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Town of Berlin Planning Commission February 12, 2020 5:30 PM Berlin Town Hall – Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Agenda Adoption
- 3. Approval of Minutes January 8, 2020
- 4. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
- 5. Site Plan Approval South Moon Under Offices, Franklin Ave
- 6. Site Plan Approval Main Place Building #5 Palmer Gillis
- 7. Subdivision Plat & Subdivision Exhibit for SonRise Church
- 8. Concept Plan- Derrickson Square 9913 Old Ocean City Blvd
- 9. Comments from the Commissioners
- 10. Comments from the Chairman
- 11. Comments from the Public
- 12. Comments from Staff
- 13. Adjournment

Town of Berlin Planning Commission Meeting January 08, 2020

The Planning Commission Meeting for January 8th, 2020 was called to order by Chairman Chris Denny at 5:31PM. Members present were Chris Denny, John Barrett, Newt Chandler, Phyllis Purnell, Ron Cascio, Pete Cosby and the newest member Matthew Stoehr. Staff present were Planning Director Dave Engelhart and Permit Coordinator Carolyn Duffy.

Chairman Chris Denny called for a motion to adopt the agenda with one correction, item #4 to be tabled to February's meeting. Mr. Pete Cosby made the motion to adopt the January 8, 2020 agenda. Mr. Newt Chandler seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by the commission. Chairman Chris Denny called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2019 meeting. Mr. John Barrett made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2019 meeting. Mr. Matt Stoehr seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by the commission. Chairman Chris Denny introduced the newest member to the Planning Commission Mr. Matthew Stoehr.

Chairman Chris Denny called the next item on the agenda Site Plan Approval for 312 Maple Ave Willows at Berlin. Mr. David Rovansek from GMB Engineering stated he was working on the project. Mr. David Holden the developer was also present. Mr. Rovansek stated it was an 8-acre property at the end of Maple Ave. He stated it had no entrance on Bay Street. The property has 31 existing units and they are proposing 34 additional units. It is privately owned and will have a lift station put in that is to the town standards. They had added lighting and thought about a pedestrian access to Bay Street but didn't think that would be the best solution. Mr. Rovansek stated he had met with the electric department, water, public works at a staff meeting and went over every detail that they could to get comments. He thought they were moving right along on this project.

Mr. Rovansek stated what he had added to this packet was the elevations. Mr. David Holden stated they would have a community building that would have the site management present. Also added a tot lot for younger children. The existing buildings Mr. Holden stated they would dress them up adding windows and landscaping. Mr. Rovansek stated it is a private road. Mrs. Phyllis Purnell asked how they would renovate the existing units. Mr. Holden stated in a phased process. Mrs. Purnell asked if the people there would have to move. Mr. Holden stated they may have to move around on the site. They would need to get into each unit to update each one and get them more natural light. The residents have been notified about what is going to occur. They have even asked if we could incorporate the horseshoe pits.

Mr. Rovansek stated they would be rebuilding the bridge a little bit north of where it is located now. Planning Director Dave Engelhart told them it would have to be hard surface to be ADA compliant. Mr. Rovansek stated they would be putting a split rail fence up to separate the two properties around the southern part closest to the front. Mr. Rovansek stated the stormwater management had changed. They were thinking about stream restoration to meet some of the requirements but most of the issues were with the neighboring property so they will handle theirs on site. One of the neighboring property owners contacted them about redirecting the water off

his land to Hudson Branch. Mr. Matthew Stoehr asked if the renters would have to pay the cost to move. Mr. Holden stated no they would be moving them. He stated they are getting some turn over right now. Mr. Matthew Stoehr asked would the existing residents have an opportunity to go to the new units. Mr. Holden replied yes if they were moved and wanted a new unit. The units would be energy efficient and the older units would be upgraded also like new.

Chairman Chris Denny asked the public if anyone had questions for the applicant. Planning Director Dave Engelhart asked Mr. Rovansek to speak on their timeline. Mr. Rovansek stated they should have all approvals by the summer so maybe starting by mid-summer. Mr. Pete Cosby asked about the pavers. Mr. Ron Cascio asked if they had a plan to maintain the pavers overtime. Mr. Rovansek stated it would be part of their stormwater plan. Mrs. Phyllis Purnell asked if any of the units were for seniors. Mr. David Holden replied that some of the ground units would be good for seniors they have the radius and grab bars in the bathrooms. Mr. Rovansek stated that twenty-one of the units would be ADA accessible. Mr. Ron Cascio told them they were doing a great job. He asked them to go to drawing A-16 and to do something with that blank wall. Mr. Holden stated that was an existing building. Mr. Holden stated it may be difficult to add windows. Mr. Cascio asked if they could put Cedar Shake on. Mr. Holden stated he would have to check with the architect. Mr. Engelhart stated he also agreed with Mr. Cascio that they were doing a good job.

Chairman Chris Denny called for a motion. Mr. Ron Cascio made the motion to approve the site plan. Mrs. Phyllis Purnell seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by the commission.

Next item on the agenda was a request for change in the zoning classification from M-1A Industrial District to B-2 Shopping District Tax Map 0025, Parcels 0004 & 0461. Mr. Chris Carbaugh from the Atlantic Group Associates stated he was present seeking a rezoning of Tax Map 0025, Parcels 0004 & 0461. Mr. Engelhart stated he had presented them with packets on the parcels he was referring too. Mr. Carbaugh stated that the project that was proposed for that property an Industrial Park had never happened. He stated the finding of fact A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H. He was requesting the board rezone parcels 0004 & 0461. Mr. Pete Cosby asked was there any residential that was proposed there. Mr. Engelhart stated on the map that had the gray for industrial the pail yellow was for residential. Mr. Carbaugh said they had been working with Mr. Houck trying to get the ditch changed and now they have offers for the parcels which allows for a better project. He stated that the lots could be ultimately consolidated, and they could end up with six lots for a commercial center. Mr. Ron Cascio asked if water and sewer was out there. He replied yes.

Mr. Pete Cosby wanted it known that he had consulted with Mr. Phil Houck didn't believe there was a conflict but thought he should say something to the commission members. No members objected to him being seated. Chairman Chris Denny asked for comments from the public. Mrs. Cam Bunting asked that no stop light be put on Route 50. Mr. Engelhart informed her that would be up to State Highway Administration about putting up a light at that intersection. Mr. Newt Chandler made the motion to approve the request for the change in the zoning classification from M-1A Industrial District to B-2 Shopping District. Mr. Pete Cosby seconded the motion it was unanimously accepted by the commission.

Mr. Engelhart stated he had received a letter today from the Coastal Realtors addressing the draft the town is working on short-term rental. The letter was not to prohibit the Airbnb but to state it was a property right and wanted this to be considered as the town moves forward. Mr. Engelhart stated what they are suggesting is that it be allowed in the R-1 & R-2 owner occupied districts. In the R-3 and R-4 allowed not owner occupied. B-2 & B-1 allowed on second floor residential business on first floor. Mr. Ron Cascio asked about the PUD's. The underline zoning rules over that Mr. Engelhart stated. Mr. John Barrett asked about policing the garage units that are being rented. Mr. Engelhart explained it is complaint driven. The County's ordinance took effect as of January 1st, 2020. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Cam Bunting stated that the Airbnb was a problem. She asked about the 28 days or less this fall under the short term she asked. Mr. Engelhart stated the county has a room tax that could be added. The town has not worked out how to collect that tax yet. We need a definition of short-term fee. He stated the town has a fee for a rental license. Mr. John Barrett asked does a code have to be written for rental inspections. Mr. Engelhart stated the town uses the international building code for guidelines. We have done home inspections and that was complaint driven.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Matthew Stoehr stated there were benefits from the Airbnb. He asked Mrs. Ivy Wells about how many rooms were in town to rent. Mrs. Wells stated that at the Atlantic Hotel there were 17 rooms, 6 at the Waystead Inn and 4 at the Holland House.

Mr. Spiro Buas stated they would need a certain amount of safety for an Airbnb. He stated in case of a fire these people don't know each other and who's to say they would even knock on another person's door to let them know to get out. Mr. Buas stated those that want to do this it should be to the standards of a boarding house. Mr. Pete Cosby thought that was a good idea. Mr. Engelhart stated we are not trying to prohibit this, and it doesn't mean the town is for or against. Just trying to catch up to the 21st century. He stated the R-1 and R-2 seems to be the best bet because they are owner occupied. Mr. Barrett's thought was this was a way to try to stop it. Mr. Cosby thought they needed restrictions on how many cars could be in a driveway. No discussion on the resilience.

Mr. Newt Chandler made motion too adjourn. Mr. Pete Cosby seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 6:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Duffy

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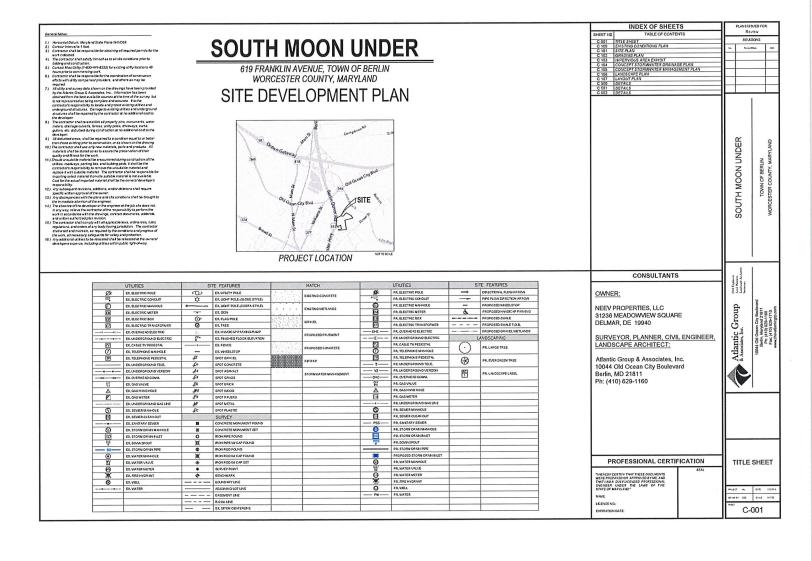
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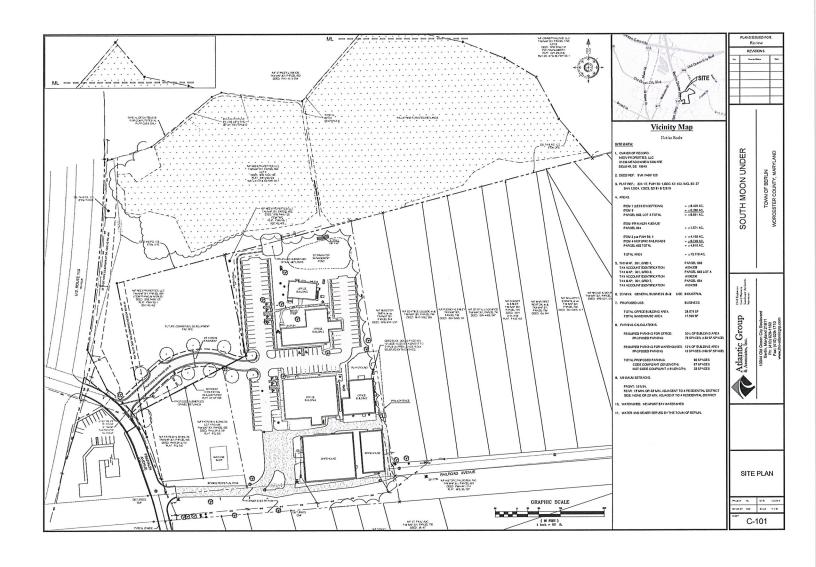
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PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

DATE: 1/20/19 HEARING DATE: 212/20-04
APPLICATION FOR: SUBDIVISION SITE PLAN REVIEW
PROJECT NAME: South Moon Under Offices
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 614-619 Franklin Avenue
SIZE OF PROPERTY: 15.2 ac. zoning: $8-3$ total Lots: 3
PROPERTY OWNER/AGENT New Properties, LIC. Lic. Landre # 410 629 1160
ADDRESS 16044 Old Organ City Blod, Barlin EMAIL Carbaugh Of the -allanting up. com
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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- Three copies of the proposed subdivision or site plan must be provided with this application.
- Applicable review fees must be paid when application is submitted.













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PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

DATE: 12.20-19 HEARING DATE: 01-08-390 CASE NUMBER: 01-08-20-01
APPLICATION FOR: SUBDIVISION SITE PLAN REVIEW
PROJECT NAME: BENUN MANDAGE
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 9958 N. W. W. SMIST
SIZE OF PROPERTY: 3/4 Janes zoning: B-2 total lots: Cando Assoc
PROPERTY OWNER/AGENT PALMER GILLS PHONE # 40 1749-4821
ADDRESS POBYL-1322 SAUSBURY, MO. 2/803 EMAIL POINTS GET BUILDS. COM
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PLANNING AND ZONING SET

DECEMBER 9, 2019

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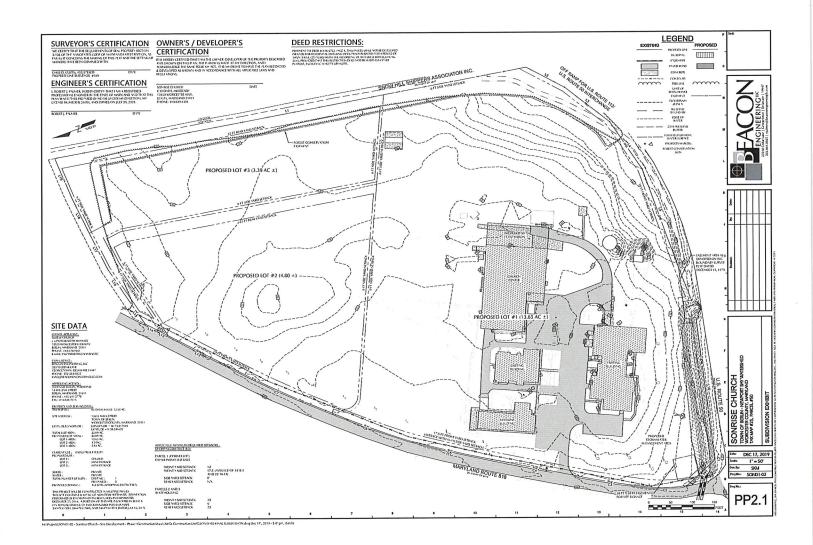
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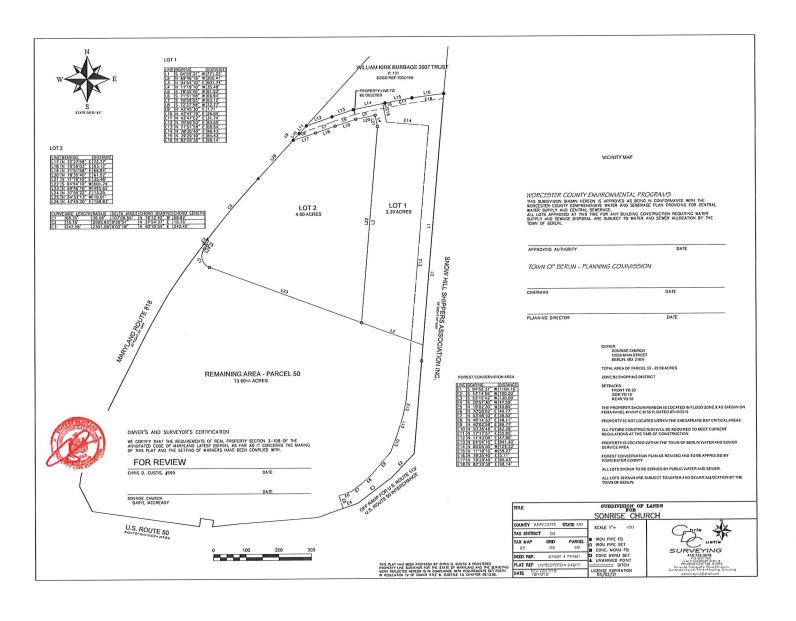


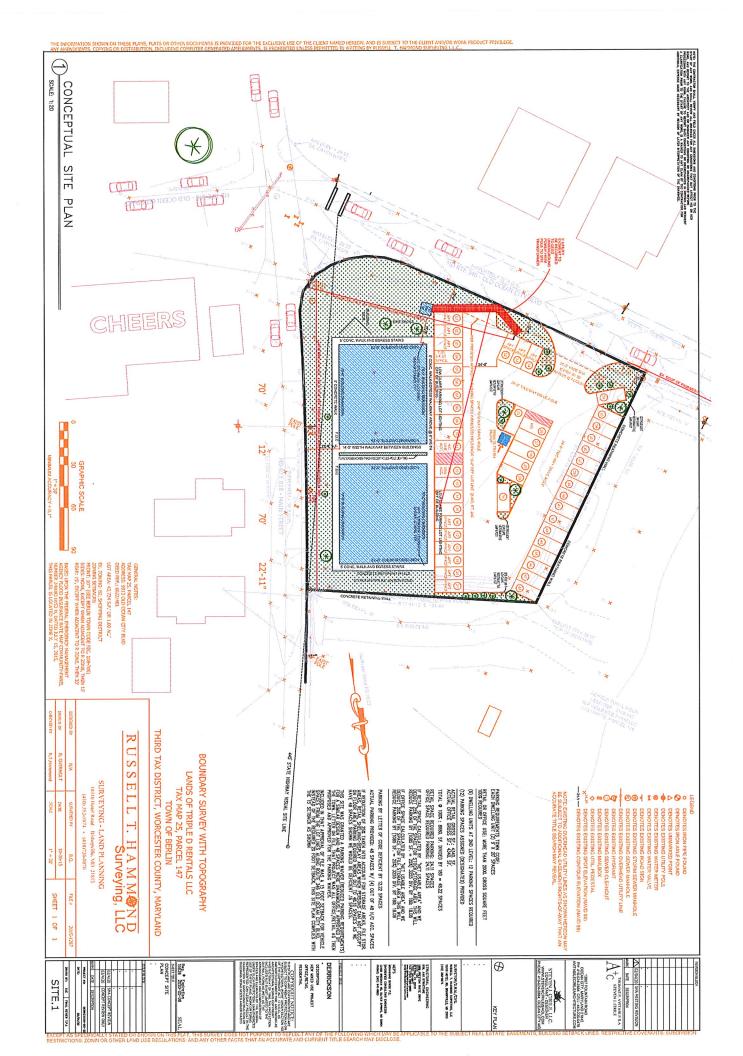
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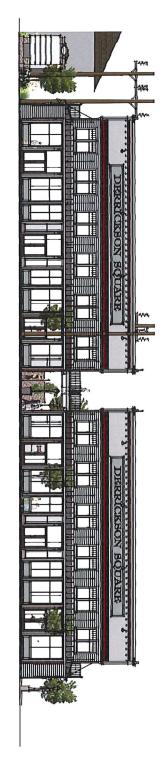
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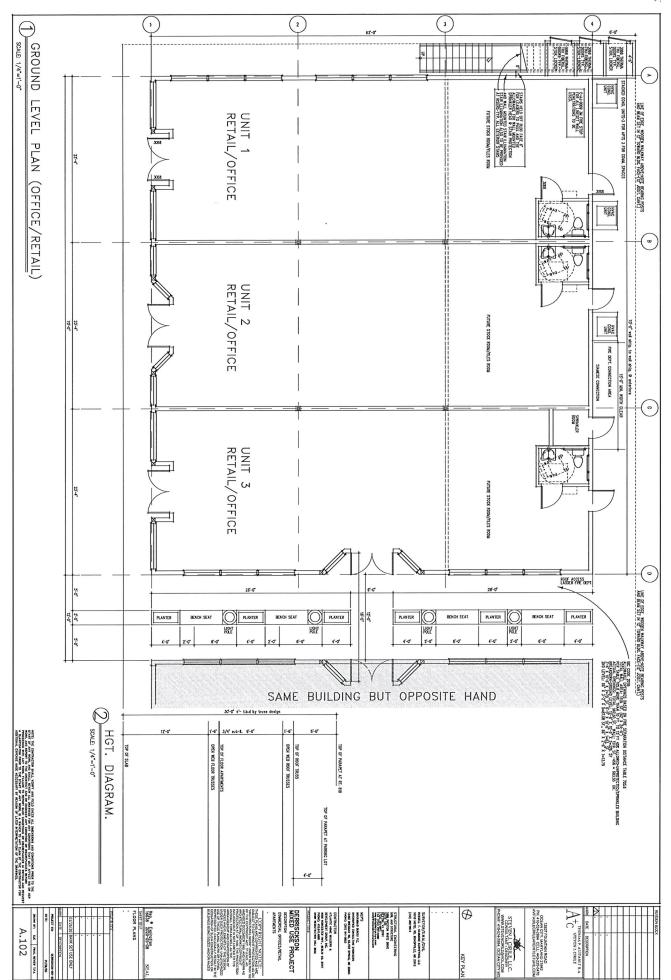
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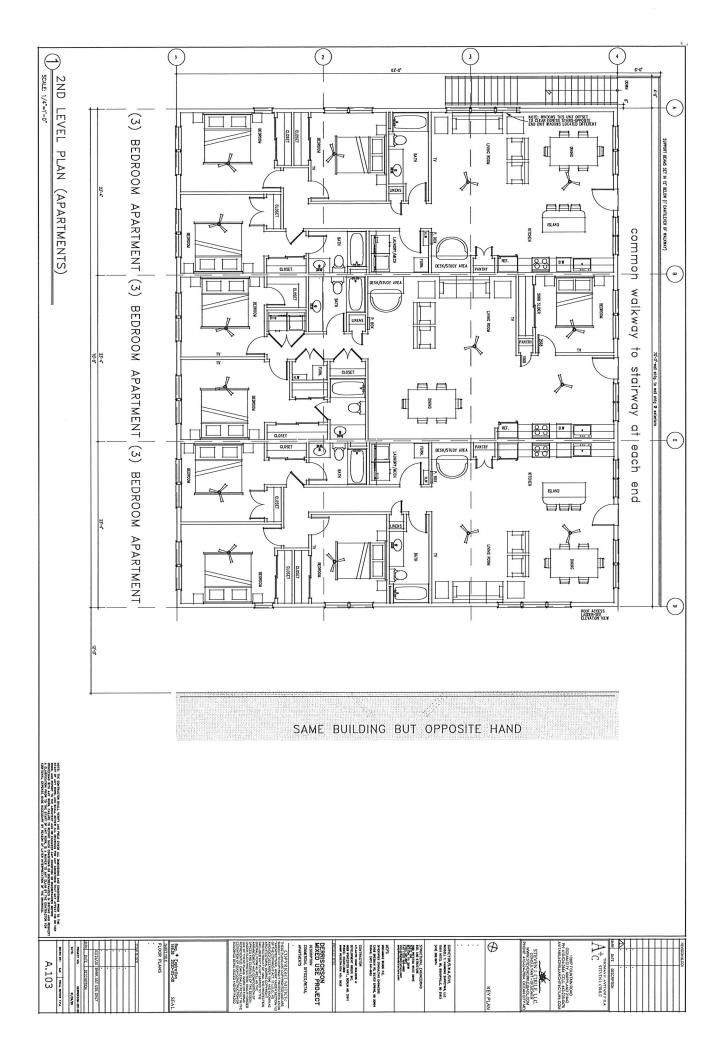
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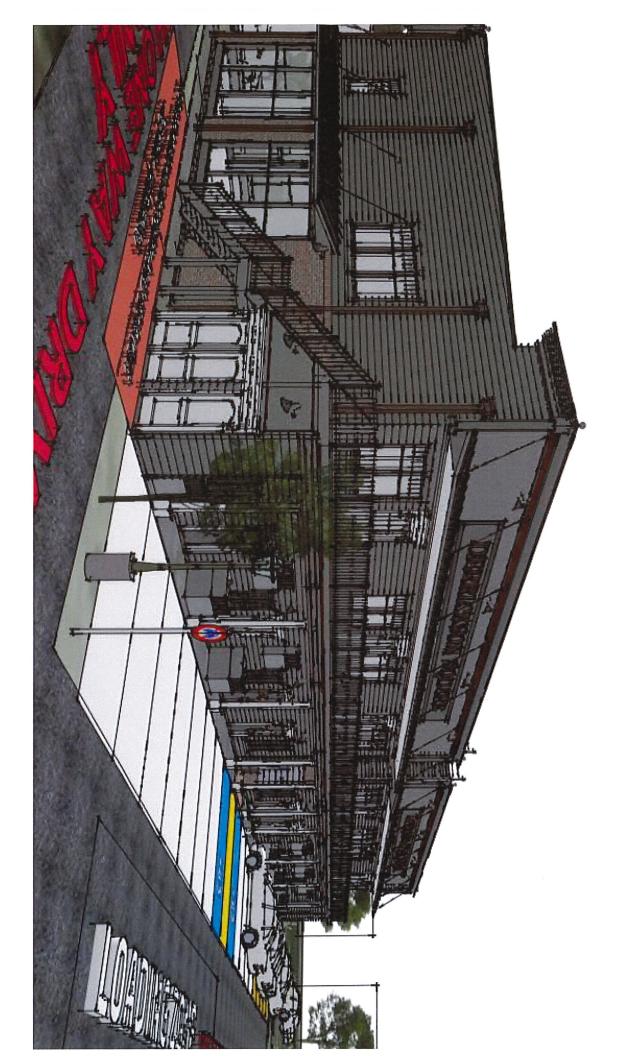














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