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TO: Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

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RE: Architectural Review 21-27 (Santos); 460 Ryan Avenue, APN 047-560-031

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve the proposed project, subject to the recommended conditions.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board adopt the required findings contained in the agenda report and approve Architectural Review 21-27 (Santos), subject to the recommended conditions therein.

BACKGROUND

The applicant proposes to construct two warehouses and an office building on a 3 acre site within a 6.09 acre parcel located on the northern side of Ryan Avenue, between Cohasset Road and Marauder Street (see **Attachment A**, Location Map). The two warehouses would have be broken up into multi-tenant suites to support a variety of light manufacturing and industrial uses. Currently, the site has an existing warehouse building towards the northern edge of the site with a surrounding construction yard. The site is designated Manufacturing and Warehousing on the City of Chico General Land Use Diagram and zoned AM (Airport Manufacturing) with an -AOC (Airport Overflight Zone C) overlay. Surrounding uses include other industrial warehouses, a construction yard, and a soon to be complete BMX recreational track.

The northern warehouse would be 12,000 square feet in size and the southern warehouse would be 10,000 square feet. Additionally, a 1,784 square foot industrial office would be located on the northern end of the site, surrounded by a work yard (see **Attachment B**, Site Plan).

DISCUSSION

The proposed warehouses would each be 18 feet in height and the proposed office building would be just over 14 feet in height (see Attachment C, Elevations). The warehouses would be situated along the eastern side of the site, separated by landscaping and a bicycle parking area. Vehicle parking is proposed along the western boundary of the site. The new office would be located within the existing construction yard towards the northern end of the site, with parking on two sides of the building.

The proposed warehouses would be broken up into 14 tenant spaces total for a variety of small light manufacturing uses Pursuant to CMC 19.70.040 Table 5-4, wholesale operations and

light manufacturing plants require one space for each 1,250 square feet of floor area. Office parking requirements are one space for each 375 square feet of gross floor area. Due to the several separate tenant spaces, the proposed parking more than meets the minimum requirement of 17 spaces for the warehouses and 5 spaces for the office. The applicant proposes a total of 52 vehicle parking spaces total with an additional 5 bicycle parking spaces.

The project features a practical industrial appearance, with developing maximum utility of the site. The warehouses' pedestrian entrances are covered by awnings and paired with large functional roll up doors. Warehouses would be mainly colored in taupe metal siding with blue metal awnings. The office would be a simple structure with the main entrance covered by a front porch. Allura siding colored a light taupe would be the main color of the office while accented with a blue metal roof .Colors and Materials Board will be provided at ARHPB meeting.

Landscaping would be provided throughout the parking lot, along the western boundary of the site, and as well as the southern entrance to the site. A mixture of Red Sunset Maples and October Glory Maples would be provided through the parking area to meet the parking lot shade requirement. The proposed landscape would only meet 47% shade coverage, just 3% short of the mandatory 50% coverage. Per CMC 19.70.060(E)(2)(c), trees planted on the western perimeter of parking lots in linear planters with a minimum width of six feet and length of 36 feet shall receive a 10% shade bonus. The planter along the western boundary meets this requirement, therefore, with the bonus the shade requirement is met. Along with tree shading, the landscape area features a variety of drought tolerant shrubs. Additional six foot chain-link fencing with privacy slats would be erected where it is currently absent on interior portions of the site (see **Attachment E**, Landscape Plan)

ANALYSIS

The airport manufacturing/industrial is applied to areas appropriate for light industrial, manufacturing, and distribution uses that are related to aviation, require air transportation, or are otherwise compatible with the operational characteristics of the airport. The AM zoning district is primarily intended to implement the Manufacturing and Warehousing land use of the General Plan. The proposal is consistent with several General Plan land use policies, including those that encourage infill development (LU 2.4 and LU 4).

The design intent of the Industrial Office Mixed Use project type is to balance functionality with aesthetics. The warehouses would be positioned behind generous landscaping to allow for a buffer from the street view. The metal warehouses would be similar to existing industrial buildings in the area and would be compatible with the surrounding land uses. Colorful awnings and signage clearly direct visual interest to the main building entrances and provide a pedestrian scale to the project (DG 6.2.12).

REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Environmental Review

The project has been determined to be categorically exempt under CMC Section 1.40.220 and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill

Development Projects). Consistent with this exemption, the project site is less than five acres, surrounded by urban uses, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The parcel is 6.09 acres in size but the project site itself is 3 acres.

Architectural Review

According to Chico Municipal Code Section 19.18.060, the Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board shall determine whether or not a project adequately meets adopted City standards and design guidelines, based upon the following findings:

1. The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and any applicable neighborhood or area plans.

The project is consistent with General Plan goals and policies that encourage compatible infill development (LU-1, LU-4, and CD-5). The project would be compatible with surrounding industrial land uses and enhance the area with similar infill development. The site is not located within the bounds of a Neighborhood Plan or area plan.

2. The proposed development, including the character, scale, and quality of design are consistent with the purpose/intent of this chapter and any adopted design guidelines.

Awnings over each main entryway will draw the eye and add to the pedestrian scale of the building at its entry points (DG 6.2.12, 13). Parking views are minimized through setting the parking area back from the street frontage and utilizing landscaping (DG 6.1.42, 46).

3. The architectural design of structures, including all elevations, materials and colors are visually compatible with surrounding development. Design elements, including screening of equipment, exterior lighting, signs, and awnings, have been incorporated into the project to further ensure its compatibility with the character and uses of adjacent development.

The materials, design, and color palette of the proposed buildings are all visually compatible to the surrounding industrial development. All proposed would be screened and lighting would be shielded downward onto the parking lot and building entrances.

4. The location and configuration of structures are compatible with their sites and with surrounding sites and structures, and do not unnecessarily block views from other structures or dominate their surroundings.

The proposed warehouses are parallel along the eastern boundary of the site while the office is placed along the northwest corner of the site. The warehouses and office are similar in size to the surrounding structurers. Existing and proposed fencing encircles the site, blocking most public views of the project. This exterior appearance is similar to other surrounding buildings and nearby sites.

5. The general landscape design, including the color, location, size, texture, type, and coverage of plant materials, and provisions for irrigation and maintenance, and protection of landscape elements, have been considered to ensure visual relief, to

complement structures, and to provide an attractive environment.

The proposed landscape includes a variety of trees and shrubs along the street frontage and parking lot. Shrubs and trees are in locations that will provide visual relief around the new buildings. Plantings would also minimize irrigation demands through drought tolerant plants while also providing adequate shade over the parking area.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- The front page of all approved building plans shall note in bold type face that the project shall comply with Architectural Review 21-27 (Santos). No building permits related to this approval shall receive final approval without prior authorization of Community Development Department Planning staff.
- 2. All development shall comply with all other State and local Code provisions, including those of the City of Chico Community Development and Public Works Departments. The permittee is responsible for contacting these offices to verify the need for compliance.
- 3. All approved building plans and permits shall note that wall-mounted utilities and roof or wall penetrations, including vent stacks, utility boxes, exhaust vents, gas meters and similar equipment, shall be screened by appropriate materials and colors. All parapet caps and other metal flashing shall be painted, consistent with the approved building colors. Adequate screening shall be verified by Planning staff prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- 4. All exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed downward to avoid light spillage onto adjacent properties.
- 5. All new electric, telephone, and other wiring conduits for utilities shall be placed underground in compliance with CMC 19.60.120.
- 6. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Chico, its boards and commissions, officers and employees against and from any and all liabilities, demands, claims, actions or proceedings and costs and expenses incidental thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees), which any or all of them may suffer, incur, be responsible for or pay out as a result of or in connection with any challenge to or claim regarding the legality, validity, processing or adequacy associated with: (i) this requested entitlement; (ii) the proceedings undertaken in connection with the adoption or approval of this entitlement; (iii) any subsequent approvals or permits relating to this entitlement; (iv) the processing of occupancy permits and (v) any amendments to the approvals for this entitlement. The City of Chico shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding which may be filed and shall cooperate fully in the defense, as provided for in Government code section 66474.9.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public notice requirements are fulfilled by mailing a 10-day public hearing notice to all landowners and residents within 500 feet of the site and by posting of the agenda at least 10 days prior to the ARHPB meeting.

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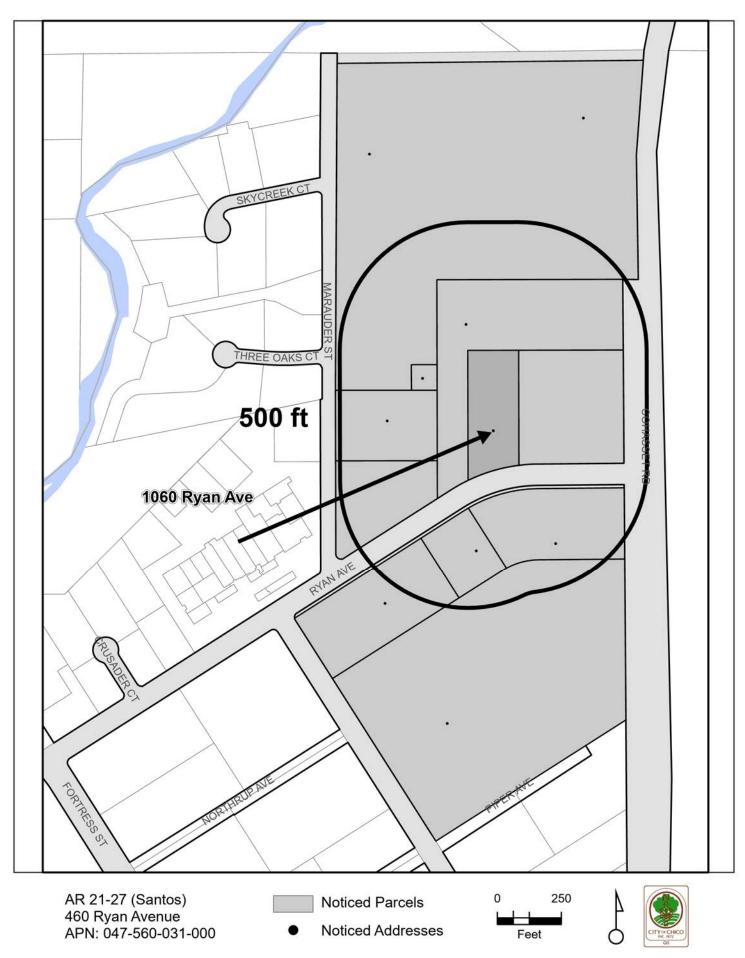
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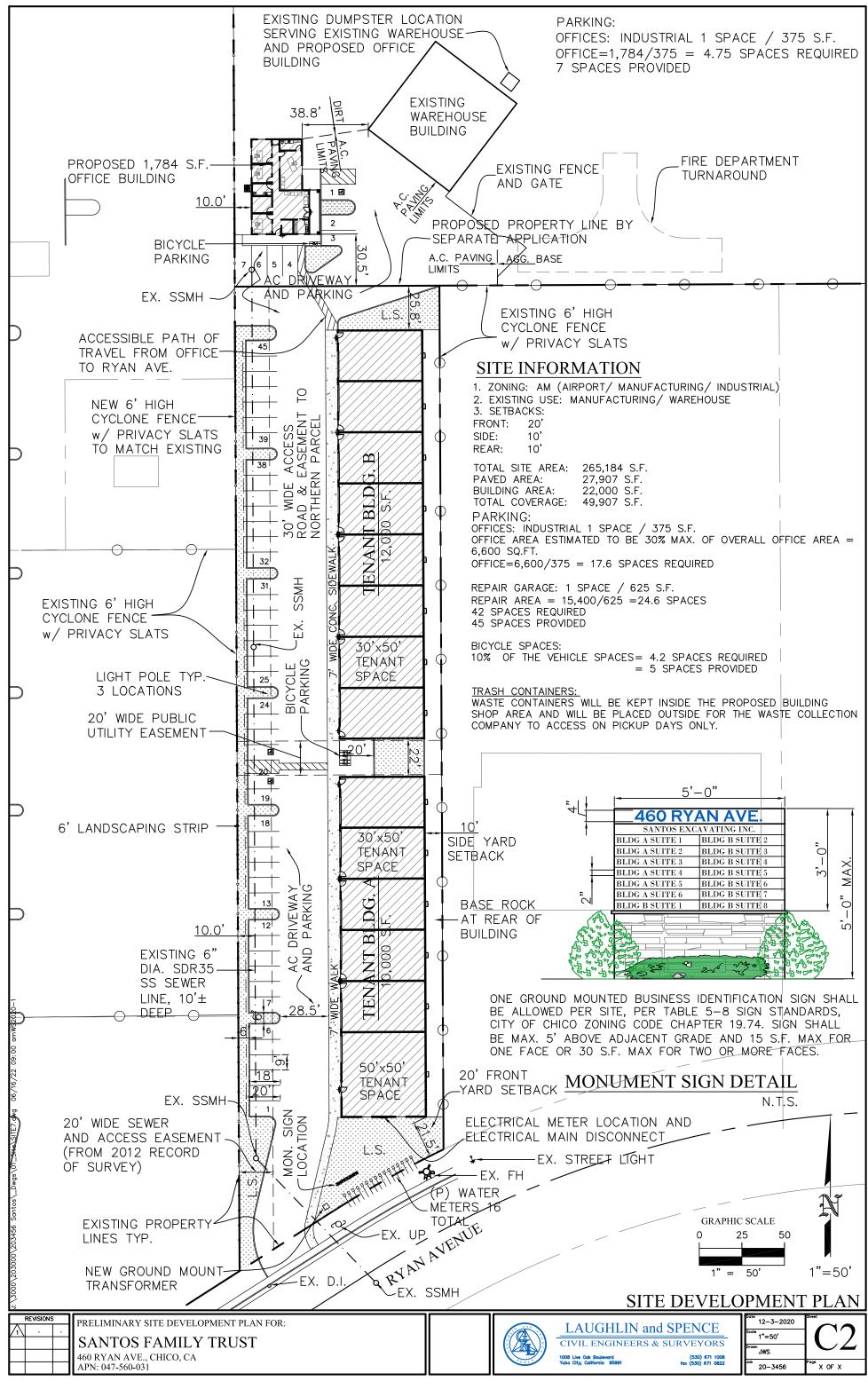
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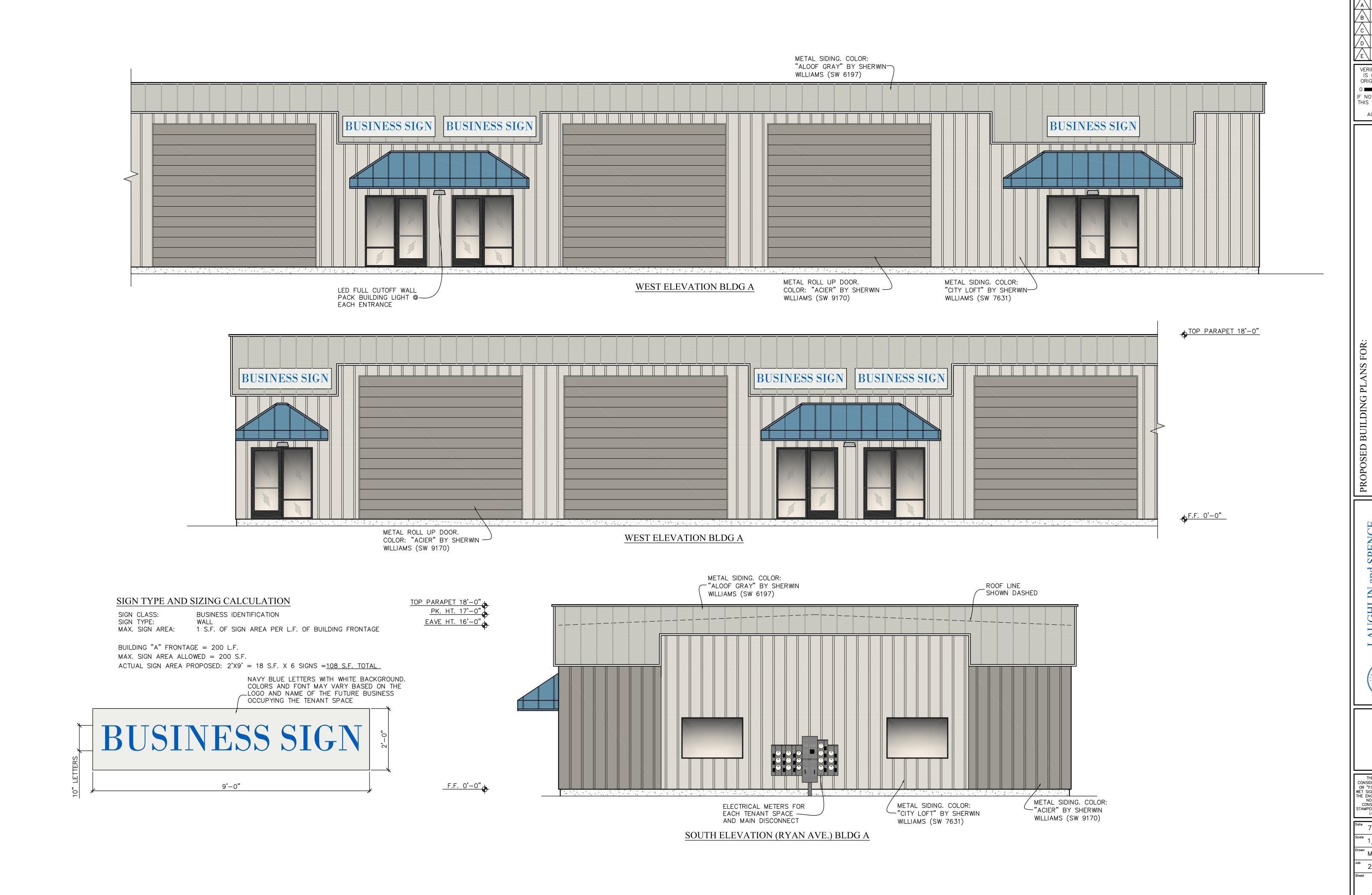
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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan
- C. Elevation
- D. Colors and Materials (Provided at ARHPB Meeting)
- E. Landscape Plan







Attachment C

REVISIONS

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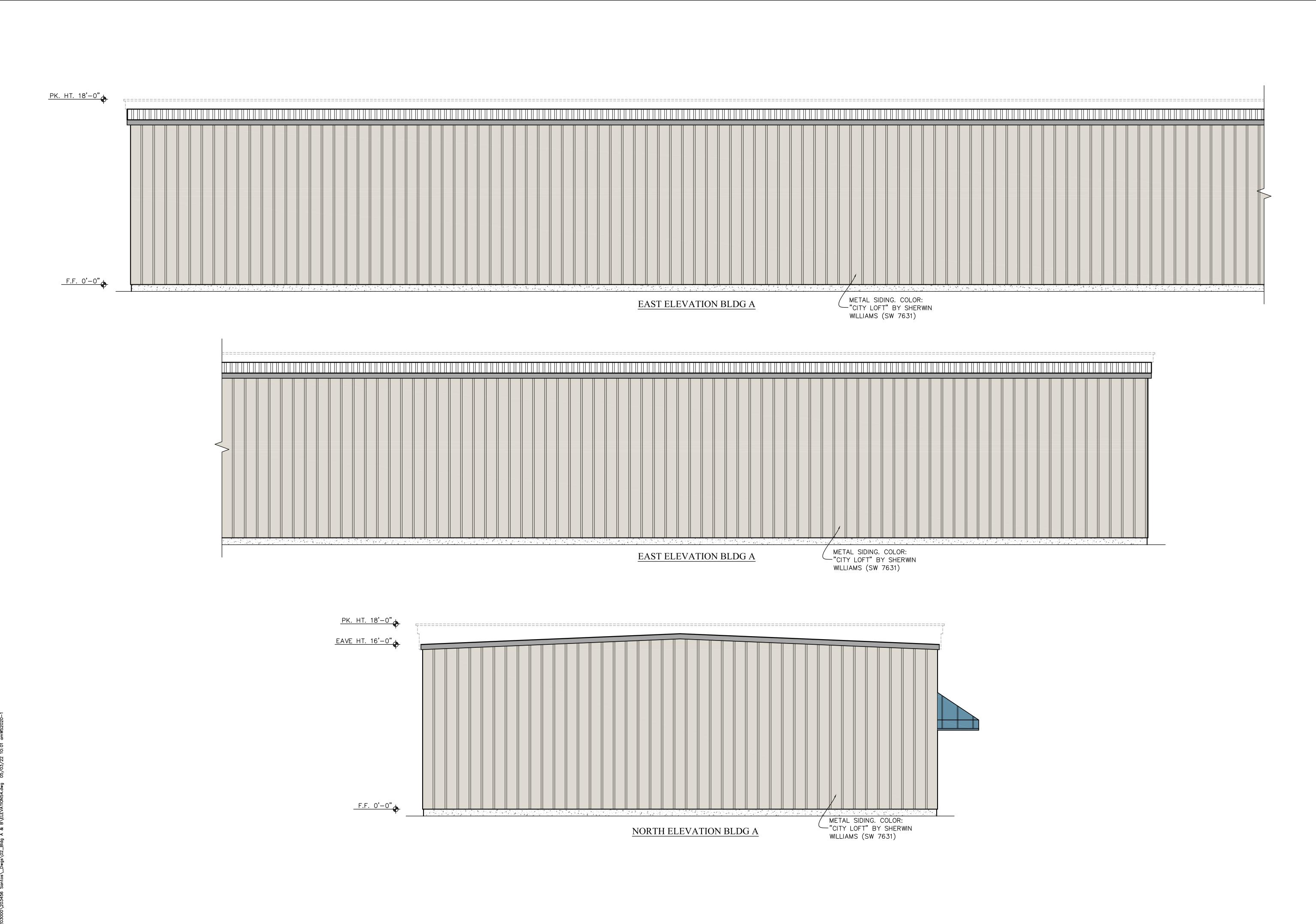
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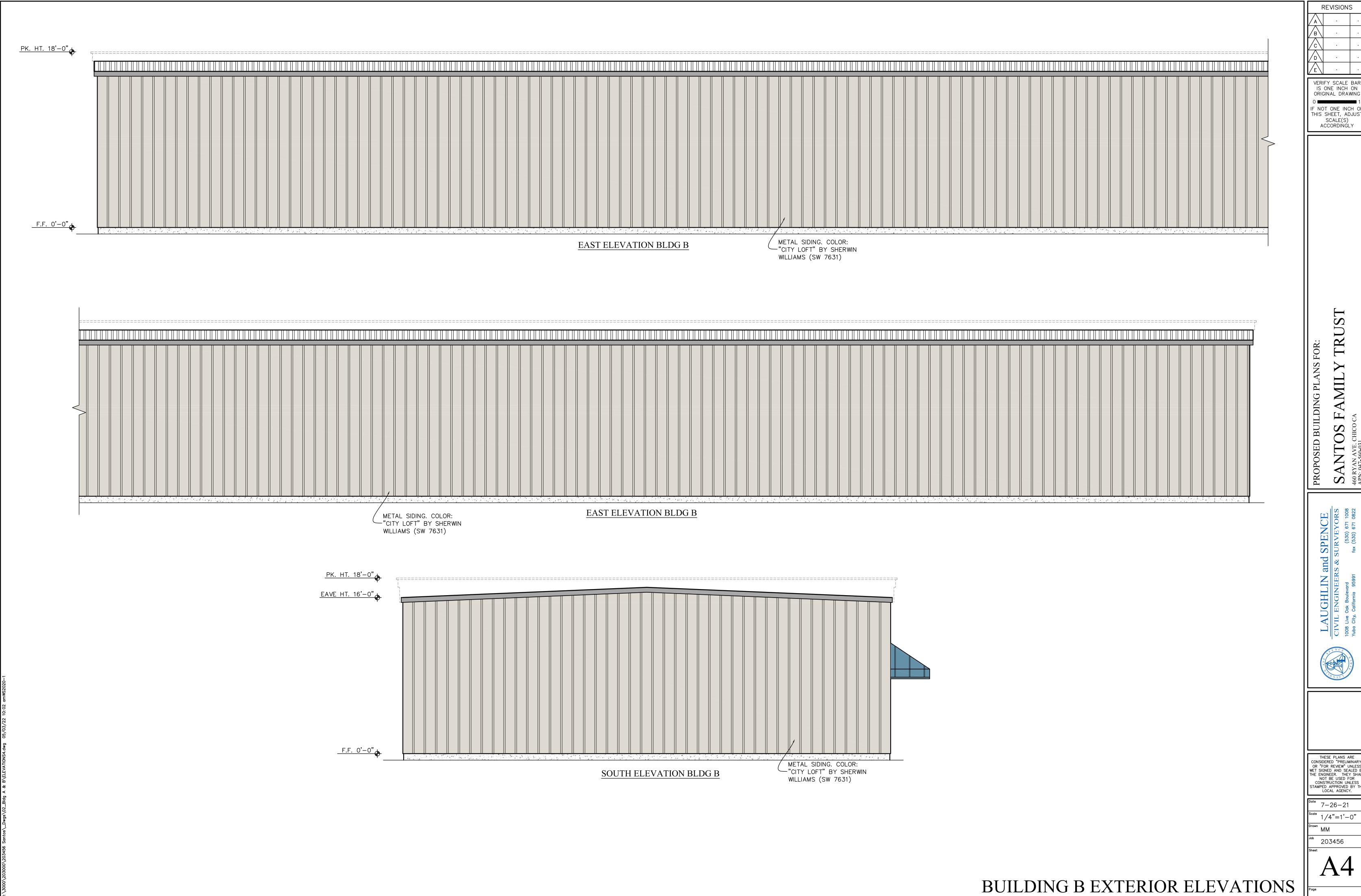
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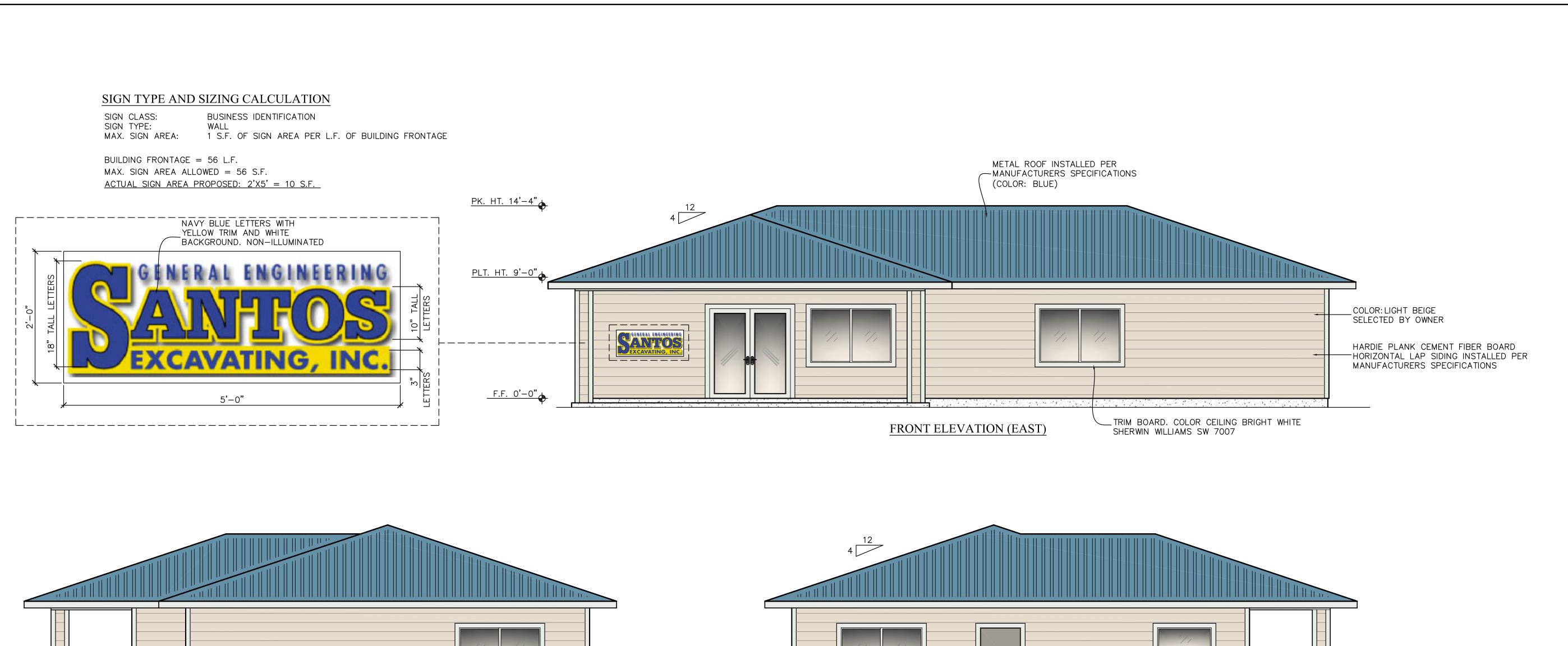
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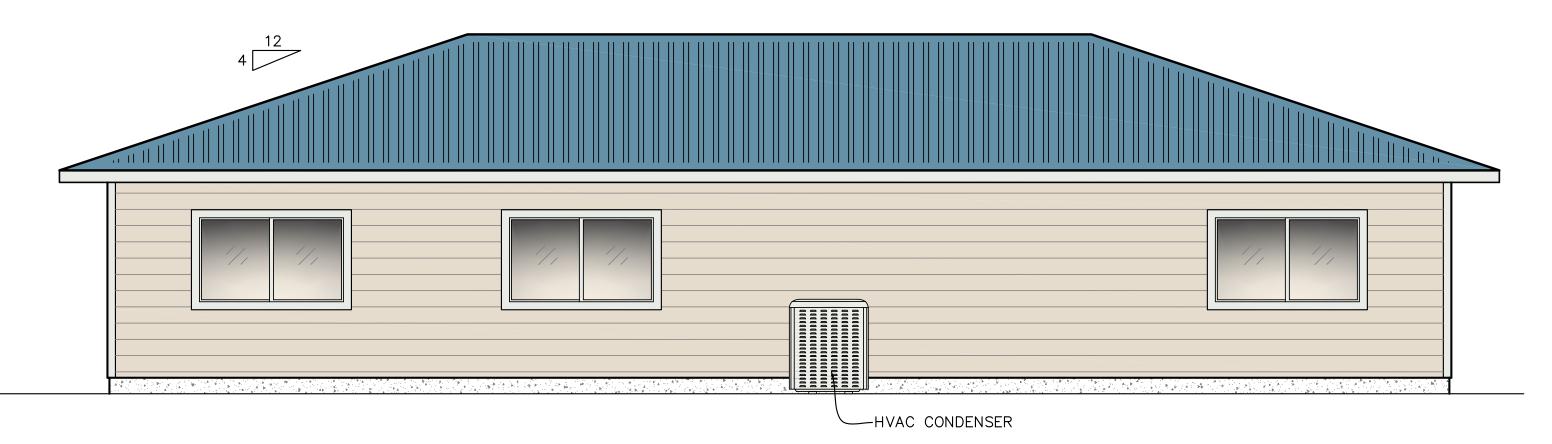
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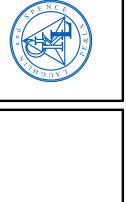
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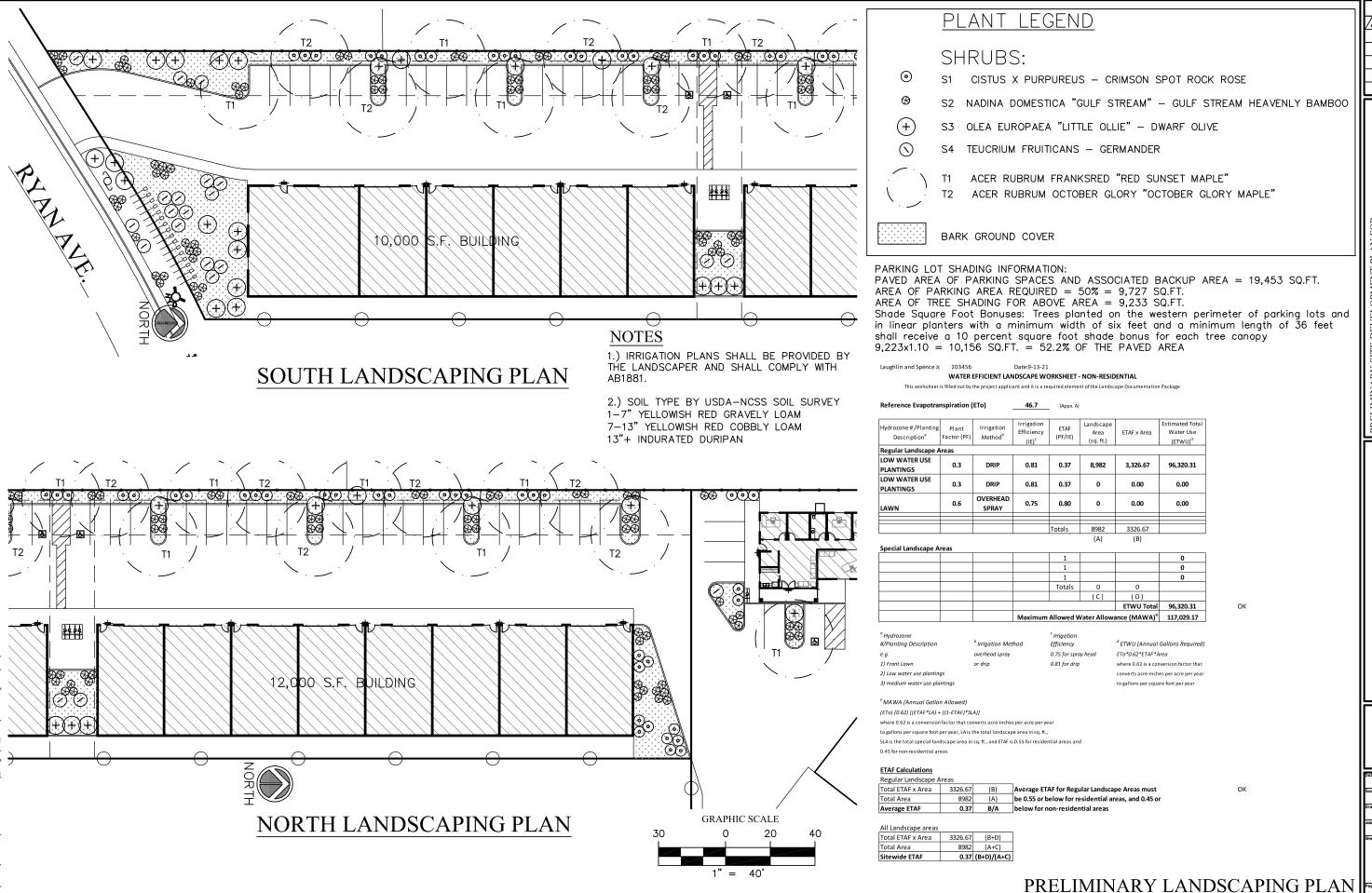
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