Charlotte Historic District Commission Staff Review HDC 2013-103

Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness July 10, 2013

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Fourth Ward

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 420 W. 5th Street

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Fire Station Renovation

OWNER: Center City Church

APPLICANT: David Docusen

Details of Proposed Request

Existing Conditions

Charlotte Fire Station Number 4 is a flat-roofed, three-bay, two-story brick building on West Fifth Street in Fourth Ward and adjacent to a high rise and mid-rise multi-family buildings. The fire station is also a designated historic landmark that has retained a high degree of integrity and is in good condition. There is an alley between the Vue and fire station and parking lots on the other sides. Across the street is an apartment development.

Proposal

The applicant is proposing an adaptive re-use project and contemporary addition for a coffee house and multiuse venue. An addition will be added to the right side and behind the building. A rooftop terrace will also be added. The elevations on Graham Street and West 5th Street will remain in its current condition. The glass exterior of the addition contrasts and frames the brick fire station. The red trim and panels mimic the trim color of the station. The entrance to the addition extends beyond the facade of the station. The project has been approved in concept by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Policy & Design Guidelines for Additions

HDC Design Policy on Additions requires that additions be evaluated according to the following:

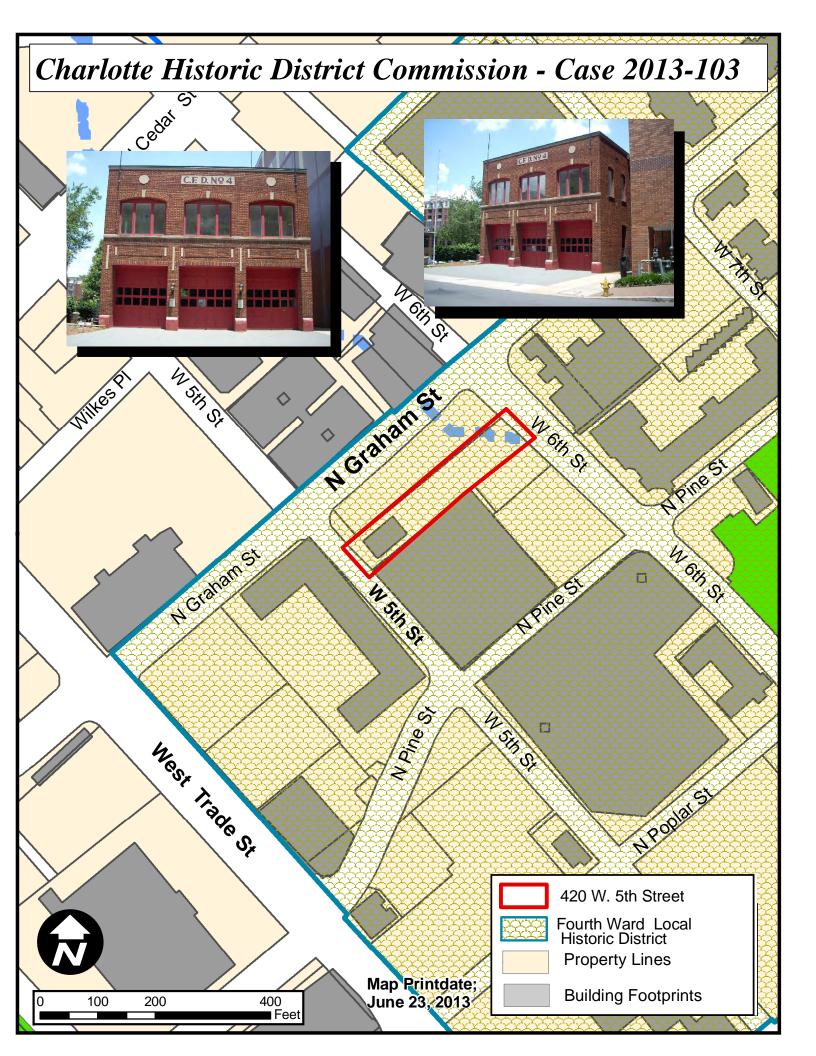
Additions to existing structures in Local Historic Districts have a responsibility to complement the original structure. Additions should reflect the design, scale and architectural style of the original structure. The following guidelines are intended to encourage addition designs that are compatible with the existing structure, while not fully mimicking the original design.

| following criteria: | |
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| a. Size | the relationship of the project to its site |
| b. Scale | the relationship of the building to those around it |
| c. Massing | the relationship of the building's various parts to each other |
| d. Fenestration | the placement, style and materials of windows and doors |
| e. Rhythm | the relationship of fenestration, recesses and projections |
| f. Setback | in relation to setback of immediate surroundings |
| g. Materials | proper historic materials or approved substitutes |
| h. Context | the overall relationship of the project to its surroundings |

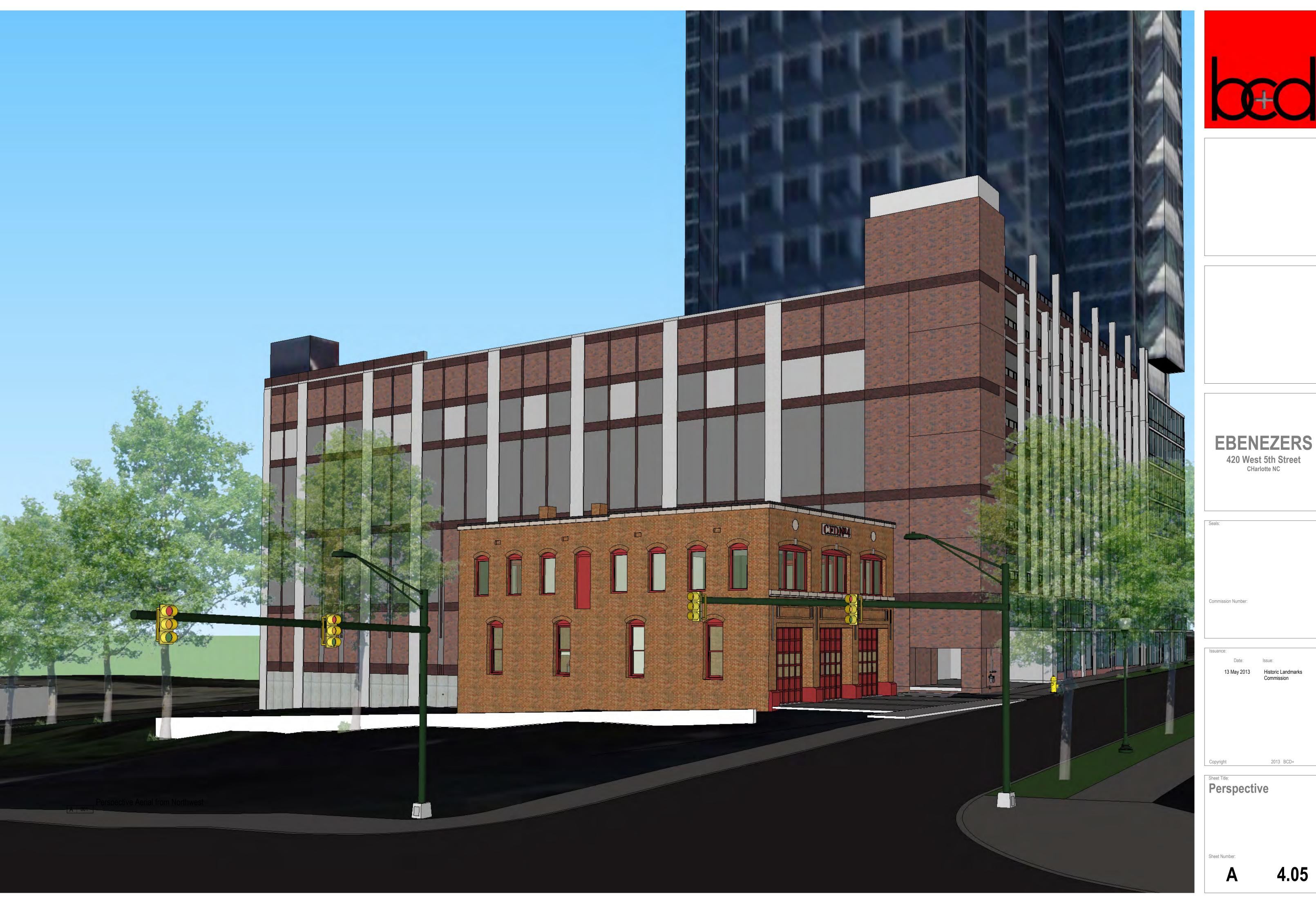
- 2. Additions must respect the original character of the property, but must be distinguishable from the original construction.
- 3. All additions to the front or side of existing properties must be of a design that is sensitive to the character and massing of the existing structure.
- 4. Additions to the front or side of existing structures that are substantially visible from a street must go before the full Commission.

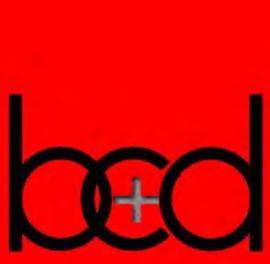
Staff Analysis

The Historic Districts staff believes the project meets the Guidelines for additions.

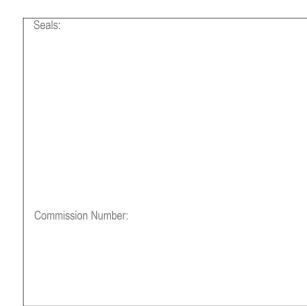




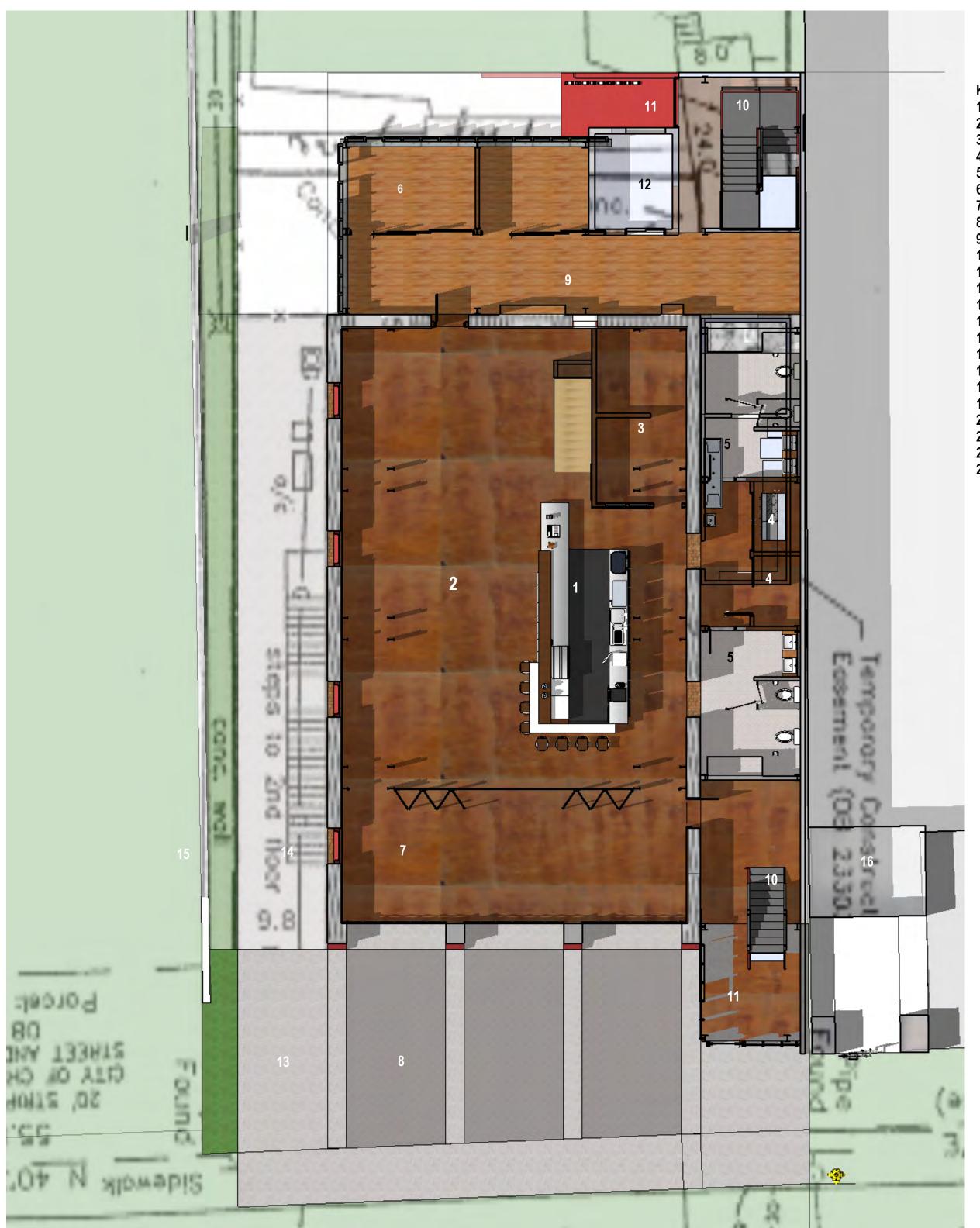












1. COFFEE BAR **SEATING AREA**

KITCHEN STORAGE

5. TOILET

MEETING ROOM

LARGE MEETING ROOM **OUTDOOR SEATING**

ELEVATOR LOBBY 10. FIRESTAIR

11. ENTRY

12. ELEVATOR

13. TRANSFORMER VAULT

14. RELOCATED DRIVEWAY 15. EXISTING RETAINING WALL

16. THE VUE RESIDENTIAL TOWER

17. OPEN TO COFFEE BAR BELOW 18. OPEN TO LOBBY BELOW

19. MECHANICAL SHAFT

20. MECHANICAL

21. BACKFLOW PREVENTOR

22. OPEN TO LARGE MEETING BELOW

23. MEZZANINE STORAGE

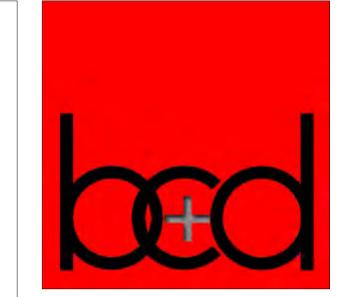


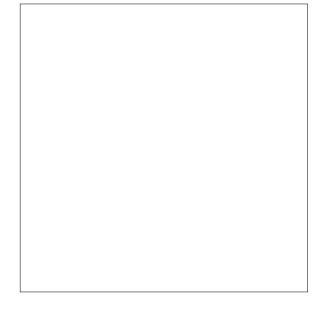
5TH STREET

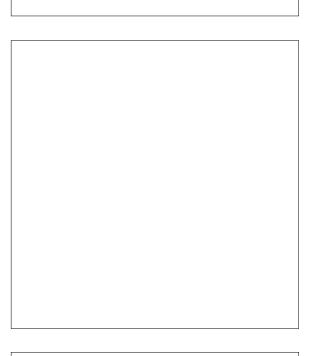
1st Floor
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1st Floor Mezzanine

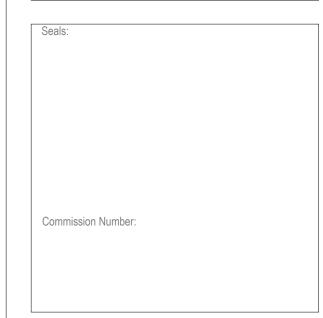
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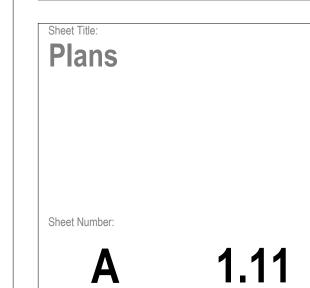




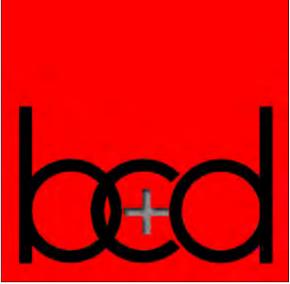








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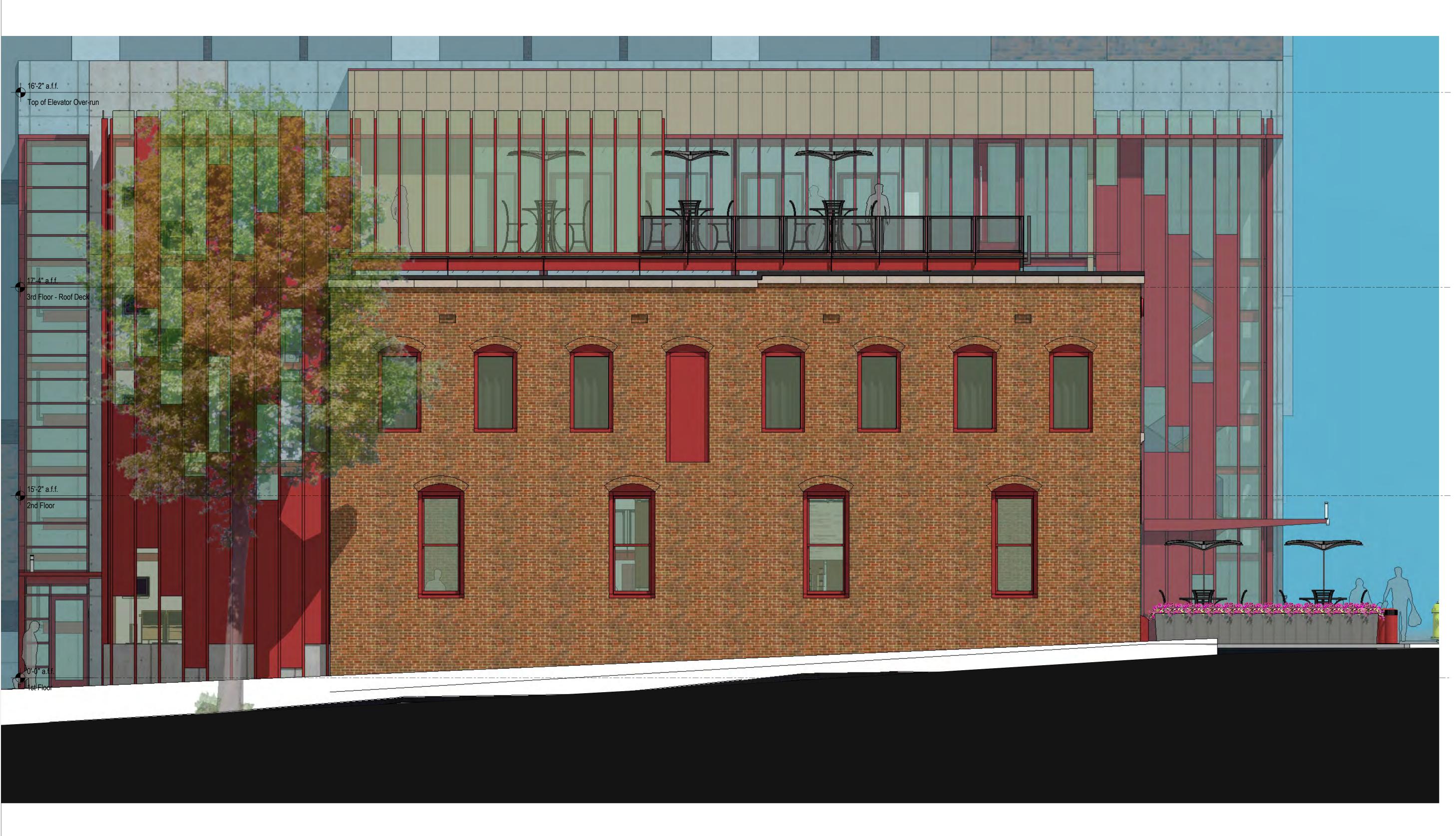




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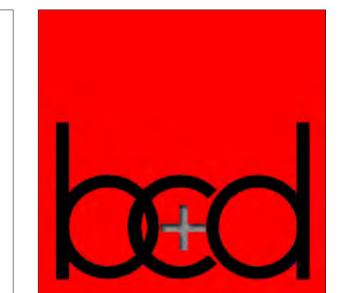
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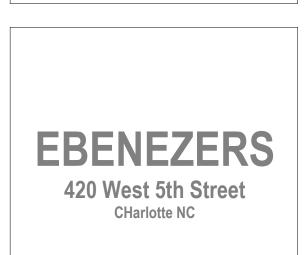
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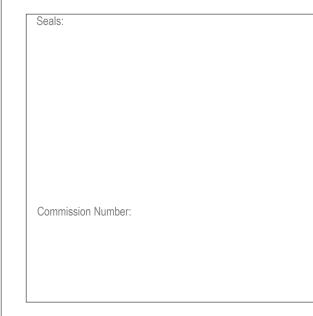


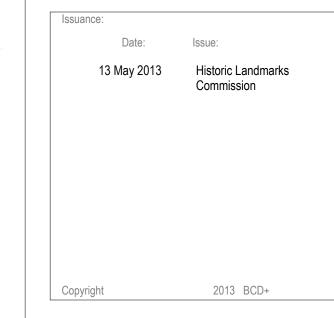
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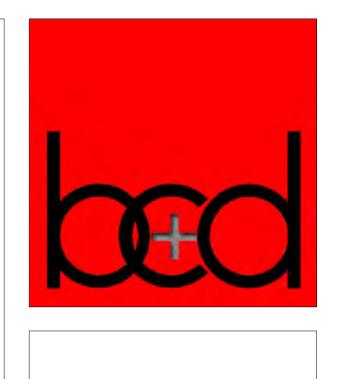


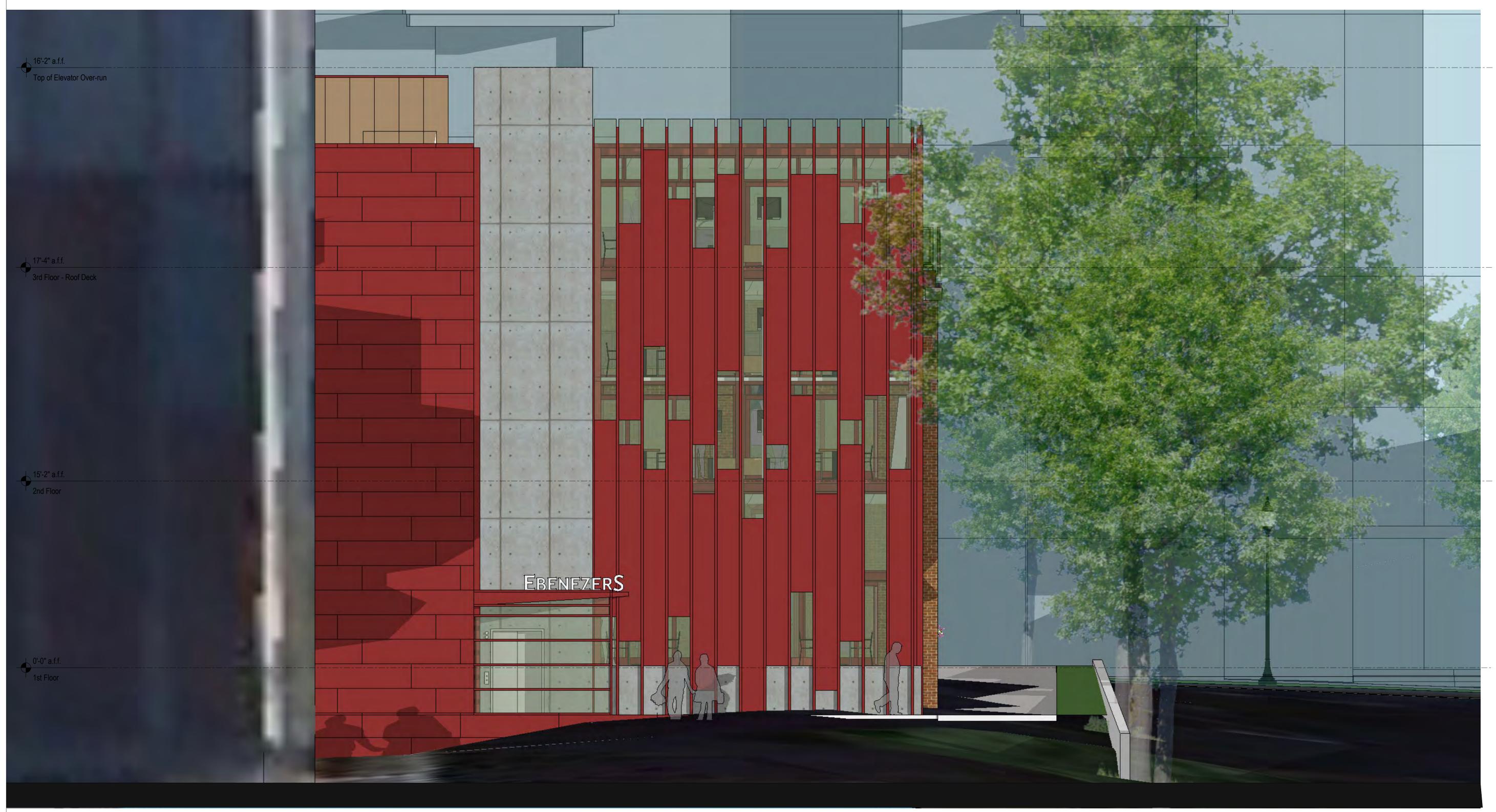




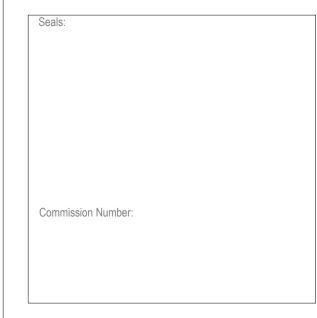


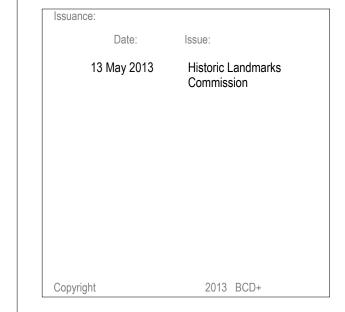
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North Elevation - Parking Lot

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