36/07-06A 8661 Colesville Rd SILVER SPRING CBD HISTORIC

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

July 30, 2007

Carla Joyner, Director Department of Permitting Services 255 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Sign Installation PNC Bank at City Place, Silver Spring Silver Spring CBD Locational Atlas Historic District, #36/07

Ms. Joyner:

I am writing you this letter in response to the applicant's request to install a sign on their above-mentioned property. The owners of the property would like to mount a sign onto the existing wall grid structure above their storefront as per the attached 6/29/07 plans. The Commission reviewed and approved these grids as part of the original HAWP application for the rehabilitation of the building with the knowledge that they would be used to house signs for individual tenants. As long as the proposed new sign comply with the specifications outlined in this original approval, and there will not be any negative impact to the limestone or canopy for its installation, the Commission approves all future sign installation on these grids.

Please accept this letter as <u>formal approval</u> from the Historic Preservation office for this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

MicheliOaks

Michele Oaks, Planner Coordinator Historic Preservation Section

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July 30, 2007

Mr. Jeff Fuller, Chairman Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission 1109 Spring Street, Suite 801 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Reference: PNC Bank at City Place

Mr. Fuller,

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation has merged into and with PNC Financial Services group. As a result it will be necessary to change the signage for the location at 8661 Colesville Road to identify the new entity.

The applicant proposes to remove the existing logo/ letter-set "Mercantile Potomac Bank" and replace it in like kind with a logo/ letter-set with copy to read "PNC Bank" as approved by Mr. Raymond Podlasek of The Raymond Company.

The installation, utilizing the existing wall grid structure approved in August of 2006, would consist of the following:

(1) Set of 5" deep illuminated channels 2'-8" x 17'-31/2" @ 46 square feet.

The convex pan formed logo being 2'-8" in diameter and the PNC Bank letters at 2'-0".

The 1/8" Plexiglas faces to be laminated with translucent vinyl to provide the element of color using PNC Light Blue, PNC Orange, White and PNC Dark Blue.

Illumination (internal) is to be provided for by 15 MM 6500 MA White neon tubing.

Please see the attached drawings and specifications for complete details.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Erwin, Code Compliance Specialist The Jack Stone Companies

PNC

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Laura L. Long, Assistant Corporate Secretary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. does hereby certify as follows:

1. Effective March 2, 2007, Mercantile Bankshares Corporation merged with and into The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand and affixed the seal of this Corporation this 7th day of May, 2007.



Laura L. Long

The PNC Financial Services Group One PNC Plaza 249 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15222 2707 www.bnc.com

THE RAYMOND CO.

July 18, 2007 VIA FED EX

Mr. Dennis W. Hartman Vice President The PNC Financial Services Group 620 Liberty Ave. P2-PTPP-19-3 Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2719

RE: MERCANTILE POTOMAC BANK CITY PLACE SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

Mr. Hartman,

As Tenant Coordinator for City Place Limited Partnership, I have reviewed the Sign Package you submitted May 4, 2007 for PNC Bank. The package is returned "Approved as Noted". Please incorporate the comments and return to my attention for Landlord final review.

I have also enclosed information related to the existing exterior sign approval by the Historic Preservation Commission. I would be happy to attend a meeting with your representative and HPC staff when appropriate.

Please contact me with any questions, (301)674-6995 (cell).

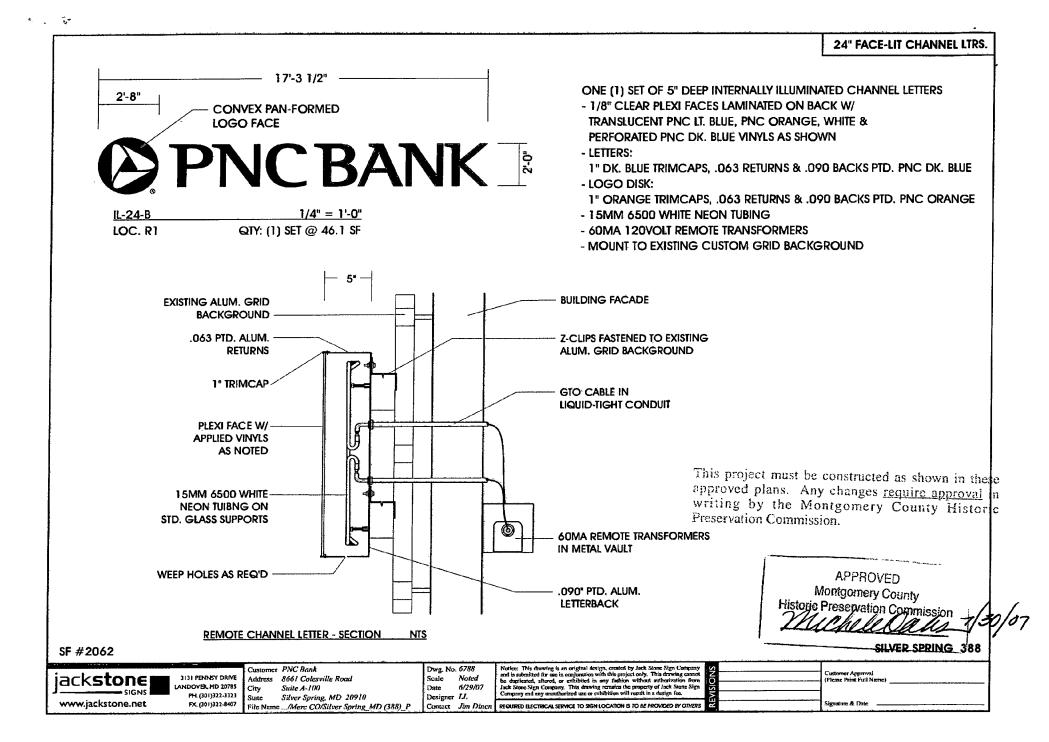
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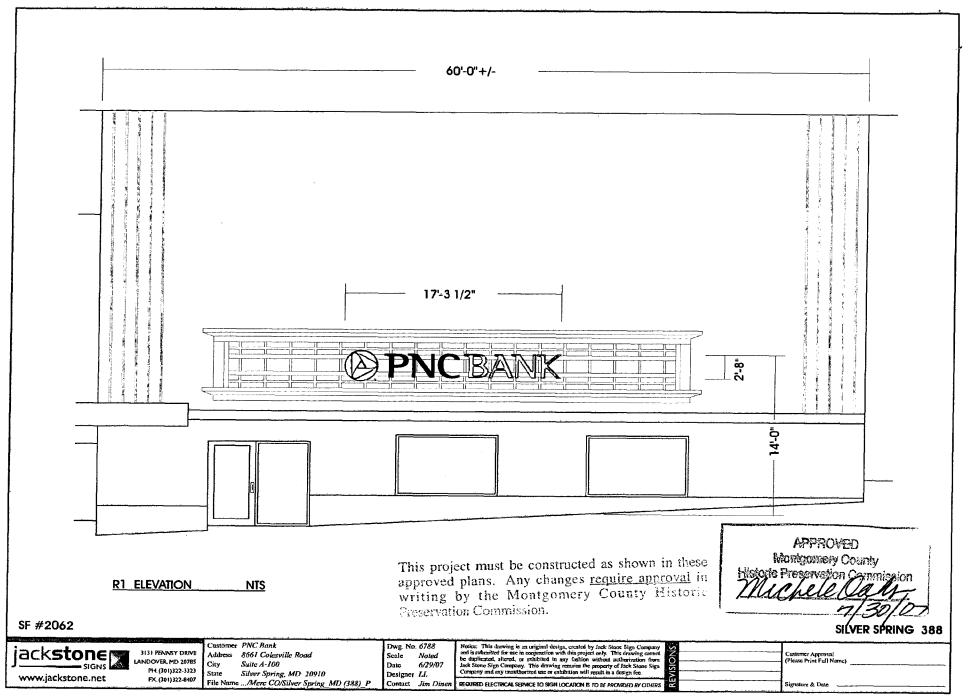
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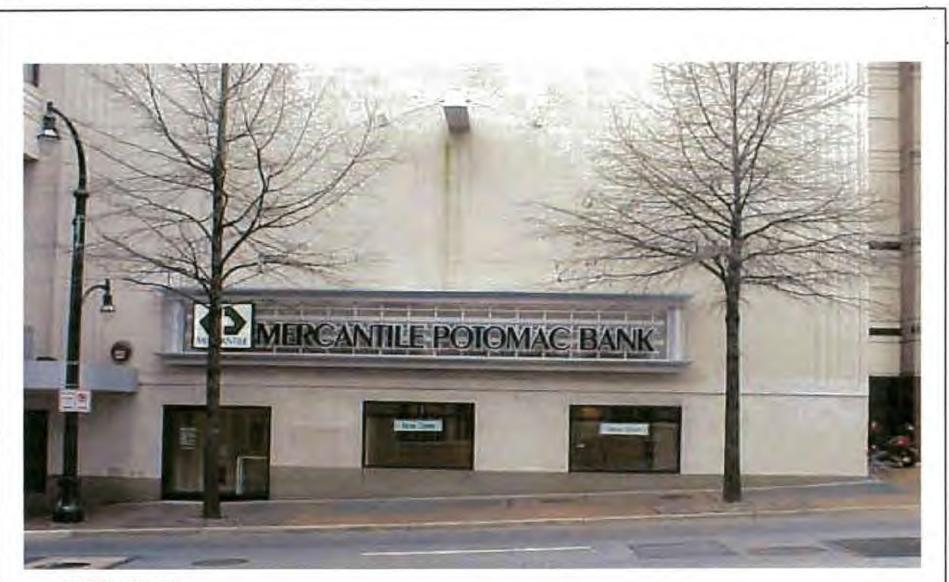
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cc: Bryan Oliver, Petrie Ross Ventures w/encl. Rose Reinhardt, letter only via Fax

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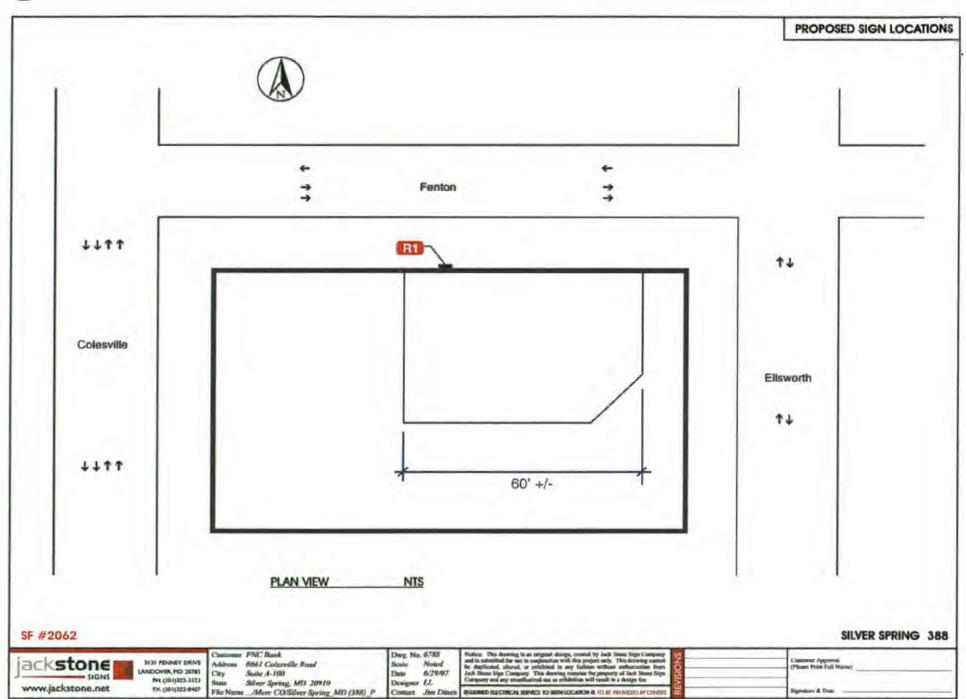


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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Douglas M. Duncan County Executive Julia O'Malley Chairperson

Date: June 23, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Robert Hubbard, Director	
	Department of Permitting Services	1
FROM:	Michele Oaks, Senior Planner, T Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC	

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit # 422730 for Sign and Awning Installation

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) at its public hearing on June 21, 2006. This application was <u>APPROVED with conditions</u>. The conditions of approval were that:

- The awnings are not installed. Additional signage could be placed in the wall grid or windows, which could be approved by the HPC's staff.
- The wall grid will be mounted only using the existing holes that are currently located in the limestone façade in this location. The holes were the result of an awning of the same size, which was previously mounted in this location.
- The proposed mounting details of the wall grid will be reviewed and approved by HPC's staff prior to installation.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED AND CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT (HAWP) CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER TOWN GOVERNMENT AGENCY BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE.

Applicant: Mercantile Potomac Bank (Thom Kerley, Agent)

Address: 8661 Colesville Road, Silver Spring (The Hecht Building, Silver Spring CBD LA Historic District #36/07)

With the general condition that the applicant shall present the 3 permit sets of drawings to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping, if applicable, prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits.

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will contact the Historic Preservation Office if they propose to make any alterations to the approve plans.







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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

Historic retail building

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

Install awnings and One (1) set channel letters
in accordance with the "City Place Comprehensive
Sign Plan" dated March 14, 2003, Signs to be affixed
to wall of building according to section thru included
in application package

2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a, the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a formation larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- a. Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other lixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and 8 proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each lacade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- b. Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

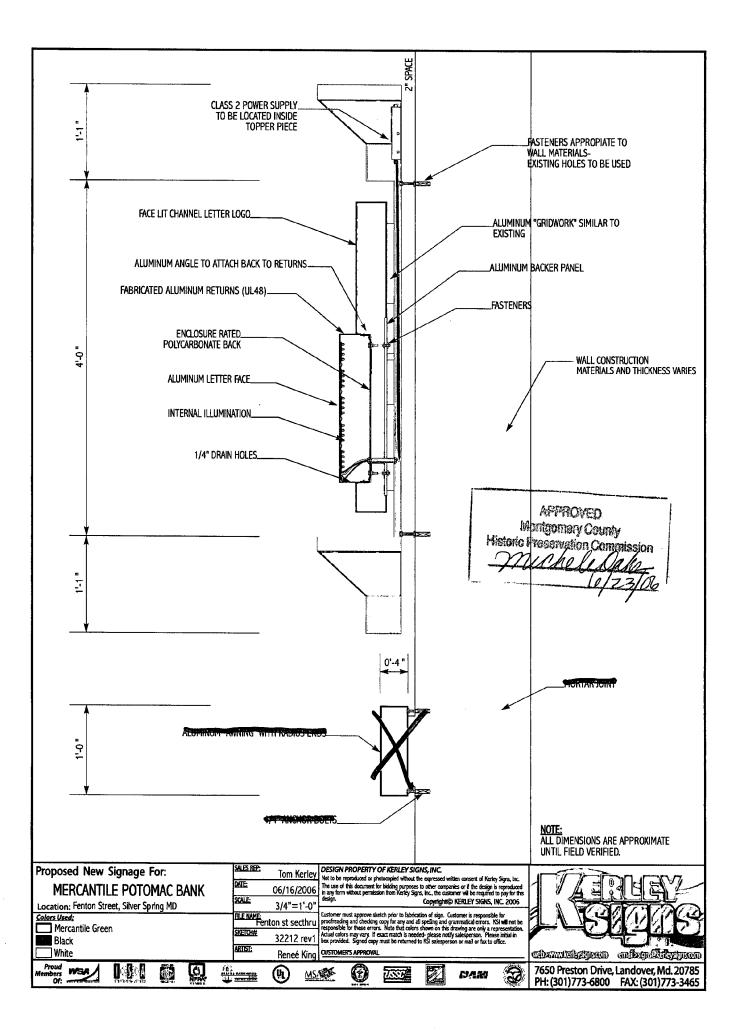
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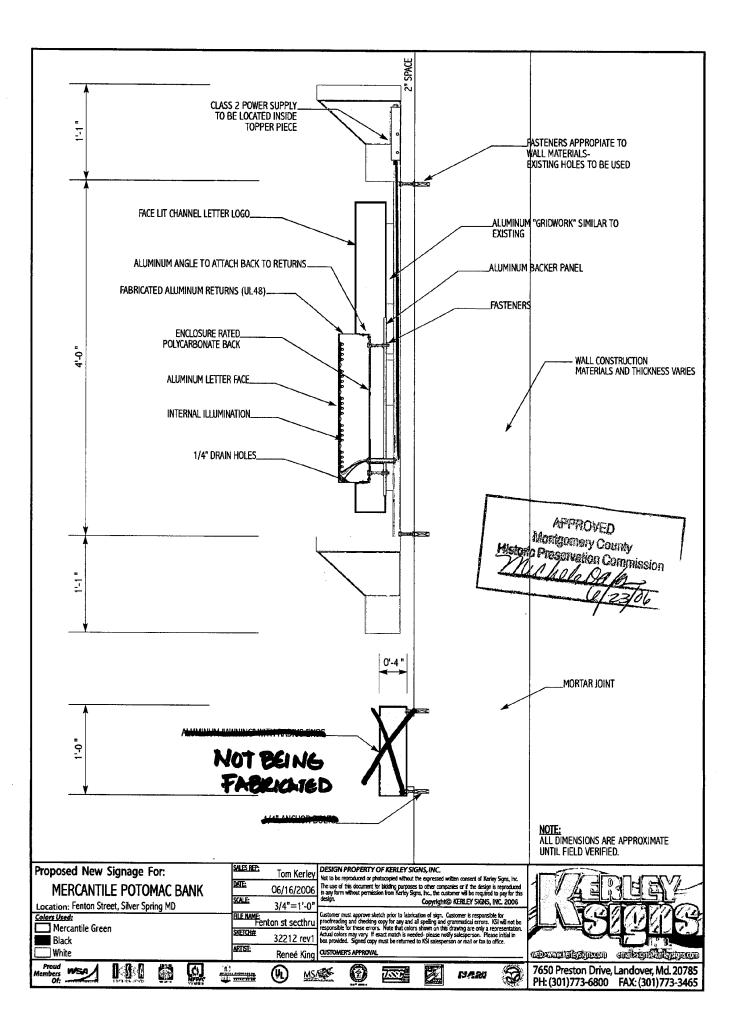
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7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For <u>ALL</u> projects, provide an accurate fist of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This fist should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the carcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly acrass the street/highway from the parcel in question. You can obtain this information from the Department of Assessments and Texation, 51 Monroe Street, Rockville, 1301/279-1355).

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 8661 Colesville Road, Silver Spring	Meeting Date: 06/21/06	
Resource: The Hecht Building, Silver Spring CBD Locational Atlas Historic District # 36/07	Report Date: 06/14/06	
Review: HAWP	Public Notice: 06/07/06	
Case Number: 36/07-06A	Tax Credit: None	
Applicant: Mercantile Potomac Bank (Tom Kerley, Agent)	Staff: Michele Oaks	

PROPOSAL: Sign and awning installation

RECOMMEND: Approve with conditions

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends that the applicant approve this HAWP application with the conditions that:

Debte the aumage in Staff will The aluminum awnings are approved in concept. However, the mounting of the awnings will not negatively impact the limestone façade. Staff will continue to work with the applicant to find a mounting solution.

- 2. The wall grid will be mounted only using the existing holes that are currently located in the limestone façade in this location. The holes were the result of an awning of the same size, which was previously mounted in this location.
- 3. The proposed mounting details of the wall grid and awnings will be reviewed and approved by staff prior to installation.

BACKGROUND

3.

Riggs Bank, a previous tenant in the subject storefront on September 8, 2004 received HPC approval to make alterations to the original 2000 storefront design. These alterations were to:

- 1. Extend one of the existing window openings to the ground to create a door opening and install a new door framing system. The existing granite panel will need to be removed.
- 2. Replace the existing windows with the new windows.
 - Install an ADA-height automatic teller machine in one of the existing window openings.

The conditions of approval were:

The granite panel will be removed as one piece and store on site to enable a future reconstruction of the window opening.

The original location of he granite panel will be identified on the back of the panel to ensure correct future placement.

The bank representatives also discussed signage ideas for the building at this meeting, but the bank never brought a formal HAWP proposal for this storefront to the Commission.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Hecht Department Store is of national significance as one of the first examples of large-scale suburban commercial development in the country .The building is currently listed in the Locational Atlas, and extensive research has been conducted on the significance of the building. The historic section is a five-story limestone block, which was planned and developed in two stages. In 1947, a three-story block was constructed; in 1950, an additional two stories were added to complete the current five-story configuration. In 1955, the store was doubled in size with a red brick addition along Fenton Avenue. This was demolished in 1985 when the development of City Place was undertaken.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

RESOURCE: Silver Spring Historic District, Locational Atlas Resource #36/7 STYLE: Art Modeme DATE: 1947,1950

The Art Moderne building is characterized by a sleek profile, which wraps the corner. The Steel canopy accentuates the curve and the horizontal line, while periodic shallow fluting, which extends the full height of the building contrasts with a vertical rhythm. The major materials are limestone, steel, glass and granite.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviews proposed alterations to buildings within a Locational Atlas Historic District as if they were designated on the *Master Plan* for Historic Preservation. As such two major documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

A HAWP permit should be issued if the Commission finds that:

1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of a historic site or historic resource within a historic district.

2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize the property will be avoided.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size scale and proportion and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

PROPOSAL:

The applicants are proposing to:

- Install a linear version of the aluminum grids approved for the rest of the Hecht Building (see circles 9.42), which measures 4' high by 40' 10" long. This grid will be mounted by utilizing the existing holes on the façade, which held an awning of the same size previously (see circle 2). No additional holes into the historic limestone will be required for the mounting of this grid. (The wiring for the sign will also be pulled through an existing hole in the façade.)
- Install three (3), aluminum awnings above the storefront's windows and doors. The awnings will measure 1' x 8' and will have a rounded edge – pulling the detail from the larger canopy on the building. The goal of the awnings is to provide pedestrian level signage for the storefront. The applicant is unsure of how the awnings will mount to the façade of the building. The band it proposes to cover projects slightly from the façade. It has been discussed that the awnings could possibly "clip" onto this band. Another possibility is the use of screws in the mortar joints. The mounting detail is still undecided to date.

 Install white vinyl letters with logo and hours of operation on the glass door entrance.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Since the proposed grid design will be mounted in the existing holes and the design pulls from the design already approved by the Commission for the rest of the building, staff does not object to the grid's installation.

The proposed aluminum "awnings" concern staff, not in their design, as we believe the applicant has taken the building's architecture into consideration, but how these will be mounted onto the building without penetrating into the limestone façade. Since this is a creative challenge the applicant is willing to solve, staff recommends a conditional approval of these "awnings" with the condition that the final design of the mounting will not negatively impact the limestone of the building.

The project's proposed materials and finishes will complement the existing building and will not negatively impact the features that characterize the building's original design. Staff is recommending approval with condition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with the above-stated conditions the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) & (2);

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

With the general condition that the applicant shall present the <u>3 permit sets of drawings</u> to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the applicable Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits.

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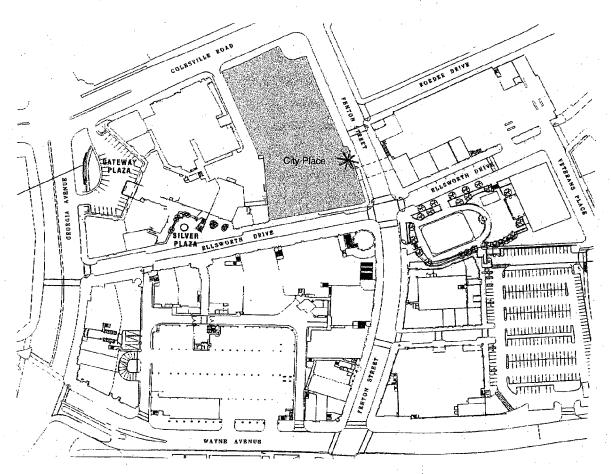


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City Place Limited Partnership c/o Dierman Realty Group 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road Suite 430 McLean, VA 22101	Kerley Signs, Inc. 7650 Preston Drive Landover, Maryland 20785
Adjacent and confronting	Property Owners mailing addresses
LDG, Inc. 8601 Georgia Ave., Suite#200 Silver Spring, MD 20910	Cal Klausner, ET AL 4622 32nd Street Arlington, VA 22207-4404
Zlotnick & Kraft - Montgomery, LLC c/o Gerald P. Grossberg 6624 Wilson Lane Bethesda, MD 20817-5540	Montgomery Arms Development Corp. 10400 Detrick Avenue Kensington, MD 20895-2440
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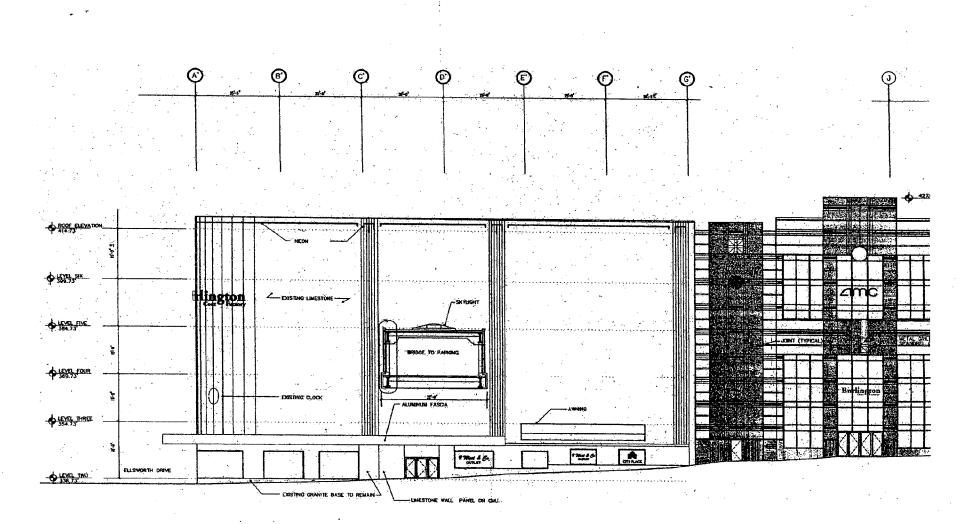
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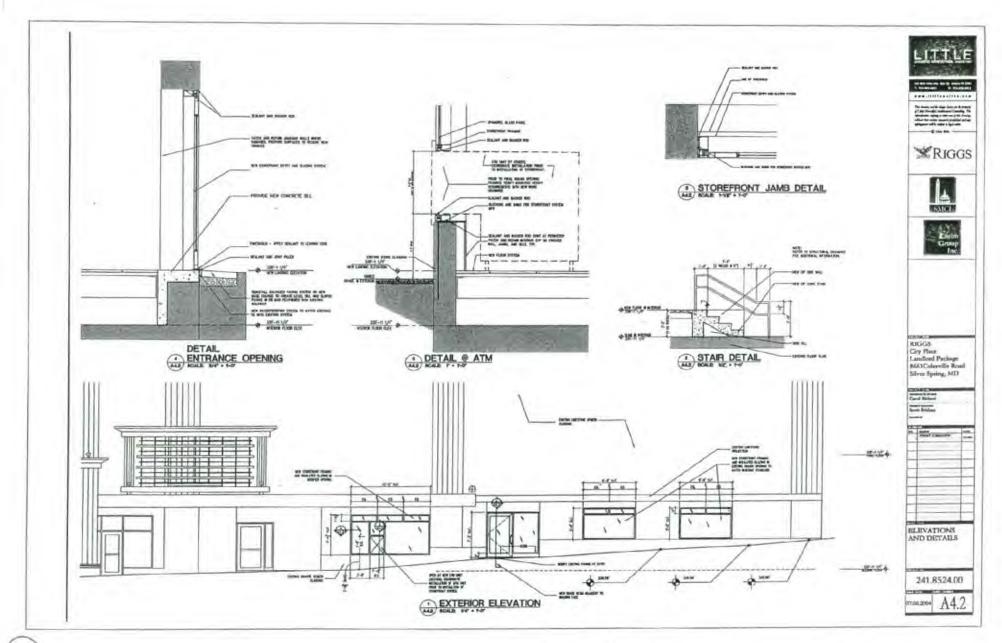
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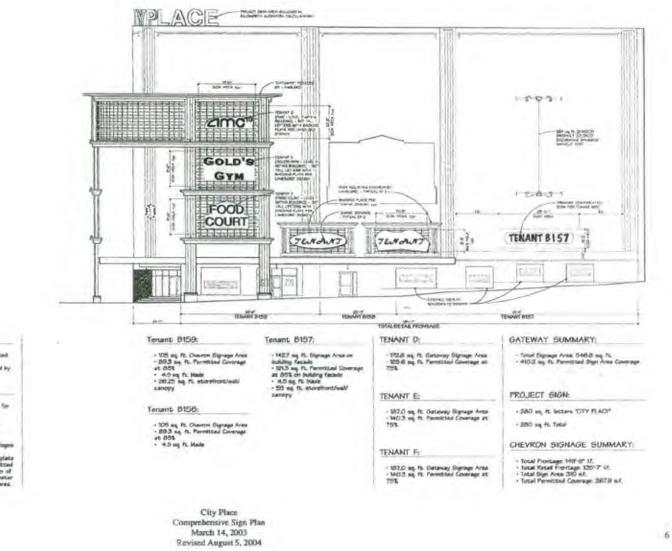
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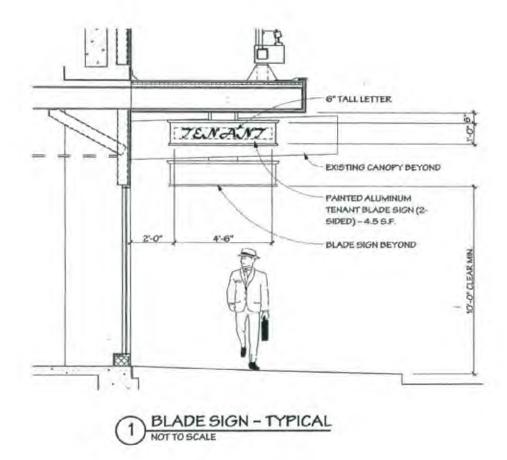
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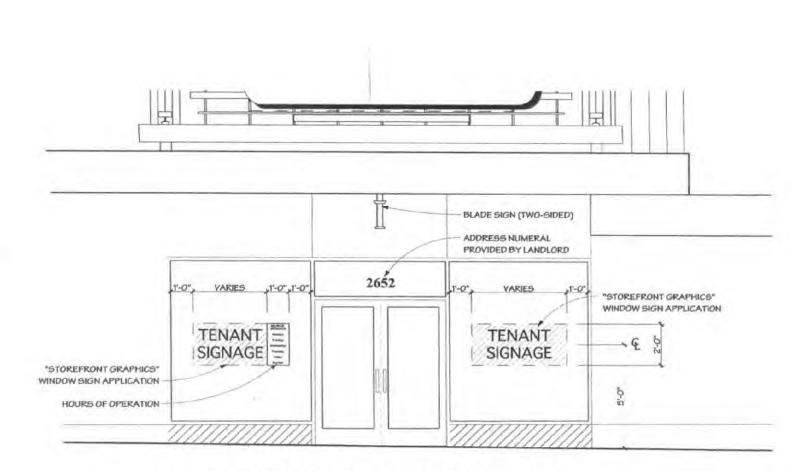
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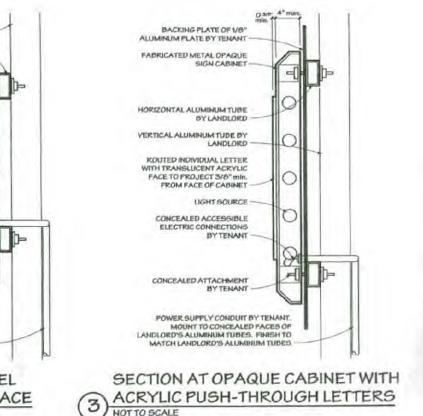
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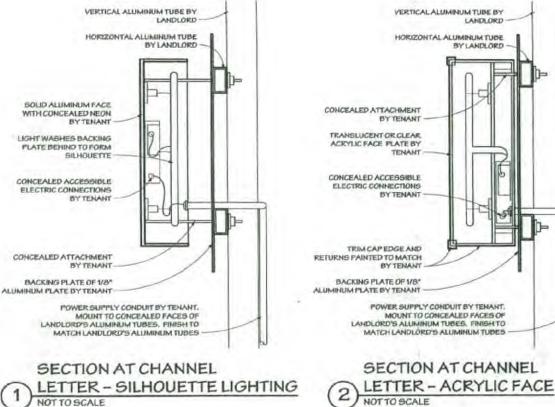
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Silver Spring Historical Society Statement Before Historic Preservation Commission, 6/21/06 On HAWP for Hecht Co. Alteration Regarding Sign & Awning Installation Case 3/07-06A

The SSHS has testified before that less is more concerning attachments to the skin of the 1946 Hecht Company building. The Hecht's façade, unfortunately, has been turned into a large billboard. At one hearing, one of the Commissioners referred to the signage backdrops as "cheese wedges." These later morphed into flat grids of extruded aluminum channels or grill work.

The same Commissioner referred to the girdle that wraps the prow of the curved corner as "permanent scaffolding" which hides the beauty of the limestone and original canopy features. The "sleek profile" of the corner, in other words, has been camouflaged. Several of the supports for the current signage and scaffolding are even bolted into and piercing the vertical limestone fluting.

But it would be respectful to the architectural significance to have at least one section of this sleek limestone building unencumbered so as to view the architecture as it was originally intended, replacing the original historic stainless steel or aluminum canopy that was removed, or no canopy at all. The beauty of this building lies in its simplicity and sleekness. It was never intended to have the kind of garish signage that makes it difficult to distinguish from the nearby new buildings with their similarly garish signage.

We would like to see this part of the facade as clean and pristine as possible. We would propose that the Bank and City Place take an entirely different approach to signage, perhaps instead using neon signage within the plate glass windows, harmonizing with the Art Moderne theme, and which could draw attention to the Bank in its uniqueness. The bank will, after all, be located within a historic Art Deco building of limestone, granite, glass, and steel, with subtle limestone fluting spilling down its sides. We realize there is something to be said for a degree of uniformity of contiguous businesses, but we have the chance here to reserve a section of the building that showcases the building itself. Thus there would be one special section of the building that can stand out in its original simplicity. We think that the bank would be admired for taking such a sensitive and tasteful approach.

We strongly concur with staff's concern that the awnings be mounted without penetrating the limestone. No more holes should be made in the limestone skin nor in the mortar joints. It's hard to see how that can be done, but it's a crucial concern. We strongly concur that any wall attachment use only the existing holes. Finally, while removal of part of the limestone, and addition of the affixed signage, is theoretically temporary, it's highly likely that these alterations will be reversed. We're gratified, of course, that the building has been preserved, but unless one looks very closely, the stunning architectural character of the building eludes them.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 8661 Colesville Road, Silver Spring	Meeting Date: 06/21/06
Resource: The Hecht Building, Silver Spring CBD Locational Atlas Historic District # 36/07	Report Date: 06/14/06
Review: HAWP	Public Notice: 06/07/06
Case Number: 36/07-06A	Tax Credit: None
Applicant: Mercantile Potomac Bank (Tom Kerley, Agent)	Staff: Michele Oaks

PROPOSAL: Sign and awning installation

RECOMMEND: Approve with conditions

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends that the applicant approve this HAWP application with the conditions that:

- 1. The aluminum awnings are approved in concept. However, the mounting of the awnings will not negatively impact the limestone façade. Staff will continue to work with the applicant to find a mounting solution.
- 2. The wall grid will be mounted only using the existing holes that are currently located in the limestone façade in this location. The holes were the result of an awning of the same size, which was previously mounted in this location.
- 3. The proposed mounting details of the wall grid and awnings will be reviewed and approved by staff prior to installation.

BACKGROUND

Riggs Bank, a previous tenant in the subject storefront on September 8, 2004 received HPC approval to make alterations to the original 2000 storefront design. These alterations were to:

- 1. Extend one of the existing window openings to the ground to create a door opening and install a new door framing system. The existing granite panel will need to be removed.
- 2. Replace the existing windows with the new windows.
- 3. Install an ADA-height automatic teller machine in one of the existing window openings.

The conditions of approval were:

The granite panel will be removed as one piece and store on site to enable a future reconstruction of the window opening.

The original location of he granite panel will be identified on the back of the panel to ensure correct future placement.

The bank representatives also discussed signage ideas for the building at this meeting, but the bank never brought a formal HAWP proposal for this storefront to the Commission.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Hecht Department Store is of national significance as one of the first examples of large-scale suburban commercial development in the country .The building is currently listed in the Locational Atlas, and extensive research has been conducted on the significance of the building. The historic section is a five-story limestone block, which was planned and developed in two stages. In 1947, a three-story block was constructed; in 1950, an additional two stories were added to complete the current five-story configuration. In 1955, the store was doubled in size with a red brick addition along Fenton Avenue. This was demolished in 1985 when the development of City Place was undertaken.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

RESOURCE: Silver Spring Historic District, Locational Atlas Resource #36/7 STYLE: Art Modeme DATE: 1947,1950

The Art Moderne building is characterized by a sleek profile, which wraps the corner. The Steel canopy accentuates the curve and the horizontal line, while periodic shallow fluting, which extends the full height of the building contrasts with a vertical rhythm. The major materials are limestone, steel, glass and granite.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviews proposed alterations to buildings within a Locational Atlas Historic District as if they were designated on the *Master Plan* for Historic Preservation. As such two major documents are to be utilized as guidelines to assist the Commission in developing their decision. These documents include the Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A), and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards). The pertinent information in these documents is outlined below.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A

A HAWP permit should be issued if the Commission finds that:

1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of a historic site or historic resource within a historic district.

2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical archaeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which a historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto of to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

- 1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize the property will be avoided.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size scale and proportion and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

PROPOSAL:

The applicants are proposing to:

- Install a linear version of the aluminum grids approved for the rest of the Hecht Building (see circles 9+12), which measures 4' high by 40' 10" long. This grid will be mounted by utilizing the existing holes on the façade, which held an awning of the same size previously (see circle 2). No additional holes into the historic limestone will be required for the mounting of this grid. (The wiring for the sign will also be pulled through an existing hole in the façade.)
- Install three (3), aluminum awnings above the storefront's windows and doors. The awnings will measure 1' x 8' and will have a rounded edge pulling the detail from the larger canopy on the building. The goal of the awnings is to provide pedestrian level signage for the storefront. The applicant is unsure of how the awnings will mount to the façade of the building. The band it proposes to cover projects slightly from the façade. It has been discussed that the awnings could possibly "clip" onto this band. Another possibility is the use of screws in the mortar joints. The mounting detail is still undecided to date.

Install white vinyl letters with logo and hours of operation on the glass door entrance.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Since the proposed grid design will be mounted in the existing holes and the design pulls from the design already approved by the Commission for the rest of the building, staff does not object to the grid's installation.

The proposed aluminum "awnings" concern staff, not in their design, as we believe the applicant has taken the building's architecture into consideration, but how these will be mounted onto the building without penetrating into the limestone façade. Since this is a creative challenge the applicant is willing to solve, staff recommends a conditional approval of these "awnings" with the condition that the final design of the mounting will not negatively impact the limestone of the building.

The project's proposed materials and finishes will complement the existing building and will not negatively impact the features that characterize the building's original design. Staff is recommending approval with condition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve with the above-stated conditions the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 24A-8(b)(1) & (2);

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation;

With the general condition that the applicant shall present the <u>3 permit sets of drawings</u> to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the applicable Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits.

and this HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant will contact the Historic Preservation Office if any alterations to the approve plans are made prior to the implementation of such changes to the project.



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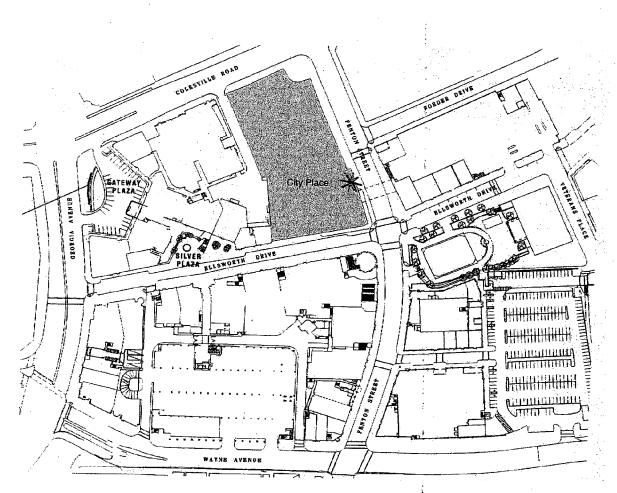
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

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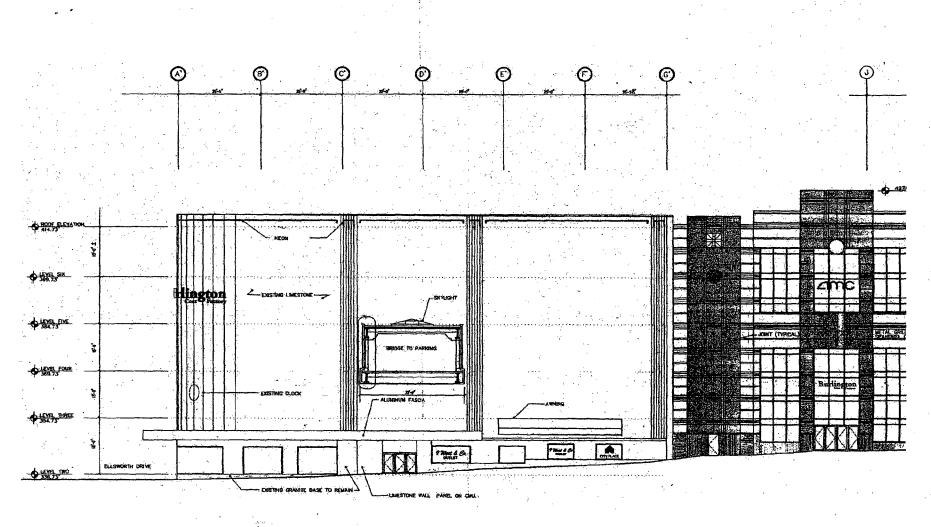


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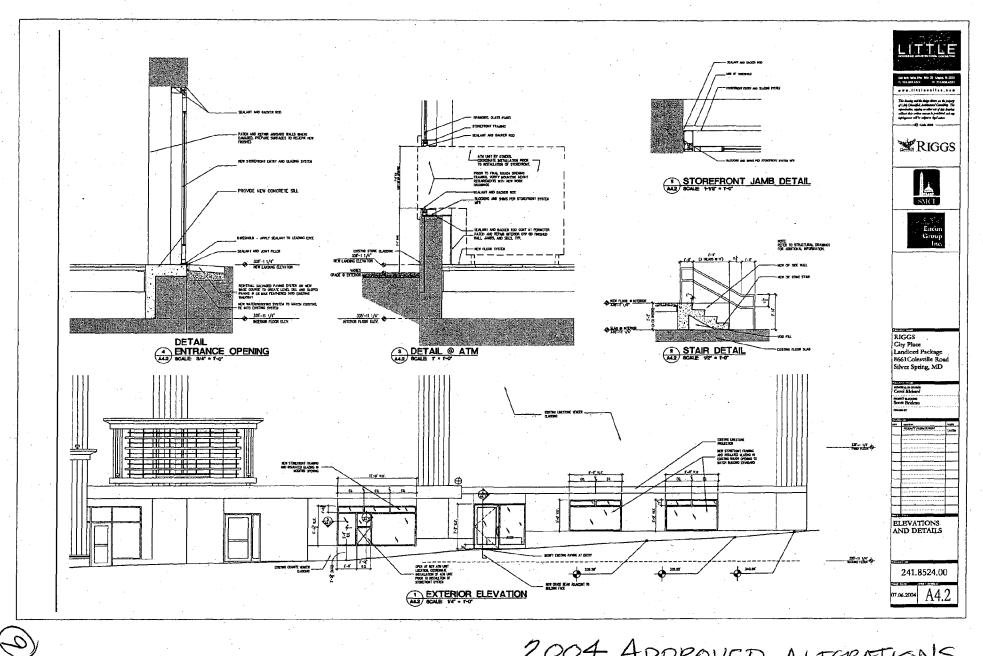


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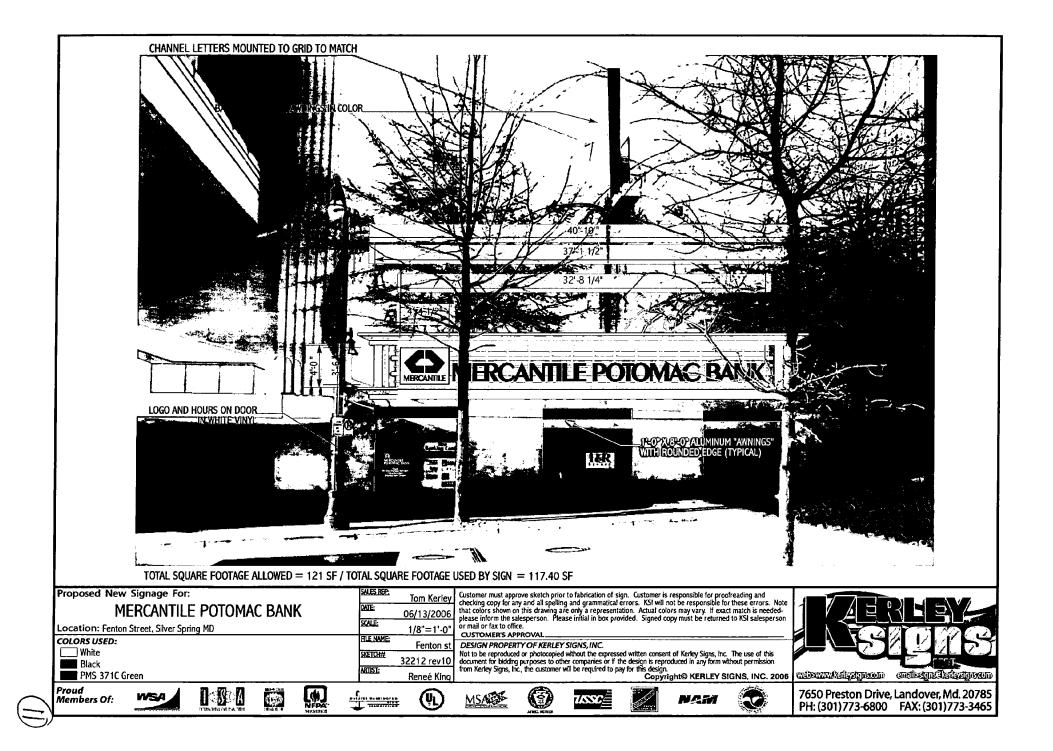
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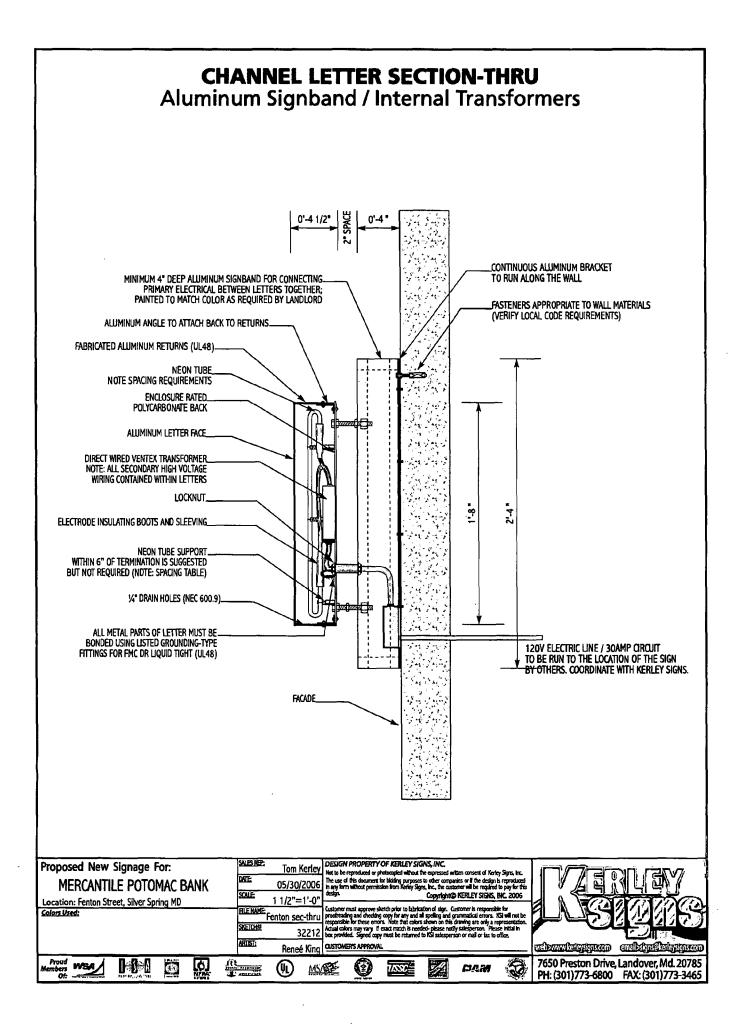
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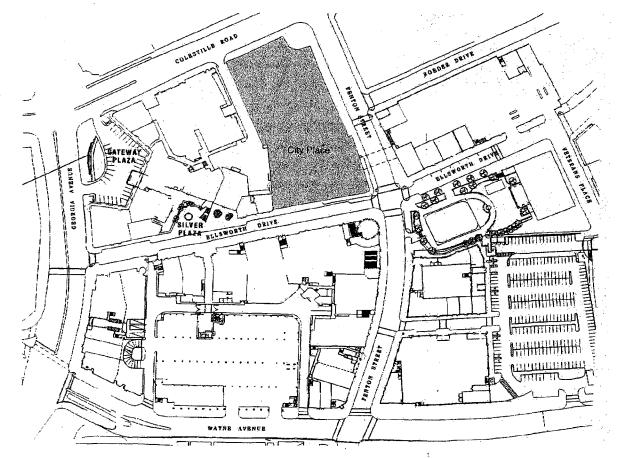
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Owner/Developer City Place Limited Partnership c/o Dierman Realty Group 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road Suite 430 McLean, Virginia 22101

Project Location City Place Fenton Street & Ellsworth Drive Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



Architects Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc. 1220-C East Joppa Road, Suite 505 Towson, Maryland 21286



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Process for Approvals

Note: All signs, graphics and lettering are subject to the approval of the Landlord. Prior to seeking sign permits through Montgomery County office of Permitting Services, all applications of lighting and exterior furnishings and signage are to be submitted in drawings and specification form, to:

Dierman Realty Group 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road, Suite 430 McLean, Virginia 22101 Attention: John Van Hoven 703-749-4500

General Guidelines and Prohibitions

All signs visible from the public right-of-way in the development are subject to the restrictions outlined in the Montgomery County Sign Ordinance, except as amended by this criteria, where variances are granted by the County Sign Review Committee. All signs visible from the right-of-way are to be submitted to Montgomery County for review and approval. General rules regarding square footage allotment and position on building are outlined in Article 59-F of the Montgomery County Code. The restrictions enforced by the Landlord are for the sake of image, quality, and uniform appearance. Tenants are encouraged to seek design consultation where image and graphics are concerned.

Tenants are to install signs on chevrons above storefronts. Several types of fabrication are acceptable. In all cases, it is important to conceal mechanical fasteners and electrical connections. Tenants will want to be aware of maintenance procedures prior to fabrication and installation of signs.

Tenants are encouraged to apply professional window graphics in silver vinyl appliqué. Color may also be acceptable, if the design and execution are professional and appropriate. All such signage must fall within the storefront signage allotment.

Tenants are encouraged to apply pedestrian level graphics, within the storefront square footage allotments. Cast metal and glass graphics signs are helpful in animating the streetscape.

A canopy will be provided by the landlord from which blade signs may be mounted.

Colors and text styles are subject to Landlord's approval for enhanced image coordination and appeal.

All "box-type" signs are prohibited, unless specifically designed as an opaque cabinet (all sides) with individually routed dimensional translucent acrylic "push-thru" letters that project a minimum of 3/8" from the face of the cabinet. Paper signs, crude or primitive signs, (as determined by Landlord), flashing lights, any sign type that may present a hazard to the public or is prohibited by Montgomery County ordinance are prohibited.

Present all ideas, drawings and specifications for proposed signs to the Landlord for approval prior to fabrication and installation. All exterior signs require permits from the Montgomery County Office of Permitting Services.

Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street Tenant Signage Criteria

Primary identification signs for tenants shall be mounted on Landlord's chevrons (<u>except</u> for tenant B157 only, who may mount their primary identification sign on the building facade; see pages 5 & 6), and shall be individual internally illuminated letters. More than one tenant may be displayed on a chevron, subject to maximum allowable permitted signage coverage for the chevron. There are many alternatives within this category. Individual letters and graphics can be fabricated in the following ways;

- · Solid channel letters "silhouette-lit" with halo from back, see Type 1 on page 10
- Channel letters, internally illuminated, with translucent acrylic faces, see Type 2 on page 10
- Channel letters with "exposed neon" showing at front, see Type 2 on page 10
- Dimensional acrylic "push-thru" letters in opaque cabinet, see Type 3 on page 10

All signs shall incorporate 30-inch maximum letter height and backing plate of tenant's design (subject to Landlord's approval).

All applications of signs and graphics are subject to the prior approval of the Landlord. Any portion of the sign which exceeds the defined limits must be approved in advance by the Montgomery County Office of Permitting Services and the Landlord.

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Concealed electrical connections and accessible on/off switches are required. Letter signs are to include the UL seal of approval on all electrical components.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ELLSWORTH DRIVE ELEVATION.

SEE PAGE 6 FOR FENTON STREET ELEVATION.

Gateway Sign Criteria

The Gateway is located at the corner of Fenton and Ellsworth as shown on pages 5 & 6.

Primary identification signs for tenants shall be individual internally illuminated channel letters.

• Channel letters, internally illuminated, with translucent acrylic faces, see Type 2 on page 10.

Signs shall incorporate a 30-inch maximum letter height and backing plate of Landlord's design.

All applications of signs and graphics are subject to the prior approval of the Landlord. Any portion of the sign which exceeds the defined limits must be approved in advance by the Montgomery County Office of Permitting Services and the Landlord.

Applications of the individual letters are to be consistent and uniform in position. Coordinate exact locations with architectural façade and wall sections.

Concealed electrical connections and accessible on/off switches are required. Letter signs are to include the UL seal of approval on all electrical components.

Blade Sign Criteria

Landlord will provide blade sign at tenant's expense, for \$800 each, mounted to existing canopy. Blade signs provide additional direction for patrons along the sidewalks. Sign panels are double-sided and are suspended as shown on page 7 and in the elevation

drawing.

Refer to drawings on page 7 for materials and dimensions of the standard unit. Maximum size and placement are as noted in drawing. Sign panel size may not exceed square footage shown.

Storefront/Wall/Canopy Signs

Additional identification graphics and signs may be displayed on the storefront glass, building wall surfaces, or on canopies (by tenants) projected from the building. These graphics and signs are provided by the tenant at the tenant's expense, and are subject to prior review and approval of the Landlord. Tenants are encouraged to employ professional graphic designers. Suggested fabrication materials for storefront signs include silver vinyl cut by computer, silkscreening and painted graphics. Maximum areas are as noted in elevation exhibits on pages 5 and 6.

Window graphics and hour of operation are to be displayed in a zone at 5'-0" form center of graphic to finished floor/sidewalk as shown on page 8. Refer to page 9 for other notes regarding Hours of Operation.

Menus, not to exceed 5 square feet in area, must be displayed in a menu holder within the storefront graphics area. Credit card decals if visible from the public right of way, are subject to the approval by the Landlord. The Tenant must submit storefront graphic design for approval, in advance by the Landlord.

Address Numerals

Landlord will provide each tenant with 8" tall address numerals to be positioned on center or to right, above the entrance doors as shown on page 8.

Hours of Operation

Standard hours of operation graphics shall be provided by the Tenant. The standard display format location is shown on page 9 (Locations may vary following architectural conditions, position hours so as to be visible). Note: the "Hours of Operation" signage area is not part of the storefront signage area calculations shown on pages 5 and 6.

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Lettering to be precision cut by computer from white opaque matte finish vinyl applied to interior surface of glass. Typeface to be Univers67 Bold capitals and lower case as shown.

Existing Signage

Colesville Road (See Page 11)

Primary tenant identification signs are 30-inch maximum height, individual channel letters, backlit, of uniform color and letter style. "Golds Gym" is a 30-inch high, individual channel, internally illumated sign with gold translucent acrylic faces.

Fenton Street (See Page 13)

Primary tenant identification signs are the same as Colesville Road. Interior to the building, behind the glass, at the Fenton Street entrance is a "Burlington Coat Factory" push-through letter sign at Level 3 and an "AMC" acrylic face box sign within the lobby of AMC on Level 5. Small window interior signage, non-illuminated, exists near Ellsworth for the Nine-West tenant on Level 2.

Colesville/Fenton Corner (See Page 12)

Project identification signs are 20-inch high, backlit individual letters matching the Primary Tenant signs in color and letter style. Ruby Tuesday has an exposed neon, corporate letter style, pole mounted sign within the outdoor seating area at their entrance.

Three Brothers Pizza, Ruby Tuesday and Gold's Gym each have 12-inch high signs mounted on the vertical surface of the awning above their entry.

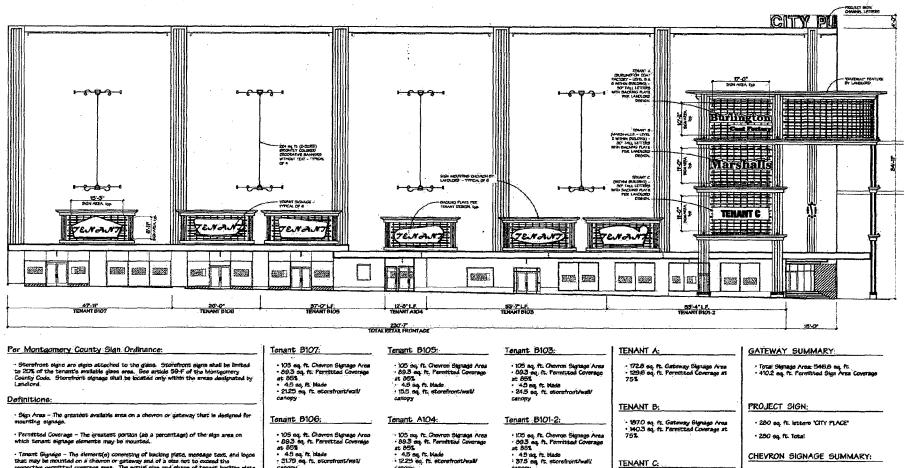
Three Brothers Pizza has an interior, exposed neon box sign within the show window at their entrance.

Fenton/Ellsworth Corner (See Page 14)

Burlington Coat Factory has an existing 36-inch individual, internally illuminated sign with translucent faces and corporate letter style.

Note: Nordstrom Rack signs have been removed from Colesville Road, Fenton Street, and Fenton/Ellsworth corner.

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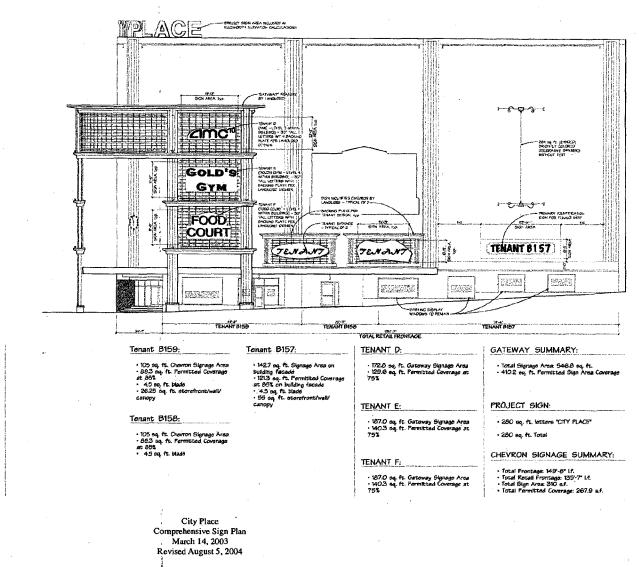
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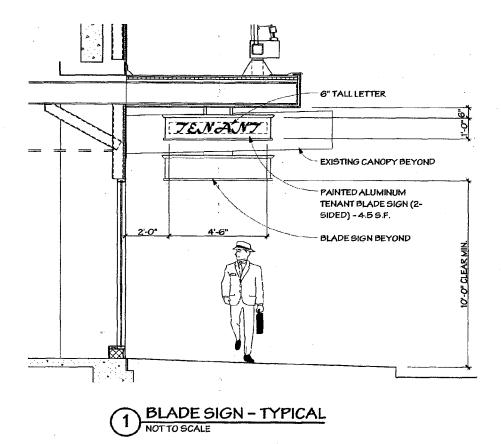
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 Permitted Coverage - The greatest portion (as a percentage) of the sign area on which tenant signage elements may be mounted.

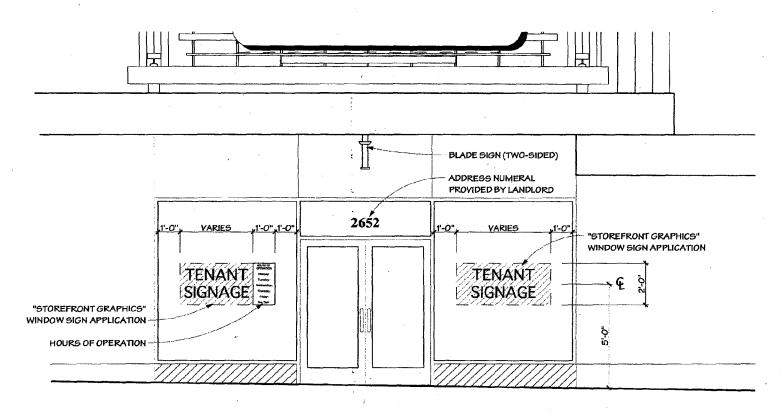
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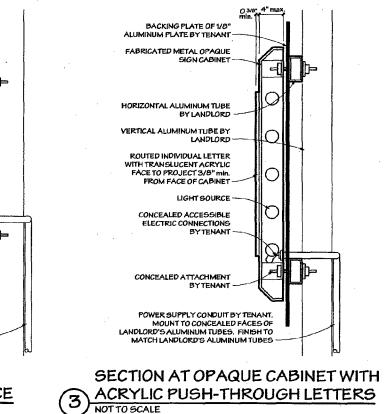
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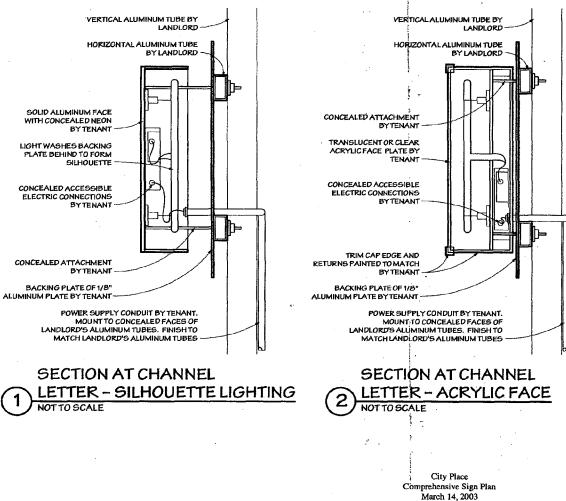
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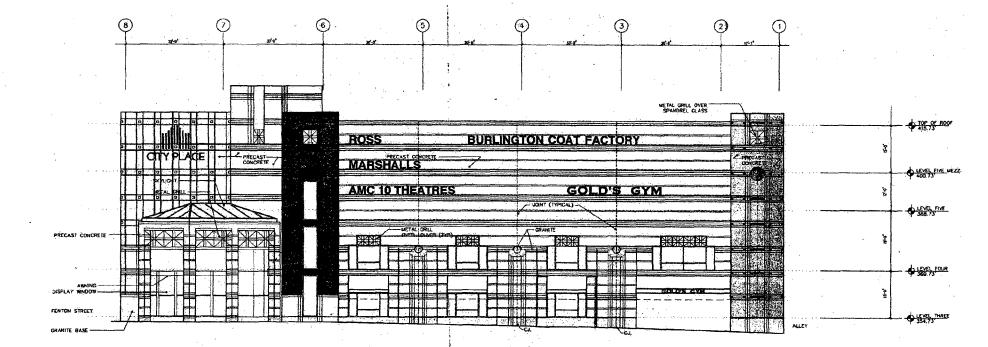
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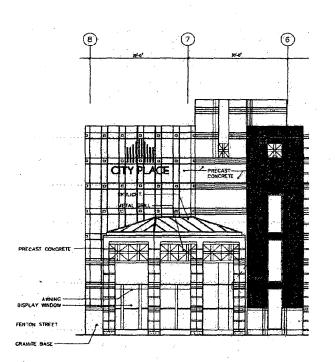


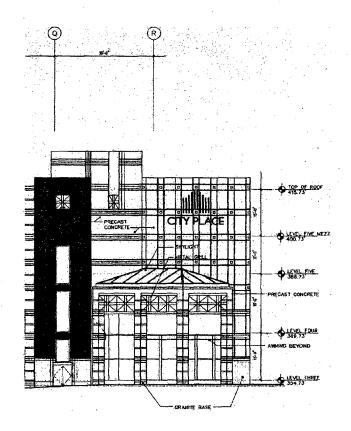
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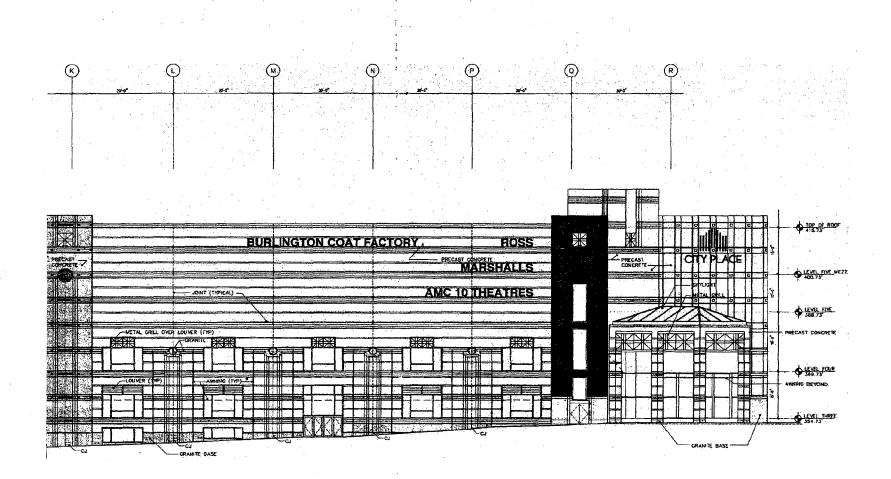




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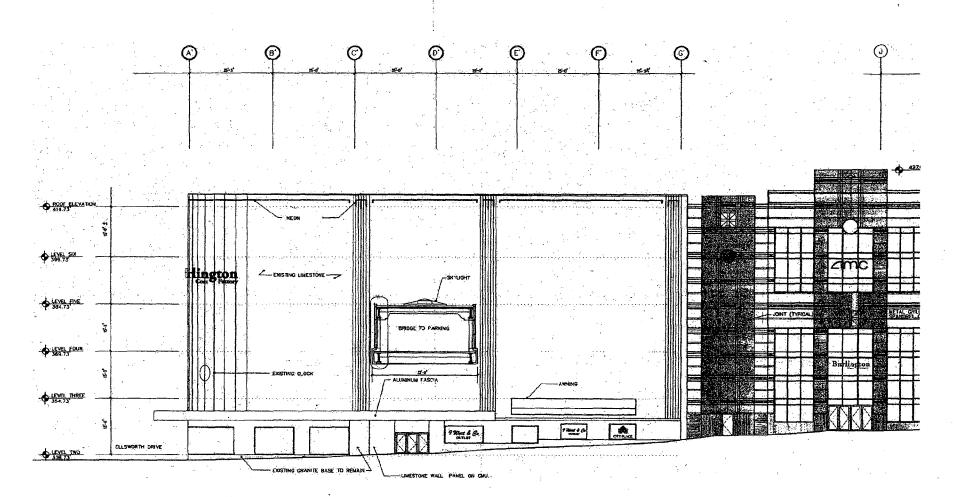
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EXISTING SIGNAGE -<u>JENTON STREET/ELLSWORTH DRIVE CORNER ELEVATION</u> NOT TO SCALE

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