HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **Agenda Item** PUD Preliminary Plan Review: St. Charles Library Title/Address: **Proposal:** Plan to enlarge building and parking lot ST. CHARLES **Petitioner:** St. Charles Library/ Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects Please check appropriate box (x) **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING** X 10/2/19 **AGENDA ITEM CATEGORY:** Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Façade Improvement Plan Landmark/District Designation **Preliminary Review** Discussion Item X **Commission Business ATTACHMENTS:** Plans **Architectural Survey** Minutes from 12/5/18

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Minutes from 7/17/19

Background:

The St. Charles Library has submitted a PUD Preliminary Plan application for the addition to the building and a parking reconfiguration for their lot. The plan includes additions to the north and north east portion of the existing building.

This project was initially discussed at the 12/5/18 meeting. The minutes from that meeting have been attached. Commission comments centered on the best location for a main entrance and the importance of the Carnegie portion of the building.

The project was also presented as a Concept Plan Application at the 7/17/19 meeting. The minutes from that meeting have been attached. Commission comments centered on a concern with the transition to the new, taller entrance at the northeast corner and how the rooflines blend with the existing structure. There were also questions about how to best incorporate the existing octagonal entrance structure.

RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED ACTION:

Review the proposal and provide a recommendation to the Plan Commission.

The Zoning Ordinance calls for the Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations to the Plan Commission regarding PUD applications for property within a historic district. *The Commission's recommendation shall address the potential impact of the application on the historic resources of the City, particularly with regard to designated landmarks and historic districts directly affected.*

Note a COA for the building will be required at the time of Building Permit.

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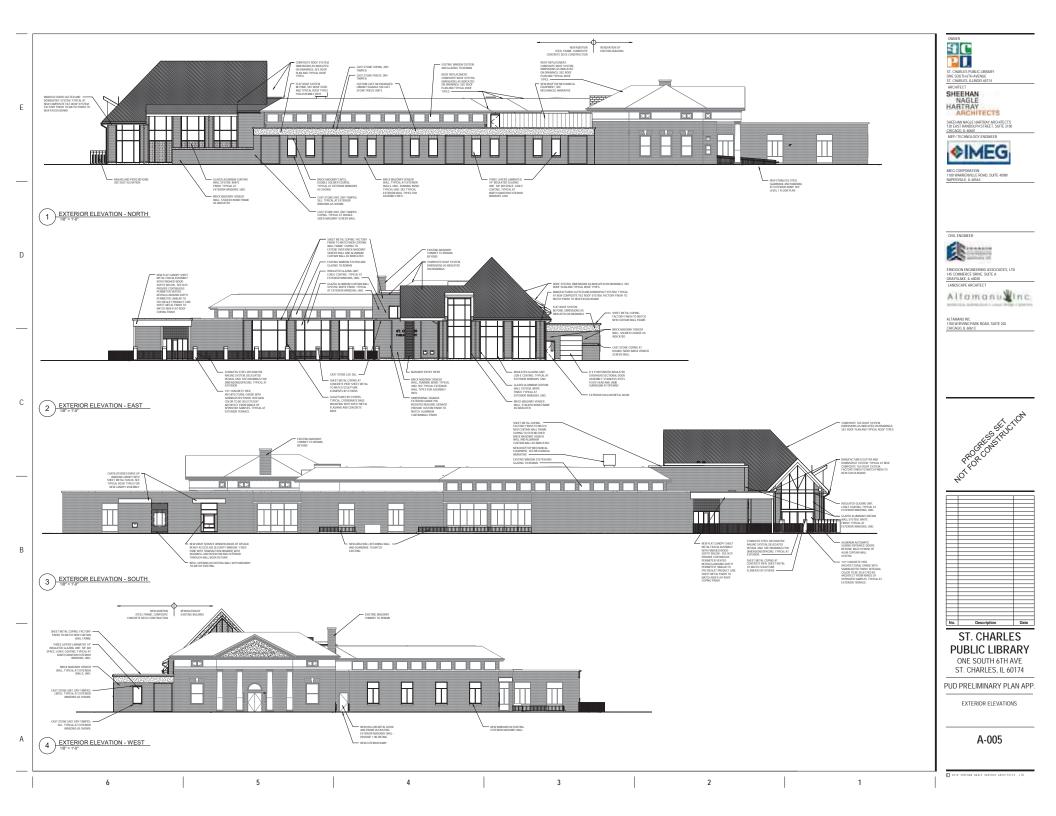
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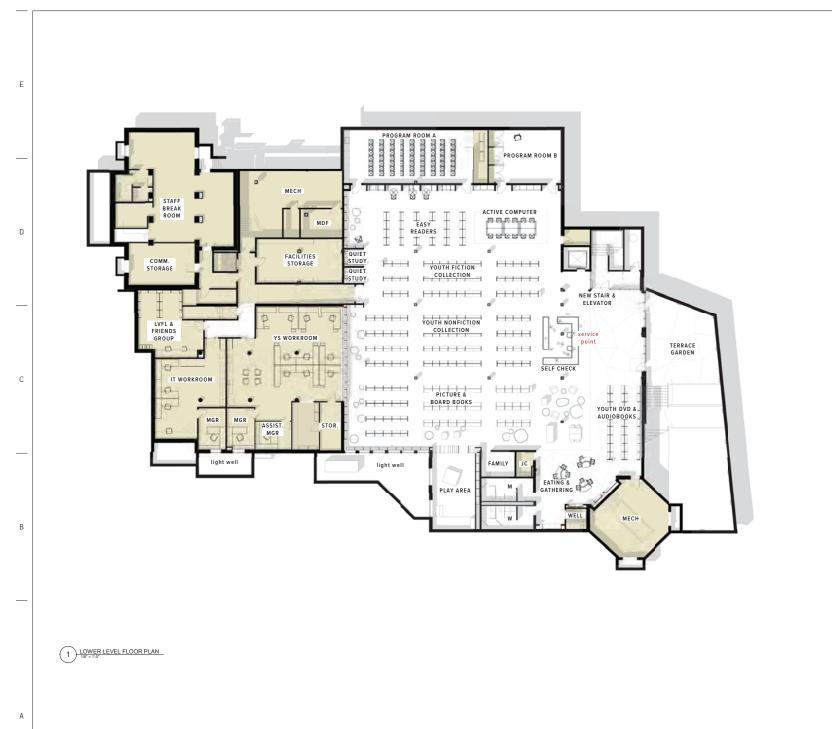
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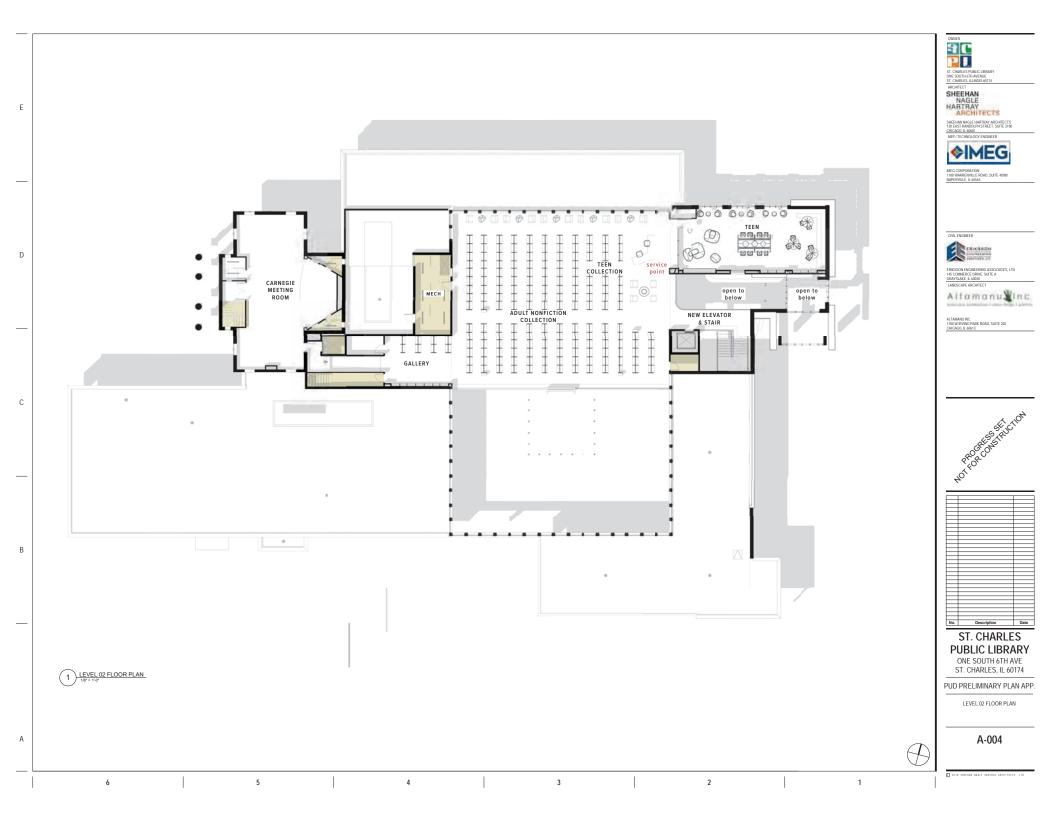
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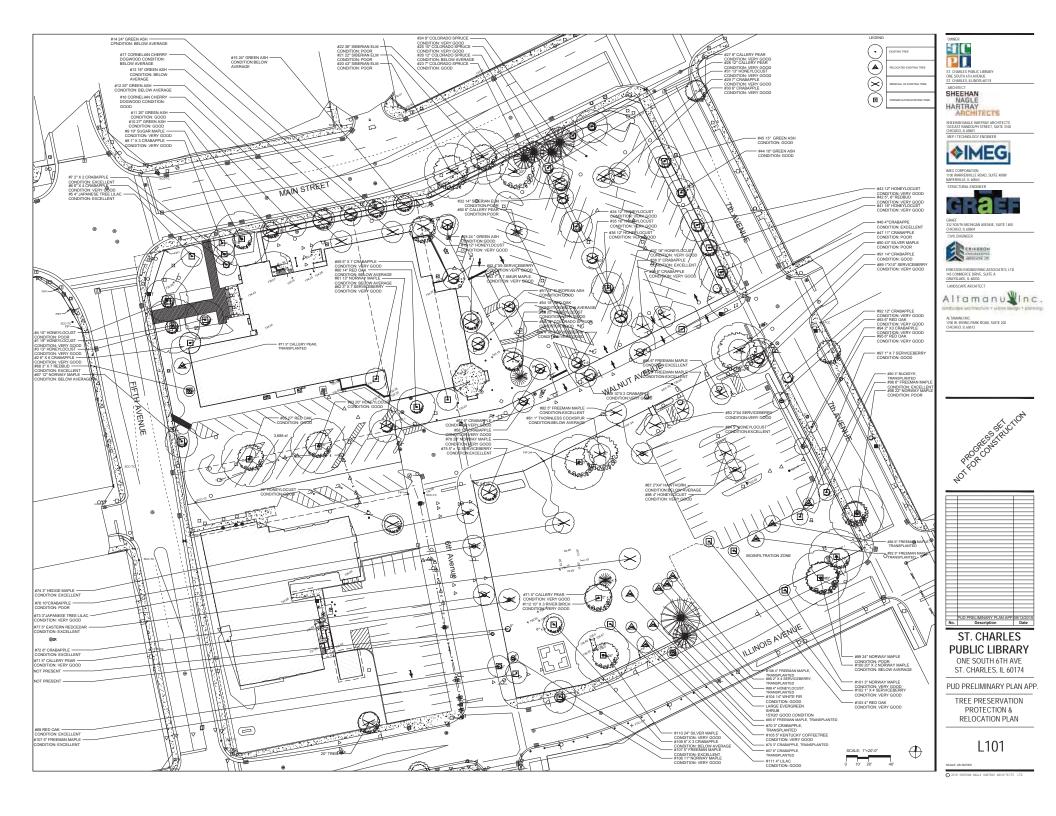
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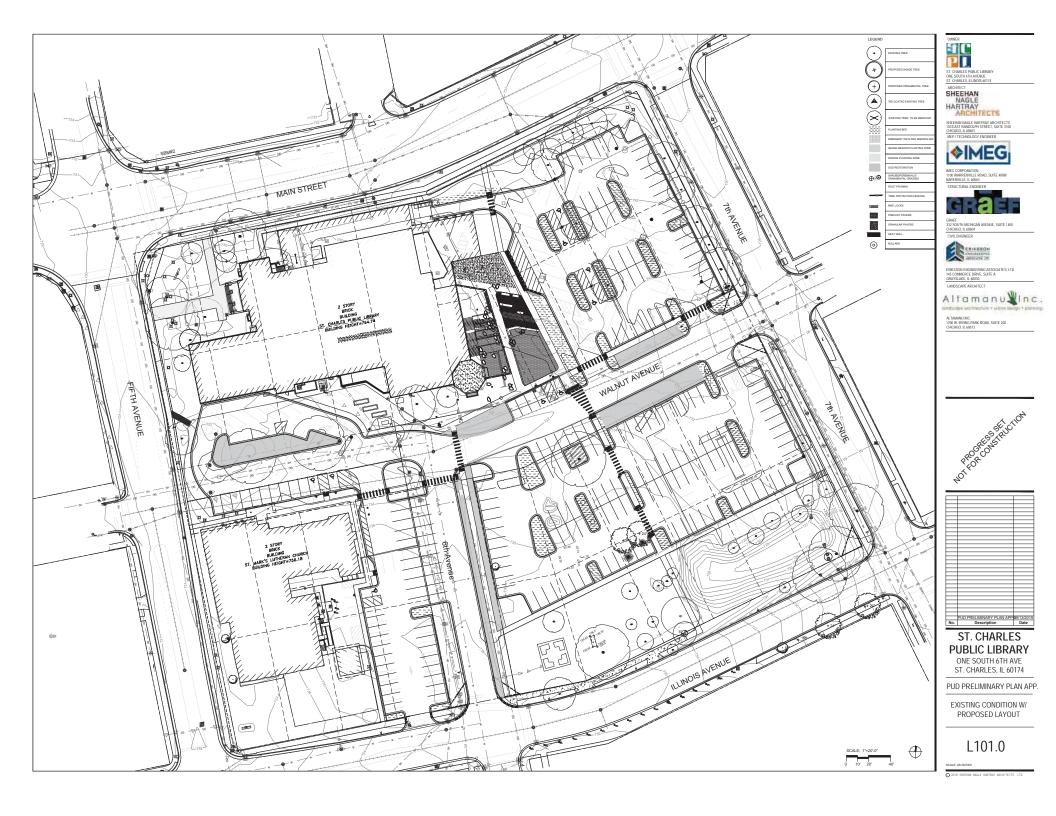
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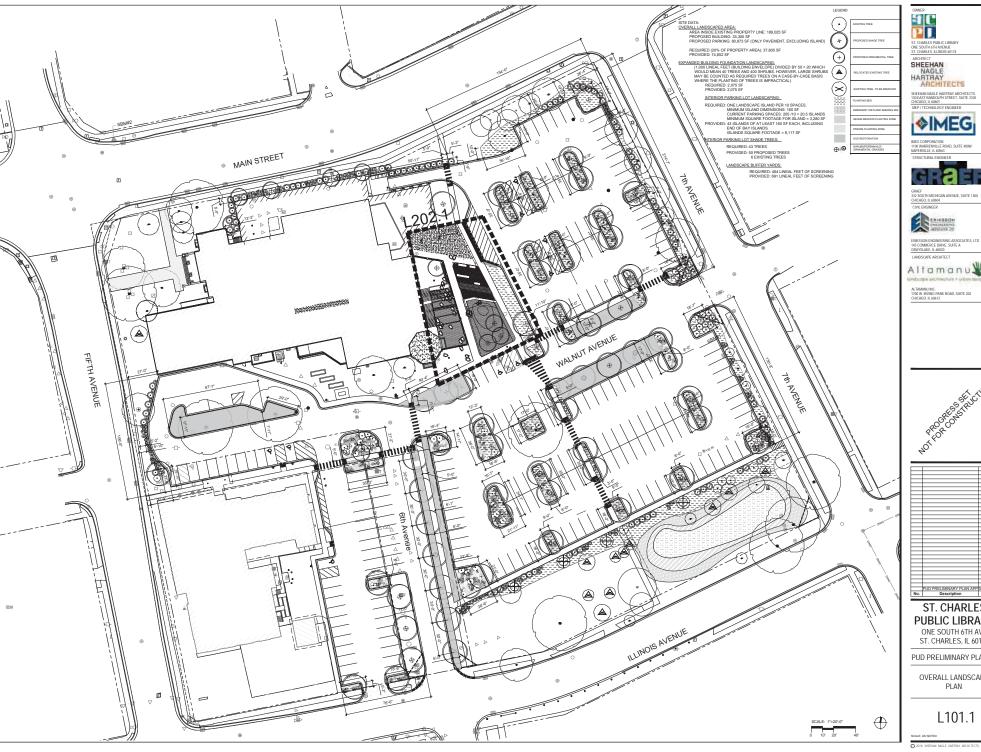
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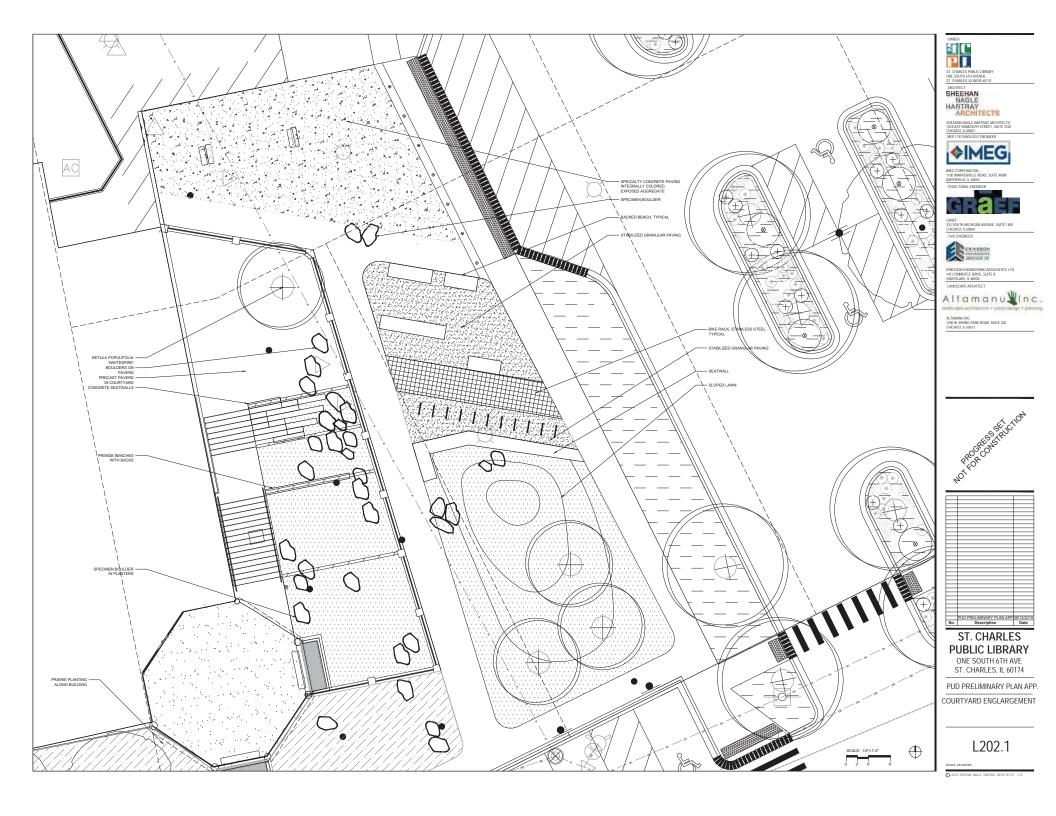
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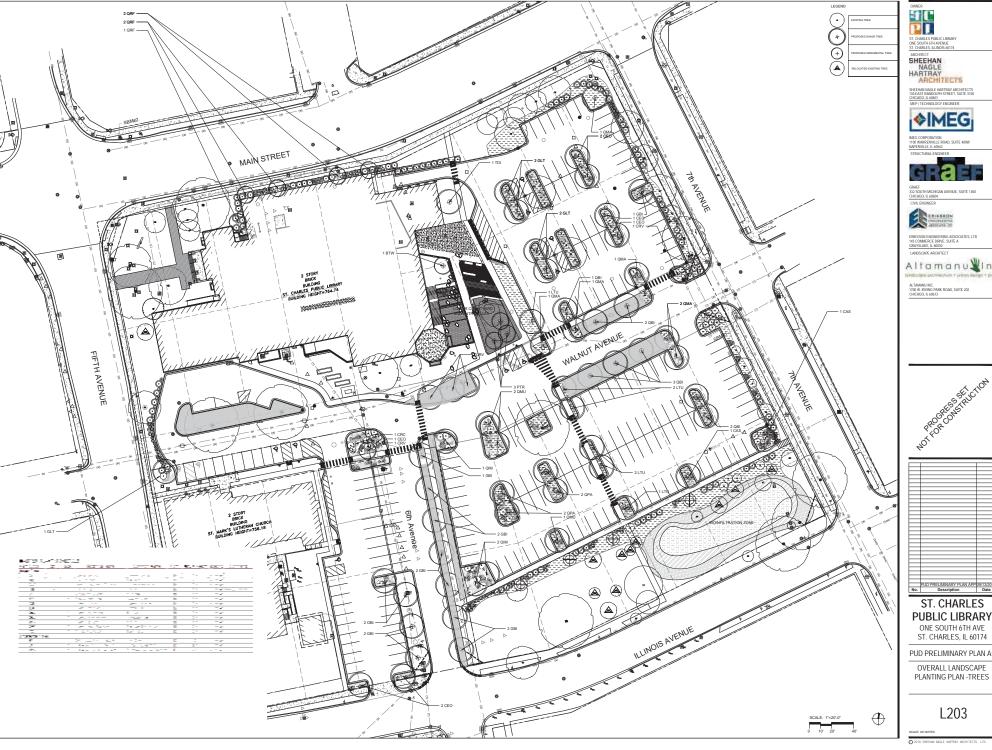
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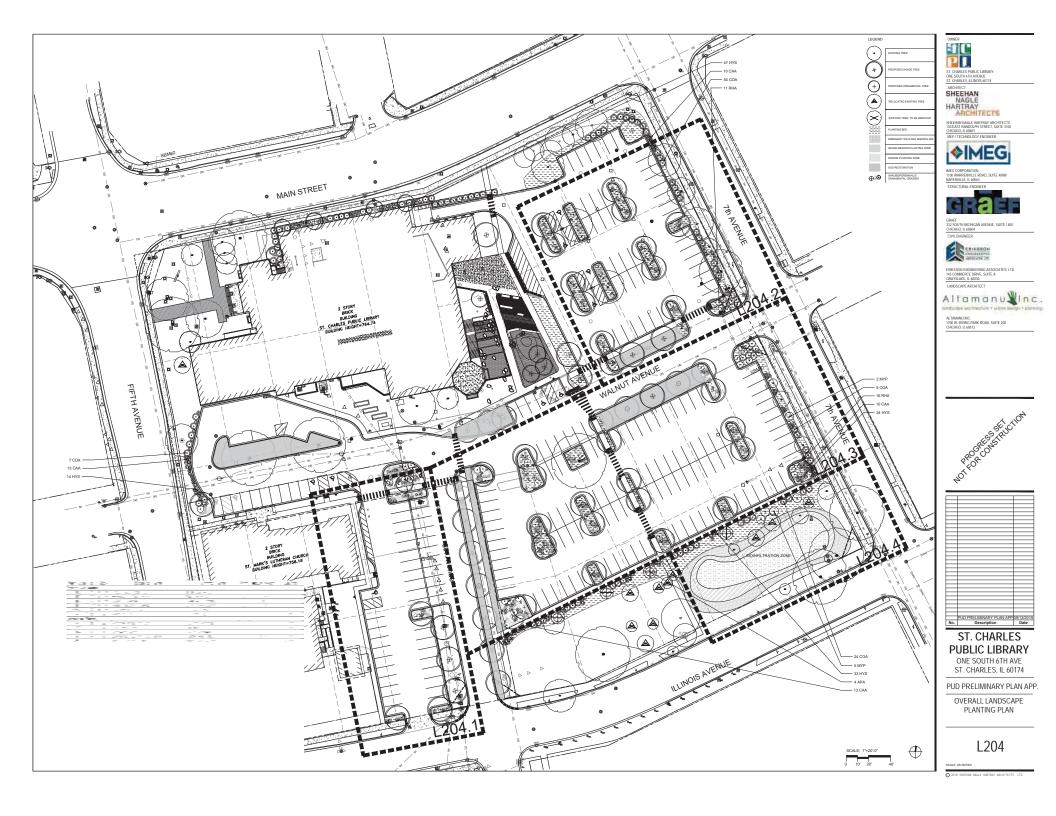


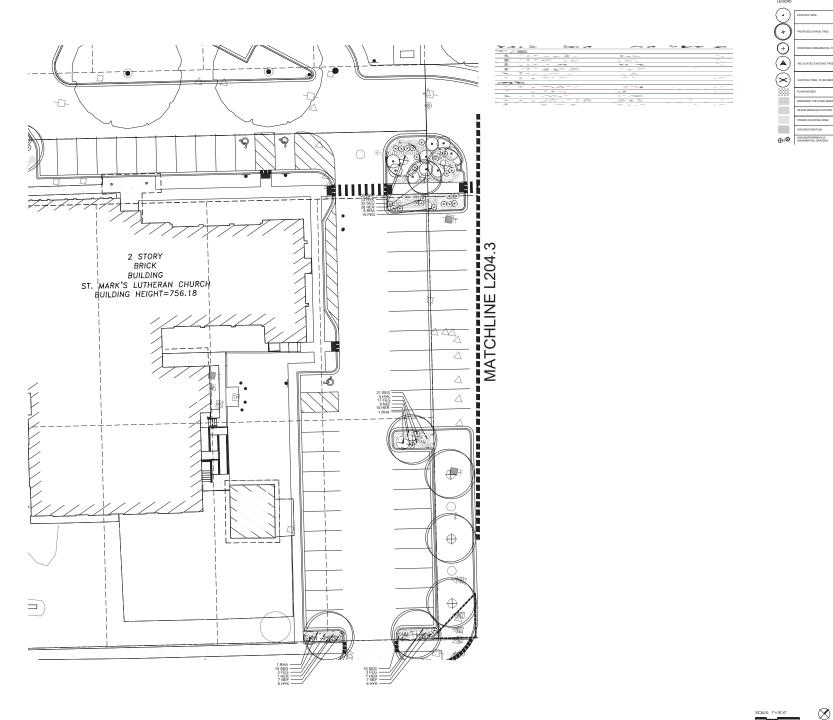




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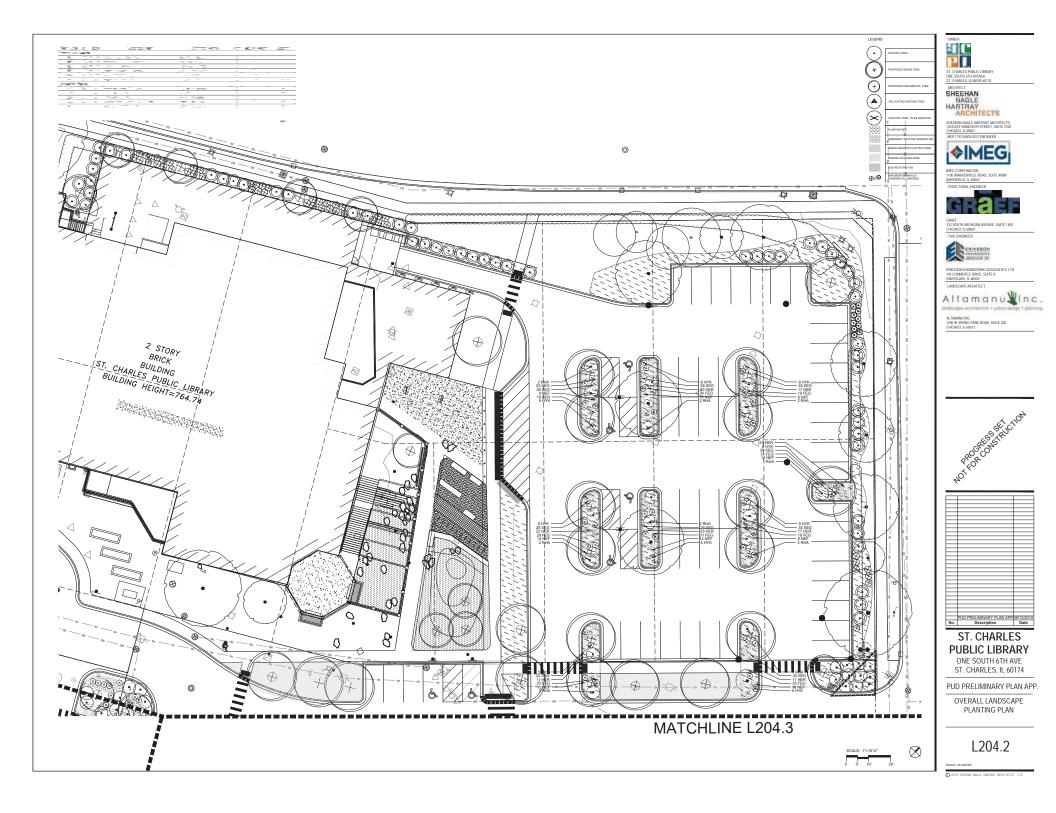
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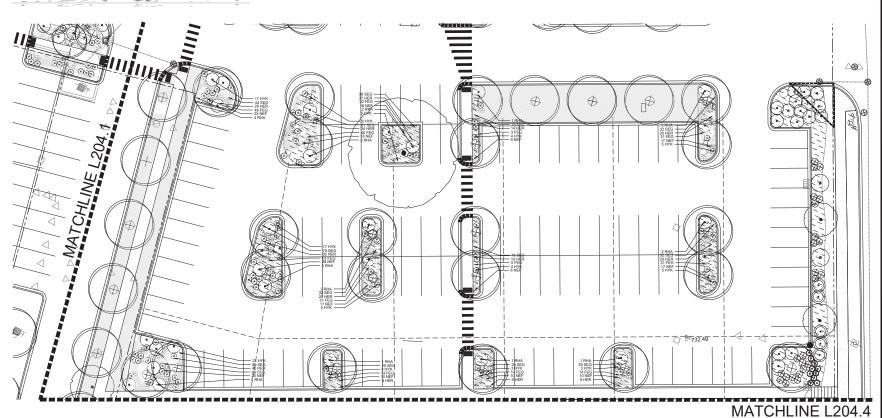
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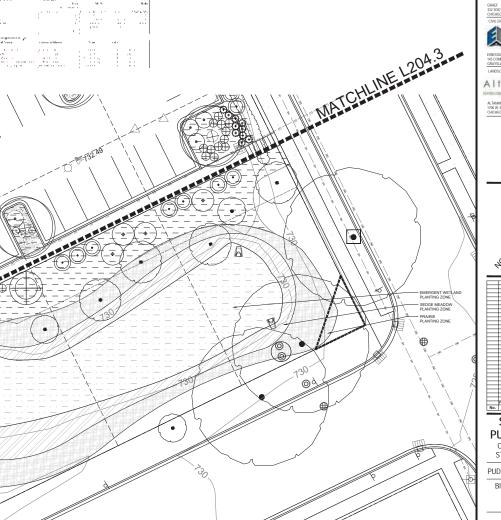


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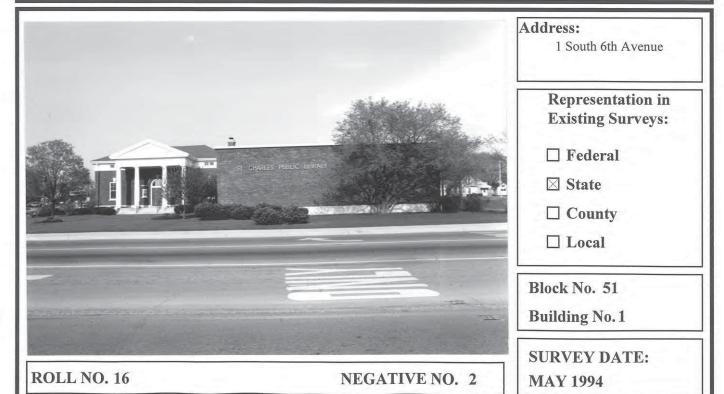
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1 South 6th Avenue

Remarks:

South Elevation.

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MINUTES CITY OF ST. CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018 COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Norris, Malay, Mann, Pretz, Smunt, Krahenbuhl, Kessler

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Russell Colby, Community Development Division Manager

Rachel Hitzemann, Planner

1. Call to order

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll call

Ms. Hitzemann called roll with six members present. There was a quorum. Mr. Kessler arrived at 7:01 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. Presentation of minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Malay and seconded by Mr. Pretz with a unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting. Mr. Krahenbuhl abstained.

5. Preliminary Reviews – Open forum for questions or presentation of preliminary concepts to the Commission for feedback

a. St. Charles Library Renovation

Edith Craig, Director of the St. Charles Public Library, was present to discuss the plans to renovate and expand the library and parking lot.

Dr. Smunt said placing the entrance on the NE corner of the building may make it more visible from Rt. 64, but the extensive landscaping plans may actually block it. He felt people traveling on Rt. 64 were just trying to get through town and would not actually be looking at the building. Therefore, the intention of using this entrance to make the building more noticeable may not be successful. Ms. Craig said moving the entry to this location will allow them to include an

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elevator for better access to each level of the building. She also noted the results of the strategic planning process showed that people did not find the current entry very welcoming. Mr. Krahenbuhl asked if they could have two entrances. Ms. Craig advised this would pose a greater security risk and staffing issue as more staff would be needed to man each door.

Ms. Craig stated the architects they are working with specialize in additions to historic buildings. Mr. Pretz felt the Carnegie portion represented the most historic portion of the library and suggested being sensitive to this architecture when considering future additions.

Ms. Craig will keep the Commission updated as their plans progress.

b. First Street Lot 8

The City issued a Request for Proposals for developers looking to construct the remaining buildings of the First Street project. Frontier Development is interested in Lot 8. Curt and Conrad Hurst from Frontier Development were present to obtain feedback on their preliminary design.

Curt Hurst said they considered the parking opportunities when they designed the building. The expected use would be for a single user office building on the second floor and a single user restaurant on the first floor. They would like to attract an upper-end tenant for the restaurant. He reviewed the features of the elevation designs. The glass parapet on the top of the building is intended to be a railing for possible rooftop use by the restaurant.

He provided examples of their materials. The intent is to use some familiar common brick as the brick element. The ACM panels would have a wood grain effect.

Chairman Norris expressed concerned over the building being built so close to street. He felt it might be somewhat tight on the sidewalk when people are going in and out of the entrance and when cars are coming down the street.

Ms. Malay said the arch area is rather empty and suggested using it for signage. The representatives hope the office user would find value in having signage in that area. Mr. Pretz suggesting re-working the arch area in a way that matches the building better. Dr. Smunt felt it didn't match any other element on the building and said it needs more to it. Conrad Hurst said when they responded to the RFP they put together a basic drawing and received favorable feedback, so they kept it. They will consider making it a little less pronounced.

Mr. Krahenbuhl asked about adding third floor office space instead of a rooftop for the restaurant. Curt Hurst said it's not economically practical to do that.

Overall, the Commissioners were in favor of the project on this lot.

6. Landmark Applications

MINUTES CITY OF ST. CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019 COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Malay, Smunt, Norris, Kessler, Mann, Pretz, Krahenbuhl

Members Absent:

Also Present: Russell Colby, Community Development Division Manager

Rachel Hitzemann, Planner

1. Call to order

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll call

Ms. Hitzemann called roll with seven members present. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

The following items were added/modified:

5a. 210 Cedar St.

7b. Tabled

9c. Marker for Camp Kane

4. Presentation of minutes of the June 19th, 2019 meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Malay and seconded by Mr. Kessler with a 5-0 voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 19th, 2019 meeting. Mr. Krahenbuhl abstained.

5. Preliminary Reviews – Open forum for questions or presentation of preliminary concepts to the Commission for feedback

a. 210 Cedar St.

The intent is to change and expand the front façade. The Commissioners discussed the plans that were presented for review. The initial response was favorable, but some expressed concern over the style of the doors and windows.

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d. 402 N. 4th Ave.

The proposal is to change the previously approved side-facing garage into a front-facing garage that will be setback 5 ft. from the front of the house.

A motion was made by Mr. Kessler and seconded by Dr. Smunt with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA as presented.

8. Grant Applications

a. 628 N. 2nd Ave.

The project includes replacing the existing vinyl shutters with wooden shutters and hardware in a more historically correct style. The Commission recommended properly proportioning the shutters.

A motion was made by Mr. Pretz and seconded by Dr. Smunt with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to City Council approval for a façade grant for 628 N. 2nd Ave. covering the portion pertaining to the shutters.

b. 202 Cedar Ave.

The project includes replacing the gutters and awning to match the existing ones and repairing the rotted trim. The door will be repainted in a new color. The Commission discussed the need for the painter to properly prepare the surface and replace deteriorated materials as needed and suggested including a contingency amount for this in the estimate.

A motion was made by Ms. Malay and seconded by Mr. Pretz with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to City Council approval for a façade grant for 202 Cedar Avenue.

9. Other Commission Business

a. PUD Concept Review – 1 S. 6th Ave. (St. Charles Public Library)

Mr. Colby noted this is a Concept Plan and review comments are to be provided to the Plan Commission and Planning & Development Committee regarding the impact of the project on the historic district.

The plan is to renovate and expand the St. Charles Public library. Highlights of the project include the following:

- Simplifying parking layout with St. Mark's Church
- Updating Carnegie Library to improve usage and tie into the main library space

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- Detention pond on the SE corner of the site, potential for a natural playground/educational element
- Creating a new entry point into the building at the northeast corner
- Adding a sunken terraced garden at the existing 1989 addition
- Various internal updates
- Replacing the roofing systems

The Commissioners acknowledged the challenges of working with the existing building design and layout. They were generally in favor of the project and thought the design was more successful than past proposals for expanding the library.

The Commission discussed the following items:

- There is a concern with the transition to the new, taller entrance addition at the northeast corner and how the rooflines blend with the existing structure. There was discussion about extending the frieze element of the existing 1989 building into the addition.
- There were questions about how to best incorporate the existing octagonal entrance structure, which is proposed as an outdoor patio area. The architects are still refining this design.

b. Pottawattamie Tour - Follow Up Discussion

Staff presented information about the tour at the last Planning & Development Committee meeting. The Committee gave a recommendation to direct staff to begin conducting a survey next year. Staff will begin researching consultants and possible grant opportunities.

c. Camp Kane Marker

The Commission discussed the placement of the historic site sign that is being provided with the help of the State of Illinois. Ms. Malay suggested placing it near the entrance off of Rt. 25.

10. Additional Business and Observations from Commissioners or Staff

Mr. Kessler noted the decorative columns at the top of the Hotel Baker building are rotting. He asked if the City would be able to do anything about this.

The Downtown Partnership, now the St. Charles Business Alliance, will no longer have any adhoc members on their Board, so there will no longer be an Historic Preservation Commission member in that group.

Dr. Smunt noted the house on 4th and Walnut Streets did not complete the project per the COA approval they were granted. Staff will follow-up.

11. Meeting Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Committee Room.