

DATE: December 8, 2015 NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUEST BY MICHAEL BECKMAN OF

TRUSS AND TWINE RESTAURANT ON BEHALF OF BUILDING OWNER, EL PASEO HOLDINGS, LLC., FOR EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE EL PASEO BUILDING, A CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE (HSPB #27) LOCATED AT 800 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE

(ZONE C-1, CASE 3.1198 MAA, (KL)

FROM: Department of Planning Services

SUMMARY

Michael Beckman, owner of the Workshop Kitchen Restaurant at the El Paseo Building is requesting approval to create a second restaurant in a Palm Canyon-fronting tenant space in the building. The tenant improvement includes minor modifications in the storefront glazing systems along Palm Canyon and at an existing glass storefront facing the inner courtyard of the building. A new kitchen exhaust fan is required that will be located next to other roof mounted mechanical equipment in a screened mechanical "roof well" on the northerly part of the roof of the El Paseo Building.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the certificate of approval as requested.

BACKGROUND AND SETTING:

Related Relevant City Actions by HSPB, Planning, Fire, Building, etc			
April 4, 1990	City Council designated El Paseo Building Class 1 historic site #27 (Reso #17053)		
December 11, 2007	HSPB granted certificate of approval for renovation & adaptive reuse of El Paseo Building.		
May 13, 2008	HSPB granted certificate of approval on courtyard gates.		
May 26, 2010	Planning Commission approved sign program for the building.		
May 8, 2012	HSPB approved a sign program amendment for the building.		
November 8, 2011	ovember 8, 2011 HSPB granted certificate of approval for exterior modifications Workshop Kitchen Restaurant.		
November 13, 2012	HSPB granted certificate of approval for reroof of the building.		
April 8, 2014	HSPB granted certificate of approval for window replacement		

Ownership Sta	atus	
2007	Purchase by current owner.	

DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS

The applicant proposes minor alterations to the exterior of El Paseo Building to accommodate the tenant improvement for a restaurant in the northwest tenant space facing North Palm Canyon Drive as follows:

- Along Palm Canyon, the existing storefront window mullions will be modified to center the door on the tenant space.
- In the building's courtyard, an existing glass curtain wall will also be slightly
 modified to establish a door to the courtyard. Neither of these storefront systems
 are part of the historic fabric of the building and were installed during the recent
 renovation of the building.
- In the paseo connecting the inner courtyard to Palm Canyon Drive, a new tenant entry door that was approved in the 2007 renovation plan, will be installed at this time.
- At the roof, in a mechanical well located on the north side of the building, new mechanical equipment including air conditioning condensing units and exhaust fans for the kitchen/food preparation area are proposed.

All store front mullion and door relocations will integrate the same mullion and window style as presently exist. The building has a roof top mechanical "well" in which a variety of existing mechanical equipment is located, including an existing exhaust fan that is slightly higher than the ridge of the adjacent roof line. The proposed new fan housing and mechanical equipment are expected to be of a similar height and overall size. The top of the new kitchen exhaust fan may be slightly higher than the adjacent roof ridgeline however it is not visible from the inner courtyard and has insignificant visual impacts from the adjacent public street.

FINDINGS:

Although there are not findings necessary for granting a certificate of approval, pursuant to Municipal Code section 8.05.190, the Board shall consider the following factors in evaluating the application:

(1) The historic value and significance, or the architectural value and significance or both, of the structure and its relation to the historic value of the surrounding area;

The storefront glazing systems in which the doors are to be relocated are not part of the character-defining historic elements and the relocation will not impact any part of the building's historic features. The mechanical well is a required "service" area for the building and as such is an appropriate area for locating new fans and equipment.

(2) The relationship of the exterior architectural features of any

structure to the rest of the structure itself & to the surrounding area;

The proposed alteration will have no impact on the historically significant architectural features of the building and will contribute to the pedestrian vibrancy in the area by filling a tenant space that has been vacant for many years.

(3) The general compatibility of exterior design, arrangement, texture and material which is proposed by the applicant;

The relocation of entry doors in the storefront systems will be done so that the relocated components match the existing storefront system. The door into the paseo will be as previously approved, and the mechanical equipment will be sufficiently screened by the existing parapet walls and adjacent rooflines so as to be of insignificant impact to the building.

(4) Archaeological or ecological significance of the area.

No known archaeological or ecological significance is associated with the project site.

CONCLUSION

The proposed alterations are minor in nature and do not adversely affect the historic integrity or character of the El Paseo Building. The project is recommended for approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Section 15331 (alterations to Historic Resources in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Strucutres) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed designation is categorically exempt from environmental.

NOTIFICATION

No notification is required for HSPB review of certificates of approval, however the agenda for today's meeting has been provided to the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement and distributed to designated neighborhood organizations pursuant to PSZC 94.04.00.

Ken Lyon, RA, Associate Planner

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Director of Planning Services

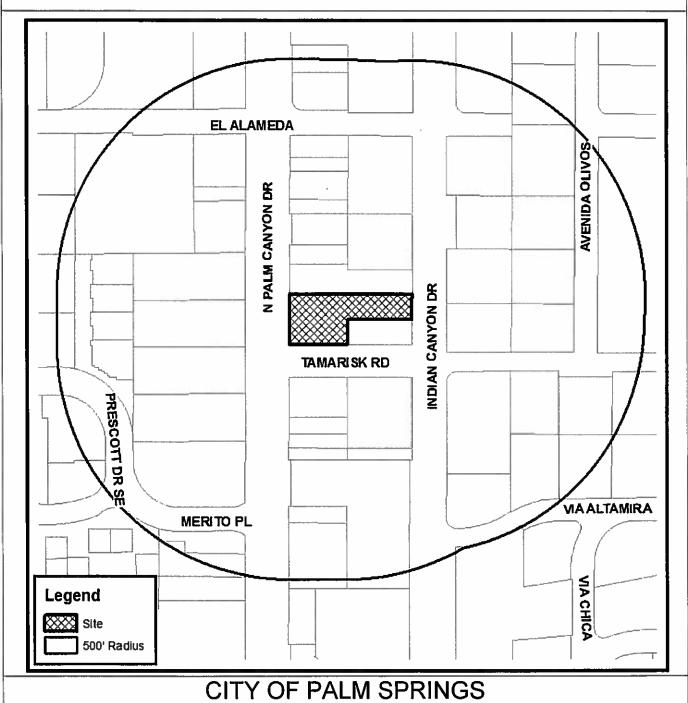
Attachments:

Vicinity Map Application materials



Department of Planning Services Vicinity Map







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DATE: November 17, 2015

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RE: Truss & Twine

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Request for approval for minor modifications to the El Paseo Building located at the above address, as described below.

Director Fagg:

On behalf of our clients Michael Beckman and Peter L. Mahler, we respectfully request a review by the Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board (see drawings A-1 - A-4) for minor modifications to the exterior and internal courtyard facades of 800/816 North Palm Canyon Drive, also known as the El Paseo Building for a proposed restaurant/bar located in Suite F.

Michael Beckman, the restaurant chef/owner, is also the chef/owner of Workshop Kitchen & Bar, located in the adjacent space. Inspired by both the historicity of the El Paseo building, as well as the desire to activate both the frontage along North Palm Canyon and the existing internal courtyard, Mr. Beckman approached us to design a modern restaurant/bar that would engage both the street and the courtyard, while recalling the historic building by using contemporary design and culinary techniques with local ingredients.

Our goal is to create a discrete and well-crafted restaurant and bar that honors the historic El Paseo building while updating the necessary infrastructure for a full service restaurant and bar. Our primary goal is to maintain the existing storefront and connection to North Palm Canyon Drive, while pushing the kitchen areas to the East portion of the space. At the same time, we are re-establishing a direct connection to the courtyard by adding an opening into the existing storefront facing the courtyard. This effectively creates a visual and physical connection between both Workshop and Truss & Twine, activating courtyard.

The restaurant/bar will occupy 1,673 square feet of the ground floor only, and will consist of a main bar/dining area, kitchen, and storage. The existing mechanical platform at the North side of the roof, presents a fantastic opportunity to screen the mechanical equipment without the addition of any obtrusive louver or screen systems. We also ask the director to waive the requirement for mechanical screening located in Sec. 93.03.00(B) in the Palm Springs Zoning Code for the proposed exhaust vent, as an obtrusive mechanical screen at this location will be detrimental to the historic character of the building.

Below is an itemized list of the proposed exterior modifications:

North Palm Canyon Drive

Restoration of the glass storefront along North Palm Canyon. The existing storefront shall be replaced with an
operable system to activate the street façade. Glass and mullions shall be relocated as per the attached drawings.
All finishes, profiles, and glazing shall match the existing character of the storefront. The opening shall be reduced
by 3'-6". Any infill material will match the existing character of the masonry wall.

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Courtyard Elevation

1. A glass door shall be added to the existing storefront on the North elevation of the courtyard. All finishes, profiles, and glazing shall match the existing character of the storefront. The opening shall not be reduced or enlarged.

Roof

- 1. All mechanical equipment shall remain located in the existing mechanical platform.
- 2. One (1) exhaust fan shall be added at the roof. This will be on the North side of the ridge, and visible neither from the alley, nor from the courtyard, and is not visible from North Palm Canyon Drive.

We thank you for your consideration of these modifications, and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or clarifications.

Regards,

Steven Townsend Associate

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El Paseo Holdings, LLC

600 N. Broadway, Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (800) 943-7373 x100

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City of Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board

Dear Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board

On behalf of El Paseo Holdings, LLC, I want to thank you for reviewing the proposed modifications for our tenant, Truss & Twine, located at 800 North Palm Canyon Drive. We are supportive of these modifications, and authorize James Cioffi to submit these modifications.

Workshop is a great addition to our building and our community.

I am happy to discuss further and can be reached at 414-847-3100.

Best regards,

Peter L. Mahler

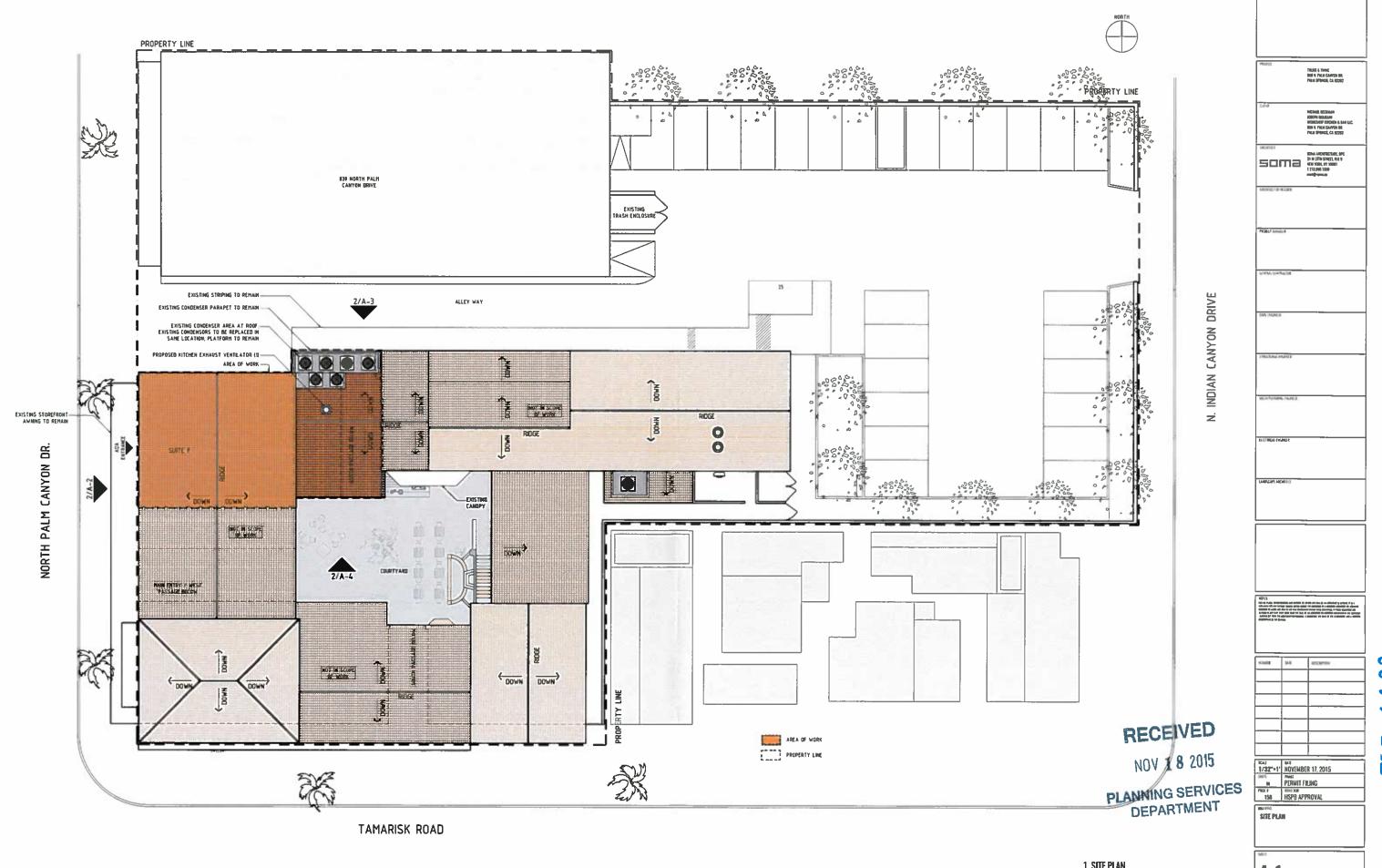
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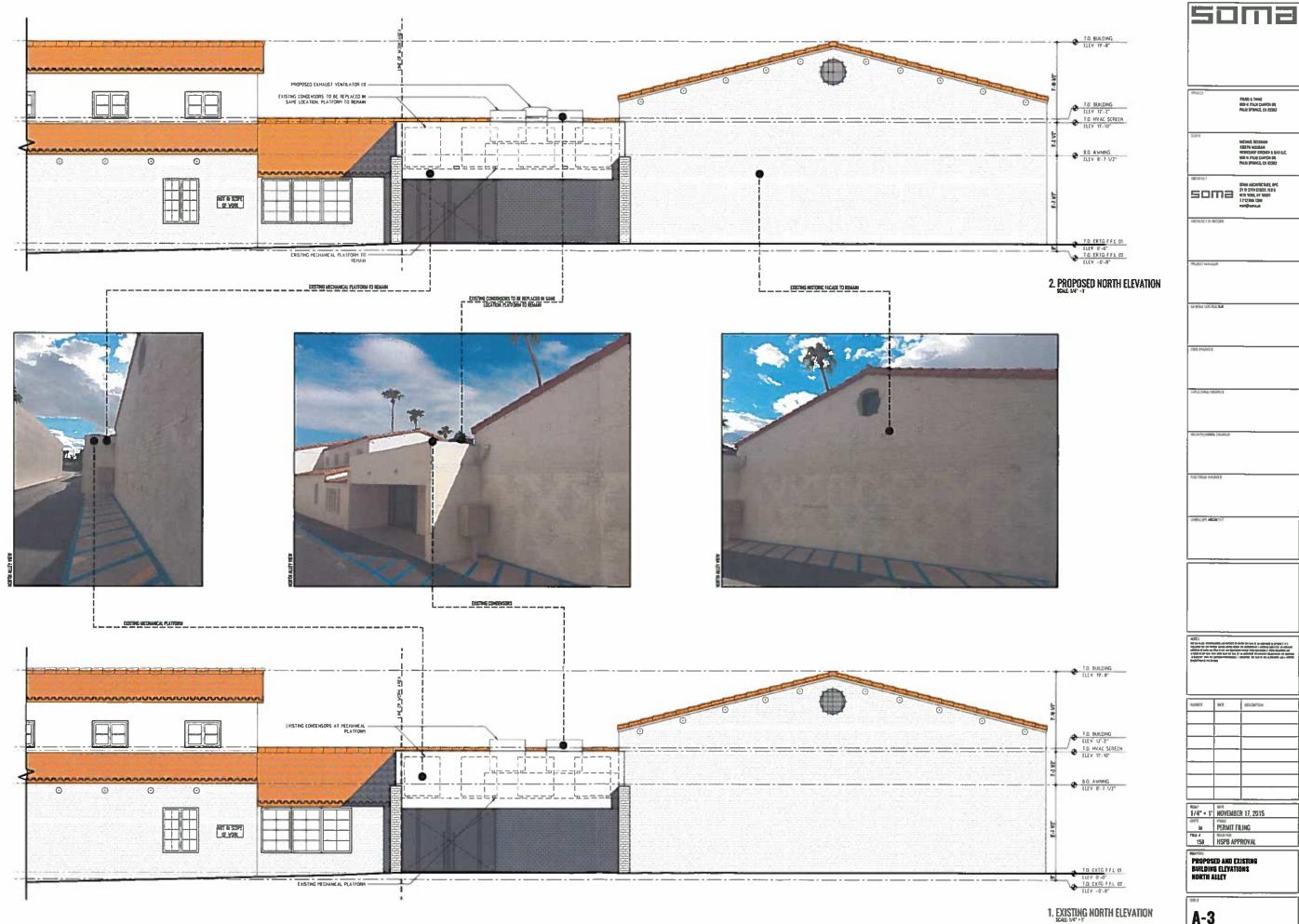
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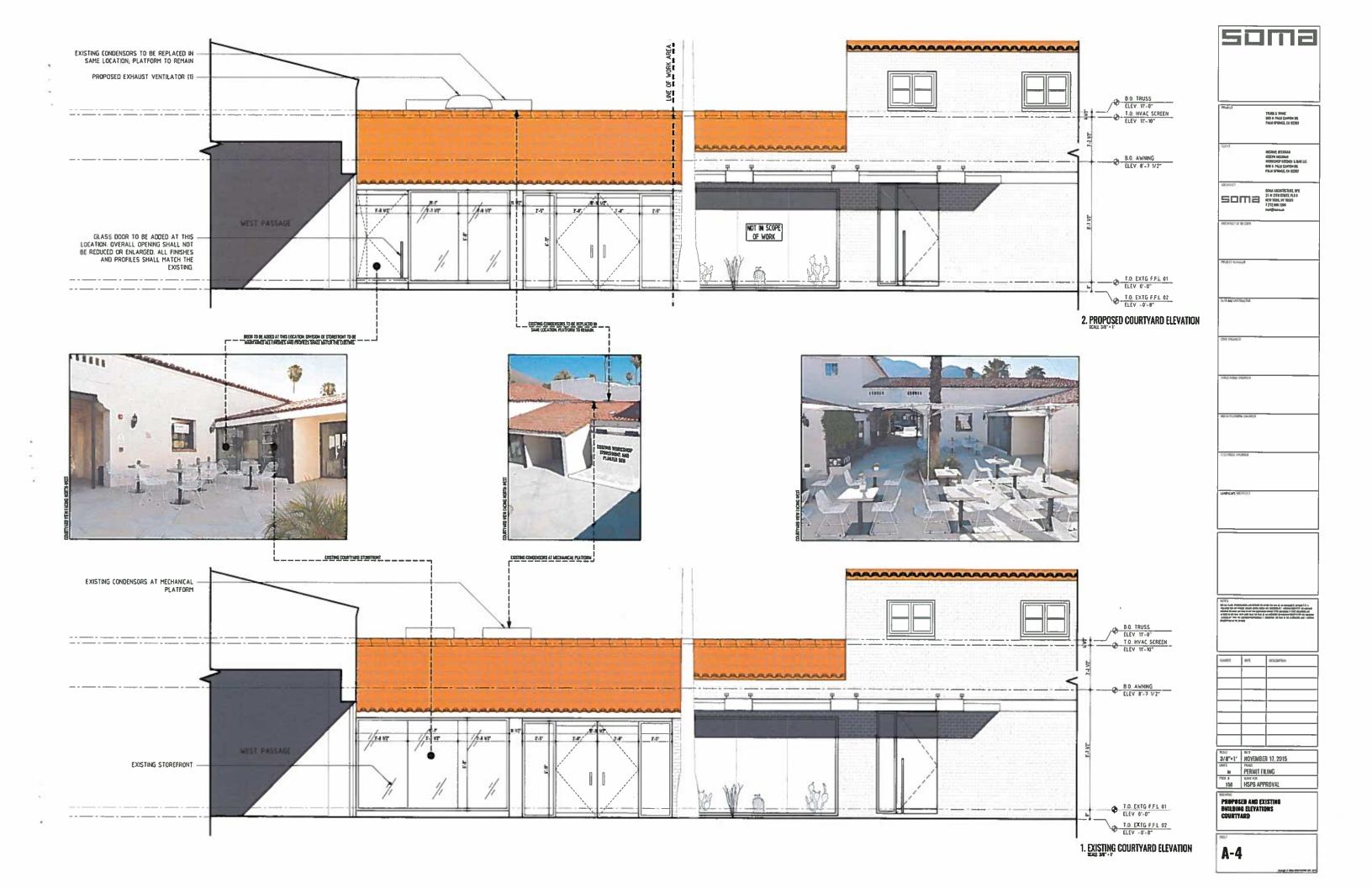


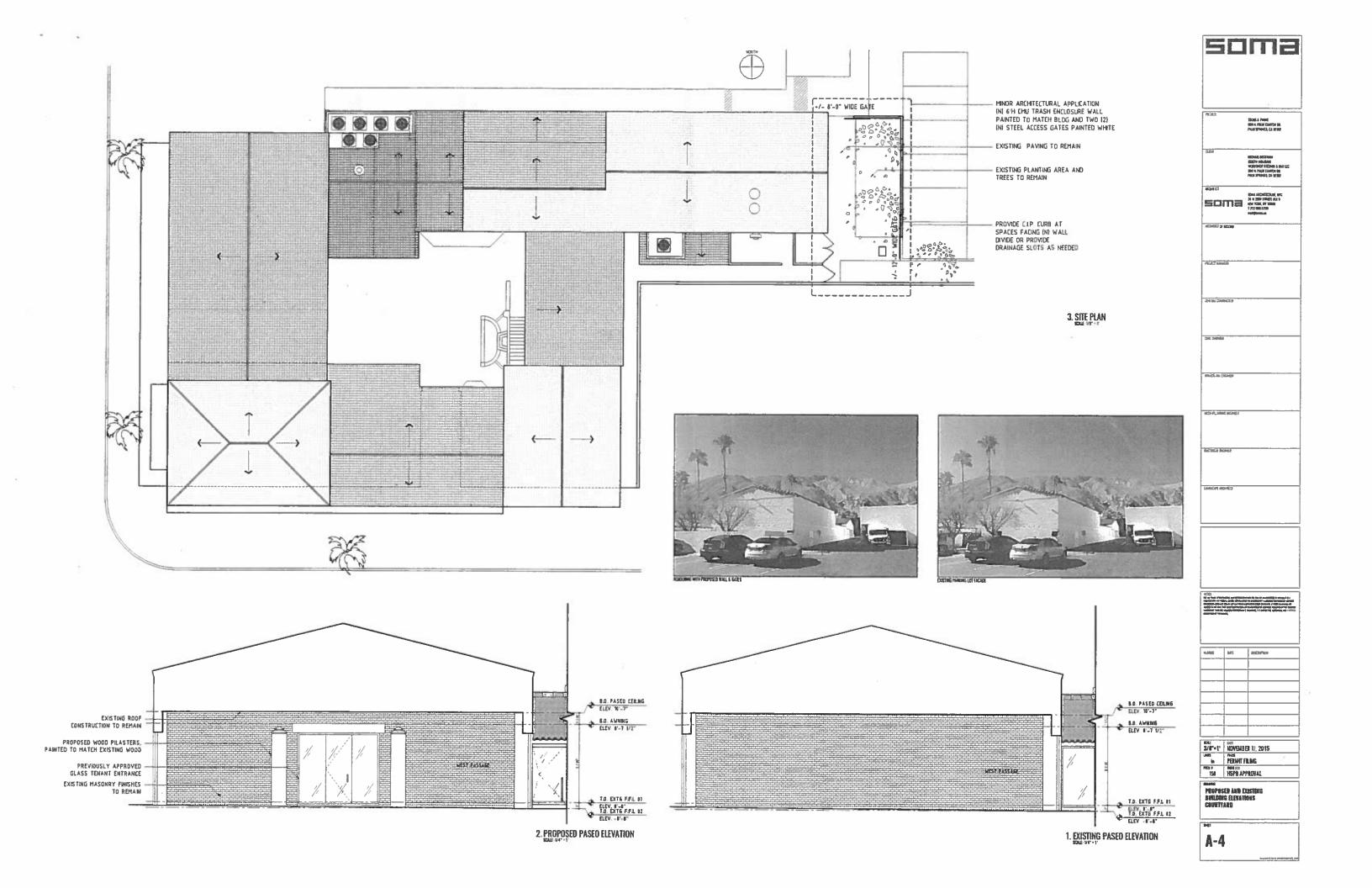
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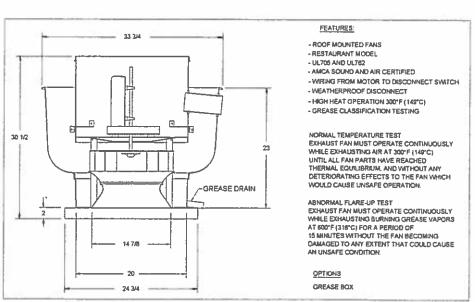
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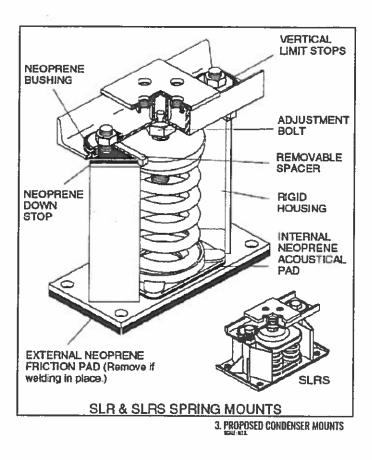
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3. EXHAUST VENT SHOP DRAWING





PROPOSED EXHAUST FAN (1)

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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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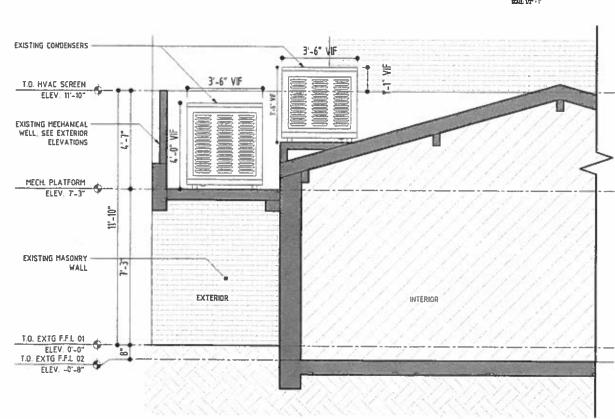
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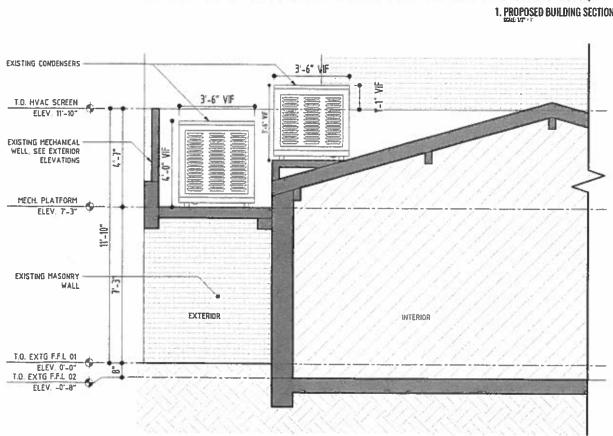
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1. EXISTING BUILDING SECTION

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