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Community Development Department

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DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION PROCEDURE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

SUSAN GLAZER

Deputy Director for Community Development Large Project Review: X

Applicant: YIHE Group, c/o Sean Hope, Hope Legal Offices

Owner: YIHE Group

Area of Special Planning Concern: Special District 1, a new building of more than 25,000 square feet

Location: 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway

Zoning District: Special District 1

Type of Development: Construction of a 56 unit building of approximately 64,186

square feet.

Date of Consultation: February 11, 2013

Community Development Department Staff Comments: CDD staff notes that there is discussion regarding the applicability of Section 19.20 and the exclusion of the inclusionary floor area from the threshold.

No members of the public attended the review. The architect Jai Singh Khalsa of Khalsa Design Incorporated and Sean Hope of Hope Legal presented the proposal outlining how the requirements in Section 19.50 were met. A copy of this submittal is attached.

A Tree Study certified complete by the City Arborist is required for the Building Permit application.

For the Community Development Department

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Project Review for 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway Cambridge, MA 02444

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Project Review for 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, MA

January 9, 2013

To: City of Cambridge, Community Development Department

RE: "The Ivy" Residences, 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, MA 02444

Project Overview: The Ivy Residences hereinafter referred to as ("the Ivy") is a residential development providing 56 dwelling units with 56 parking spaces at and below grade. The parcel (19,078sf) is sited in the Special District 1 zoning district and abuts the residence C-1 district. Presently the parcel contains a car wash that is to be demolished as part of the proposal.

The proposed development has a base floor area ratio of 2.41 totaling 49,999sf not including inclusionary and density bonuses. *See Drawing A-101 for Zoning Summary*.

Section 19.50 - Building Site Plan Project Review

19.51 Applicability

- **19.51.1:** Applicable Zoning Districts. This Section 19.50 shall apply in the following zoning districts:
 - (1) All Office, Business, and Industrial Districts and NP districts, and any Special District for which an office, business or industrial district serves as the underlying base regulation (SD-1, SD-3, SD-5, SD-7, SD-8, and SD-11).

The parcel is sited in the SD-1 Zoning District.

2) Residence C-1A, C-2, C-2A, C-2B, C-3, C-3A, and C-3B districts, and any Special District for which any one of these residence districts serves as the underlying base regulation (SD-2, and SD-6) for a building or portion of a building within one hundred (100) feet of a public street.

Section 19.51.2: Applicable Construction. The building design and site development requirements set forth in this Section 19.50 shall be required for the following construction projects:

(1) Any new building or structure of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gross square feet or more.

The proposed building gross floor area is 64,186sf including inclusionary and density bonuses.



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Section 19.52: Heights and Setbacks. The Provisions of this Section 19.52 shall not apply to special District 8.

(1) For development on a lot abutting a lot in a residential zoning district having a more restrictive height limit, the cornice line of the principal wall plane facing the residential zoning district line shall not exceed by more than twenty (20) feet at any point the maximum height permitted in the residential zoning district. Any portion of the building rising above the cornice line shall be located below a forty-five (45) degree bulk control plane starting at ground level at the zoning district line, subject to the following provisions.

The project abuts the residence C-1 zoning district which has a more restrictive height limit that the SD-1. See sheet A-300 & A-005 for how the bulk control plane is being applied to this project.

Section 19.53: Location of Use.

(1) In Mixed-use developments containing a residential component (Section 4.31-Residential uses, excluding Hotel and Motel use), the housing shall be located on the lot adjacent to existing residential uses located on abutting lots or across a street or shall be located adjacent to an existing abutting residential zoning district, including a district located across the street.

The Ivy is a 100% residential building and does not contain commercial uses.

- **Section 19.54:** *Historic Resources.* No building permit pursuant to a Certificate of Compliance issued for a project subject to this Section 19.50 shall be issued until at least one of the following events has occurred:
- (1) The project has received, where applicable, a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship, or non-applicability from the Cambridge Historical Commission under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40C and/or Chapter 2.78, Articles I or III, Cambridge city Ordinances, or from a Neighborhood Conservation District Commission under Chapter 2.78, Article III.
- (2) Where a building on the site has been determined by the Cambridge Historical Commission to be a Preferably Preserved Significant Building under the provisions of Chapter 2.78, Article II, Cambridge City Ordinances, or the six month demolition delay period has expired.

The proposed parcel does not contain a structure that has been determined to be preferably preserved under the provision of Chapter 2.78 nor is a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship, or non-applicability under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40C and/or Chapter 2.78, Articles I or III, Cambridge city Ordinances, or from a Neighborhood Conservation District Commission under Chapter 2.78, Article III required.



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Section 19.55: Landscaping. The area between the principal wall plane of a building and a public street or public park, whether required or provided, shall be devoted to Green Area (as defined in Article 2.000), expansion of the adjacent public sidewalk, park area, or other landscaped area or paved pedestrian area and extending along the entire length of the lot facing the street or park. Areas devoted to motor vehicular use are prohibited from this area with the exception of access drives providing direct access to parking and service facilities located elsewhere on the site and which shall be limited to a total of thirty (30) feet of width for any individual driveway for each one hundred (100) feet of lot frontage.

The side of the proposed building facing Gore Park has a proposed walkway adjacent to the community spaces (fitness center / bike storage) as well as plantings and planters both above this space and along it. The rear portion of the site abutting Gore Park and the Residential Zone will be densely landscaped per drawings L-1 & L-2.

Section 19.56: Pedestrian Environment. The portion of the ground floor of a building (defined as the first floor of a building located either at mean grade or no more than four feet above the mean grade of the building) and the floors above that face and are within one hundred (100) feet of a public street or directly abuts and is within one hundred (100) feet of a public park shall consist of space routinely occupied by people throughout normal business hours engaged in those activities for which the building is principally intended to accommodate, including but not limited to, retail stores sales areas; consumer service businesses; general professional and agency offices; institutional offices, classrooms and dormitories; building lobbies, residential units, manufacturing and research and development activities, etc. (but excluding specifically parking and loading facilities), subject to the following requirements.

 The actively used area shall have a depth of at least 20 feet, or the depth of the building if less.

The side of the proposed building facing Gore Park contains community spaces as well as a pedestrian promenade along the property line. These spaces can be seen on drawing (A-101 Street Level Plan). These spaces provide a buffer between the parking garage and Gore Park.

(2) The facades shall consist of a minimum twenty-five (25) percent clear glass in total for the facade and at the ground floor subject to the following further provisions.

Drawing A-005 denotes the Glazing percentages on the Elevations as follows. Elevation 1 contains 38% Glazing, Elevation 2 contains 37% Glazing, Elevation 3 contains 40% Glazing, Elevation 4 contains 32% Glazing.

(a) At Ground floor; the minimum amount of clear glass shall be increased to fifty (50) percent of the area of the facade of the ground floor where retail and office uses are established (Section 4.34 - Office and Laboratory Uses, paragraphs ae, and Section 4.35 - Retail Business and Consumer Service Establishments).



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For purposes of this Section 19.56, the area of the facade of any given floor shall be measured vertically from the finished interior floor to the underside of the structural joists of the floor above.

The proposed development is 100% residential and does not propose any of the non-residential uses listed in Sections 4.34 a-e or 4.35. The proposed Ground Floor Glazing is 62% of facade.

(4) At least one building entrance shall front on a street where the building abuts a street.

Drawing A-101 shows entrance vestibule faces both Monsignor O'Brien Highway as well as the drop off area for the proposed building.

Where a freestanding parking garage is established, the requirements of this Section 19.55 shall apply only to the ground floor of the structure. Exempt from this requirement shall be one two-way access drive to accessory parking located elsewhere on the lot and the area necessary to meet the minimum zoning required for loading facilities provided that no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total length of any one façade is occupied by all such facilities.

There are no freestanding parking facilities proposed on the site.

Section 19.57: Parking. On-grade surface parking shall not be placed in front of the principal front wall plane of a building, extended across the entire width of a lot, unless the parking is screened from view from the public street by other buildings. Where the lot width at the Principal Front Wall Plane of the building is greater than 300 feet, the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to that portion of the front yard extending beyond the side facades of the building, parallel to the front lot line, equal in length to the side yard setback(s) that would otherwise be required for the building in the district within which it is located.

The on-grade surface parking is screened from the public view by adjacent buildings on both sides by building community spaces (fitness center/bike storage) and adjacent buildings.

Section 19.58: Mechanical Equipment, Refuse Storage, and Loading Areas. All mechanical equipment, refuse storage, or loading areas serving the building or its occupants that are (1) carried above the roof, (2) located at the exterior building wall or (3) located outside the building, shall meet the requirements listed below. Mechanical equipment includes, but is not limited to, ventilation equipment including exhaust fans and ducts, air conditioning equipment, elevator bulkheads, heat exchangers, transformers and any other equipment that, when in operation, potentially creates a noise detectable off the lot. The equipment and other facilities:

(1) Shall not be located within any required setback. Where no setback is required, it shall not be located closer than 10 feet to any property line or it shall be entirely contained within the building. This Paragraph (1) shall not apply to electrical equipment whose location is mandated by a recognized public utility.



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(2) When on the ground, shall be permanently screened from view from adjacent public streets that are within 100 feet of the building, or from the view from abutting property in separate ownership at the property line. The screening shall consist of densely planted shrubs or trees equal or greater in height at the time of installation than the equipment or facilities to be screened, or a fence of equal or greater height that is comparable in quality to the materials used on the principal facades of the building, with no more than twenty-five (25) percent of the face of the fence open. When carried above the roof, shall be permanently screened from view, from the ground, from adjacent public streets and any abutting residentially used lot or lots in a residential zoning district. The screening shall be at least 50% opaque, uniformly distributed across the screening surface.

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Mechanical equipment will be located on the portion of the roof furthest away from the residential zone not in any required side yard setback or within 10' of any property line unless completely enclosed. Additionally the mechanical equipment will be screened by walls covered in the same material being used elsewhere on the building so that mechanical equipment is not only shielded but appears to be a part of the original design. Additionally this equipment will also be screened by several plantings as shown on Drawing L-3. For location of rooftop equipment see Drawing A-110.

- (3) Shall be designed to meet all city, state and federal noise regulations, as applicable, as certified by a professional acoustical engineer if the Department of Inspectional Services deems such certification necessary.
- (4) That handle trash and other waste, shall be contained within the building or screened as required in this Section 19.58 until properly disposed of.

All thrash and other waste shall be contained within the building or screened consistent with the requirement of Section 19.58.

Section 19.59: Open Space. At least 15% of the lot shall consist of any combination of Green Area or Permeable Open Space as defined in Article 2.000. This requirement may be met on a lot held in the same ownership, provided the Open Space is located within 300 feet of the development lot and does not serve to meet the requirement of this Section 19.59 for any other development.

The project provides 24% Open Space on the site. See Drawing A-101 for area noted as Open Space.



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Section 19.510: Green Building Requirements.

The proposed project including inclusionary and density bonuses exceeds 50,000 square feet of gross floor area. Therefore we will meet a LEED level of Silver for this project. The applicant will hire a LEED consultant and advisor to ensure a LEED Silver project and satisfaction of the section 22.20 requirements.

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From: Sent: Jason Stockmann [bauhaus2@gmail.com] Monday, January 28, 2013 11:39 PM

To:

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Subject:

262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway construction site public meeting

Ms. Paden,

I am writing to inquire about the Large Project Review for 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway occurring on February 4, 2013 at the City Hall Annex. Unfortunately I will be on travel and unable to attend, but I was wondering if you could provide me with more information about the proposed project. I was also wondering if you could record my comments in absentia:

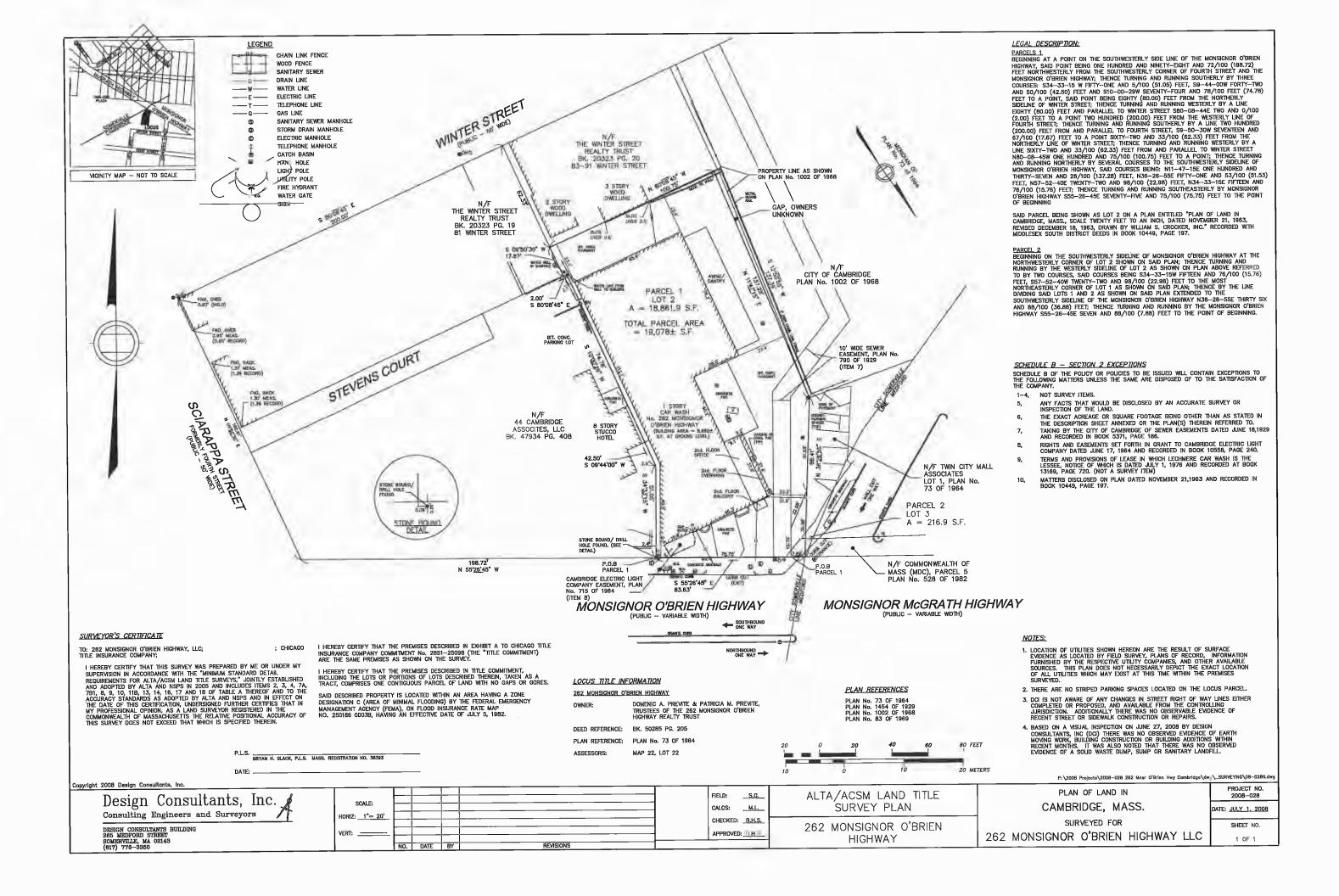
I would welcome more construction and development in the neighborhood. My primary residential concern is about noise from the buses on the Monsignor O'Brien Highway. With three bus routes offering frequent service on the highway, a huge amount of noise is generated, effecting residences in the nearby neighborhood. MBTA buses are unusually noisy, and it is impossible to keep the noise out of one's home, even with the windows closed. The bus noise causes me a great deal of discomfort and stress inside my home. Any efforts to mitigate this bus noise, perhaps by modifying bus engines to reduce noise, planting more trees along the highway, or building a noise-barrier wall would be greatly welcomed. Perhaps such remediation could be proposed as part of the scope of the project at 262 Monsignor O'Brien site.

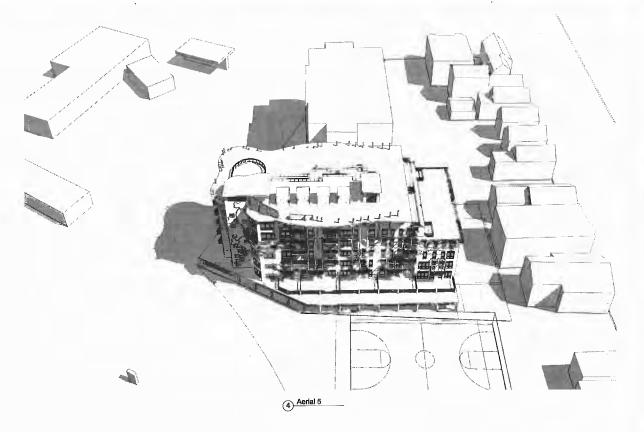
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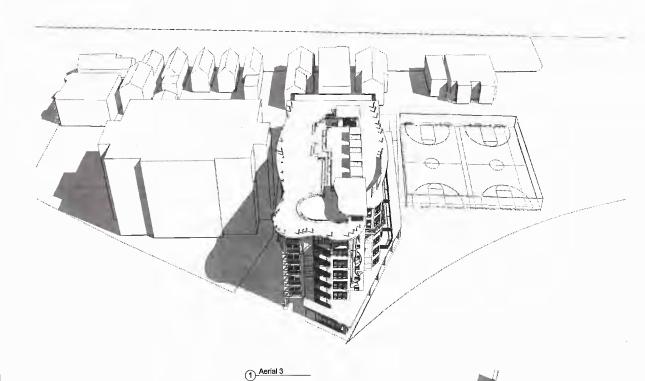
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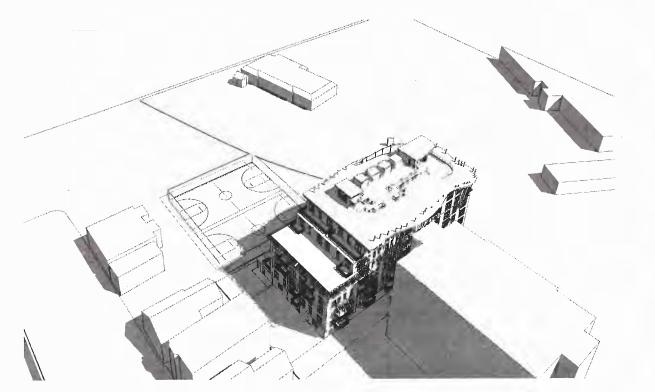
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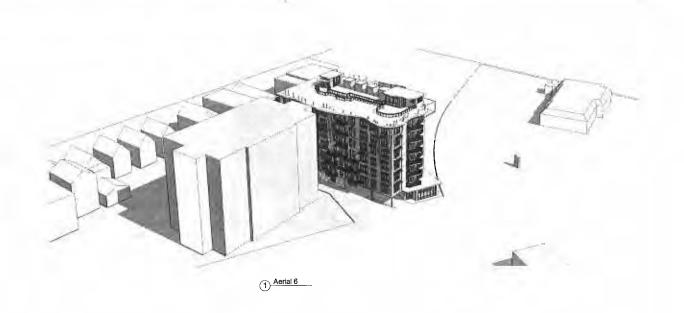
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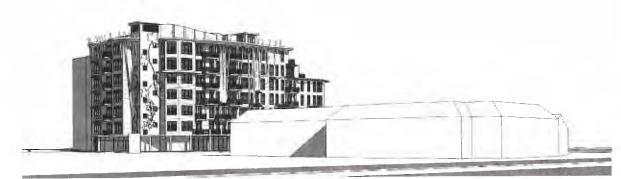


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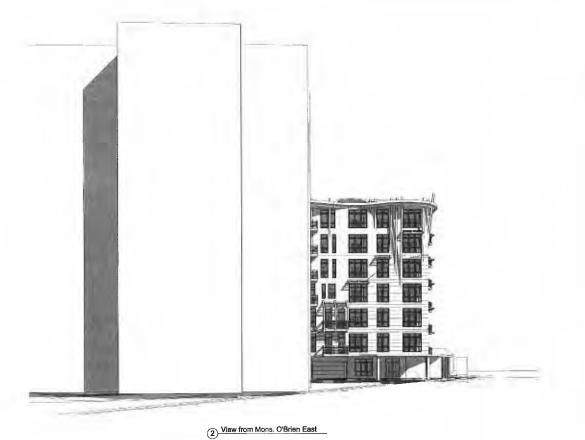
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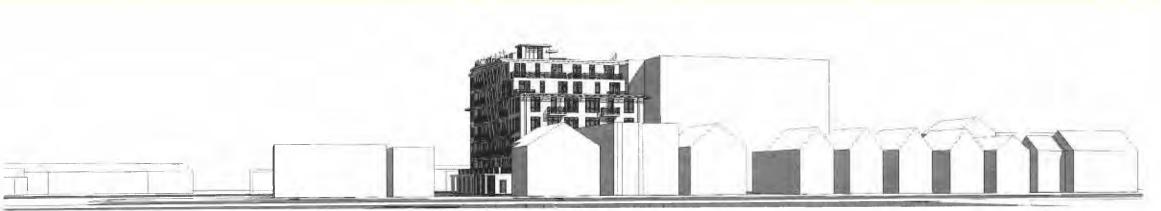
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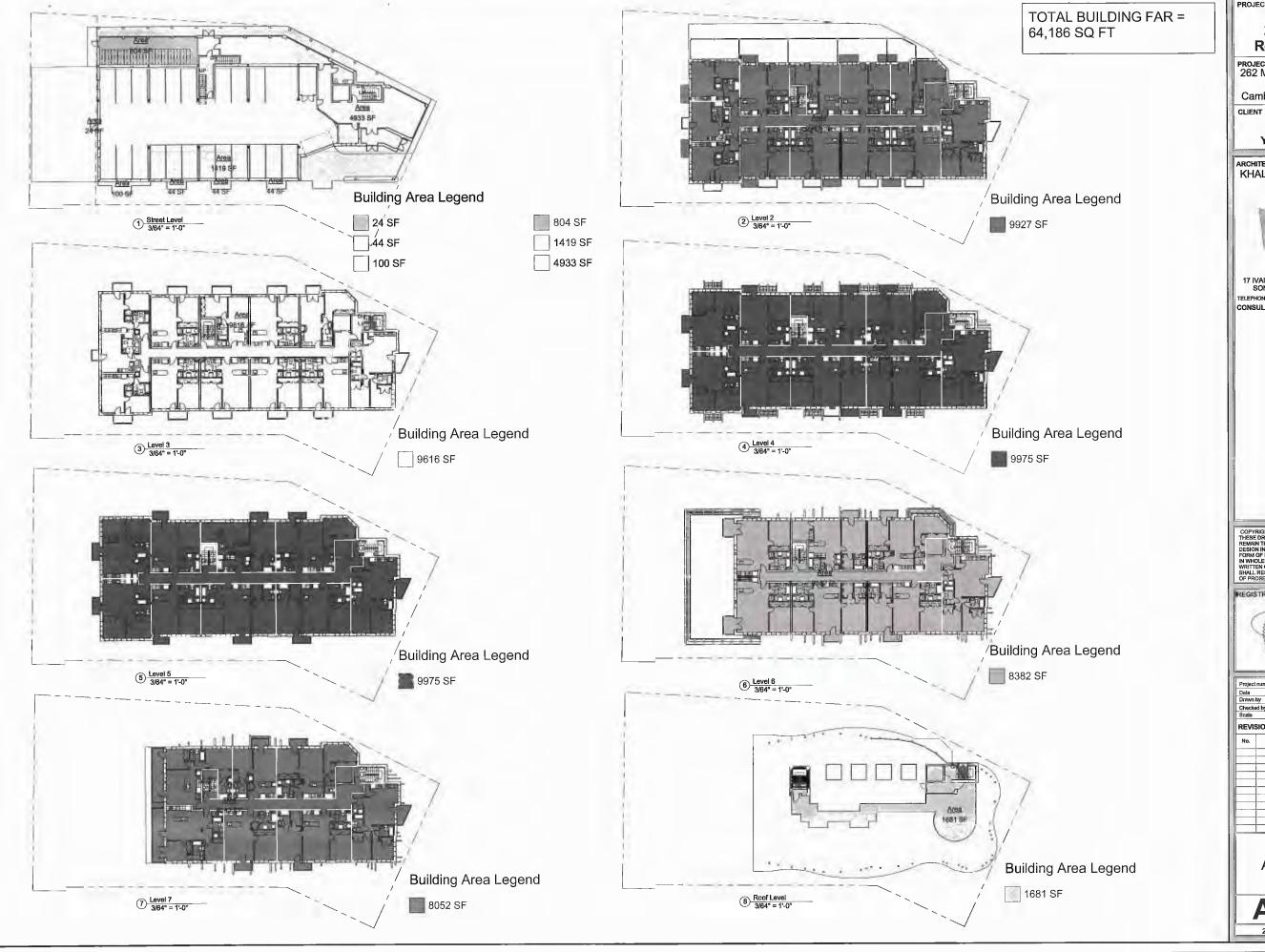


3 View from Storage Company





Rear View from Gore Street



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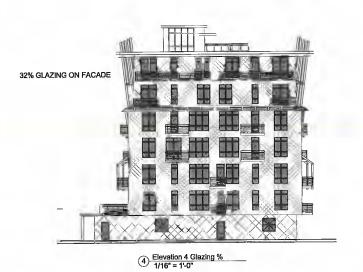
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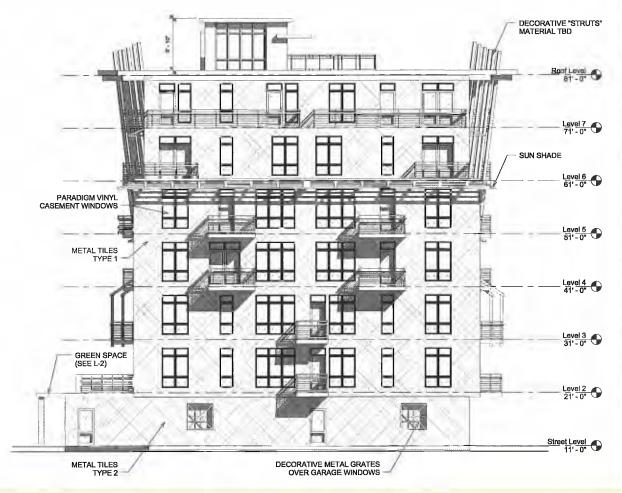


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Building Elevations

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Building Elevations

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1 3D View 5

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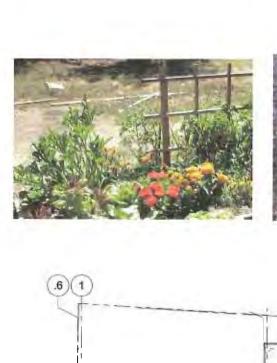
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2ND FLOOR PLANT LIST KEY QTY LATIN NAME SHRUBS/VINES

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Carnation Carnation Carnation Dianthus g. 'Firewitch' Dianthus g. 'Bath's Pink Love Grass Sedum PROJECT NAME

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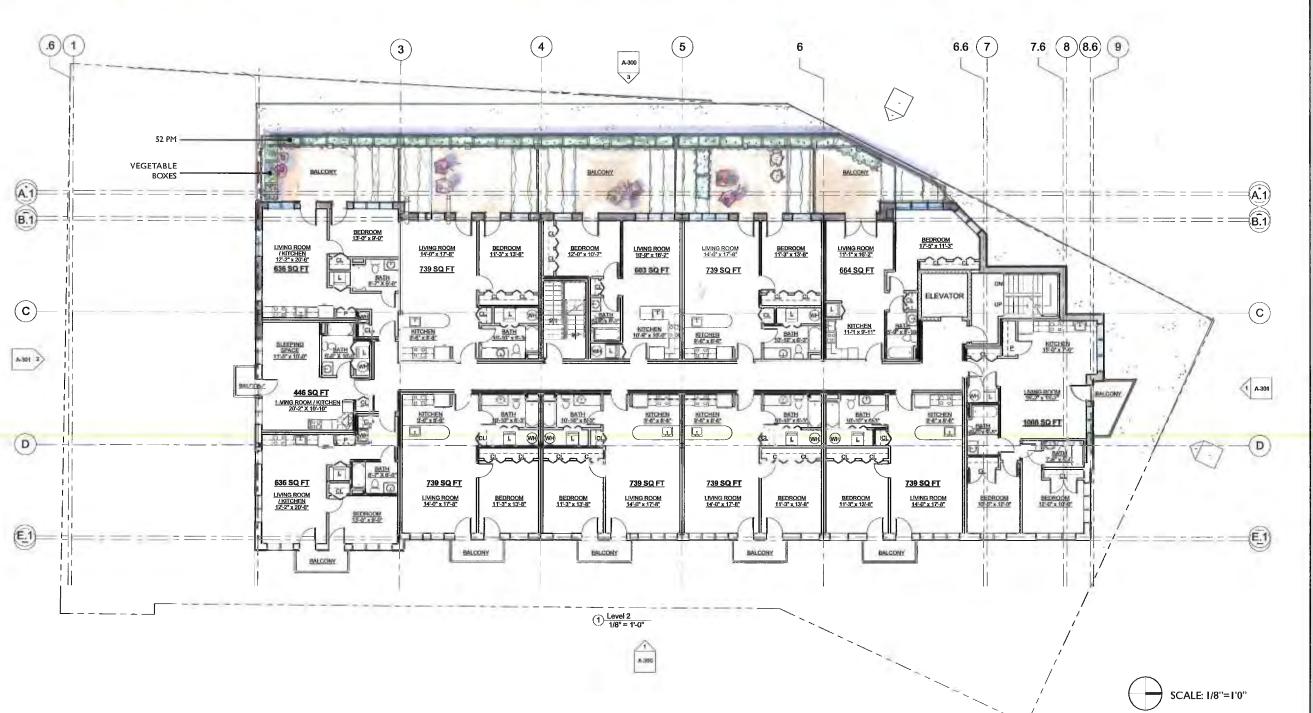


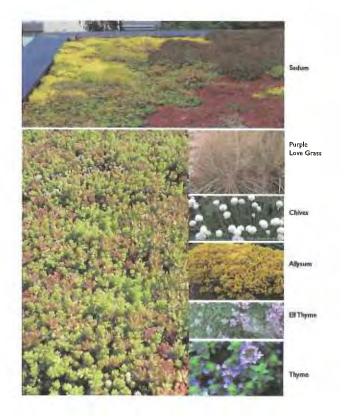
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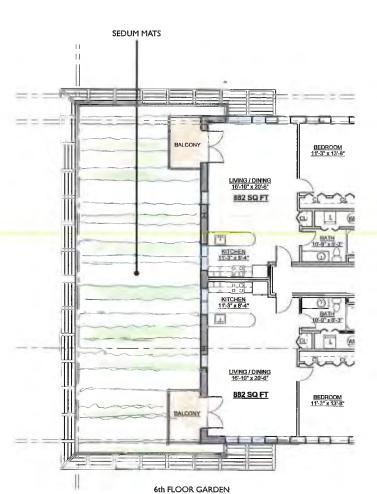
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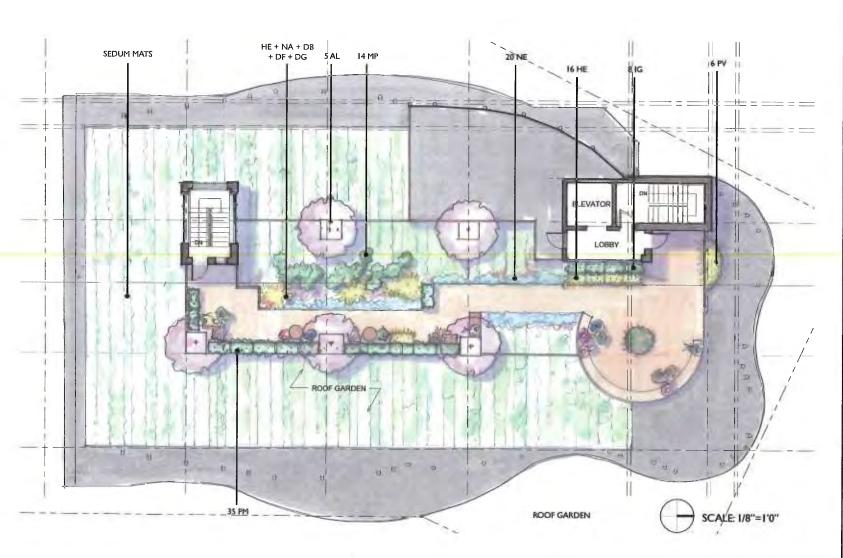
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6TH KEY		PLANT LIST LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	NOTES
	-		COMMON NAME	SIZE	MOTES
	IM MAT	-			
DB		Dianthus 'Little Bobby'	Carnation		
DF		Dianthus g. 'Firewitch'	Carnation		
DG		Dianthus g. Bath's Pink'	Carnation		
EC		Eragrostis sp.	Love Grass		
SE.		Sedum spurium 'Dragon's Blood'	Sedum		
TH		Thymus sp.	Thyme		
ROO	F GARI	DEN PLANT LIST			
KEY	QŦY	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	NOTES
TREE					
AL	5	Amelanchier laevis	Serviceberry	8-10' ht	2-3 stems
SHRU	BS/VIN	ES			
IG	8	llex glabra	Inkberry	5 gal.	
MP	14	Myrica pensilvanica	northern bayberry	5 gal.	
PM	26	Pinus mugo 'Pumilio'	Dwarf Mugo Pine	5 gal.	
ERE	NNIAL:	S/GRASSES			
HE	24	Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns'	Daylily	i gal.	
NE	28	Nepeta faassenii 'Walkers Low'	Catmint	l gal.	
PV	6	Pannicum v. Shenendoah	Switch Grass	5 gal.	
SEDU	M MAT	'S			
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6TH FLOOR AND ROOF GARDEN

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PLANTING NOTES

- I. All plant material shall be approved by the Landscape Architect prior to arrival on the site.
- All plant material shall conform to the guidelines established by "The American Standard for Nursery Stock", published by the American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.
- No substitution of plant species will be allowed without the written approval of the Landscape Architect. Any proposed substitutions of plant species shall be a plant of equivalent overall form, height and branching habit, flower, leaf and fruit, color and time of bloom.
- The Contractor shall locate and verify all utility line locations prior to staking and report any conflicts to the Landscape Architect.
- All plants shall be staked out in their approximate location by the Contractor. The Contractor shall adjust the locations of these stakes as required by the Landscape Architect to account for subsurface utilities, other field conditions and to achieve design intent. Final locations must be approved by the Landscape Architect prior to planting.
- The rootballs of trees shall be planted 3" above adjacent finished grade. Excavate holes
 no deeper than the rootball of trees. Holes shall be at least 3' greater in diameter than root
 ball. Backfill planting hole with 'planting mix'. All plants which settle out of plumb or below
- The rootballs of shrubs shall be planted 2" above adjacent finished grade. Excayate holes no deeper than the rootball of shrubs.
- All shrubs, groundcovers and perennials shall be planted in continuous planting beds. All beds shall be excavated 12" and backfill beds with 12" of 'planting mix' before planting shrubs, perennials and groundcovers. 'Planting Mix' shall consist of 2 parts of topsoil and 1 part compost. Thoroughly mix to create uniform blended mixture.
- All beds as shown on the drawings shall be edged with a 4" trench neatly cut and backfilled with bark mulch. All shrub beds shall be covered with no less than 2" depth settled bark mulch and no greater than 3" depth bark mulch.
- 12. All planting to be done under the full time supervision of a certified arborist, nurseryman

- 14. All extensive (soil depth 3-6") and intensive (soil depth 6"+) roof and on-structure planting areas should be filled with lightweight planting medium
- Sedum mats and perennial plugs for intensive and extensive roof gardens will include mix of drought tolerant species.
- Perennial and ornamental grass plantings show design intent and are represented
- Provide irrigation to all planting including green roof. Provide hose bibs for irrigation at each of private roof gardens.
- PLANT LIST KEY QTY LATIN NAME TREES
 - Acer griseum Betula nigra 'Heritag Prunus 'Okame' Thuia plicata

COMMON NAME

Paperbark Maple River Birch Okame Cherry

Autumn Clemati

Trumpet vine Fothergilla

Meyer Lilac

Pin Oak

Green Giant Árborvit

2.5"-3" cal. 2.5"-3" cal. 2.5"-3" cal.

10-12' ht.

5 gal. 5 gal. 5 gal. 5 gal. 5 gal. 415 pot

- SHRUBS/VI CA Campsis radicans Fothergilla gerdenii
- CR FG IG RH SM VT Fotner 8'''- 5 llex glabra Rhododendron 'Nova Zembla' '''--hihin' Syringa x meyeri 'Palibin'

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GROUND FLOOR

