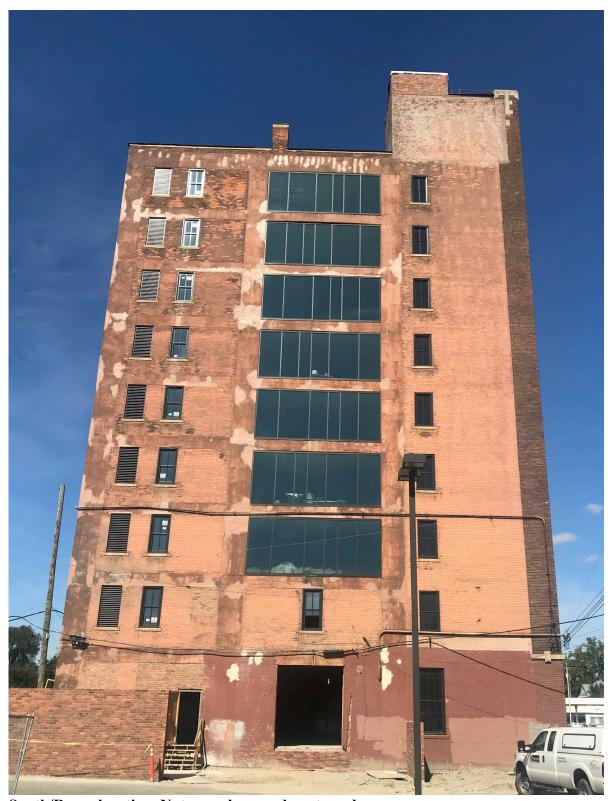
It is staff's opinion that the work as proposed will not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as proposed because it meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, standard #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.



East Elevation, current condition



West Elevation, current conditions



South/Rear elevation. Note new louvered vents and



Detroit, MI 48226

October 10, 2019

**Brendan Cagney** City of Detroit Historic District Commission 2 Woodward Avenue, Room 808 Detroit, MI 48226

RE: 2937 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI

Dear Mr. Blackstone;

I am writing to follow up on our meeting at your office earlier today.

The subject property is located in the Jam Handy/North End-East Grand Boulevard Historic District. The Historic Designation Advisory Board Final Report describes 2937 E. Grand Blvd, Schwiwe Storage as a 9 story brick building located on the south-west corner of E. Grand Blvd and Beaubien, built in 1913 by Theo Starret Col, as a storage warehouse for Schwiwe Storage Company. Although it frequently changed tenants, it continued to be used as a storage warehouse.

The main facades facing E. Grand Blvd and Beaubien have four pilasters systematically arranged that run the entire height of the building, stone accents, and windows with stone sills symmetrically located between the pilasters. There is no fenestration on the west façade A corner tower on the north east corner of the building rises one floor above the roofline.

The subject property is currently under construction which was previously approved by your office and a building permit has been issued by the City of Detroit Building Safety and Engineering Department. At this time we are requesting your approval so we can design and submit drawing to construct to open the second two bays south of E. Grand Blvd. on the west side of the building at the first floor to create a connection between the first floor and the exterior patio area. Each bay would have a roll up aluminum full view doors and a pedestrian door to connect the interior space to the exterior patio. The aluminum color will be Black [Anodized] [Brochure and Detailed Shop Drawing Attached]

## **EXISTING CONDITION**



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West facing wall current condition has a mural painting and a buck hoist elevator for vertical circulation during construction. The approved construction drawing A202 [attached] shows the west elevation will add floor to ceiling windows in the first bay openings on floors 3 through 9 and a glass box entry to the building on the first floor.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ADDED OPENING**

The attached A202 has been marked to show the location for the aluminum full view doors which we are requesting your approval to add to the second and third bay on the west side of the building to connect the interior space to the exterior patio.

## **Brochure/cut sheets**

Attached you will find the Clopay Commercial Architectural Series Aluminum Full-View Doors and the shop drawing. The Glass Panel will be Full View with a Black Anodized frame.

Subject to your approval we will update our Architectural Drawings and submit a Bulletin to BSEED under the existing building permit.

Should you required any further information please contact me at 313 510-1273.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Karen D. O'Donoghue

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Principal

Attachments

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

CITY OF DETROIT

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 808, DETROIT, MI 48226	DATE: 10.10.19
PROPERTY INFORMATION	
ADDRESS: 2937 EAST GRAND BLVD AKA:	•
HISTORIC DISTRICT: JAM HANDY NORTH END-EAST GRAND BOW	PEVARD
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APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION	
Property Owner/ Homeowner  Contractor Business Occupant	Architect/ Engineer/ Consultant
NAME: KAREN O'DONOGHUE COMPANY NAME: TAK	TIX SOLUTIONS
ADDRESS: 211 W. Fort Street Ste 720 CITY: DETROIT ST	ATE: 41 ZIP: 48236
PHONE: 313961-9446 MOBILE: 313510-1273 EM	AIL: TAKTIX SOLUTIONS. COM
PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST CHECKLIST  Please attach the following documentation to your request:	
Photographs of ALL sides of existing building or site	NOTE:
Detailed photographs of location of proposed work (photographs to show existing condition(s), design, color, & material)	Based on the scope of work, addition documentation may be required.  See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for
Description of existing conditions (including materials and design)	scope-specific requirements.
Description of project (if replacing any existing material(s), include replacementrather than repairof existing and/or construction of	e an explanation as to why new is required)
Detailed scope of work (formatted as bulleted list)	
Brochure/cut sheets for proposed replacement material(s) and/or	r product(s), as applicable

Upon receipt of this documentation, staff will review and inform you of the next steps toward obtaining your building permit from the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) to perform the work.

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUESTS TO HDC@DETROITMI.GO

# CLOPAY COMMERCIAL - MODELS 902, 903 architectural series





## **ALUMINUM FULL-VIEW DOORS**

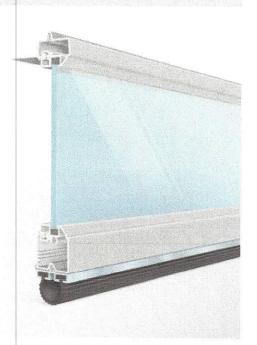
Clopay's Aluminum Full-View doors offer flexibility that allow varying degrees of light while complementing the surrounding structure. A wide selection of standard and custom glazing types make a bold statement in retail, service stations, restaurants and other environments requiring visibility or light.

#### **MAXIMUM DURABILITY**

- 2-1/8" (54 mm) thick construction, 6063-T5 extruded aluminum alloy with integral reinforcing fin
- Capped rail construction and tongue-and-groove rail helps seal out the elements

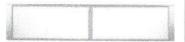
## **VERSATILITY AND DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**

- Numerous glazing options include insulated glass,
   Low-E glass and polycarbonate panels in various colors
- Wide variety of powder-coated, painted and anodized finish colors



## **OPTIONS**

## **GLASS/PANEL OPTIONS**







Solid Aluminum

## FRAME/SOLID PANEL COLOR OPTIONS



(Anodized)











Dark Bronze

\*Additional cost and lead time may apply. Due to the anodizing process, slight color variation may occur. The use of "Bronze (Painted)" is recommended for a more consistent bronze finish color. See your Clopay Dealer for details.

## **CUSTOM PAINT OPTIONS**

Custom colors make Architectural Series Aluminum Full-View doors personal. Use the Color Blast® paint system or RAL Powder Coating to create the perfect door. Thousands of color options give you endless upgrades. See your Clopay Dealer for details.







## **FEATURES**

#### STANDARD HARDWARE

TPE astragal in aluminum retainer

Commercial 10-ball steel rollers (nylon tires available)

Steel step plate and lift handle

Inside slide lock for increased security

2" (50.8 mm) or 3" (76.2 mm) track

10,000 cycle springs

Galvanized aircraft cable with minimum 7:1 safety factor

Variety of track configurations to meet building specifications

## **MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION**

Panel Thickness 2-1/8" (54 mm)

Exterior Surface 6062-T5 extruded aluminum alloy with integral reinforcing fin

Max Width Max Height

24'2" (7.4 m) 20' (6.1 m)

Exterior Colors

Standard White, Bronze and Chocolate Painted. Clear, Bronze, Black and Dark Bronze Anodized. Custom paint available.

Limited Warranties\*

5-year limited finish warranty 1-year hardware warranty

\*For full warranty details see the 902, 903 official warranty document, posted on www.clopaydoor.com. For special sizes, applications and options, consult

Commercial Information Assistance (CIA) at 1-800-526-4301.

## **GLASS/PANEL OPTIONS**











Clear Glass

**Gray Tinted** Glass

**Bronze Tinted** Glass

Mirrored

Obscure Glass







White Laminate

Frosted Glass or Acrylic

Clear Acrylic

Grav Acrylic

White Acrylic



Clear Polycarbonate

See your Clopay Dealer for details

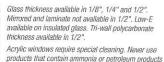


Bronze Polycarbonate

Aluminum panels available to match the aluminum frame.



Aluminum Panel (Matched to frame)



to clean acrylic. Please visit clopaydoor.com/acrylic for complete details. Glass/acrylic panels may be combined with aluminum panels.

## HEAVY-DUTY HARDWARE (where not standard)







3" Track



High performance hardware features 10 gauge end hinges, heavy-duty top bracket and 3" sealed roller with 5/8" stem.

## HIGH CYCLE SPRINGS



25,000, 50,000 or 100,000 cycle springs available.

#### MULLIONS



Carry-away, roll-away or swing-up mullions are available on select sizes.

## **EXHAUST PORT**



Can be cut into any type of sectional door. Available in select sizes



WINDCODE® reinforcement available up to W1 design pressure (DP) 14 PSF, depending on size. Doors tested 50% greater than DP.



Upgrade your standard door with industrial-grade components



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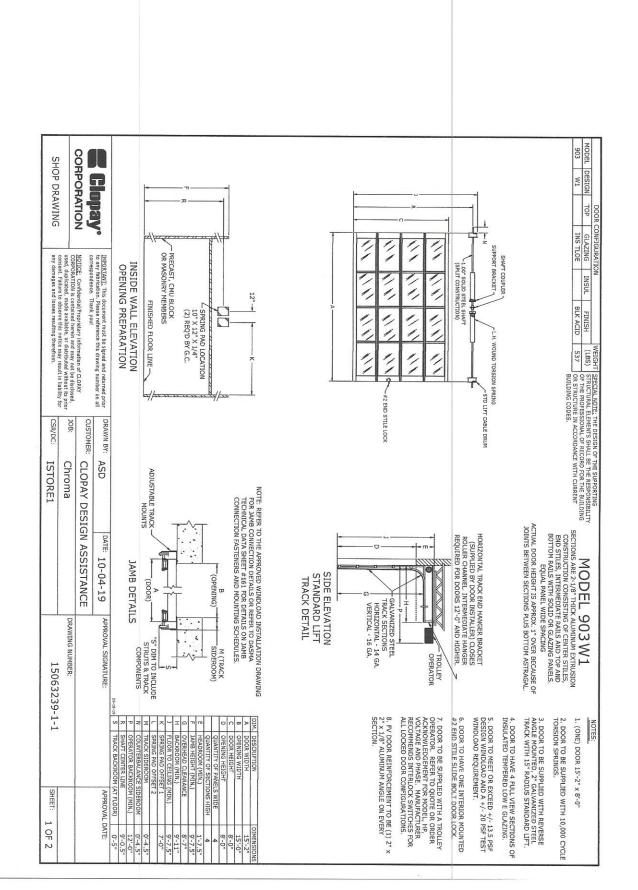


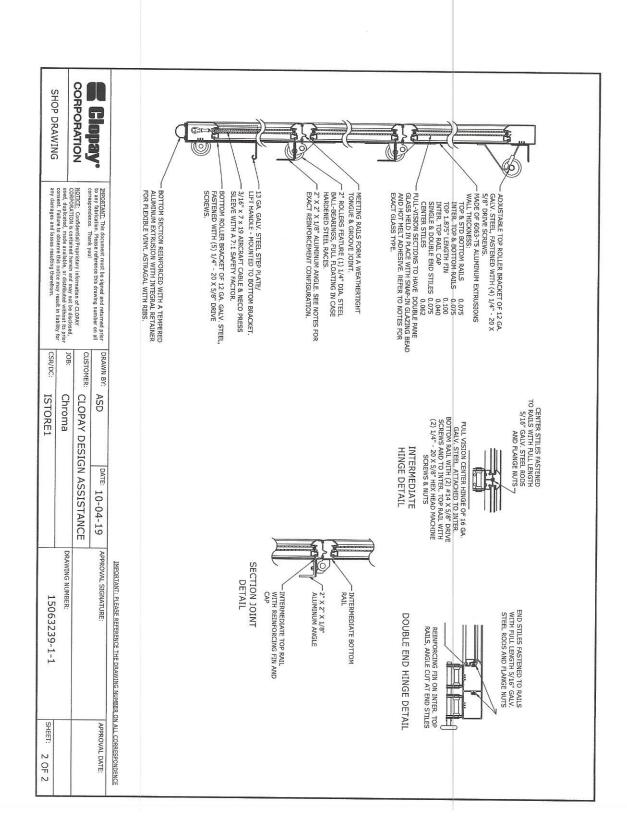


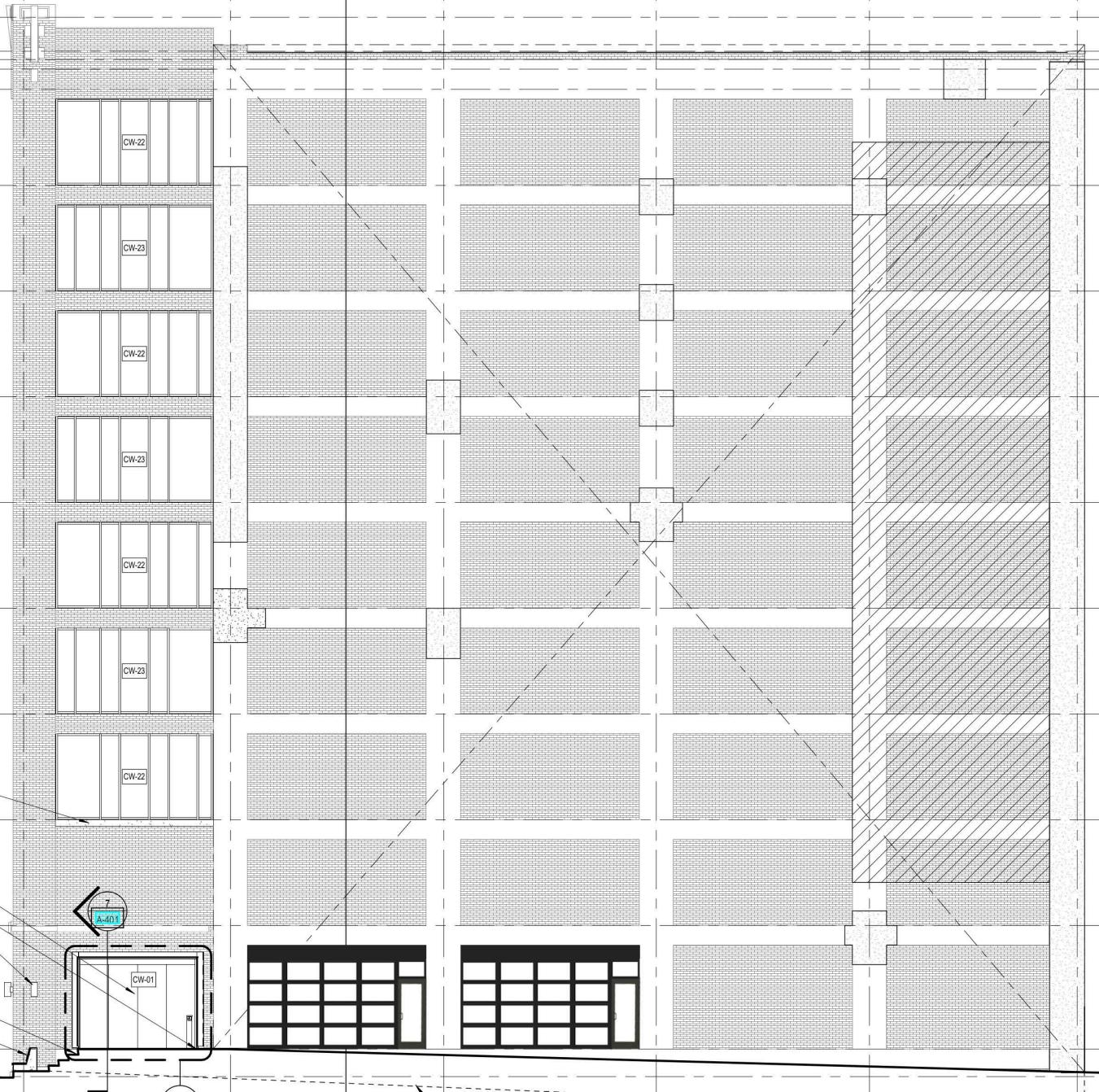




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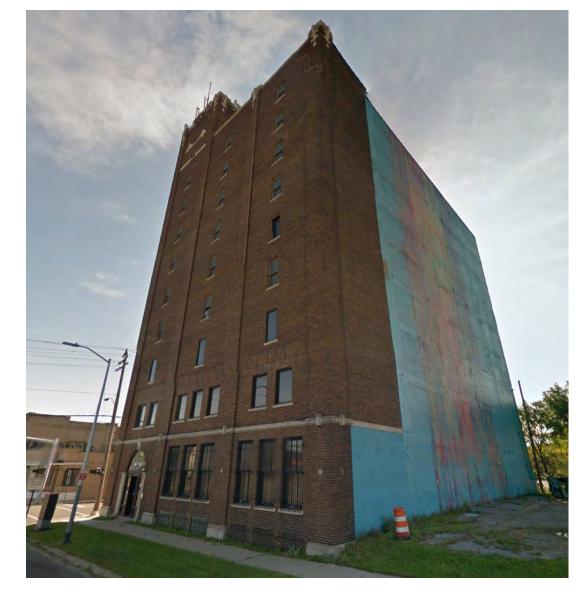








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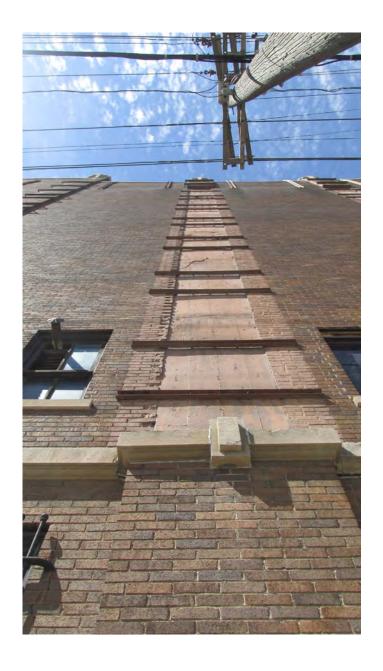


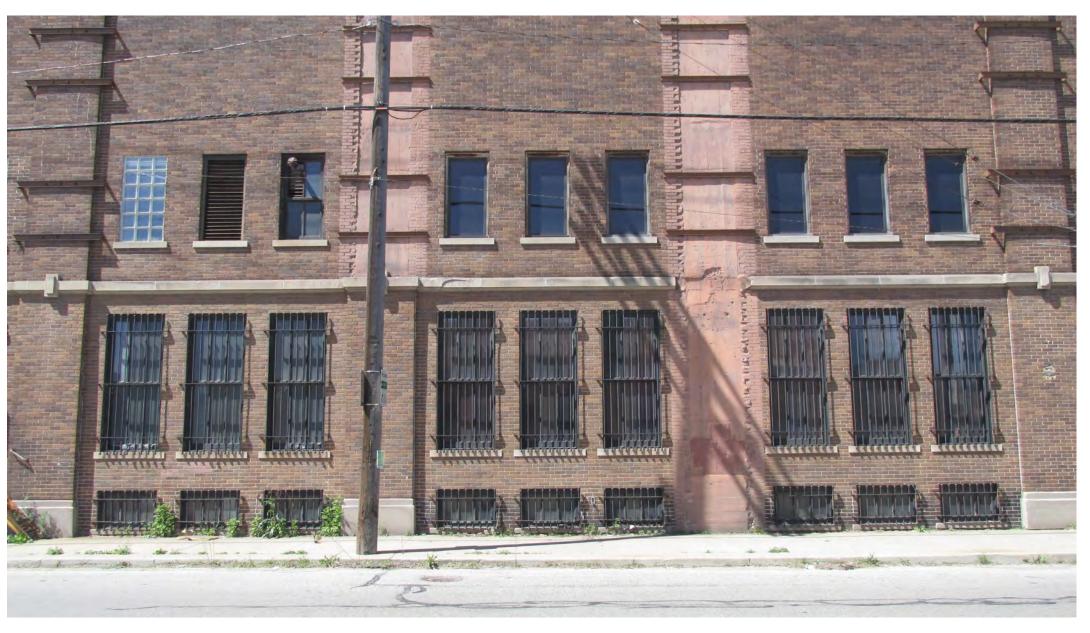














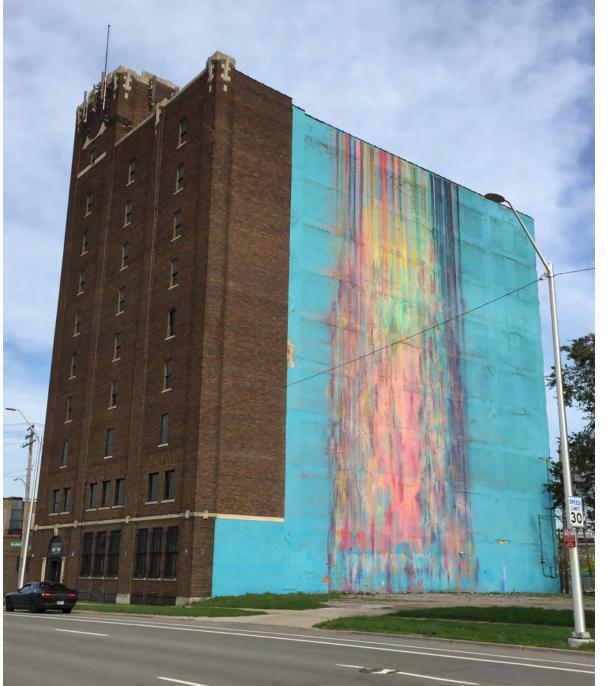


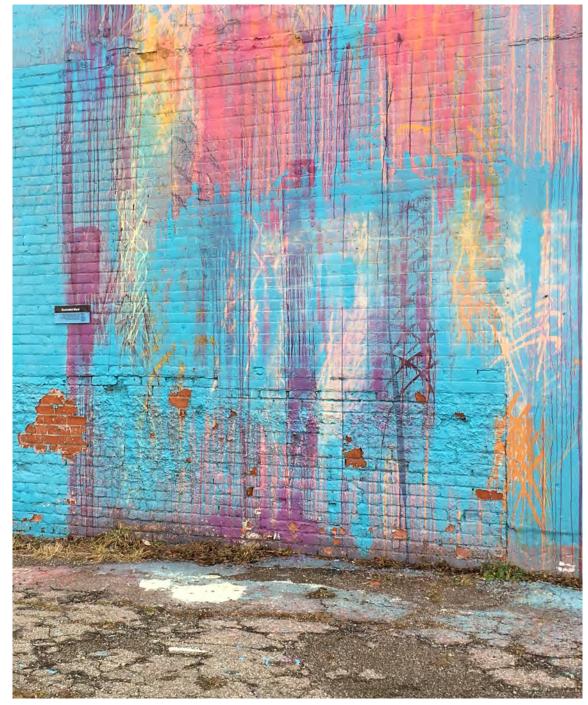














## <u>LEGEND</u>

- 1. MURAL BUILDING PROJECT SITE
- 2. 6445 ST. ANTOINE STREET
- 3. 6540 ST. ANTOINE STREET
- 4. 2863 EAST GRAND BLVD
- 5. CHAP LOFTS
- 6. PERLEX BUILDING
- 7. NEW CENTER STAMPING
- 8. FORD PIQUETTE PLANT
- 9. FISHER BODY PLANT 21
- 10.7310 WOODWARD AVE.

JAM/HANDY HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARY





BUILDING 2/3 - CONCRETE FRAME WITH STEEL SASH GLAZING INFILL



BUILDING 5 - LARGE FRAMED OPENINGS WITH STOREFRONT AND GLASS BLOCK



BUILDING 4 - LARGE FRAMED OPENINGS

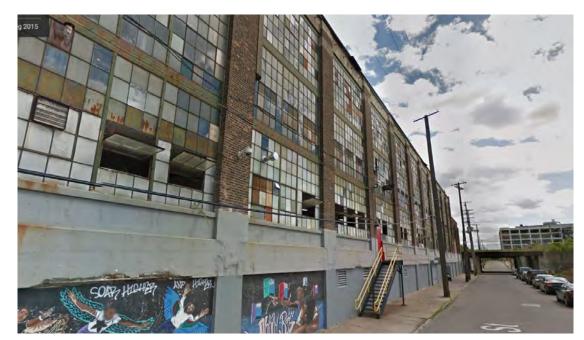


BUILDING 6 - LARGE FRAMED OPENINGS WITH STOREFRONT

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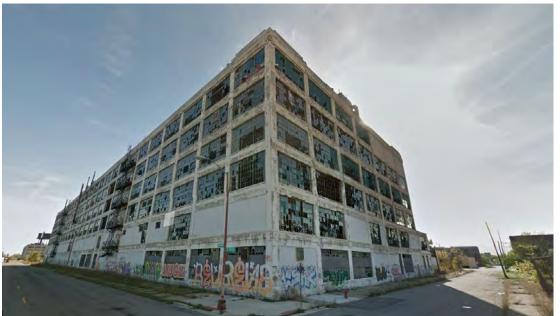




BUILDING 7 - LARGE FRAMED OPENINGS WITH STEEL SASH GLAZING INFILL



BUILDING 8 - CONCRETE OPENINGS WITH VARYING GLASS INFILL



BUILDING 9 - EXPOSED CONCRETE STRUCTURE WITH STEEL SASH GLAZING INFILL

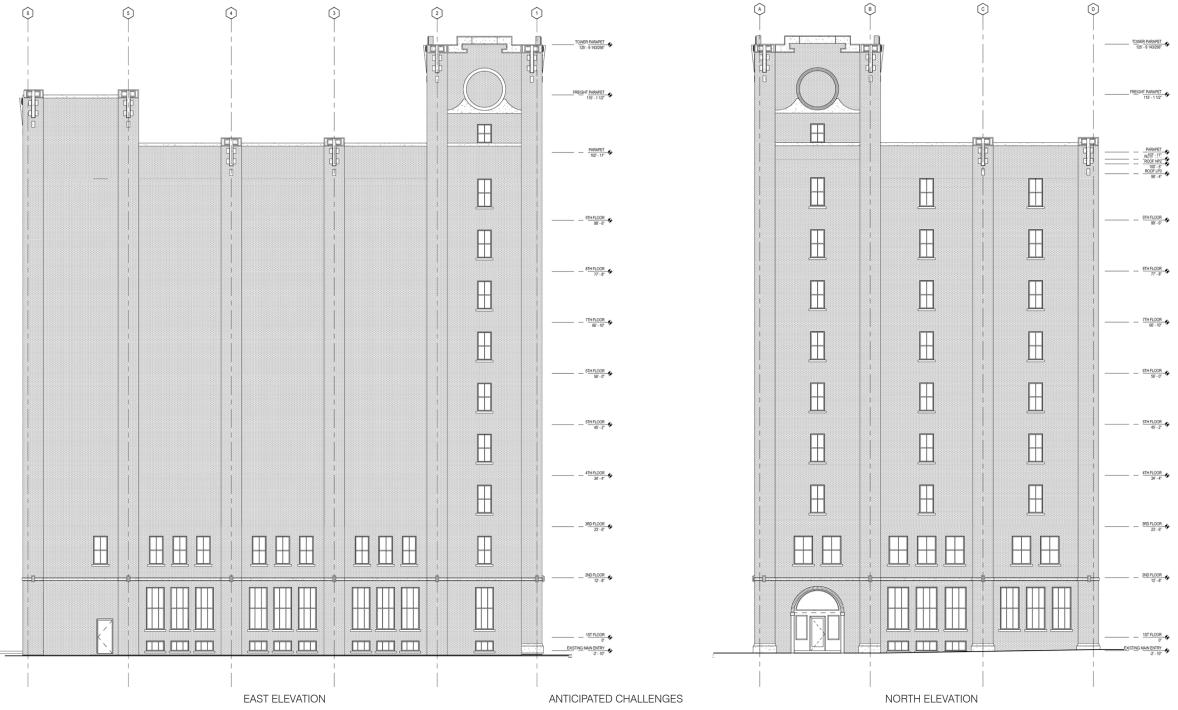


BUILDING 10 - CONCRETE FRAMED OPENINGS WITH STOREFRONT AND SPANDREL

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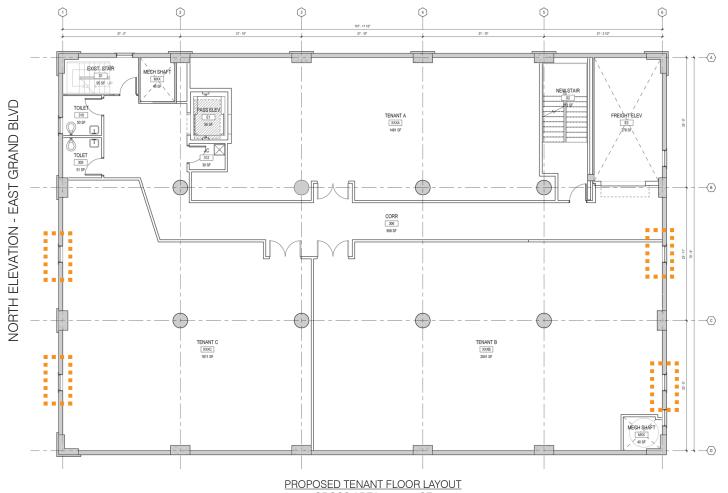
Existing facade area ~12,730 sf Existing transparent window area ~ 764 sf Overall facade transparency ~ 6.0% Facade transparency above first floor ~ 3.0%

The historic purpose of the building was cold storage. The proposed use for the structure is more consistent with the heritage of the neighborhood and district, but the lack of access to daylight is prohibitive to attract the tenants they seek for the intended use. Accessing daylight in a way that is responsive to the historic character of the building and surrounding context is our objective.

Existing facade area ~ 8,422 sf
Existing transparent window area ~ 878 sf
Overall facade transparency ~ 10.4%
Facade transparency above first floor ~ 7.6%



## EAST ELEVATION - BEAUBIEN ST



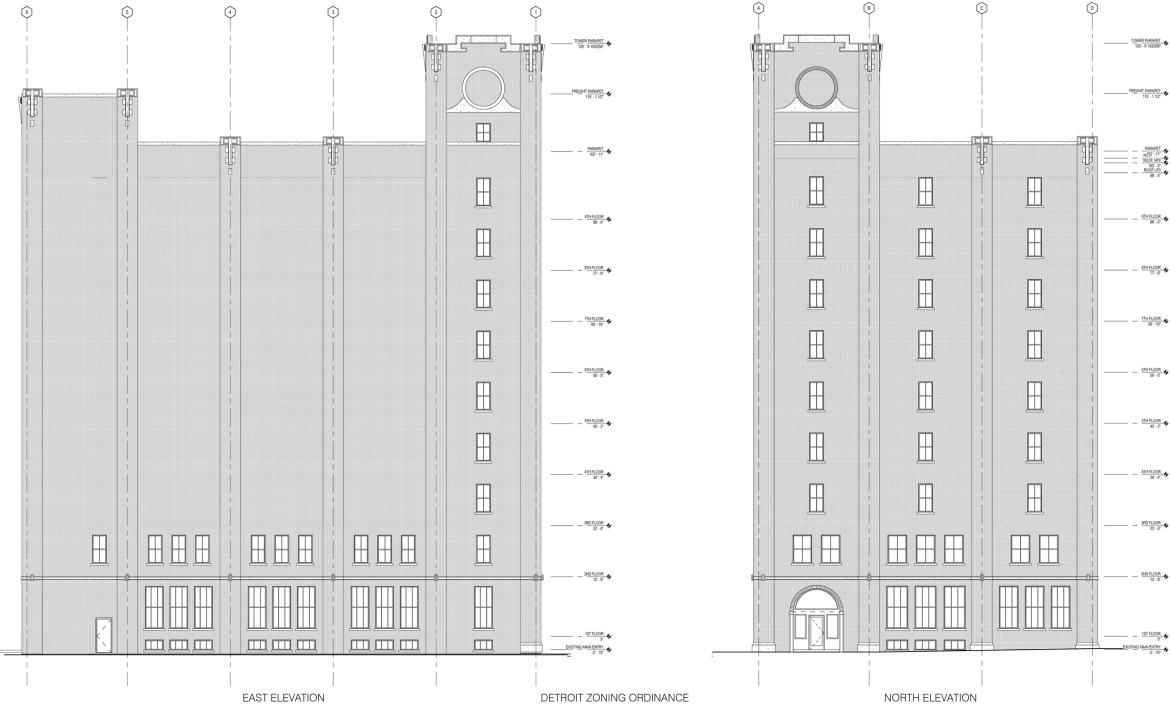


EXISTING UPPER FLOORS

PROPOSED TENANT FLOOR LAYOUT GROSS AREA = 7925 SF

EXISTING TRANSPARENT WINDOW AREA PER FLOOR = 72 SF NORTH TENANT SPACE WINDOW AREA = 36 SF EAST TENANT SPACE WINDOW AREA = 0 SF SOUTH TENANT SPACE WINDOW AREA = 36 SF





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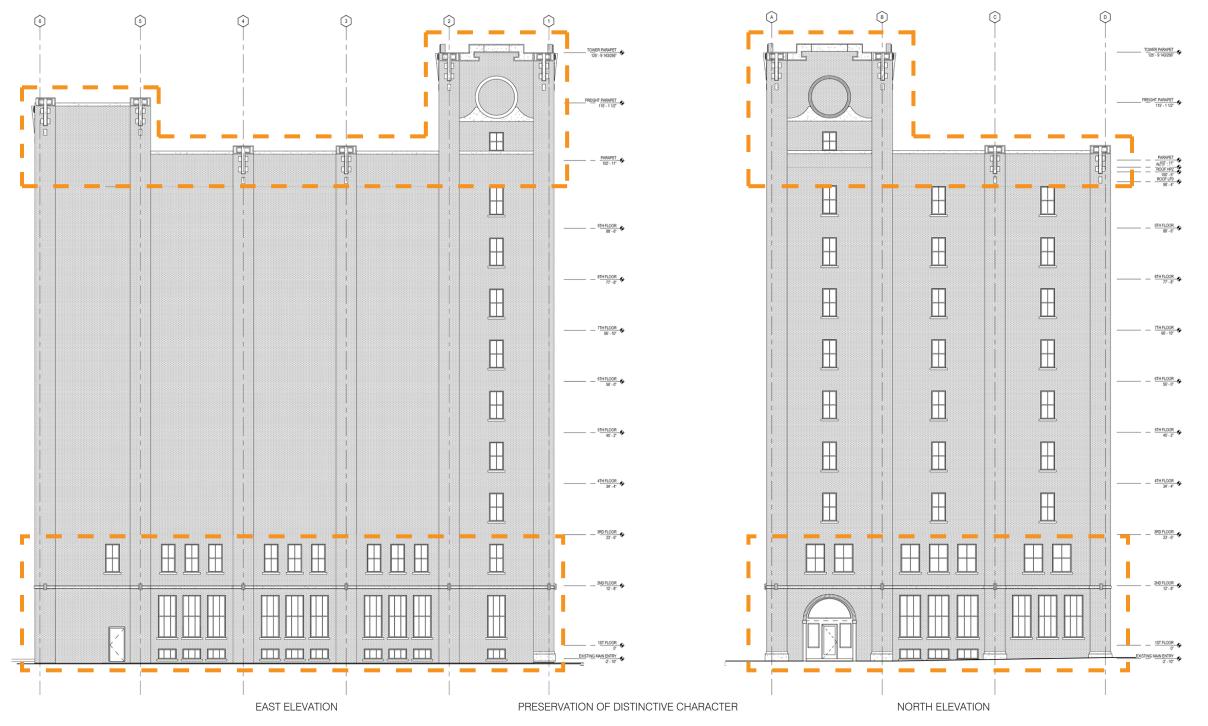
## MAIN STREET OVERLAY DESIGN STANDARDS

"Section 61-14-286 (a) (2): for all buildings, a minimum of forty percent (40%) of upper level facade along a Traditional Mainstreet shall consist of openings for window or window wall systems."

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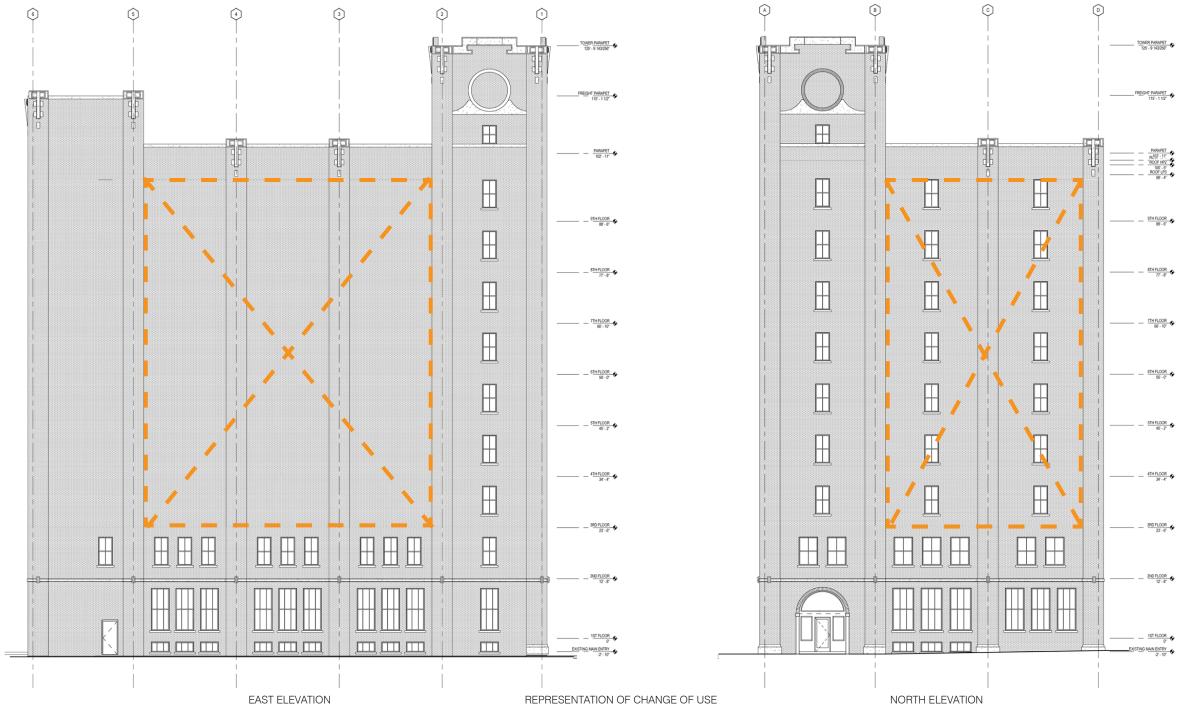
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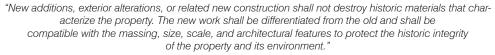




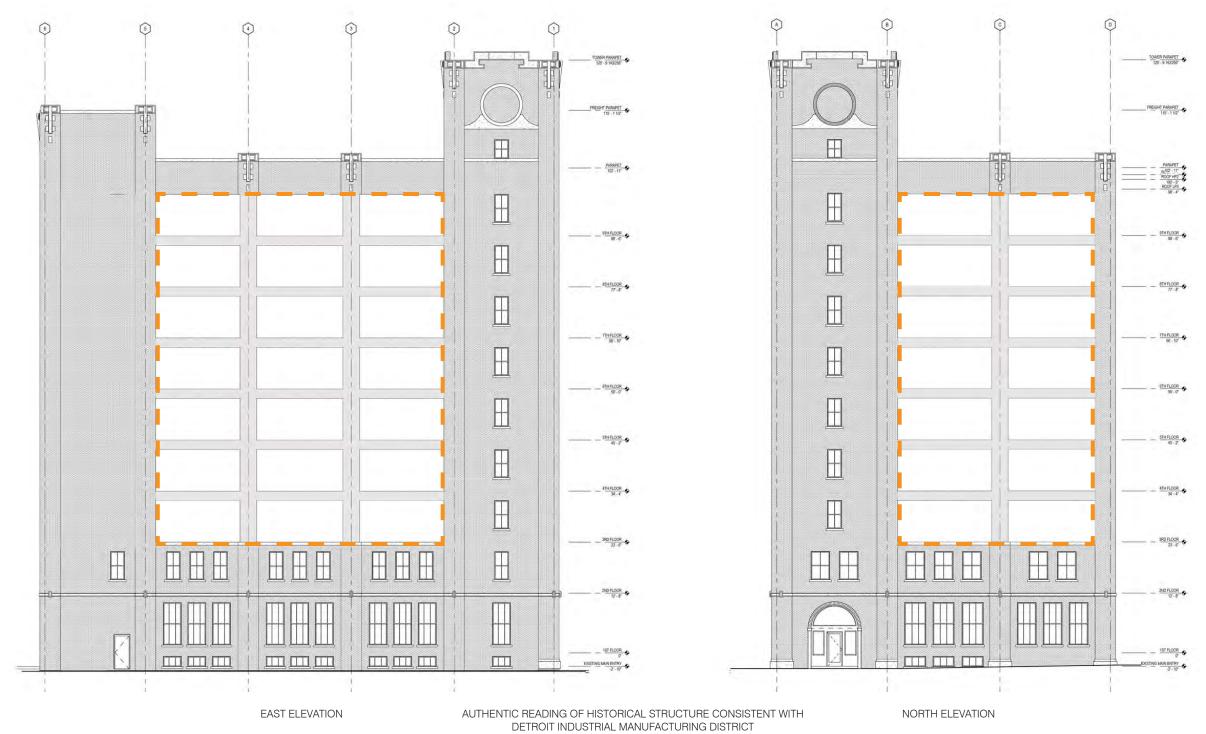
The distinctive features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize this property are most predominantly located at the base of the building and around the towers and parapet. The intent is to preserve or rehabilitate these features of original woodwork at the main entry, and ornate limestone and brick detailing.





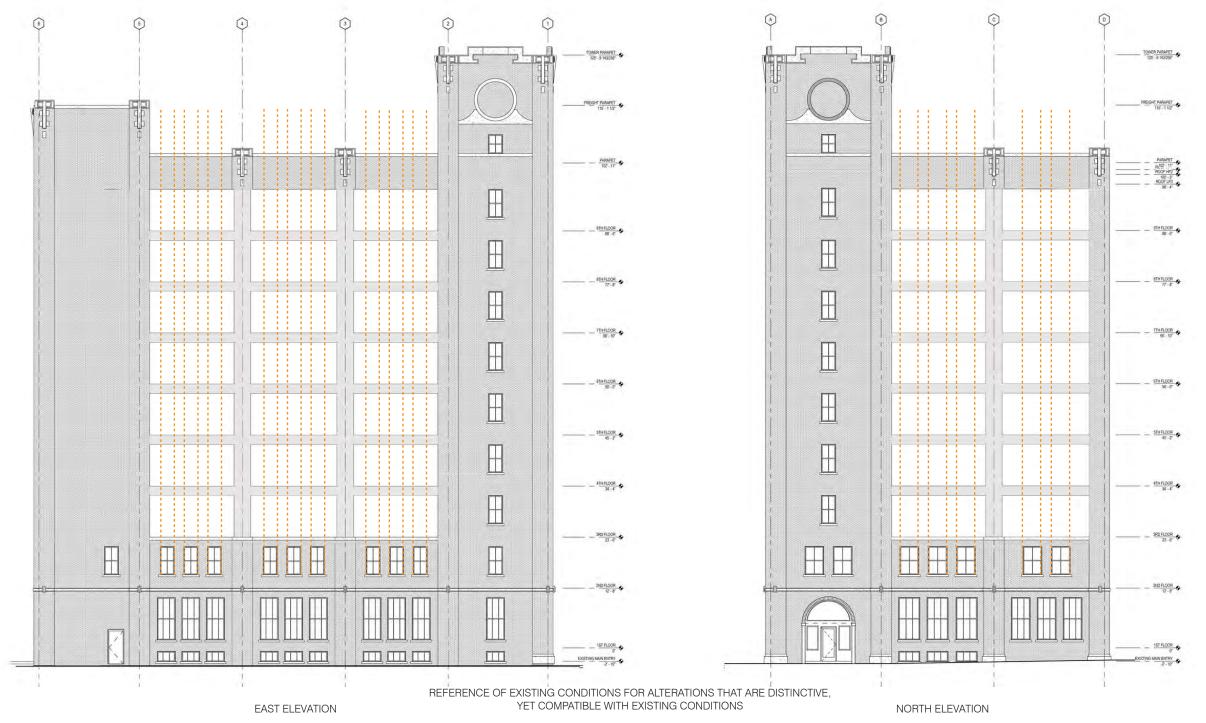






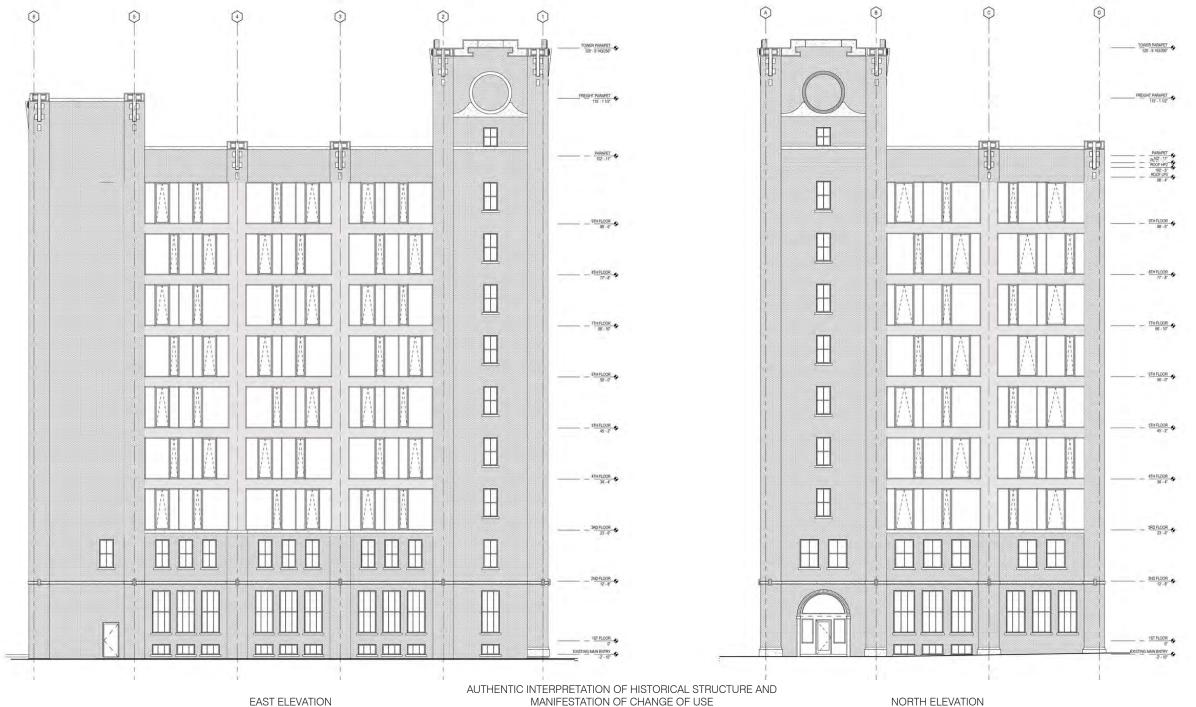
The intent is to remove the masonry infill to expose the concrete structural frame and infill completely with glazing at levels proposed for new creative maker programming. This intervention is consistent with the building language of the surrounding industrial context and improves transparency and daylight access for tenants.





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#### EAST ELEVATION

Existing facade area ~12,773 sf Proposed transparent window area ~ 4,173 sf Overall facade transparency ~ 33.9%

"Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Chang-Proposed transparent window area ~ 2978 sf es that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken. Alterations that have no historical basis and which to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged."

## NORTH ELEVATION

Existing facade area ~ 8,448 sf Overall facade transparency ~ 35.4%



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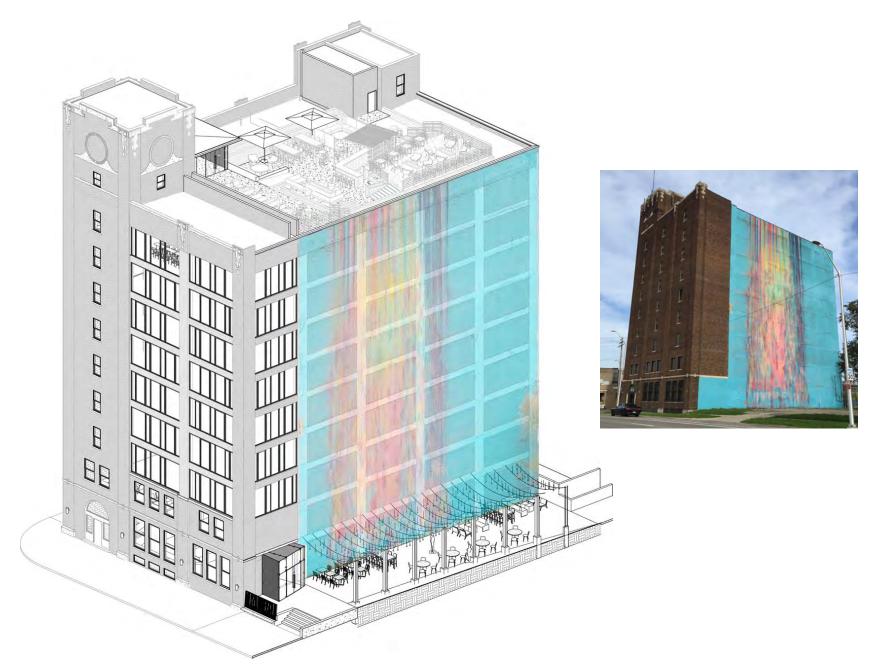


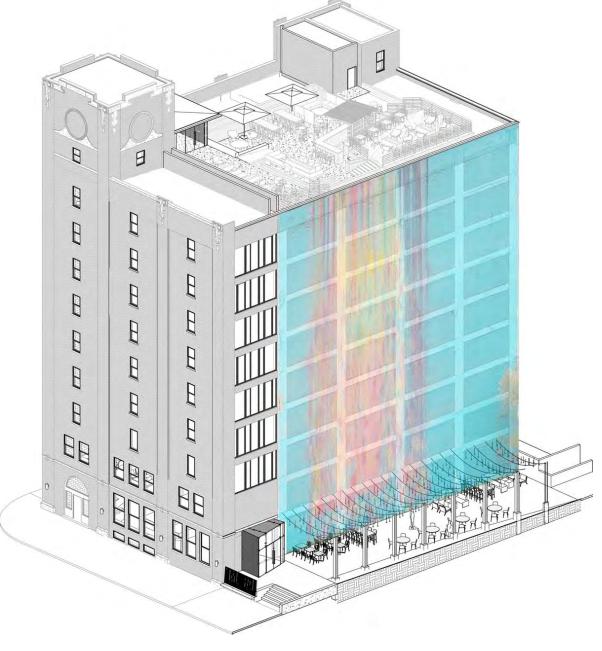
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2937 E. GRAND BLVD. | DESIGN OPTION 1





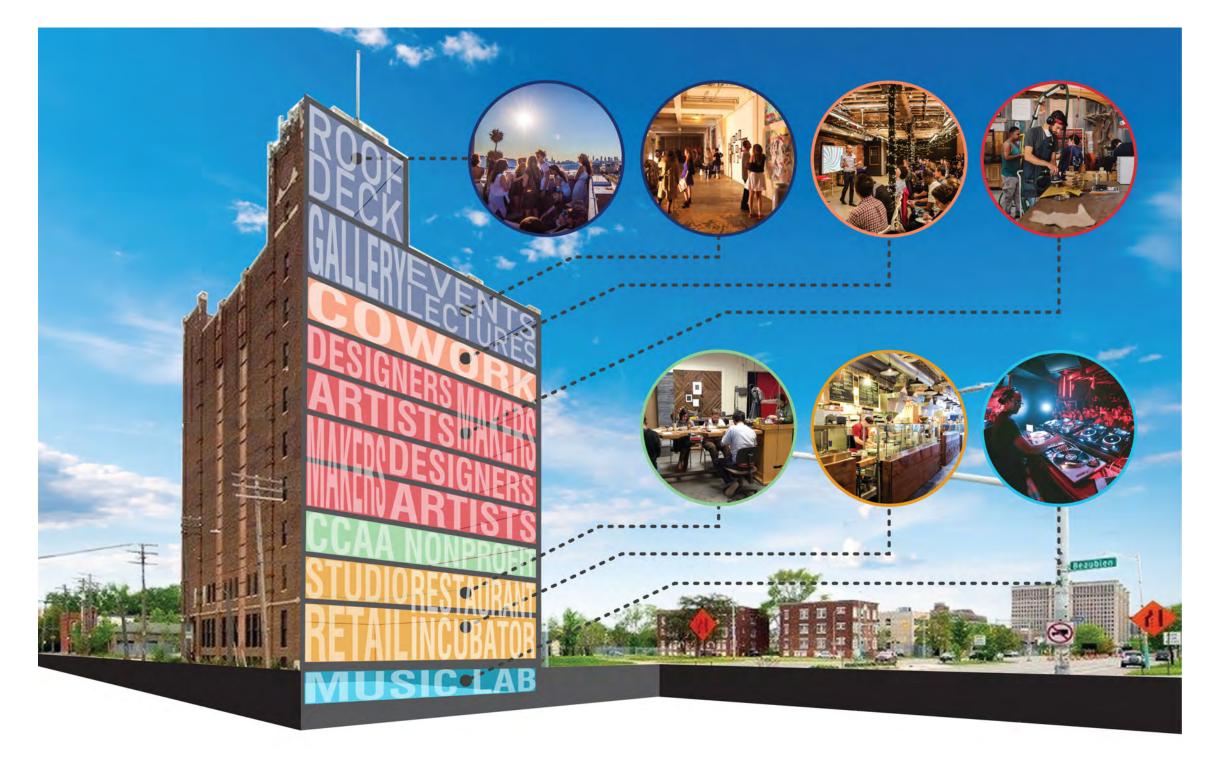
OPTION 1 - NORTHWEST CORNER

CELEBRATE THE MURAL AND CREATE A NEW UNIVERSALLY
DESIGNED ENTRANCE TO COMPLIMENT EXISTING HISTORICAL ENTRY

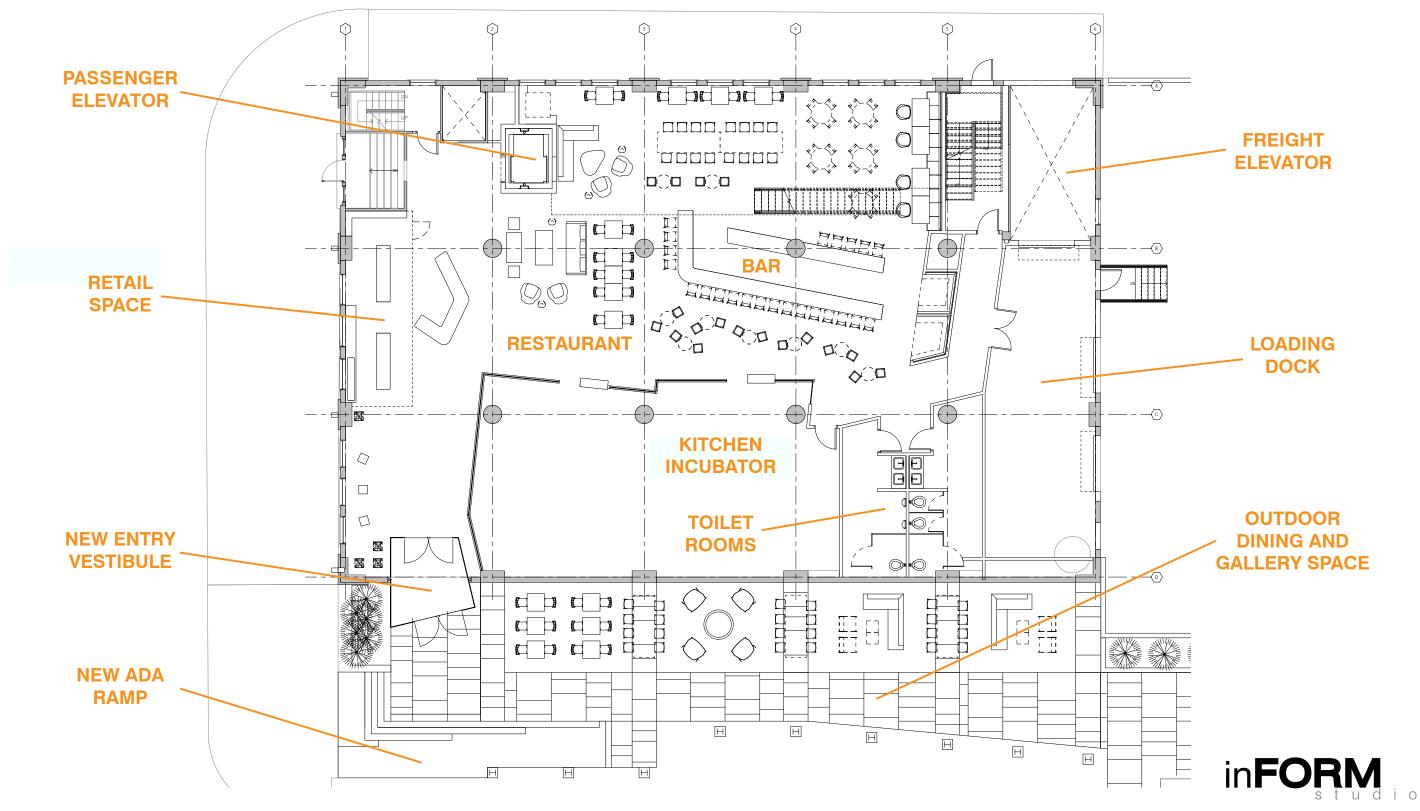
With the establishment of the Historic District in 2015, the Mural has become part of the historic character of the building. We intent to celebrate this as a focal point along the new building entry sequence.

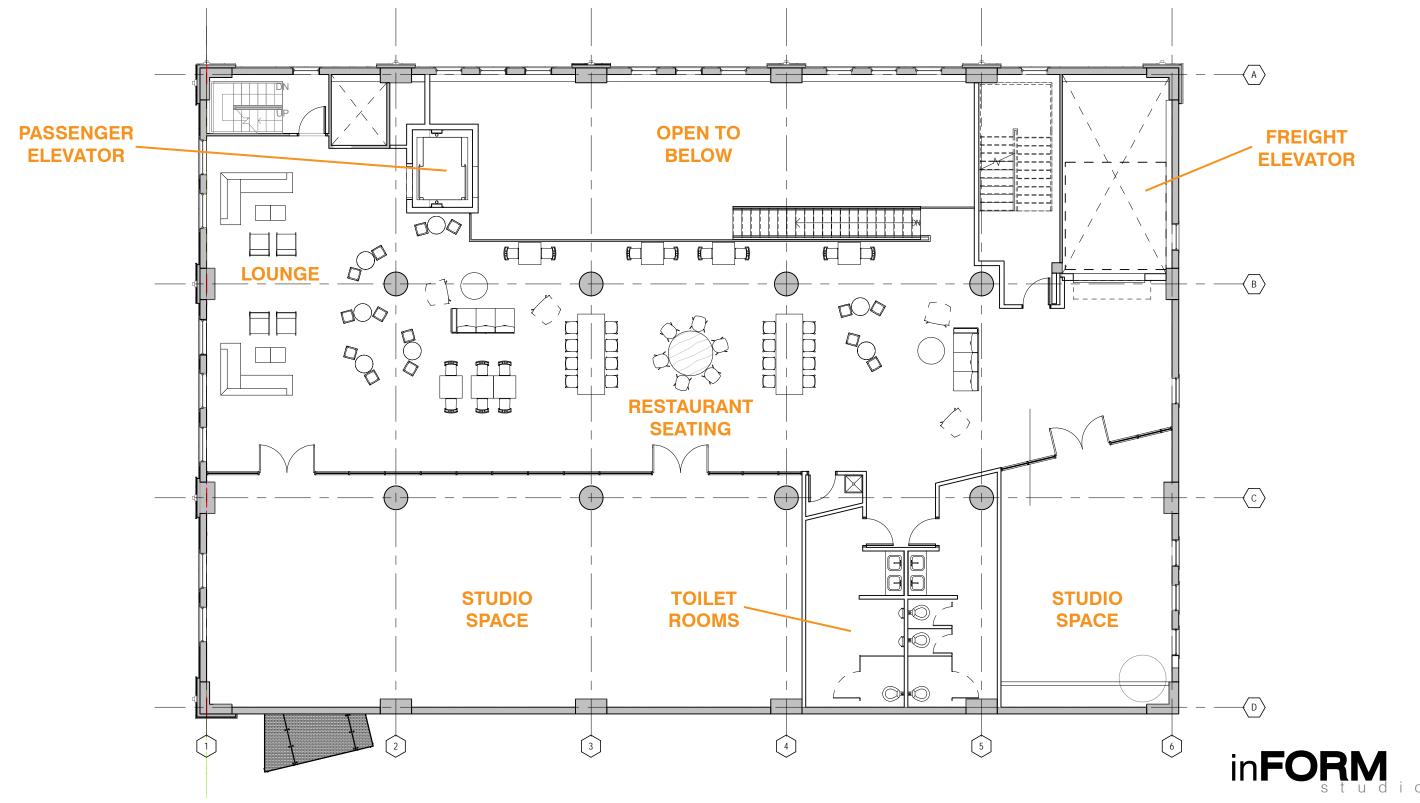
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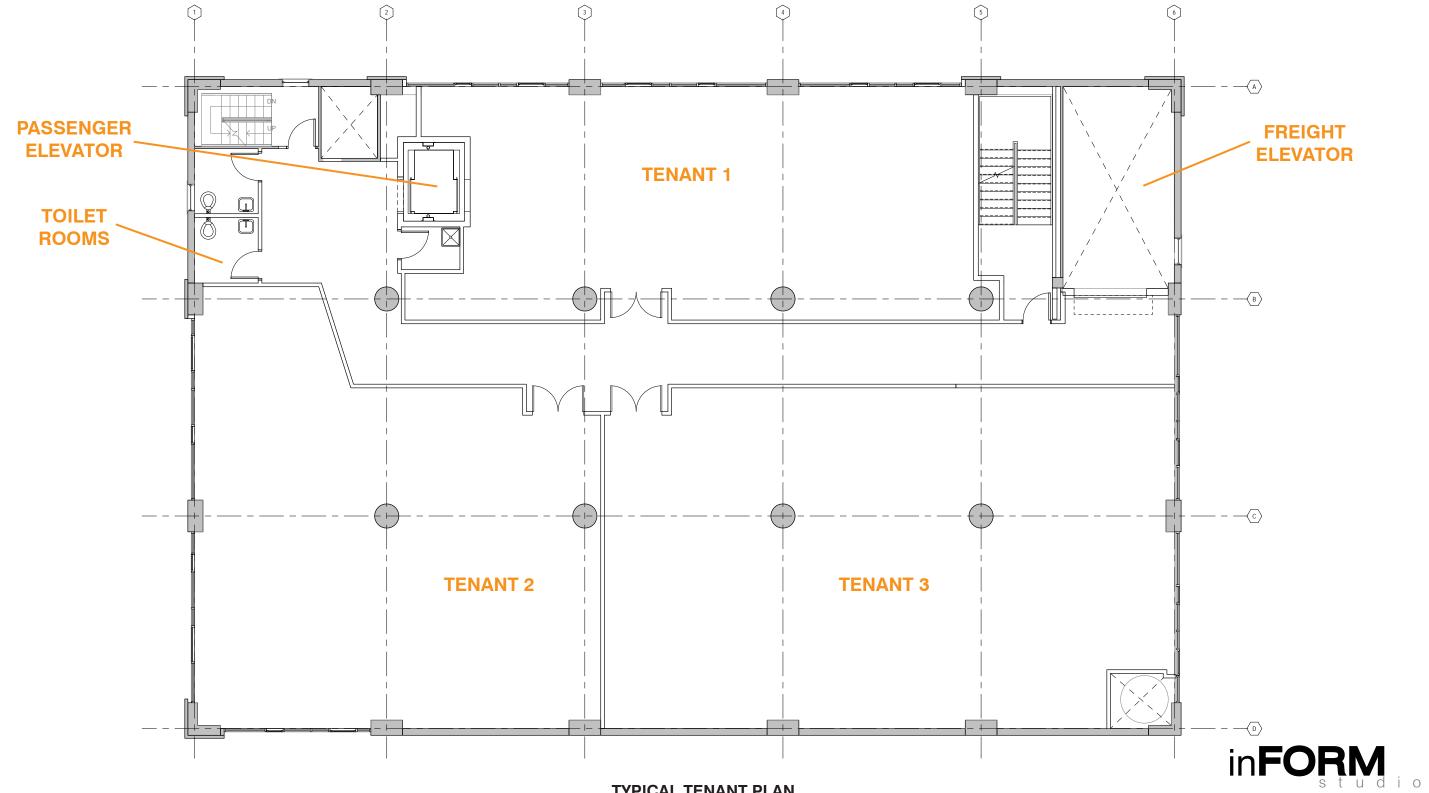


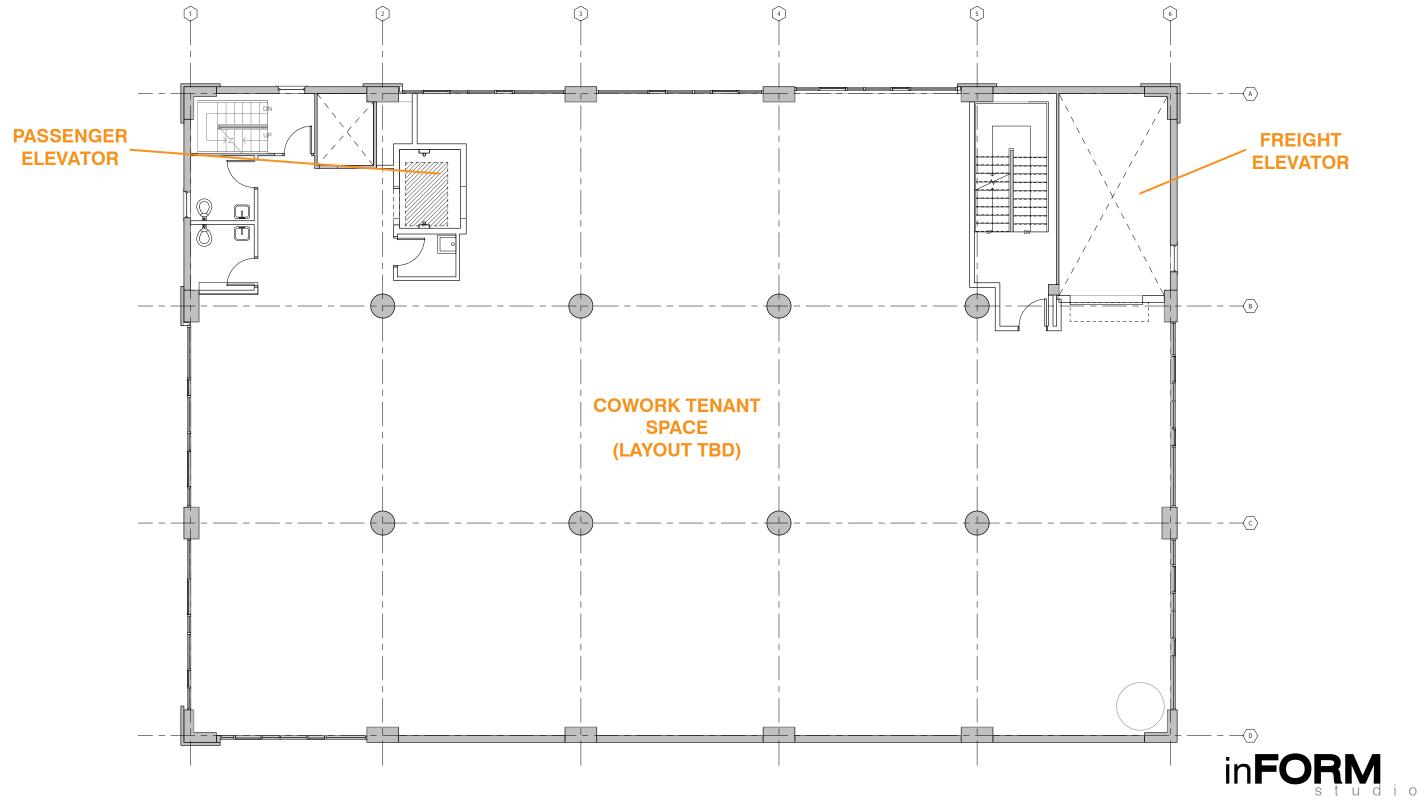


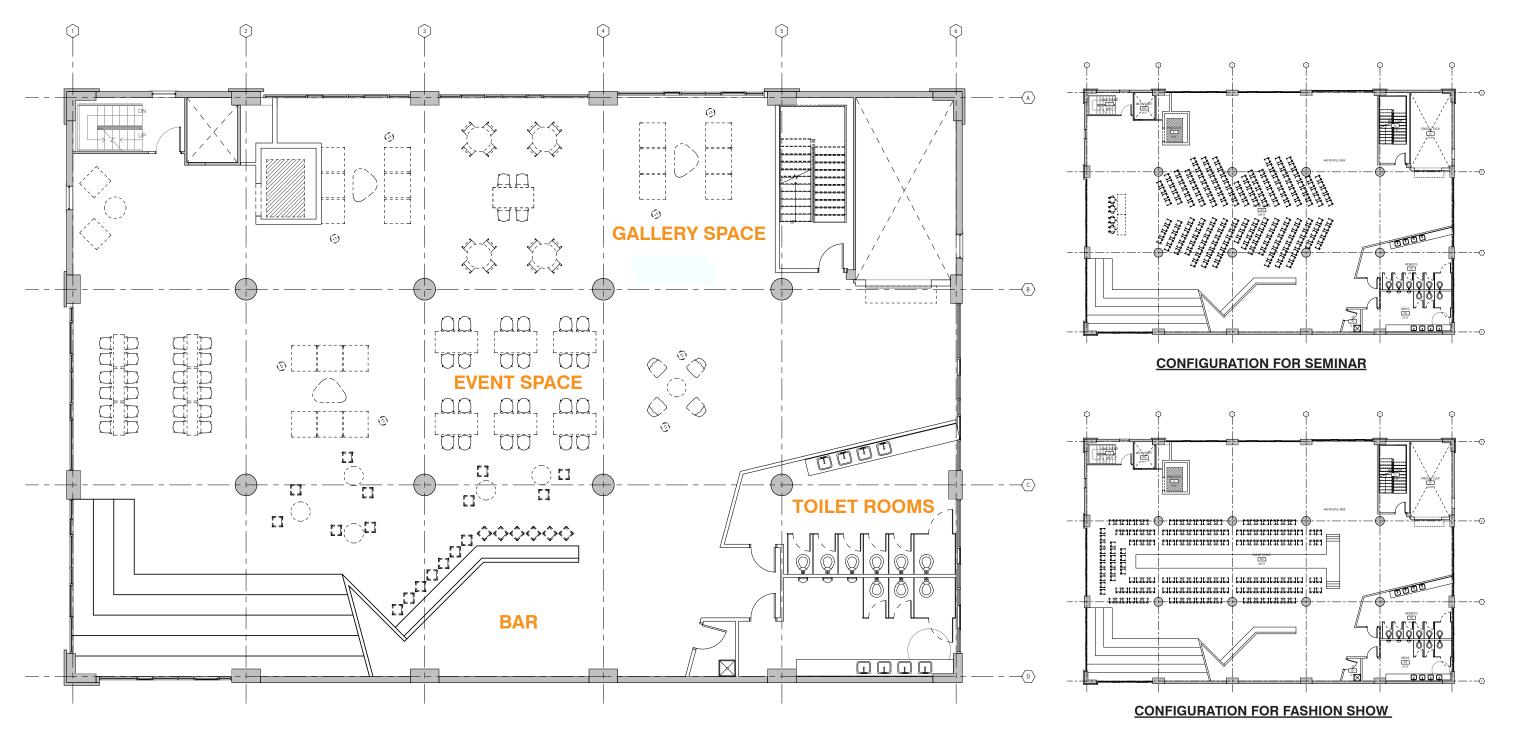






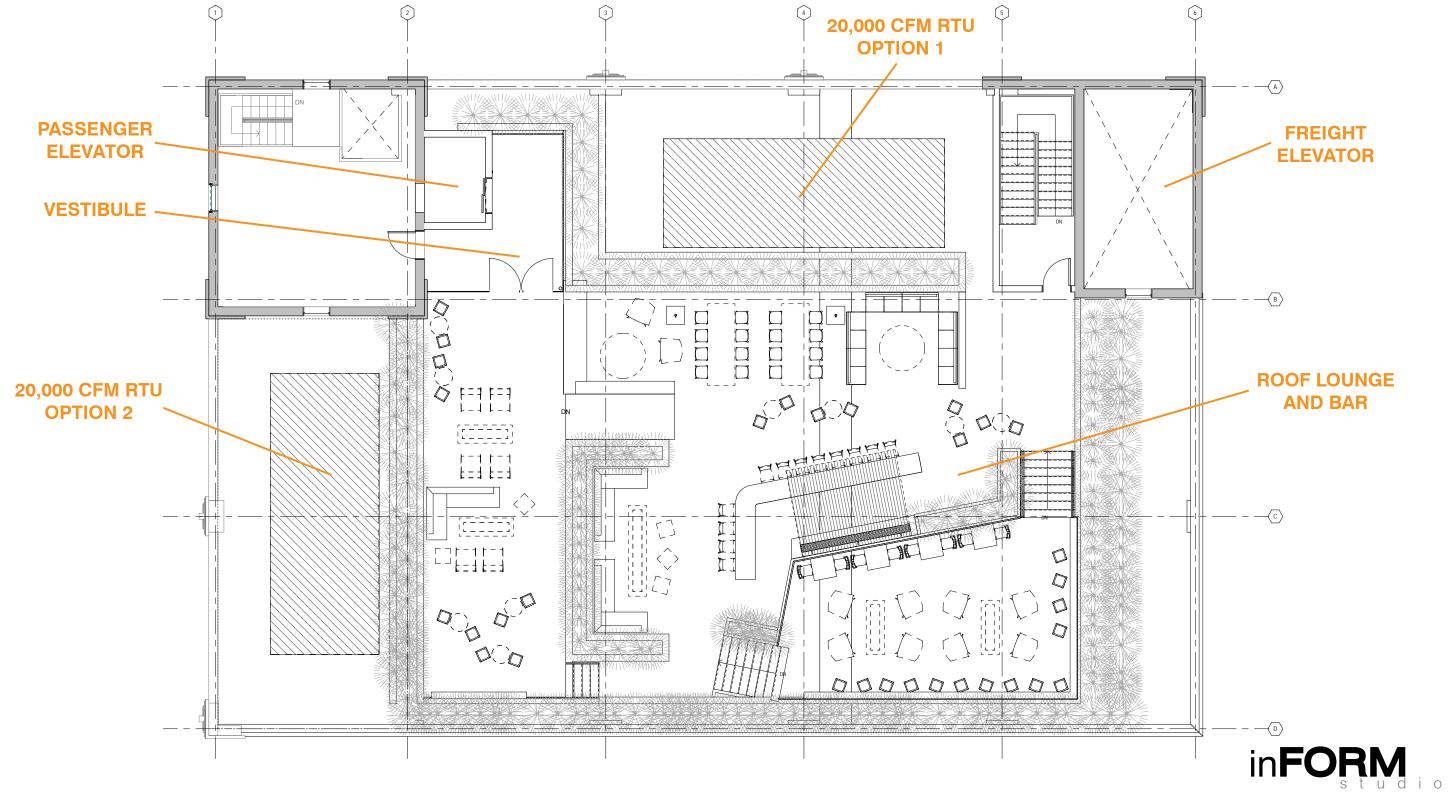






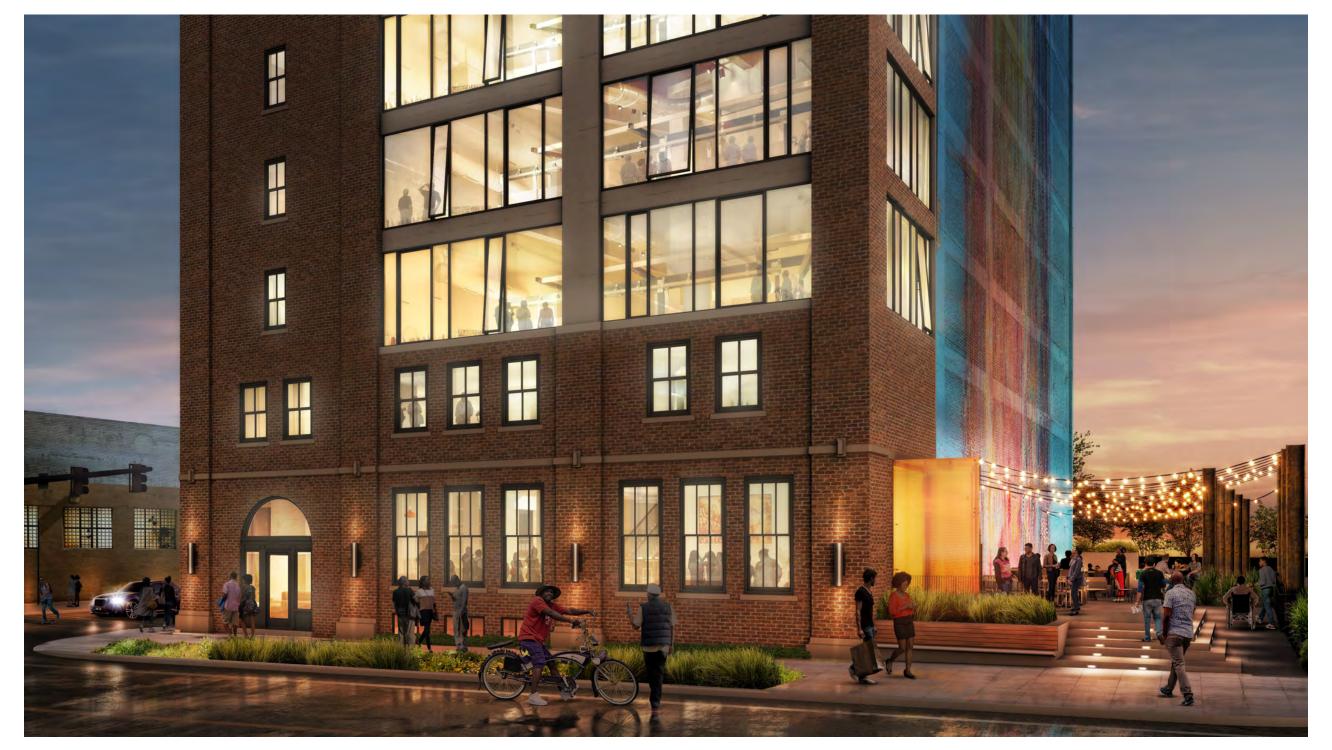
NINTH FLOOR
CONFIGURATION FOR LOUNGE AND BREAKOUT SPACE









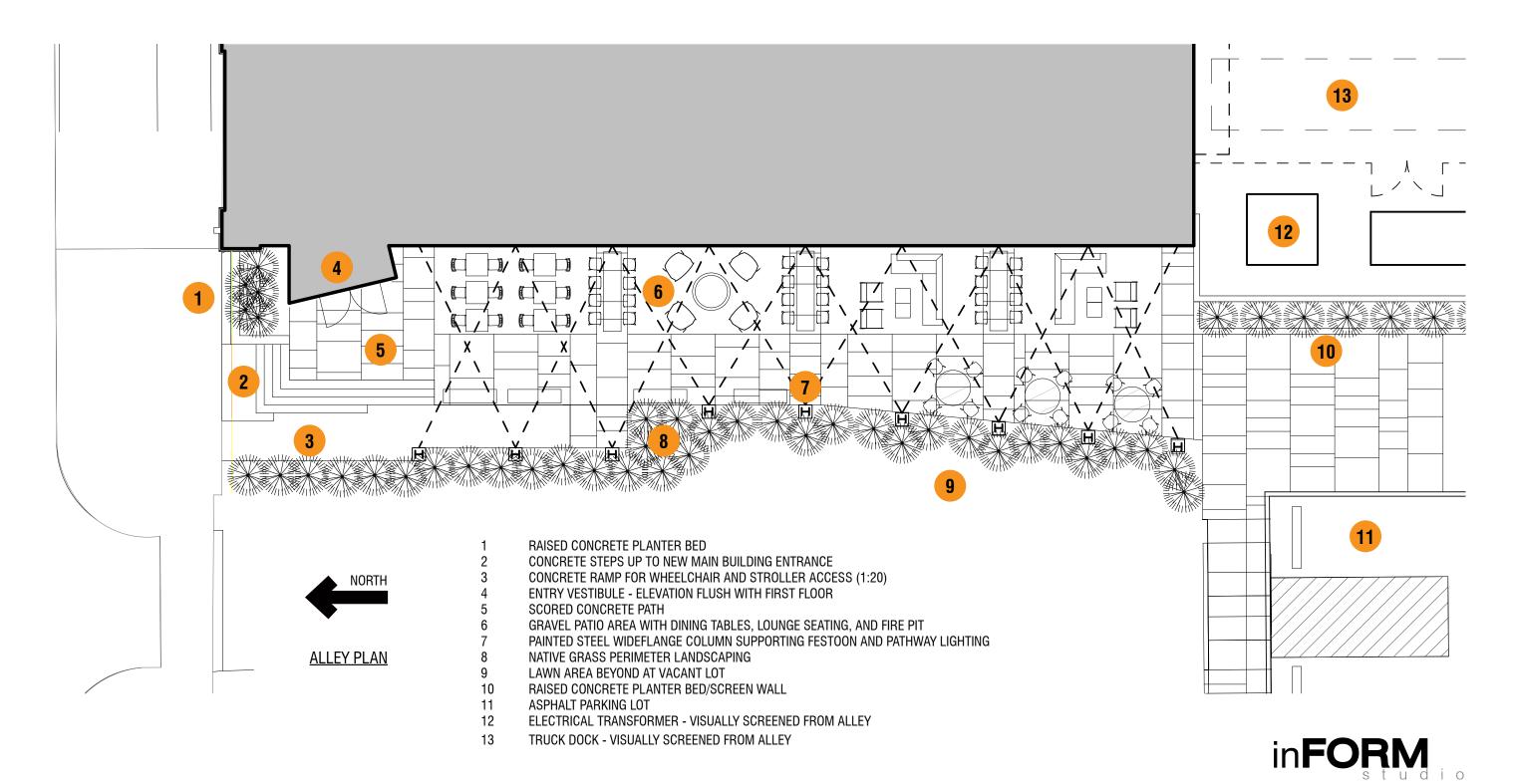






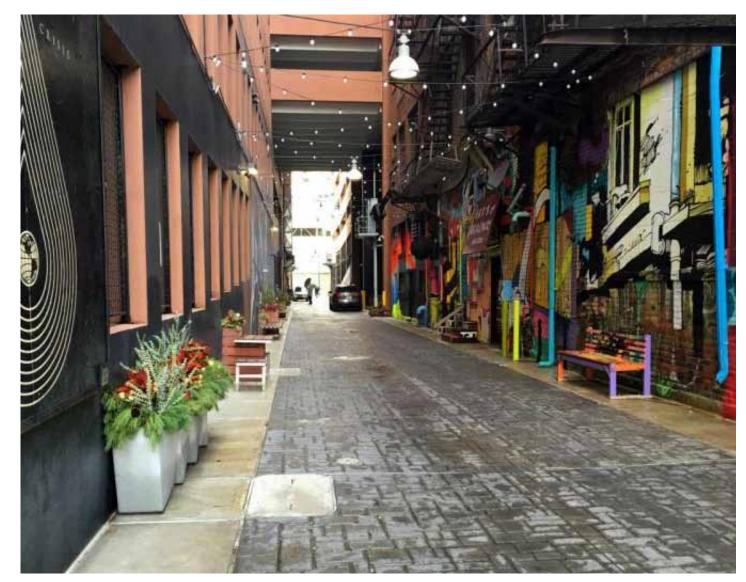






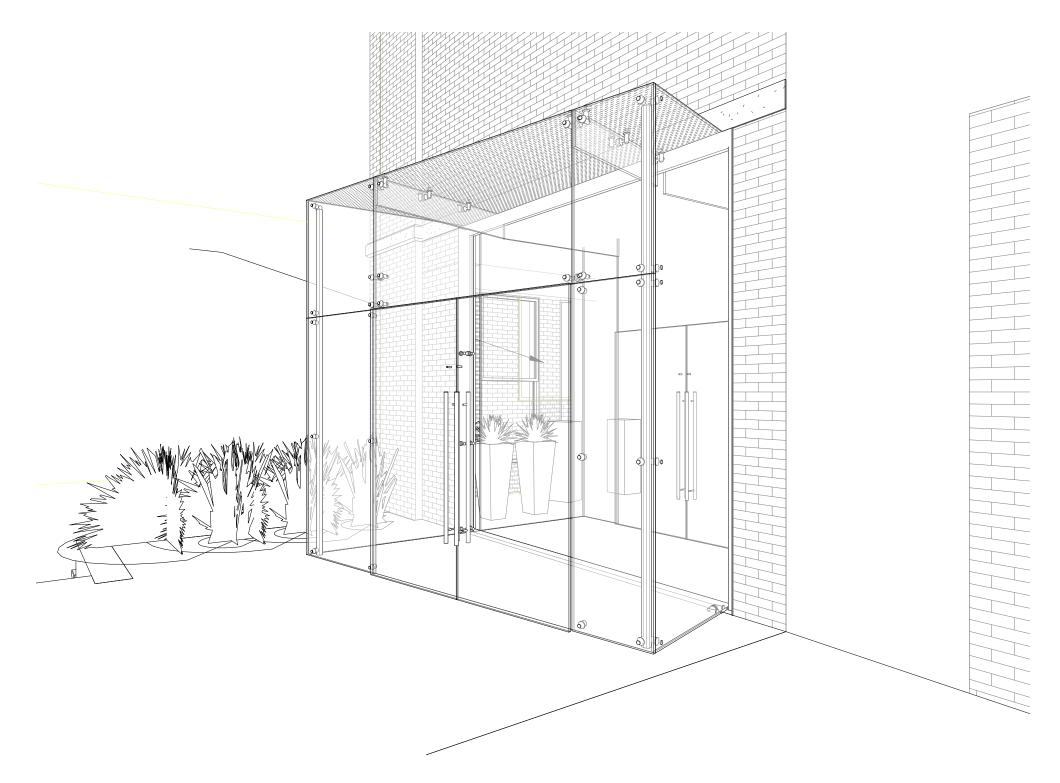


Independence Beer Garden Philidelphia, PA



The BELT Alleyway Detroit, MI







2937 E. GRAND BLVD. | ALLEY AND ENTRY

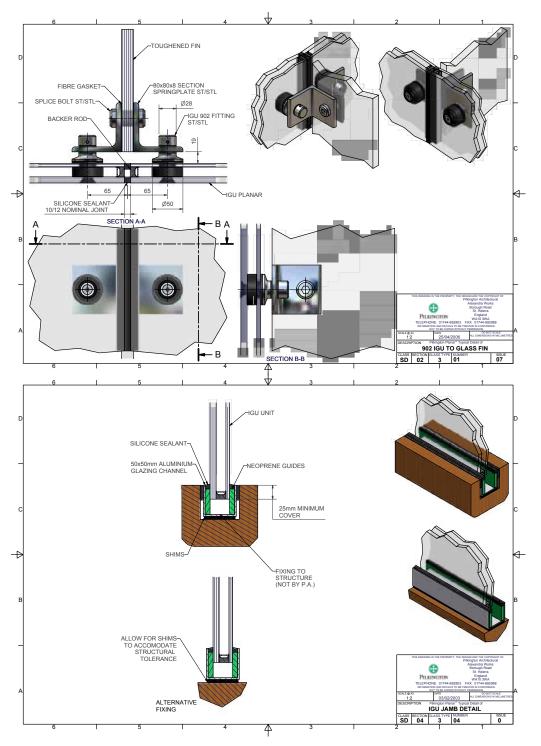
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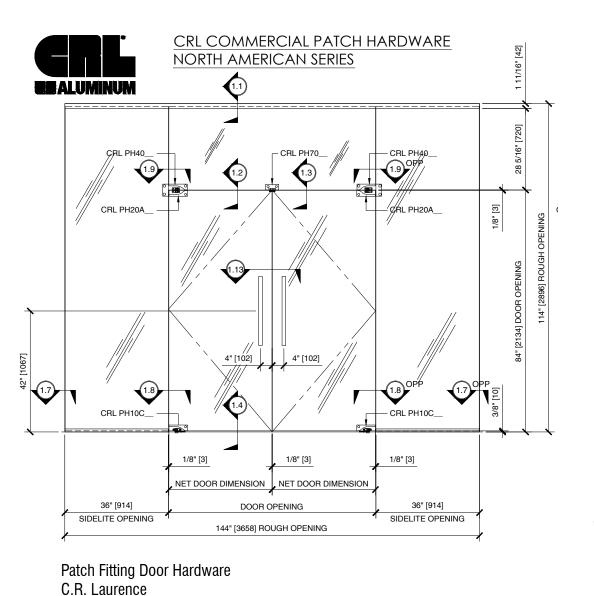
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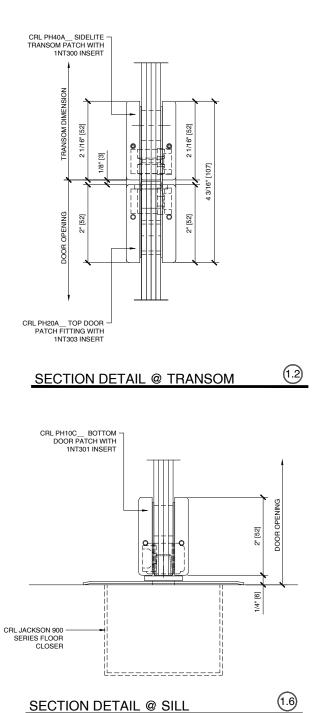


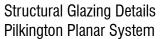










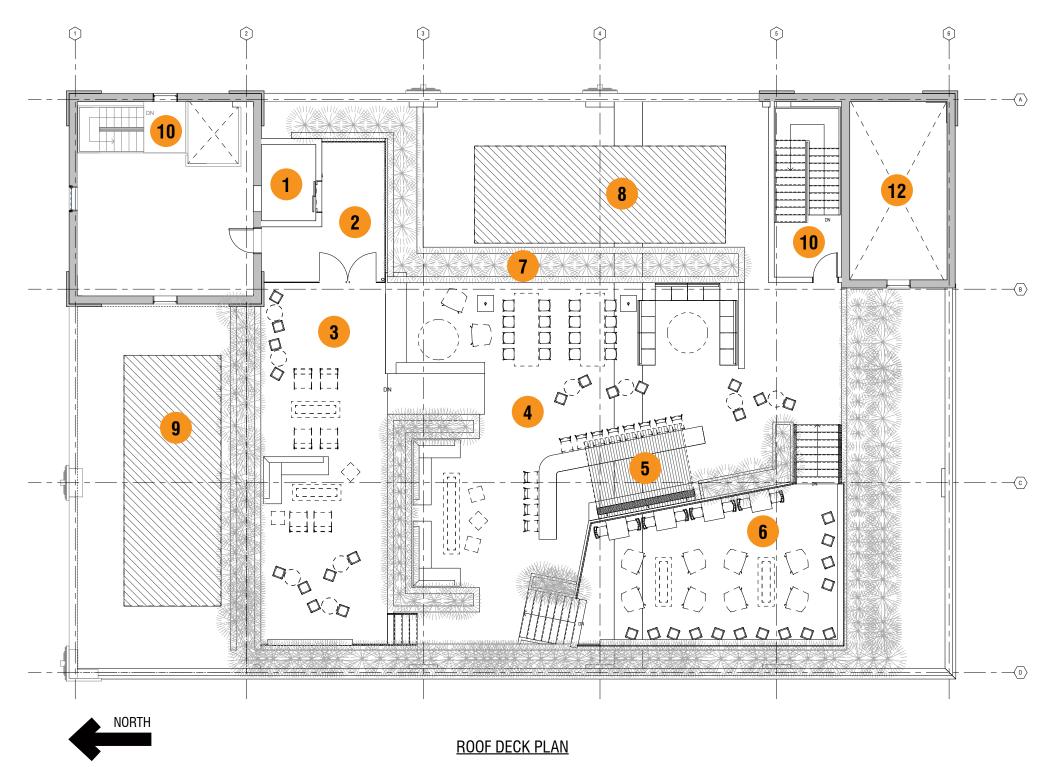






ROOF - EXISTING





- PASSENGER ELEVATOR
- ROOFTOP VESTIBULE
- ELEVATED CONCRETE PAVER LOUNGE AREA
- 4 SUNKED CONCRETE PAVER LOUNGE AREA
- ROOFTOP BAR
- 6 ELEVATED CONCRETE PAVER LOUNGE AREA
- 7 RAISED PLANTER BED W/ NATIVE GRASS LANDSCAPING
- 8 AIR HANDLING UNIT OPTION 1
- 9 AIR HANDLING UNIT OPTION 2
- 10 EGRESS STAIR
- 11 FREIGHT ELEVATOR



**2937 E. GRAND BLVD.** ROOF DECK 05.30.2017







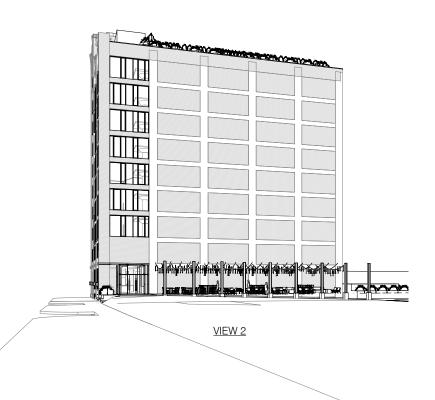




**2937 E. GRAND BLVD.** | ROOF DECK



VIEW 1





STREET VIEW SITE MAP



VIEW 3



<u>VIEW 4</u>

