

DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Commission Members

David Carroll, Chair (District 1)	Aan Coleman (District 8)
Bart Whatley, Vice-Chair (District 9)	Beau Frail (District 6)
	Samuel Franco (District 3)
	Martha Gonzalez (District 2)
	Katie Halloran (District 7)
City of Austin Planning & Zoning Staff	Melissa Henao-Robledo (District 5)
Katie Mulholland, Executive Liaison	Conor Kenny (District 4)
Nichole Koerth, Staff Liaison	Evan Taniguchi (Mayor)
	Vacant (District 10)

AGENDA

Please note: Posted times are for time-keeping purposes only. The Commission may take any item(s) out of order and no express guarantee is given that any item(s) will be taken in order or at the time posted.

Approx. time **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** 6:00 PM 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL 6:00 PM a. The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. 2. MEETING MINUTES 6:15 PM a. Discussion and possible action on the April 24, 2017 meeting minutes; 3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): 6:30 PM a. Discussion and possible action on the Marriott at Cesar Chavez design development submittal, located at 304 East Cesar Chavez Street, seeking review for substantial compliance with the <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin</u> in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements of LDC 25-2-586 for the Downtown Density Bonus Program (Richard T. Suttle, Jr., Armbrust & Brown, PLLC) b. Discussion and possible action on the Agent of Change/Entertainment License proposal seeking a recommendation of support to City Council (Alex Lopez, Deputy Director, COA Economic Development Department).

4. OLD BUS	INESS (Discussion and Possible Action):	7:15 PM
	cussion and possible action on the 4 th Street Skybridge project connecting the	
	istin Convention Center and the Hilton Hotel, located at 400 ½ Neches St., seeking	
	recommendation in support of the project to Planning Commission (Nikelle Meade,	
	rtner, Husch Blackwell LLP)	
	cussion and possible action on the 405 Colorado design development submittal,	
	cated at 405 Colorado St., seeking review for substantial compliance with the	
	ban Design Guidelines for Austin in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements	
	LDC 25-2-586 for the Downtown Density Bonus Program (Michele Haussmann,	
	incipal, Land Use Solutions)	
	cussion and possible action on Election of Officers	
d. Disc	cussion and possible action on the <u>new draft code</u> and <u>map</u> from CodeNEXT (<u>Chair</u>	
	rroll)	
e. Disc	cussion and possible action on the Infrastructure Design Guidelines as directed by	
	ry Council Resolution No. 20120816-060 including discussion of New York City	
gu	idelines (Chair Carroll)	
5. COMMIT	TEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action):	8:45 PM
a. Sta	inding Committees Reports;	
b. Wo	orking Group Reports;	
c. Lia	ison Reports;	
d. Ap	pointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair.	
6. STAFF BR	RIEFINGS:	8:50 PM
a. Nor	ne	
7. FUTURE	AGENDA ITEMS:	8:50 PM
a. Cod	deNEXT presentation at joint meeting with Downtown Commission (Wed. June 21)	
b. City	of Austin's Tree Funding program (Mon. June 26)	
c. App	point Downtown Commission Liaison	
d. City	of Austin Great Streets tree standards (TBD)	
8. ANNOUN	ICEMENTS:	8:55 PM
a. Cha	ir Announcements;	
b. Iter	ns from Commission Members;	
c. Iter	ns from City Staff;	
ADJOURNN	1ENT	9:10 PM

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Design Commission: Committees, Working Groups, and Liaisons

Committees

1. Executive Committee: D. Carroll (Chair), B. Whatley (Vice Chair), TBD (Secretary)

Working Groups

- 1. Planning and Urban Design Working Group: E. Taniguchi, B. Whatley, A. Coleman, D. Carroll
- 2. Architecture and Development Working Group: B. Whatley, M. Gonzalez, D. Carroll
- 3. Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group: S. Franco, M. Henao-Robledo, A. Coleman
- 4. Public Engagement Working Group: S. Franco, M. Henao-Robledo, C. Kenny
- 5. CodeNEXT Working Group: D. Carroll, M. Gonzalez

<u>Liaisons</u>

1. Downtown Commission Liaison / Downtown Austin Plan: TBD

Representatives

1. South Central Waterfront Advisory Board: S. Franco

Staff to Design Commission

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Acting City Architect: Raymundo.Minjarez@austintexas.gov (512) 974-1618

Resources

1. Urban Design Guidelines for Austin:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Boards and Commissions/Design Commission urban design guidelines for austin.pdf

2. Design Commission backup:

http://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards commissions/meetings/22 1.htm

3. Downtown Density Bonus program

https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/land_development_code?nodeId=TIT25_LADE_CH25-2ZO_SUBCHAPTER_CUSDERE_ART3ADRECEDI_SPAGERE_S25-2-586DODEBOP



DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair Taniguchi at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call: B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None.
- 2. MEETING MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the March 27, 2017 meeting minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes as drafted made by A. Coleman; second by D. Carroll; was approved on a unanimous vote of [6-0]; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

- 3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the <u>405 Colorado</u> design development submittal, located at 405 Colorado St., seeking review for substantial compliance with the <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin</u> in accordance with the Gatekeeper requirements of <u>LDC 25-2-586</u> for the Downtown Density Bonus Program (<u>Michele Haussmann</u>, Principal, Land Use Solutions)

A. Coleman recused herself and stepped off the dais at 6:06 pm.

Michele Haussmann (Land Use Solutions), Jay Smith and Jeff Paine (Duda Paine Architects), and Melissa McKinney (Coleman & Associates) presented the project. John Kennedy (Downtown Austin Alliance) spoke in support of the project and the need for parking management downtown. Commissioners asked questions about grading, bicycle parking, green building innovation, community benefits, public art on interior and exterior of the building including lighting and murals. Lyon Shadowman and Mike Harris (from Brandywine) answered questions about the sky lobby, parking, and car share.

The motion to not send a letter that the Design Commission does not support the project as is, and that the project does not substantially comply with the Urban Design Guidelines of Austin made by S. Franco; second by D. Carroll; motion failed on a vote of 5-0; Commissioner Coleman recusing; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

Discussion and possible action on the <u>Austin Energy SHINES</u> project, located at 3412
 Zach Scott Street, seeking support for the project under <u>Resolution No. 20071129-046</u>
 and review of <u>Alternative Equivalent Compliance under Subchapter E</u> of the Land
 Development Code (Greg Ulcak, P.E., Civil Land Group, LLC)

7:01pm A. Coleman returned to the dais.

Lisa Martin (Austin Energy), Donna Carter (Carter Design Associates), and Greg Ulcak (Civil Land Group), Christine Freundl (Economic Development) presented and answered questions. Commissioners asked questions about PV source, sidewalk, location, shade for benches and placards, battery storage safety and security.

The motion to recommend the project made by M. Gonzalez; second by K. Halloran; friendly amendment by A. Coleman to explore shading for the plaza; amendment seconded by Chair Taniguchi and accepted by K. Halloran; approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

Chair Taniguchi will provide a letter.

c. Discussion and possible action on the 4th Street Skybridge project connecting the Austin Convention Center and the Hilton Hotel, located at 400 ½ Neches St., seeking a recommendation to Planning Commission and Council to authorize the approval of an encroachment agreement (Nikelle Meade, Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP)

Nikelle Meade (Husch Blackwell), Travis Albrecht (project architect), John Colt (Director of Hilton property operations), Mark Tester (Austin Convention Center), and Robert Watson (Hilton Hotel) presented and answered questions. Commissioner asked questions about safety, future bus technology, protection from sun and rain, if the bridge was lit at night, hours of operation, if it was open to the public, seating, passing width, etc.

The motion to generally support the project and find that it substantially complies with the intent of the Urban Design Guidelines made by A. Coleman; second by M. Gonzalez; friendly amendment by S. Franco to include consideration for incorporating safety into the exit door of the Hilton 15 feet away from the rail platform; amendment accepted by A. Coleman and M. Gonzalez; the motion failed on a vote of 5-1; K. Halloran opposed; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

The motion to support this pedestrian walkway in concept design with the focus being on public access and pedestrian safety made by K. Halloran, second by Chair Taniguchi; failed on a vote of 5-1; S. Franco opposed; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

- d. Discussion and possible action on Election of Officers
 - A. Coleman stepped off the dais at 9:35 pm and returned at 9:38 pm.
 - M. Gonzalez made a motion to nominate D. Carroll as the new Chair; S. Franco second; approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.

Commission will hold off on election of remaining officers until next meeting.

- 4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the Convention Center expansion plan (C. Kenny)
 - S. Franco read the letter drafted by C. Kenny and S. Franco. D. Carroll suggested replacing office with residential/mixed towers to activate the area. Chair Taniguchi suggested adding affordable housing in residential development included in the expansion. S. Franco scribed and read the edits.
 - D. Carroll made a motion to approve the drafted letter with the edits discussed, Chair Taniguchi seconded, approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.
 - S. Franco made the motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes past 10pm to give the City Architect time to speak; Chair Taniguchi seconded, approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0; B. Whatley, B. Frail, C. Kenny, B. Luckens, and M. Henao-Robledo not present.
 - b. Discussion and possible action on the CodeNEXT draft code and map (D. Carroll)

Item was postponed by general consensus until the next Design Commission meeting on May 22, 2017.

c. Discussion and possible action on the <u>Infrastructure Design Guidelines</u> as directed by City Council <u>Resolution No. 20120816-060</u> including discussion of <u>New York City guidelines</u> (<u>Chair Taniguchi</u>)

Item was postponed by general consensus until the next Design Commission meeting on May 22, 2017.

- 5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Standing Committees Reports: None
 - b. Working Group Reports: None
 - c. Liaison Reports: None

d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS:

a. <u>Tree fund</u> (<u>Raymundo Minjarez</u>, Interim City Architect, COA Public Works Dept.)

Acting City Architect Ray Minjarez presented the current funds in the Tree Fund. **No action taken by the Commission.**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Election of remaining Officers (May 22, 2017)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: None

b. Items from Commission Members: None

c. Items from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 10:13 pm

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name	
Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez	
Project Type:	
☐ Infrastructure ☐ City building ☐ Private project ☐ Other	g & site
Project Location/Address	
304 E. Cesar Chavez Street	
Applicant	Property Owner
Richard T. Suttle, Jr, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC	South 1/2 Block 8 Venture
Applicant Mailing Address	Property Owner Mailing Address
100 Congress, Suite 1300 Austin, TX 78701	1509 Old West 38th Street Austin, TX 78731
Applicant Telephone Number	Property Owner Telephone Number
512-435-2300	512-472-3135
Project Start Date	Project Completion Date
June 2017	December 2019
Applicant's Architect	Applicant's Engineer
HKS Michael Strohmer, AIA	Stantec Joe Isaja, PE

Yes, the project is seeking the Downtown Density Bonus
2] Describe the recommendation that you are requesting from the Design Commission.
Recommendation to support Downtown Density Bonus request
3] Current Design Phase of Project (Design Commission prefers to see projects right after approved schematic design).
The project design is in the Construction Documentation phase.
4] Is this Project subject to Site Plan and/or Zoning application approvals? Will it be presented to Planning Commission and/or City Council? If so, when?
Yes, site plan is in review SP-2016-0300C No zoning required No presentation to Planning Commission or City Council required, with the exception of Encroachment Agreements
5] Does this Project comply with Land Development Code Subchapter E? List specifically any Alternative Equivalent Compliance request if any. Please refer to website for Alternate Equivalent Compliance (AEC) requirements. https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/code of ordinances?nodeId=TIT25LADE CH25- 2ZO_SUBCHAPTER_EDESTMIUS
Yes, and also complies with the Urban Design Guidelines and Downtown Density Bonus gatekeeper requirements

1] Indicate if proposed Project is required by City Ordinance to be reviewed by the Design Commission.

B. PROJECT BACKGROUND

6] Provide project background including goals, scope, building/planning type, and schedule. Broadly address each of the "Shared Values for Urban Areas" that are listed on Page 6 of the Urban Design Guidelines. Attach additional pages as needed.

Great thought has been put into the architectural design to create a dense yet appropriately scaled hotel building that serves the downtown convention market as well as the locals who will stay and dine at this establishment. The architecture is designed to respect the local context and character of Austin to ensure that it feels authentic and unique to this city. The restaurant and bar open up to the street corner making it easily approachable to all.

Outdoor seating covered with low canopies will help to activate the sidewalks and give a

7] Has this project conducted community/stakeholder outreach? If so, please provide documentation to demonstrate community/stakeholder support of this project.

No

8] Is this project submitting for the Downtown Density Bonus Program? If so, please provide a completed Downtown Density Bonus Application.

Yes, application submitted October 6, 2016

9] Has the project been reviewed by COA Department (i.e. DAC) Staff? If so, please describe and cite any relevant comments or feedback that the Commission should be aware of.

Yes, the site plan and license agreements are currently in review. Significant coordination has taken place with Urban Design, the City Arborist and Transportation to coordinate the streetscape and pedestrian experiences. Remaining comments are administrative in nature and should be clear in the next 3-5 weeks.

10] Are there any limitations to compliance or planning principles due to the specific requirements of this project that the Commission should be aware of?

No

C. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CONTEXT

11] Identify connectivity to public transportation including, bicycle and pedestrian routes and/or multi-modal transportation. Does the project comply with ADA requirements? Provide a site context map and attach additional pages as needed.

Yes, the project complies with ADA requirements. The site is located at 304 E. Cesar Chavez between Trinity Street and San Jacinto Street and within close proximity to many transportation options, including bike lanes, access to CapMetro rail and bus stops. The City's Downtown Metro Rail Station is located 3 blocks from the site.

12] Identify and describe any existing features that are required to be preserved and/or protected such as heritage trees, creeks or streams, endangered species (flora and/or fauna)? Attach additional site diagrams as needed.

Not applicable

13] Is this project within any City of Austin planning district, master plan, neighborhood plan, regulatory district, overlay, etc.? If so, please illustrate how this project conforms to the respective plan. Attach additional pages as needed. (See below for requirements.)

The project is within the Downtown Austin Planning (DAP) Area which provided clear direction toward creation and implementation of the Downtown Density Bonus program, including compliance with the gatekeeper requirements and the Urban Design guidelines. This project. Further, the DAP recommends downtown's future growth should support a vibrant, diverse and pedestrian-friendly district and downtown should evolve into a compact and dense urban district, with new buildings contributing positively to sustainability, quality of life and the downtown experience. This project will aid in achieving the goals of the DAP 14] List any project program and/or site constraints that should be considered.

Not applicable

D. RELATIONSHIP TO PUBLIC REALM

Public realm is defined as any publically owned streets, pathways, right of ways, parks, publicly accessible open spaces and any public and civic building and facilities. The quality of our public realm is vital if we are to be successful in creating environments that people want to live and work in.

15] The shared values outlined in the Urban Design Guidelines include Human Character, Density, Sustainability, Diversity, Economic Vitality, Civic Art, A Sense of Time, Unique Character, Authenticity, Safety and Connection to the Outdoors. How is the project addressing these unique community characteristics? Is the project developing any public amenities for urban continuity and vital place making?

This hotel project will enhance the public realm in many ways. One of the goals of the project is to create a dense yet appropriately scaled building that serves the downtown convention market as well as the locals who will stay and dine at this establishment. The architecture is designed to respect the local context and character of Austin to ensure that it feels authentic and unique to this city. The restaurant and bar open up to the street corner making it easily approachable to all. Outdoor seating covered with low canopies will help to activate the sidewalks and give a pedestrian scale.

16] Does this project encourage street level activity to engage and respond to functional needs such as shade, rest areas, multi-modal transportation storage and paths?

Yes, see attached renderings and plans.

17] How will the project be a good neighbor to adjacent properties? For example, describe the treatment of the transition area between properties, i.e. fence, landscape improvements, etc.

The hotel project will be a good neighbor by creating great outdoor public areas and wide sidewalks with trees and canopies that will provide shade to the pedestrians. The project builds up to the sidewalks on three sides and runs along an alley on the north side of the site.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABLE ISSUES

The Austin Urban Design Guidelines set a goal that, "All development should take into consideration the need to conserve energy and resources. It should also strive for a small carbon footprint."

18] Please list any significant components of the project that contribute to meeting this goal. If the project has been designed to accommodate future inclusion of such components (for example, by being built "solar ready") please list them.

Designing a building's systems to use less energy is the focus of this category. A commissioning agent will be contracted to verify the installation and performance of the HVAC systems as well as lighting and hot water systems. These systems are being designed to meet, and in some cases exceed the standard requirements. In terms of energy efficiency, the new building design is targeting at least a 12% reduction in the amount of energy the building consumes annually over the code required baseline. This reduction will be the result of energy efficient systems, the building orientation and the strategic selection of exterior building materials.

19] If the project is being designed to meet any sustainability/environmental standards or certifications (for example, LEED Silver), please list them here and attach relevant checklists or similar documents that demonstrate how the standard or certification will be achieved.

The project will comply with 2-Star AEGB requirements; the Austin Energy Letter of Intent and corresponding checklist is attached to the Downtown Density Bonus application package

20] If the project contains other significant sustainability components not included above that the Commission should note, please list them here.

N/A



DOWNTOWN DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM (DDBP) SUBMITTAL APPLICATION

1. Project Name: Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez

2. Property Owner

Name: South 1/2 Block 8 Venture

Address: 1509 Old West 38th Street, Suite 3, Austin, TX 78731

Phone: 512-472-3135

E-mail: jcalmiller@aol.com

3. Applicant/Authorized Agent

Name: Richard T. Suttle, Jr., Armbrust & Brown, PLLC

Address: 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300, Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-435-2300

E-mail: RSUTTLE@ABAUSTIN.COM and LCARLEY@ABAUSTIN.COM

4. Anticipated Project Address:

304 East Cesar Chavez Street

5. Site Information	
a. Lot area: 35,411 square feet	
 Existing zoning (include any zoning suffixes such as "H," "CO," etc. If the property has a conditional overlay (CO), provide explanation of conditions (attach additional pages as necessary): 	
CBD	
c. Existing entitlements:	
i) Current floor to area (FAR) limitation: 8:1	
ii) Current height limitation (in feet): n/a	
iii) Affected by Capitol View Corridors (CVCs) Yes/No?	
☐ Yes ✓ No	
If yes, please list specific CVC and allowable maximum height.	
6. Existing Deed Restrictions If any, detail existing deed restrictions on the property that impact height and/or density:	
n/a	

7. Proposed Project Information

a. Total square footage - Only include the square footage that counts towards FAR; see LDC 25-1-21(40), (44), and (45):

524,628 gsf

b. Gross floor area devoted to the different land use categories included in the project (e.g., retail/restaurant, office, apartment, condominium, hotel):

204,000 sf guestrooms,62,447 sf meeting space, 9,765 sf hotel rest/bars, 2,000 sf fitness

- c. Number or units (if project includes residential development): n/a
- d. Number of rooms (if hotel or similar use): 613
- e. Number of floors: 31
- f. Height: 380'-6"
- g. Maximum FAR requested: 15:1

8. Gatekeeper Requirements

Provide an explanation of how this project meets the *Gatekeeper* requirements of the DDBP as described in 25-2-586. Attach additional page(s) as necessary:

The project substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines, as described in Item 11 below.

In addition, the project has included a schematic site plan, building elevations, and other documents to show the project in relation to its surroundings.

The project shall execute a restrictive covenant committing to streetscape improvements consistent with the Great Streets standards.

Lastly, the project shall execute a restrictive covenant committing to achieve a minimum two star rating under the Austin Energy Green Building program.

9. Community Benefits

Detail which community benefits will be used and how they will be applied (affordable housing on site, fee in lieu of, affordable housing + community benefit, etc.). Attach additional page(s) as necessary:

The proposed use is a hotel, which allows obtaining additional density by meeting the Gatekeeper requirements. The project proposes to meet the Gatekeeper requirements.

10. Density Bonus Calculation

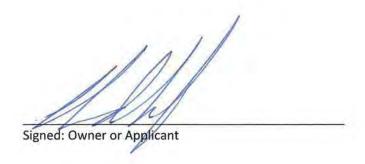
Provide a calculation method of how the additional FAR is sought including site area and amount per square foot. Calculation should include all *Gatekeeper* items plus all community benefits:

The hotel project proposes to meet the Gatekeeper requirements.

11. Relate Project to the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin

Provide detailed explanation of how the project substantially complies with the <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin</u> (UDG) with reference to specific guidelines by completing the attached UDG spreadsheet. Attach additional page(s) as necessary.

12. Acknow	wledgements	
a.	Applicant has reviewed <u>25-2-586 D</u>	Downtown Density Bonus Program:
	✓ Yes	No
b.		dard restrictive covenant template will be dress Gatekeeper requirements in accordance
	✓ Yes	No
C.		tal of the project's signed Austin Energy accompanying scorecard is mandatory:
	✓ Yes	No
d.	Applicant has received and review Austin:	ed a copy of the <u>Urban Design Guidelines for</u>
	✓ Yes	No
e.		ion to the Design Commission Working Group Meeting by coordinating dates with Design n@austintexas.gov):
	Yes	No
f.	benefit, Applicant has scheduled a	on of on-site affordable housing as a public coordination meeting with the Neighborhood nent Department to detail program of affordability from NHCD:
	✓ Yes	No



Authorized Agent Richard T. Suttle, Jr

Date submitted October 6, 2016



DOWNTOWN DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM (DDBP) APPLICANT'S SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Submitted: Completed DDBP Application; Vicinity plan/aerial locating the project in its context, and showing a minimum 9 block area around the project; Location of nearby transit facilities; Drawings: Site plan; Floor plans; Exterior elevations (all sides) with height and FAR calculations; Three-dimensional views; Copy of the project's signed Austin Energy Green Building Letter of Intent and scorecard; Other items that may be submitted but not required: Narrative / graphics / photos to further describe the project; and Letter of affordability and acknowledgment from NHCD for affordable housing

community benefit.

MARRIOTT HOTEL AUSTIN, TEXAS





NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The design for the hotel includes a 31-story, 613 room hotel of approximately 524,628 SF located in the Central Business District. Using the Austin Downtown Density Bonus Program guidelines the hotel is requesting a maximum density of

The project will serve as a convention hotel, offering lodging and additional meeting spaces that are conveniently located adjacent to the Austin Convention Center. The distinct building design uses a modern palate of materials which blends a seven story podium base and rooftop pool deck with a high rise hotel tower that substantially complies with the Urban Design Guidelines. The Great Streets program governs the streetscape on the east, south and west sides of the project and the ground level features a lobby, lounge and restaurant that will activate the sidewalks. The hotel will be LEED accredited and will meet a Two Star rating using the Austin Green Building Program.

Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez Review of Susbstantial Compliance with UD Guidelines

	Area Wide Guidelines		
	Guideline	Achieved? (Yes/No)	Applicant's Comments
7	AW-1: Create dense	Yes	concentrates a hotel use in the CBD and
1	development		בוווומוורבז נווב בסוואבוונוסוו בבוונבו
	AW-2. Create mixed-use		project includes a hotel and restaurant open
7		Yes	to the public and should be considered a
	3,500		mixed use development
			meeting Great Streets criteria provides
C	AW-3. Limit development which	\ \ \	connection to pedestrian circulation routes
n	closes downtown streets	S	and provides a human scale interface with
			the building; no street closures
<	AW-4. Buffer neighborhood	V/N	is not annicable no neighborhood edges
t	edges	W/N	is incrappingable, inclineigniborniood edges
	AW-5. Incorporate civic art in		
2	both public and private	No	no civic art is planned
	development		
(AW-6. Protect important public	>	no elevated walkways to adjacent buildings,
D	views	£	no Capitol view corridors impeded
_	AW-7. Avoid historical	200	the building design is distinctly a modern high
٠	misrepresentations	621	rise
o		V/N	is not applicable, not adjacent to historical
0	buildings	Y /N	structures
	AW-9. Acknowledge that		hae Joan loon noffoor e sabuloui anisah
6	rooftops are seen from other	Yes	design mortanical ocurs and
	buildings and the street		screens roorcop mechanical equipment
,	AW-10. Avoid the development	7	
TO	of theme environments	res	bullaing is not themea
11	AW-11. Recycle existing building	NO	No planned use of existing buildings
	STOCK		

	Public Streetscape Guidelines		
12	PS-1. Protect the pedestrian 12 where the building meets the street	ON	no continuous overhead cover of pedestrian routes is planned
13	13 PS-2. Minimize curb cuts	Yes	curb cuts are minimized and existing alley is utilized
14	PS-3. Create a potential for two- way streets	Yes	Cesar Chavez is already a two way street; San Jacinto and Trinity are one way streets; site vehicular access will work if the city decided to make them two way streets
15	PS-4. Reinforce pedestrian activity	Yes	Great Street guidelines for wide sidewalks that enhance pedestrian activity are used in the design

Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez Review of Susbstantial Compliance with UD Guidelines

10	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	٧/١٧	is not applicable, project is not a transit stop
ТО	TO PS-5. Ellilalice key trailsit stops	4/2	or adjacent to a transit stop
17	17 PS-6. Enhance the streetscape	Yes	Great Street guidelines for street furniture and amenities are used in the design
18	PS-7. Avoid conflicts between 18 pedestrians and utility	Yes	design avoids conflicts between pedestrians
	equipment		and utility equipment
6	1000	20/	Great Street guidelines for trees are used in
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7	lighting	163	are used in the design
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21		Yes	are used in the design: benches, bike racks,
	cars/promote curbside parking		trees
ć	PS-11. Screen mechanical and	20%	mechanical and utility equipment is not
22	utility equipment	res	located along the street edge
ç	PS-12. Provide generous street-	~~	views from the sidewalk into the building are
73	Level windows	200	planned with abundant street level windows
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24	materials at street level	Yes	the street level: glass, stone cladding and
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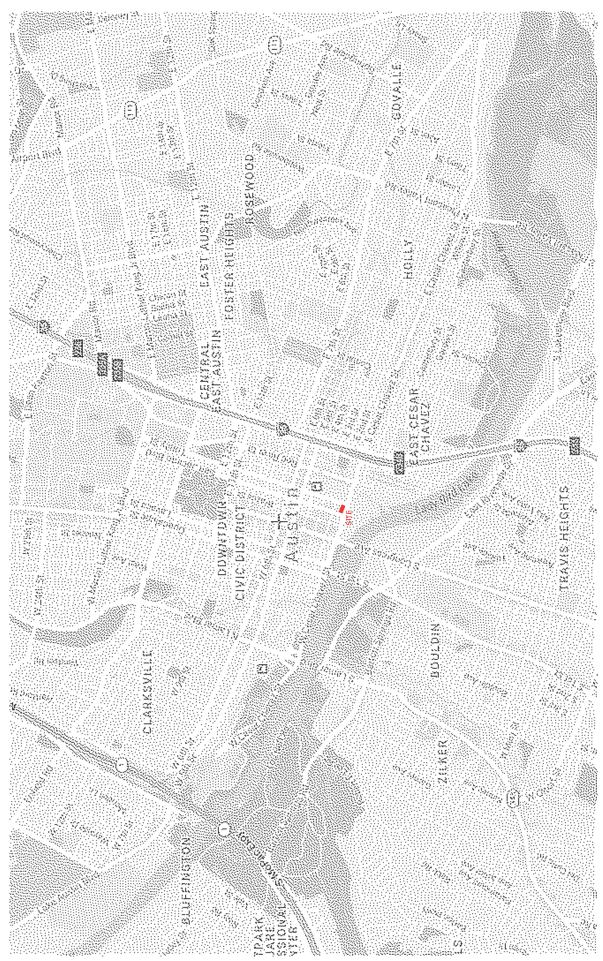
Building Guidelines		
B- 1. Build to the street	Yes	the building is proposed to the property lines on the north, east and west sides; the building is proposed to the edge of the Great Streets sidewalk area on the south side. Note that 8'-0" of developable property along Cesar Chavez Street must be designated to allow for the full Great Streets streetscape width
B- 2. Provide multi-tenant, pedestrian-oriented development at the street level	Ν/Α	is not applicable, the project has a single tenant; however a ground floor restaurant accessible to the public is proposed
B-3. Accentuate primary entrances	Yes	the building entrances are accentuated and are distributed on different sides of the building
B- 4. Encourage the inclusion of local character	Yes	the building adds to the modern character of a central business district
B-5. Control on-site parking	Yes	parking is located below grade and occupied interior space can be seen from the street

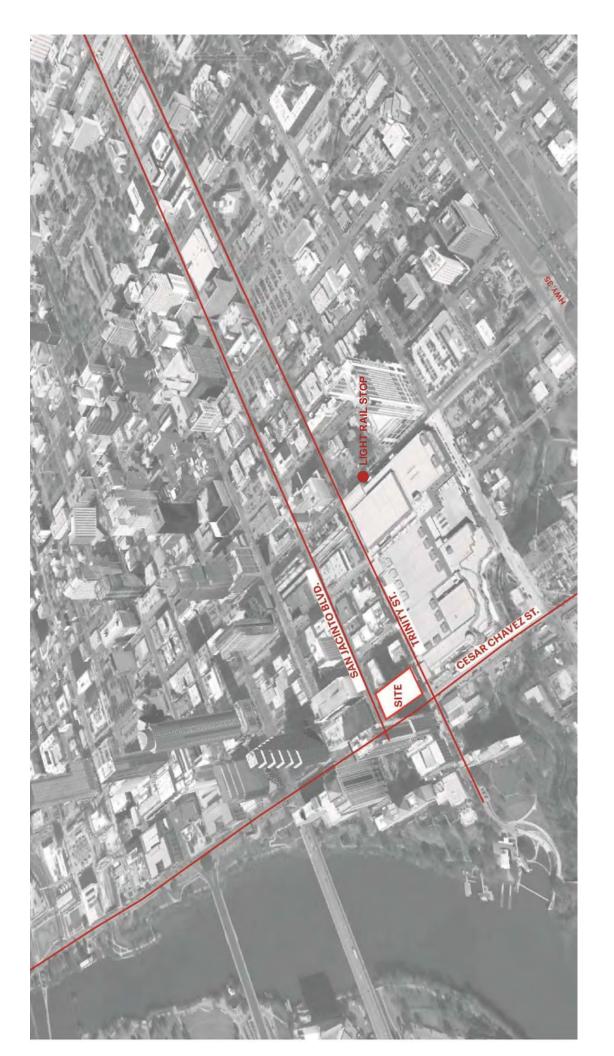
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B- 6. Create quality construction	Yes	the building is made of high quality, long term components suitable to an urban environment
B- 7. Create buildings with human scale	Yes	visibility into the building and articulation of the building materials at the street level creates a sense of human scale and adds interest

Plaza and Open Space		
Guidelines		
PZ-1. Treat the four squares with special consideration	No	
PZ- 2. Contribute to an open	Q Z	
space network		
PZ- 3. Emphasize connections to	ON	
parks and greenways	2	
PZ- 4. Incorporate open space		
into residential development	No	
(pool, deck, dog area)		
PZ- 5. Develop green roofs	No	
PZ- 6. Provide plazas in high use		
areas	INO	
PZ- 7. Determine plaza function,	V/ N	
size, and activity	N/N	
PZ- 8. Respond to microclimate	V/N	
in plaza design	N/A	
PZ- 9. Consider views,		
circulation, boundaries, and	N/A	
subspaces in plaza design		
PZ- 10. Provide an appropriate	0/10	
amount of plaza seating	W/N	
PZ- 11. Provide visual and spatial		
complexity in public spaces	N/A	
PZ- 12. Use plants to enliven	V/N	
urban spaces	N/A	
PZ- 13. Provide interactive civic	V/ N	
art and fountains in plazas	N/A	
PZ- 14. Provide food service for	V/N	
plaza participants	N/A	
PZ- 15. Increase safety in plazas		
through wayfinding, lighting, &	N/A	
visibility		

Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez Review of Susbstantial Compliance with UD Guidelines

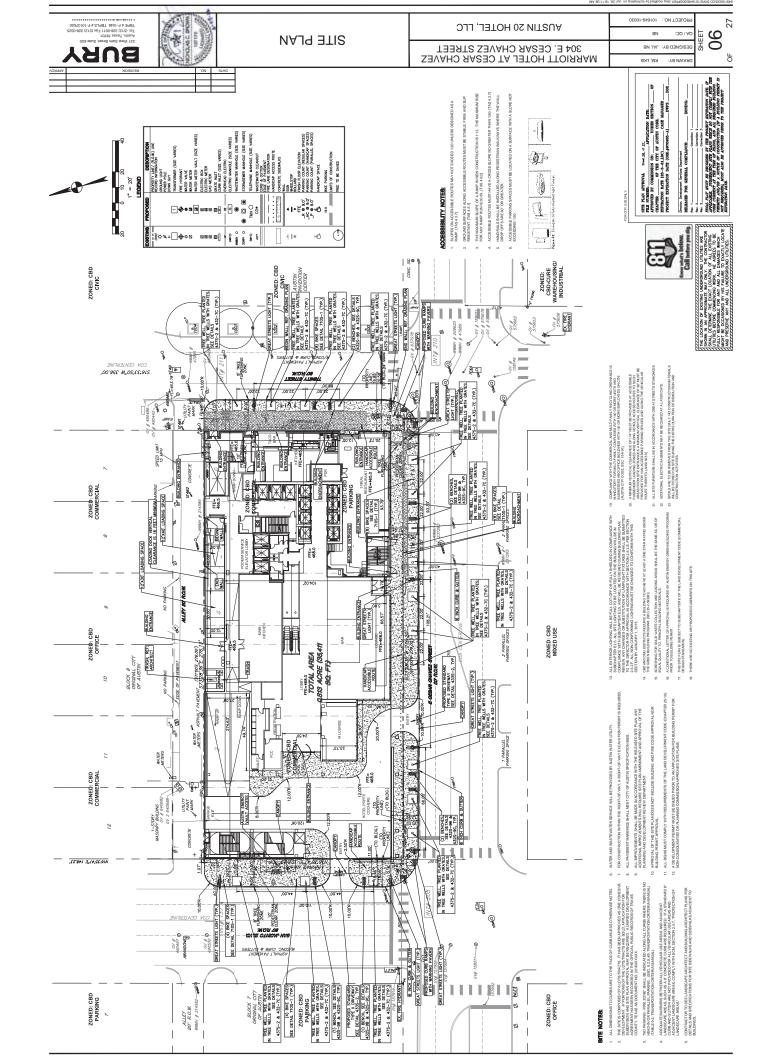
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PZ- 16. Consider plaza operations and maintenance		Conclusions	Total number of Urban Design Guidelines	Number of Guidelines applicable to Marriott Cesar Chavez:	Number of Guidelines met by Marriott Cesar Chavez:
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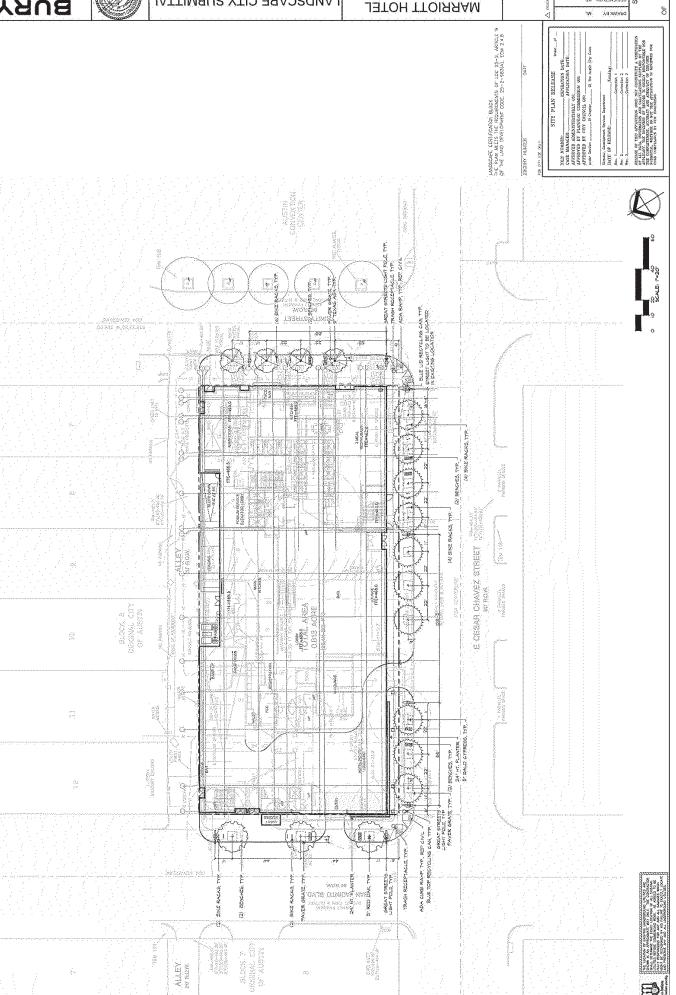




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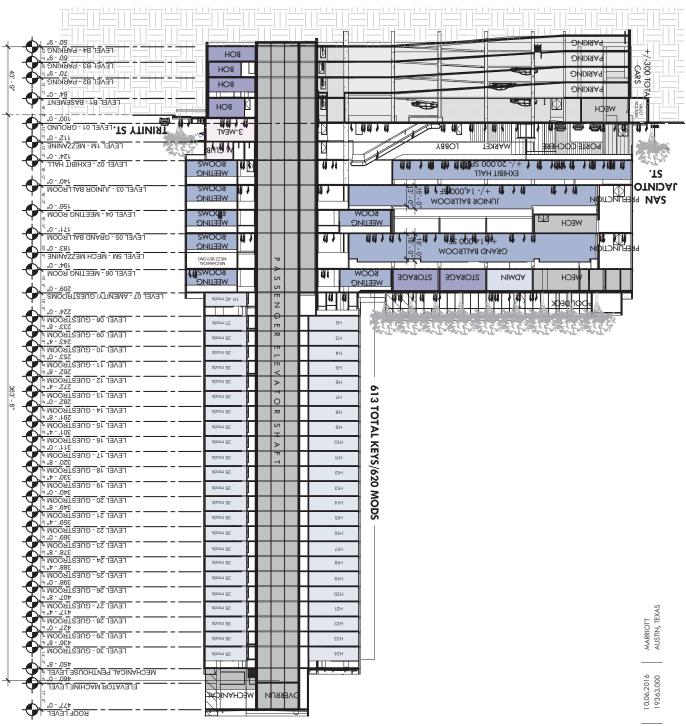


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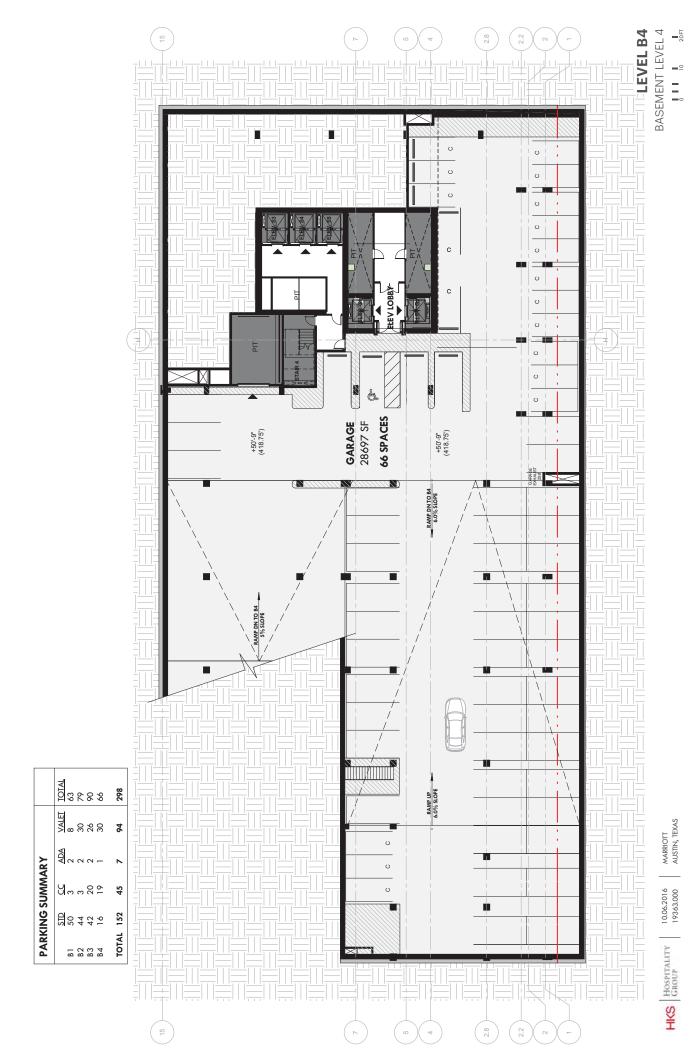
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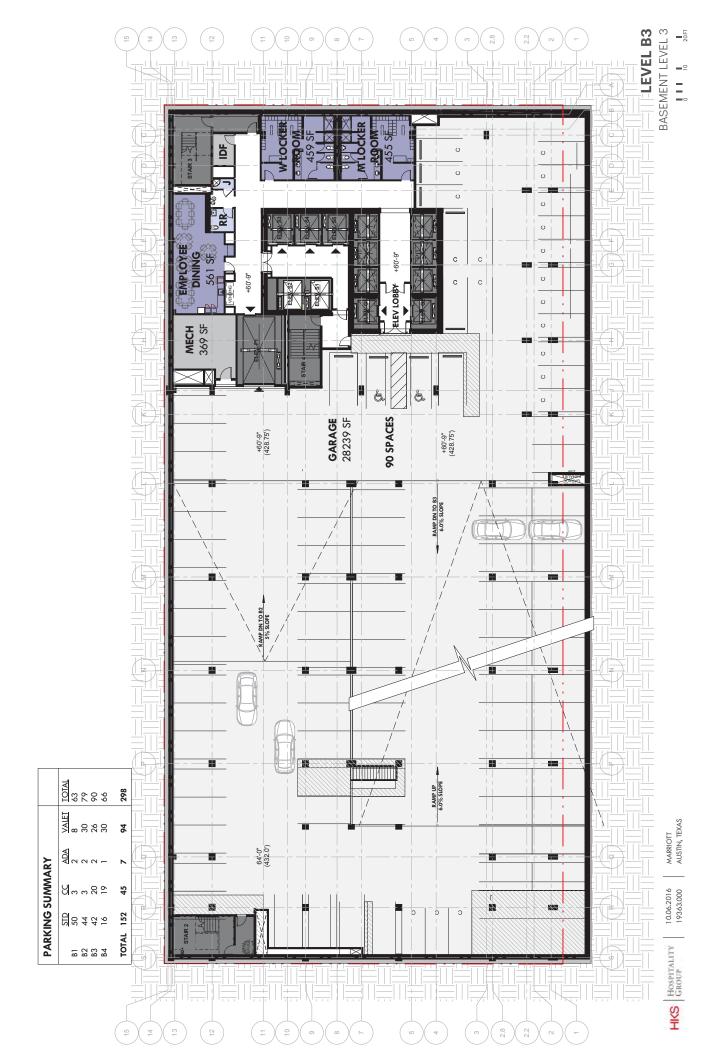
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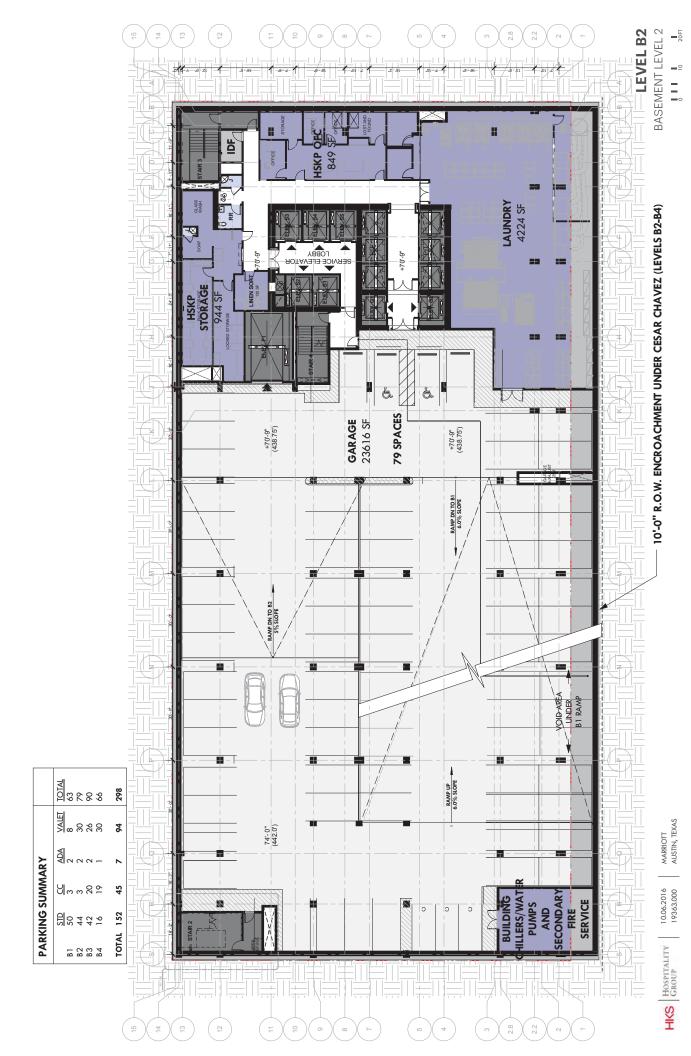


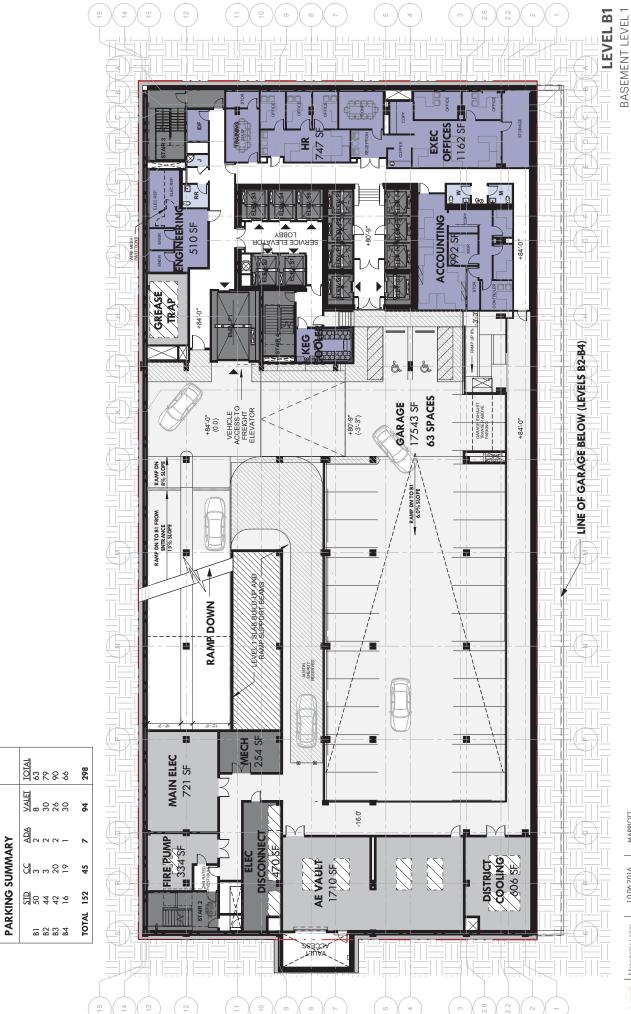
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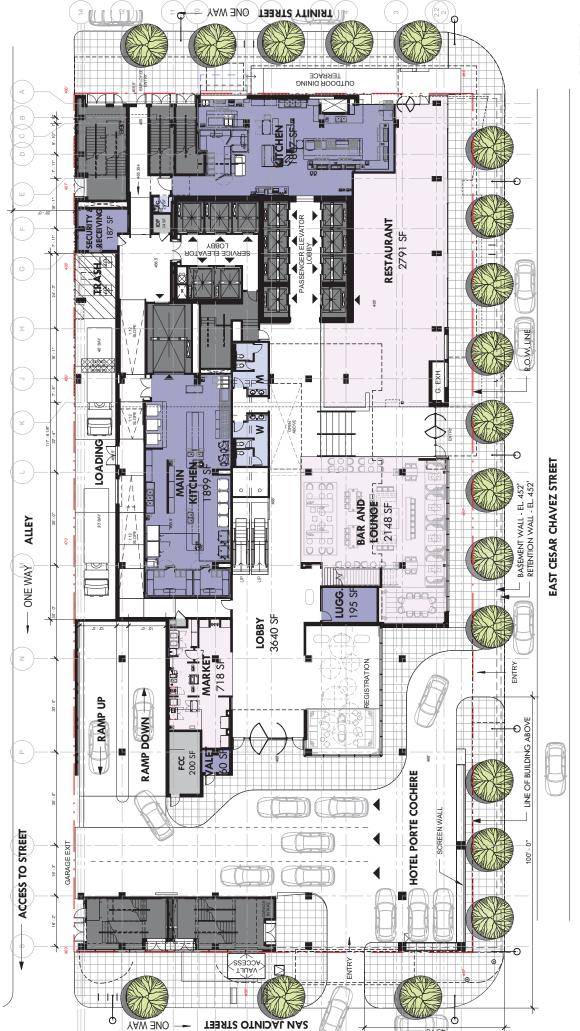






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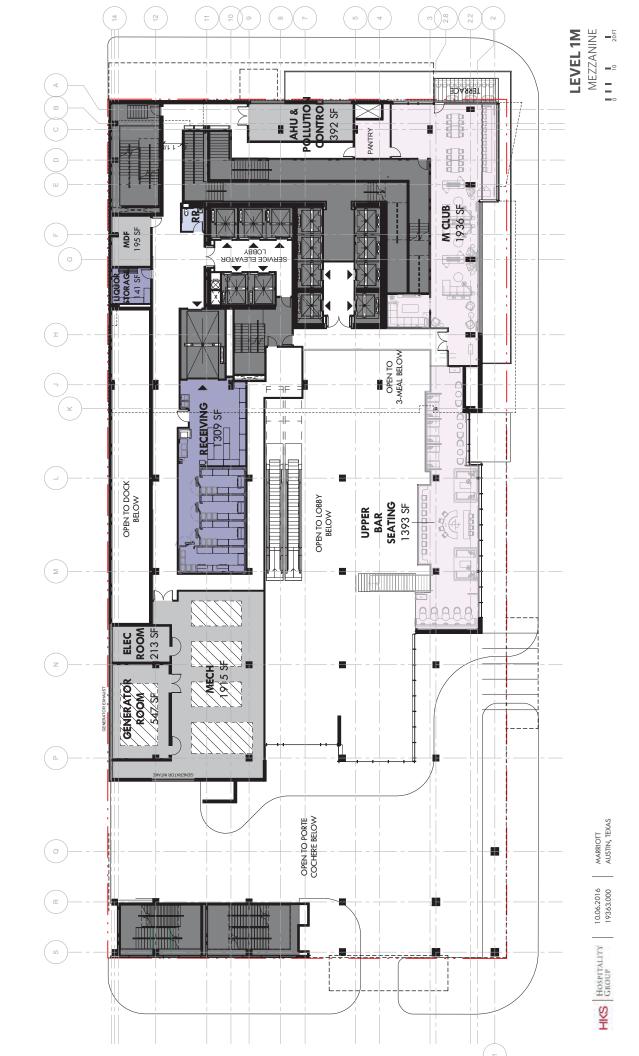
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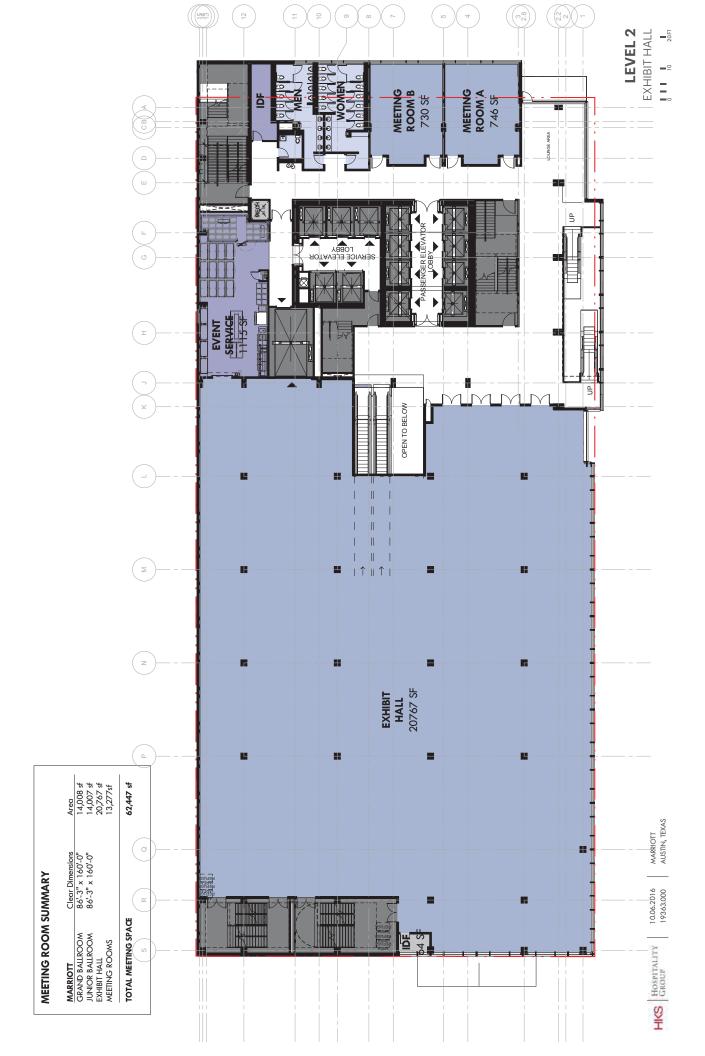


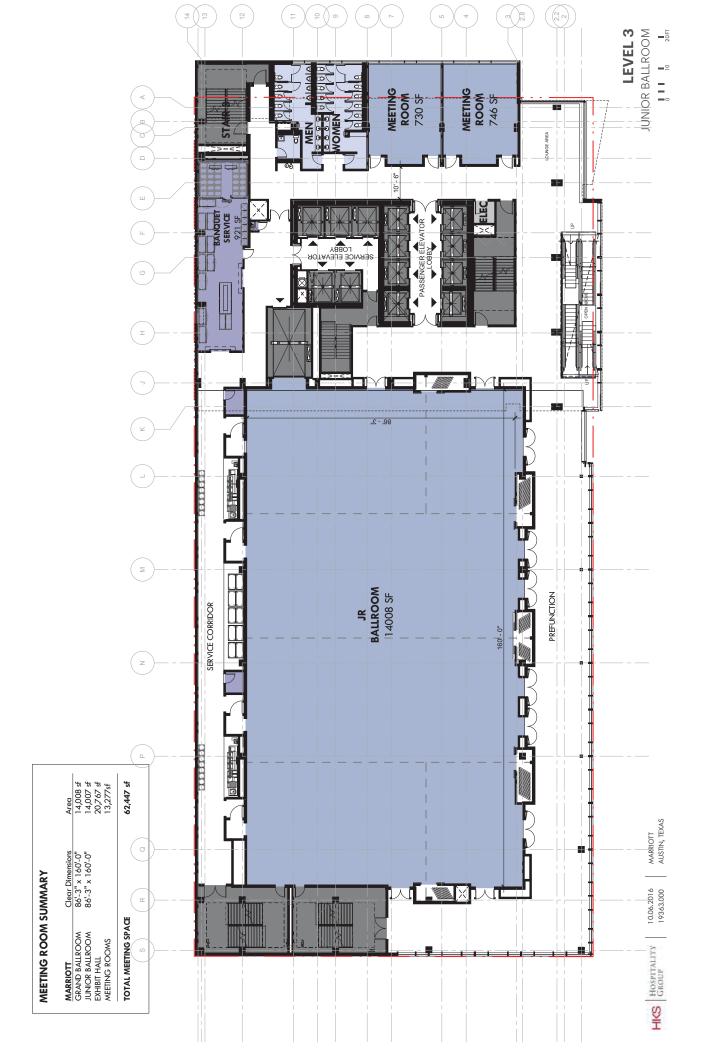
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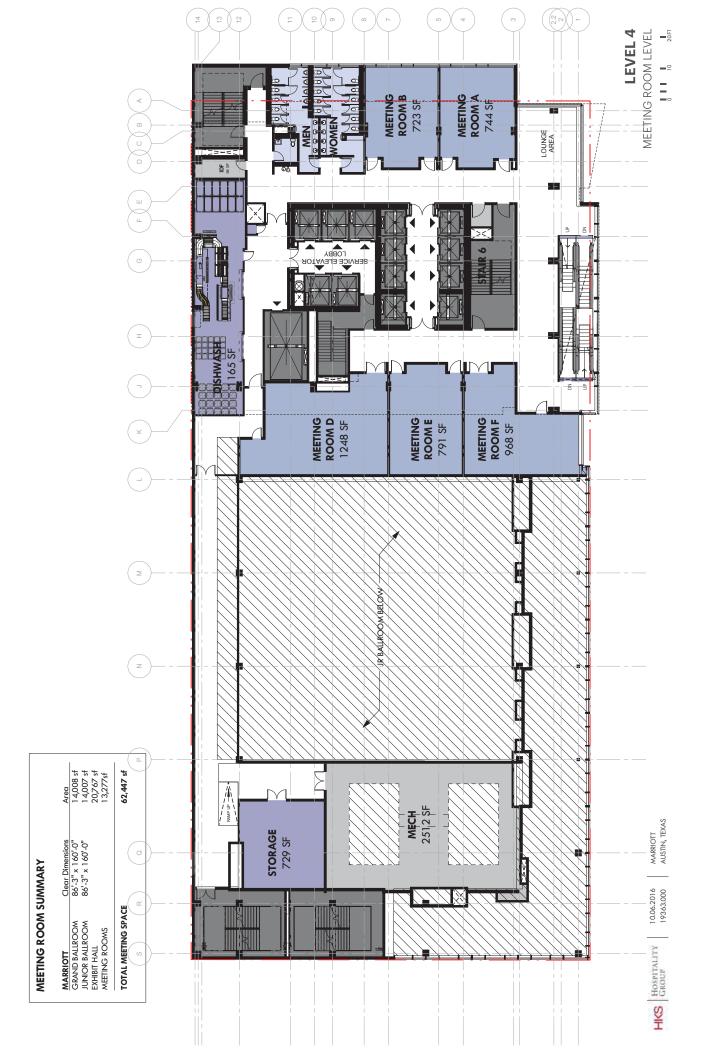
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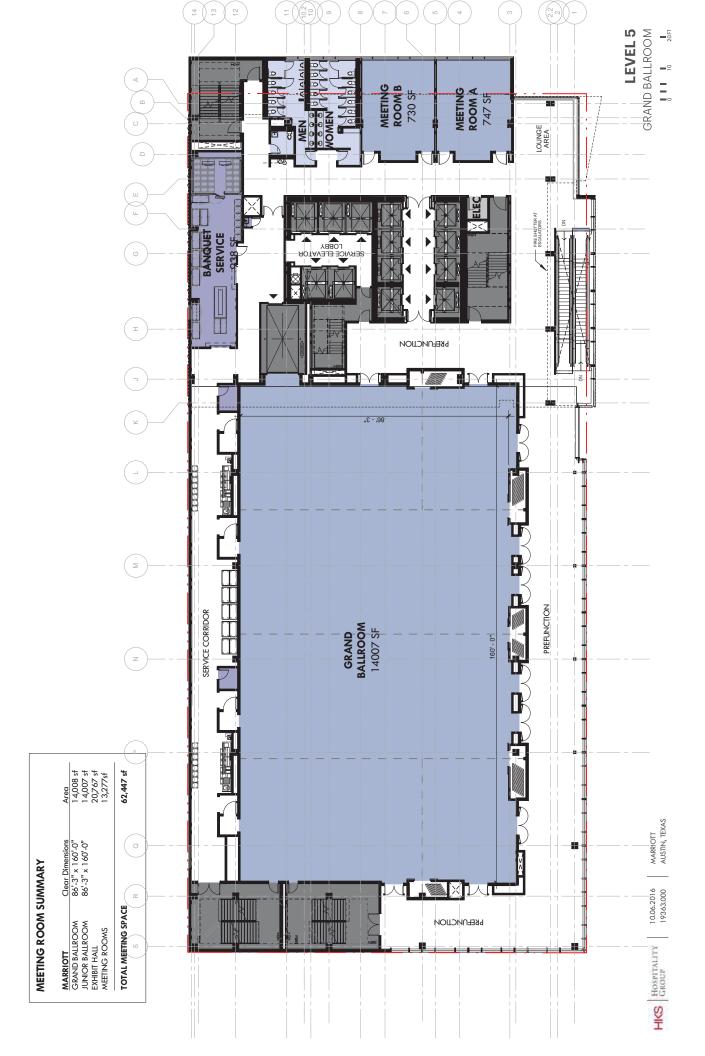
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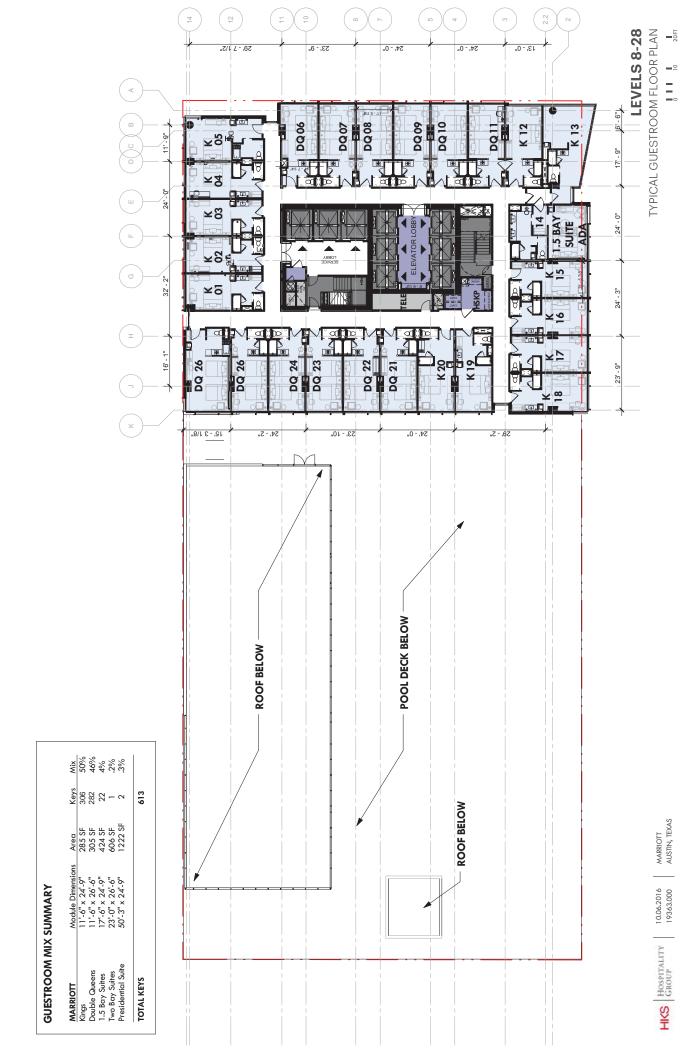




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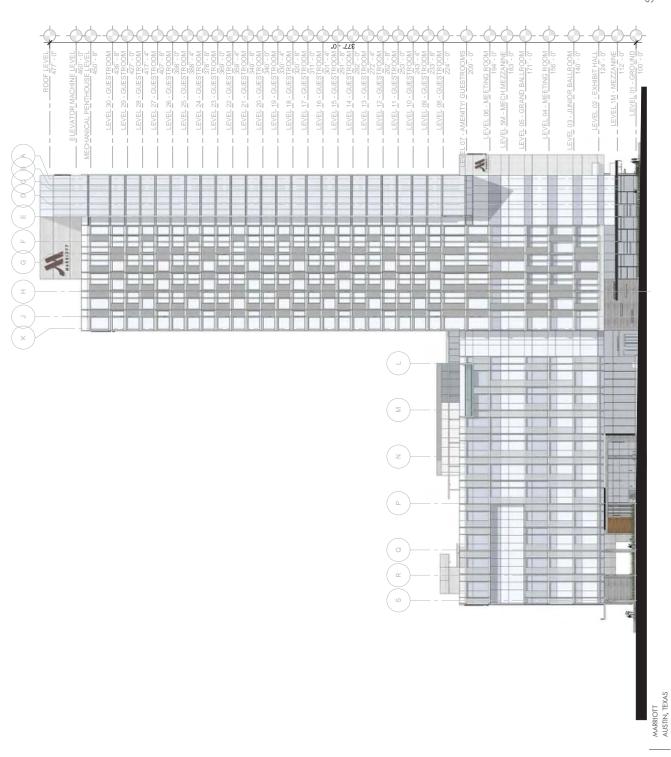
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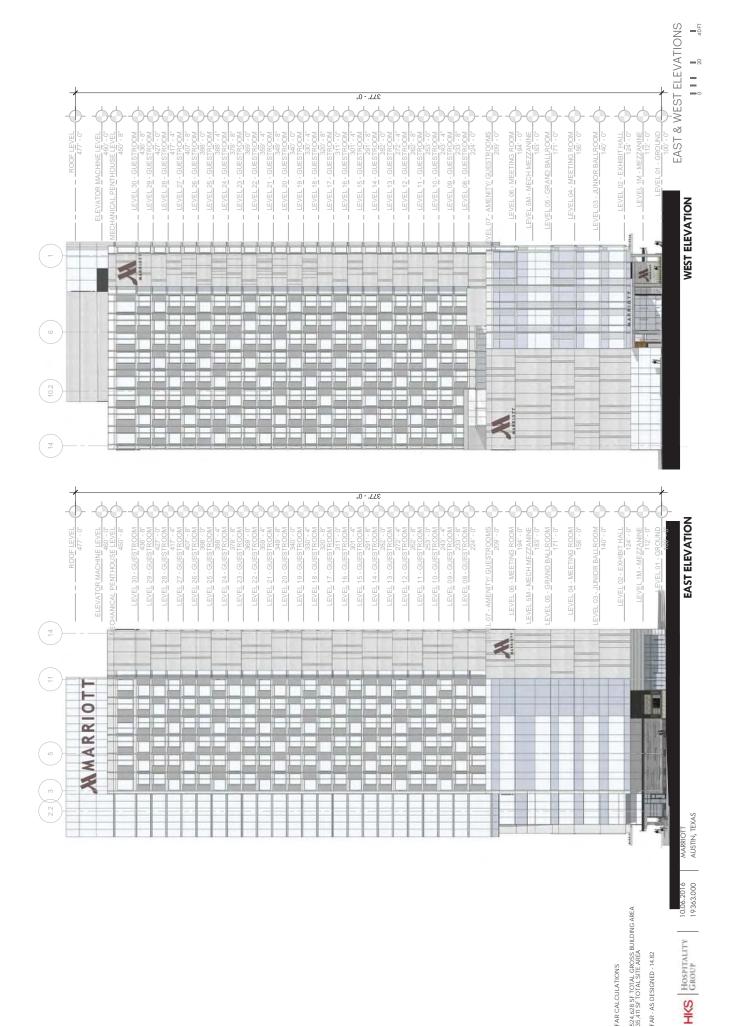


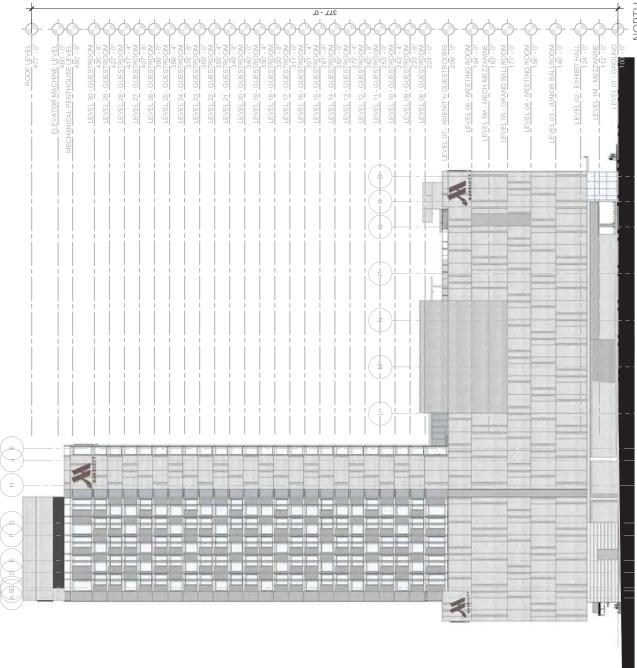
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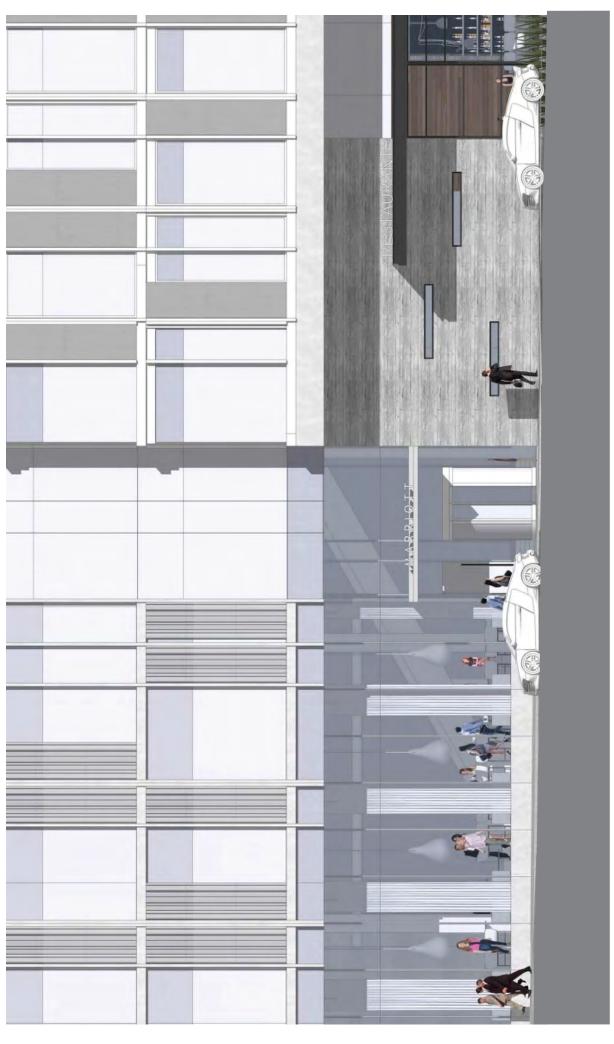


















AUSTIN ENERGY GREEN BUILDING

Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent demonstrates the intent of the project owner or an authorized representative to complete the necessary requirements to achieve an Austin Energy Green Building (AEGB) minimum

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Star Rating for a development / project that requires this rating.

Project Name:	Cesar Chavez Marriott Hotel
	S: Cesar Chavez and San Jacinto, Austin, Texas, 78701

This Letter of Intent must be included with the Administrative Site Plan application for all projects requiring an AEGB Rating. Signing this letter demonstrates knowledge of this requirement and the process necessary to achieve an AEGB Rating. For best results, meet with an AEGB representative early in the design process. To achieve an AEGB Rating:

- Submit a Project Application in the AEGB Online Rating System prior to or within Schematic Design Phase. Sign and upload the Letter of Intent to the Documents tab. Complete "Team" tab.
- II. Submit a completed and signed AEGB Conditional Approval with the Building Permit application. AEGB will issue a Conditional Approval upon satisfactory review of the project's construction documents, including plans, specifications, mechanical plans, Manual J calculation (applicable for multifamily and single family projects), and the project's AEGB Rating Worksheet.
- III. Schedule AEGB inspections (separate from City of Austin inspections) of the project with the AEGB representative
 - a) After interior mechanical equipment has been installed and prior to installation of sheetrock.
 - b) At substantial completion of construction.
- IV. Submit a completed and signed AEGB Final Approval to receive the Certificate of Occupancy for this project. AEGB will issue a Final Approval upon substantial completion of the project and satisfactory fulfillment of the AEGB Rating.

This Letter of Intent is entered into by the parties, acting through their duly authorized representatives, effective as of the later of two signature dates entered below:

PARTICIPANT: White Lodging as Maraye Name: Steven I. Horndler	AUSTIN ENERGY GREEN BUILDING:
Name: Steven I. Horfoller 3	Name: Left Wacker
Signature: Itu I Handle	Signature:
Title: VP of Manager	Title: AEGB Representative
Phone Number: 219-472-2900	Phone Number: 512. 487.5448
Date: 10/5/14	Date: 9/13/16

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Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

October 10, 2016

Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez – 304 East Cesar Chavez Street (SP-2016-0300C)
Rainey Street Subdistrict and Downtown Density Bonus Program Certification Letter

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Steven I Handler, Vice President of White Lodging Services Corporation, Manager of Austin 20 Hotel, LLC (contact: Matt Frankiewicz; phone: 219.472.2985; email: mfrankiewicz@whitelodging.com) is planning to develop a 613 room hotel, under site plan SP-2016-0300C at 304 East Cesar Chavez Street, Austin TX 78701. The project is located within Downtown Density Bonus Programs that is located in the City's Land Development Code, 25-2-586. This project is submitting for a density bonus through the City's Downtown Density Bonus Program. This project does not have to meet any Affordable Housing Community Benefits requirements since the project does not consist of any residential units.

Please contact me by phone 512.974.3128 or by email at <u>Sandra.harkins@austintexas.gov</u> if you need additional information.

Sincerely

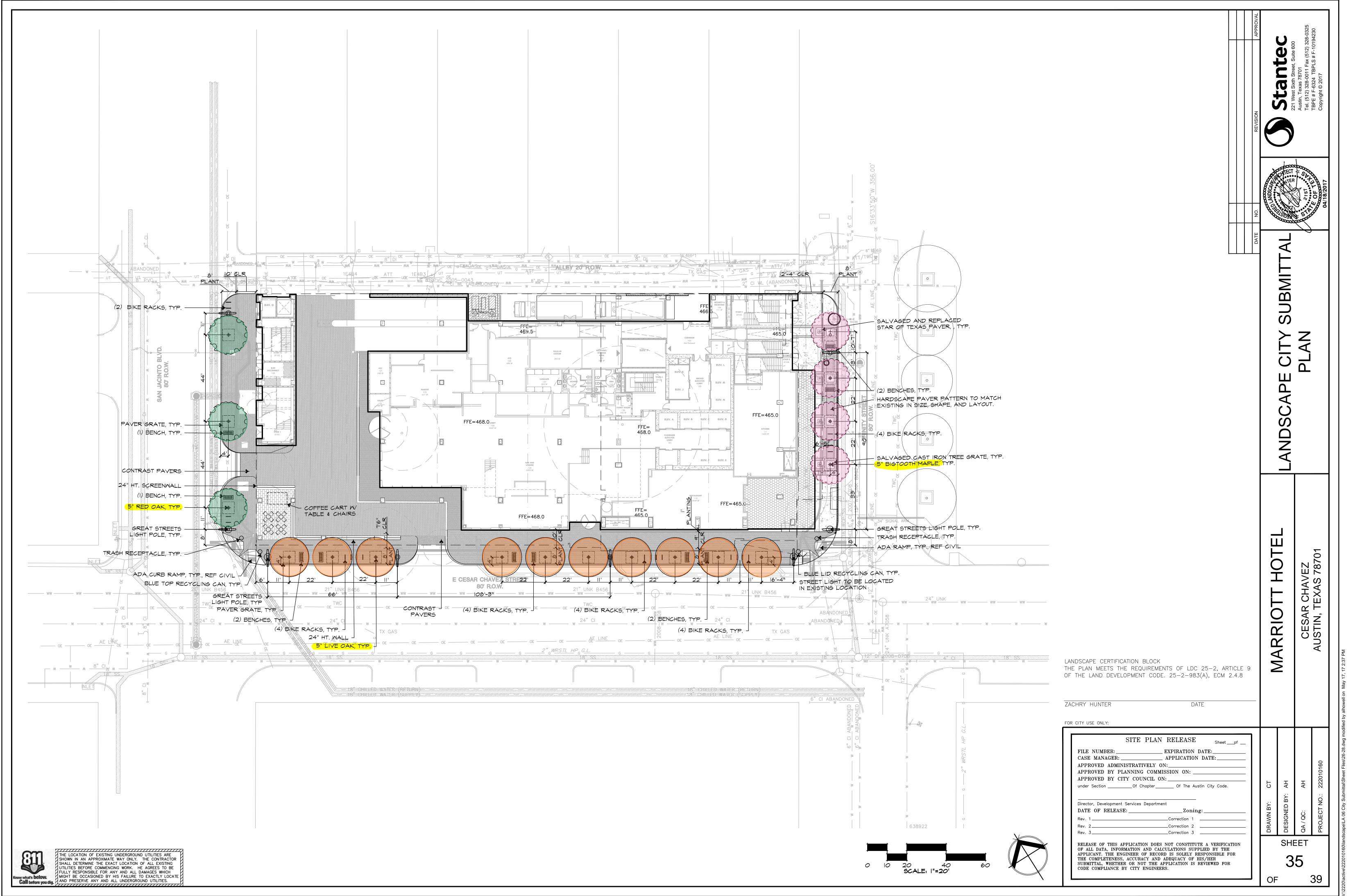
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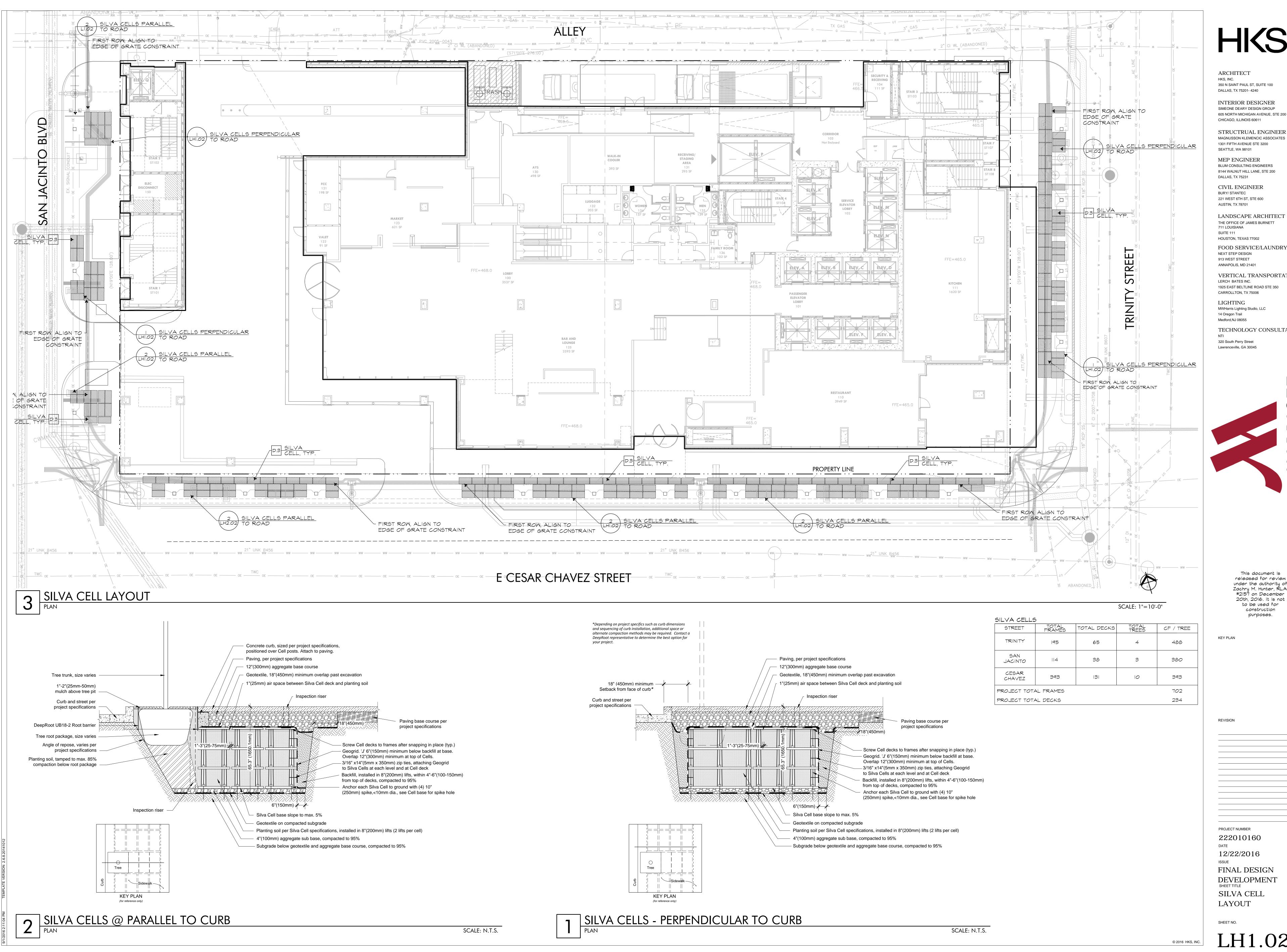
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Cc: Regina Copic, NHCD Anne Milne PZD

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name	
Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez	
Project Type:	
☐ Infrastructure ☐ City build ☐ Private project ☐ Other	ing & site
Project Location/Address	
304 E. Cesar Chavez Street	
Applicant	Property Owner
Richard T. Suttle, Jr, Armbrust & Brown, PLL0	C South 1/2 Block 8 Venture
Applicant Mailing Address	Property Owner Mailing Address
100 Congress, Suite 1300 Austin, TX 78701	1509 Old West 38th Street Austin, TX 78731
Applicant Telephone Number	Property Owner Telephone Number
512-435-2300	512-472-3135
Project Start Date	Project Completion Date
June 2017	December 2019
Applicant's Architect	Applicant's Engineer
HKS Michael Strohmer, AIA	Stantec Joe Isaja, PE





ARCHITECT 350 N SAINT PAUL ST, SUITE 100

DALLAS, TX 75201- 4240 INTERIOR DESIGNER

SIMEONE DEARY DESIGN GROUP 605 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, STE 200 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

SEATTLE, WA 98101 MEP ENGINEER

BLUM CONSULTING ENGINEERS 8144 WALNUT HILL LANE, STE 200 DALLAS, TX 75231

CIVIL ENGINEER BURY/ STANTEC 221 WEST 6TH ST, STE 600

AUSTIN, TX 78701

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT THE OFFICE OF JAMES BURNETT 711 LOUISIANA SUITE 111

FOOD SERVICE/LAUNDRY NEXT STEP DESIGN 913 WEST STREET

VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION LERCH BATES INC. 1925 EAST BELTLINE ROAD STE 350 CARROLLTON, TX 75006

LIGHTING MWHarris Lighting Studio, LLC

TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT

320 South Perry Street Lawrenceville, GA 30045



This document is released for review under the authority of Zachry M. Hunter, ŘLA, #2157 on December 20th, 2016. It is not to be used for construction purposes.

PROJECT NUMBER

222010160 12/22/2016

DEVELOPMENT SHEET TITLE SILVA CELL LAYOUT

SHEET NO.

LH1.02

Silva Cell Estimating Worksheet Marriott Cesar Chavez

Buyer/Contractor acknowledges that DeepRoot Green Infrastructure, LLC is providing an Estimating Worksheet as an optional tool for use by Buyer/Contractor, that Buyer/Contractor is free to use or not use this tool, or any other tool or information of its choosing, and that Buyer/Contractor, not DeepRoot Green Infrastructure, LLC, is solely responsible for the quantity of materials and product that they estimate and order for this Project. The soil compaction densities and depths of placement of soil lifts and aggregate layers specified are for the support of the Silva Cell product alone and any higher standard specified by the geotechnical, civil or structural engineers on the Project should be followed.

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ITEM	,	QUANTITIY		NIT PRICE	TOTAL
Mobilization Move equipment and materials to and from site	_	1.00 x	\$	2,000.00 = \$	2,000.00
Excavation	01/	245.00 x	¢	10.00 = \$	2,450.00
(width of Silva Cell area + 1.5 ft oversize on either side) x (length of Silva cell area + 1.5 Ft of oversize at either end) x depth	су	245.00 X	Ψ	10.00 = \$	2,430.00
Depths:					
1x system = Pavement thickness + aggregate thickness + 21" 2x system = Pavement thickness + aggregate thickness + 35"					
3x system = Pavement thickness + aggregate thickness + 47"					
Geotextile fabric (2x)	sf	3500.00 x	\$	0.10 = \$	350.00
One layer goes below sub base aggregate.					
One layer goes over the Silva Cell decks, just below the aggregate base for the pavement Width x length of the Silva Cell area (including oversizing) x 2					
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Sub base aggregate The 4" thick layer of aggregate at the bottom of the excavation that the lowest layer of Silva Cells rests on	су	85.00 x	<u> </u>	32.00 = \$	2,720.00
Compacted to 95 % density.					
Width x length of the Silva Cell area (including oversizing) x 4" divided by 27 = cubic yards					
Silva Cell bases (included in DeepRoot quote)	ea	234.00 x		=_\$	54,288.00
24" x 48" base units.					
Silva Cell anchoring assembly (included in DeepRoot quote) Threaded pin + crossbar. Use 2 per each base unit	_	x		=	
<u> </u>					
Silva Cell posts (included in DeepRoot quote) Round vertical pieces that span between the bases and decks. 6 posts per base unit*	_	x		=_	
They come in 2 different lengths based on the height of system.					
3x* (uses a combined 1x plus 2x leg. Requires 6-1X legs and 6-2X legs per base unit)	_	x		<u> </u>	
Silva Cell decks (included in DeepRoot quote)	_	x		=	
24" x 48" top pieces that attach to posts. Used on top layer only (1 deck per base unit).		•••			
Strongbacks (included in DeepRoot quote) Temporary plastic forms that stabilize the posts during placement of the soil (removed as the decks are installed).	_	20.00 x		=_\$	1,040.00
Geogrid		x		=	
Wrapped vertically around the perimeter of the Silva Cell area .	_	^	_		
Separates the soil inside the Silva Cell system from the surrounding compacted soils.					
(length of perimeter around cells) x (height of cells + 6" overlap at bottom and 12" overlap at top) 1x = length around perimeter x 36"					
2x = length around perimeter x 48"					
3x = length around perimeter x 72"					
Planting soil	су	245.00 x	\$	35.00 = \$	8,575.00
Specified soil placed inside of the Silva Cells.					
Placed in approximately 12" lifts and compacted by walking around over it (approximately 80% density) Each frame holds approximately 10 cu ft of soil.					
(quantity of frames x 10) divided by 27 = cu yds of planting soil required					
Backfilling and Compacting	су	245.00 x	\$	10.00 = \$	2,450.00
Backfilling between the outside perimeter of the Silva Cells and the walls of the excavated area with compactable soil					
Place compactable soil in lifts and compact to 95% density or to the specified density for hardscape areas whichever is greater. Soil may be excess form the excavation provided it can be compacted to the required density and that no other material is specified.	ed				
Inspection riser		17.00 x	\$	10.00 = \$	170.00
A vertical pipe installed near each tree opening used for monitoring water levels, adding water, adding fertilizer, etc					
4" plastic pipe with fabric sock and drain holes in the lower 12" and a screw on plastic cap on top					
Root Barrier (included in DeepRoot quote)		x		=	
Plastic panels that slide together to form a circle inside of the tree opening. Installed when the trees are planted. Prevents tree roots from growing directly under the pavement by guiding them down to the soil inside the Silva Cells.					
Items That May Or May Not Be The Responsibility Of The Silva Cell Contractor					
Aggregate base for pavement The layer of aggregate placed over the top of the Silva Cells or directly below the pavement surface.	_	x		==	
Sub surface drainage pipe		x		=	
A perforated plastic pipe or weeping pipe installed at the bottom of the Silva Cell system and connected to the storm sewer					
Irrigation piping		x		=	
Piping for either a pressurized or passive irrigation system looped through the top layer of Silva Cells just below the decks					
TOTAL				\$	74,043.00

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 17, 2017

To: Austin Design Commission

From: Planning & Urban Design Working Group

Subject: Working Group Density Bonus Program review of "The Marriott Hotel at Cesar Chavez" for

substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines.

Meeting Date: May 12, 2017; 12:00 pm

Applicant: Richard T. Suttle, Jr. - Armbrust & Brown, PLLC

Architect: HKS

The project location is 304 E. Cesar Chavez Street.

Existing zoning for the project is CBD. The project design includes office, retail uses and public parking. The lot area is 0.42 acres (35,411 sq ft), and the total proposed project area is 204,000 gross sq ft; 62,447 sf meeting space, 9,765 hotel (613 rooms), 2,000 sf fitness.

The FAR for this project is 13:1, above the 8:1 maximum allowance for CBD zoning, so an increase in FAR of 5:1 is being requested.

The proposed building height is 380.5 feet; 31 stories.

Per the Density Bonus Program ordinance, the applicant is required to provide streetscape improvements along all public street frontages consistent with the Great Streets Standards, and the applicant shall commit to a minimum of 2 star Green Building rating. The Mayor and City Council and the Planning & Development Review Director will determine appropriate bonus area in light of community benefits to be provided.

DESIGN COMMISSION WORKING GROUP COMMENTS REGARDING PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

AREA WIDE GUIDELINES

1. Create dense development-

The denser development is intended to encourage walkability and reduce reliance on cars, which was not addressed. This project partially complies with this guideline.

2. Create mixed-use development-

Mixed-use is provided although appears it's mainly focused on convention attendees and not the general public. Concern was expressed that the Convention Center "zone" appears to be "dead" when conventions are not scheduled, and this adversely affects the urban vitality of this side of Downtown. This project partially complies with this guideline.

3. Limit development which closes downtown streets-

No street closures planned. Project complies with this guideline

4. Buffer neighborhood edges-

Not applicable to this Project.

- 5. Incorporate civic art in both public and private development- Project does not comply with this guideline
- 6. Protect important public views-Not applicable to this Project.

7. Avoid historical misrepresentations-

Project complies with this guideline

8. Respect adjacent historic buildings-

No adjacent historic buildings; this guideline not applicable to this Project.

9. Acknowledge that rooftops are seen from other buildings and the street-

Not addressed by applicant. Unclear if Project complies with this guideline.

10. Avoid the development of theme environments-

Project complies with this guideline.

11. Recycle existing building stock-

This guideline not applicable to this Project.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC STREETSCAPE

1. Protect the pedestrian where the building meets the street-

Continuous overhead protection not provided at sidewalk around entire building. This Project partially complies with this guideline.

2. Minimize curb cuts-

There are 3 curb cuts, one on the alley. While not minimal, it's understood that the 3 curb cuts are intended to spread out parking entry and exiting at different locations. The possible conflict of maintenance operations and the alley curb cut were discussed. This Project partially complies with this guideline.

3. Create a potential for two-way streets-

The applicant understands the possibility of two-way streets, but no special emphasis was presented. This Project partially complies with this guideline.

4. Reinforce pedestrian activity-

Incorporation of Great Streets reinforces existing pedestrian activity but appears it's mainly focused on convention attendees and not the general public. Concern was expressed that the Convention Center "zone" appears to be "dead" when conventions are not scheduled, and this affects the urban vitality of this side of Downtown. This project partially complies with this guideline.

5. Enhance key transit stops-

A transit map was presented, but enhancement of transit stops was not address. This project partially complies with this guideline.

6. Enhance the streetscape-

Incorporation of Great Streets enhances the streetscape but existing trees are not being utilized and are being removed. More input was requested from Great Streets Coordinator and City Arborist. This Project partially complies with this guideline

7. Avoid conflicts between pedestrians and utility equipment-

There are no conflicts. This Project complies with this guideline.

8. Install street trees-

Installation of "new" street trees was proposed but existing street trees are not being utilized and are being removed. Also, a heritage oak in the middle of the lot is being removed, which was of concern. More input was requested from Great Streets Coordinator and City Arborist. This Project partially complies with this quideline

9. Provide pedestrian-scaled lighting-

Pedestrian scaled lighting included with incorporation of Great Streets. This Project complies with this guideline

10. Provide protection from cars/promote curbside parking-

Curbside parking not possible due to incorporation of Great Streets. This Project complies with this guideline

11. Screen mechanical and utility equipment-

This Project complies with this guideline

12. Provide generous street-level windows-

This Project complies with this guideline

13. Install pedestrian-friendly materials at street level-

Incorporation of Great Streets provides pedestrian-friendly materials in ROW. This Project complies with this guideline.

GUIDELINES FOR PLAZAS AND OPEN SPACE

Not applicable.

GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS

- 1. Build to the street-
 - Incorporates Great Streets so cannot build to street but builds up to sidewalk ROW. This Project complies with this guideline
- 2. Provide multi-tenant, pedestrian-oriented development at the street level-Mixed-use is provided although appears it's mainly focused on convention attendees and not the general public. Concern was expressed that the Convention Center "zone" appears to be "dead" when conventions are not scheduled, and this adversely affects the urban vitality of this side of Downtown. This project

partially complies with this guideline.

3. Accentuate primary entrances-

This project complies with this guideline.

4. Encourage the inclusion of local character-This project partially complies with this guideline.

5. Control on-site parking-

Project appears to control on-site parking and underground parking was praised. This project complies with this guideline.

6. Create quality construction-

This Project appears to comply with this guideline.

7. Create buildings with human scale-

This Project appears to comply with this guideline.

OTHER CONCERNS/ISSUES BROUGHT UP BY WORKING GROUP

- Building encroachment into ROW on east about 8' into 20' walk. Concerns about view corridor in street and
 overhang impacts on street trees.
- Non-active east façade at level 1, 2. Applicant proposes using glass for a more interesting material, not solid wall/door material.
- Non-active façade to west at stairs at level 1. Applicant proposes using glass for stair walls/doors and implementing a branded elevator to provide access to public space at the roof.
- Visibility is limited for vehicle exit onto alley. This could be a safety issue.
- Amount of vehicle space at south west corner at ground level is not pedestrian friendly, so it is important to have the food trailer shown, or notch out corner for a tree and green space.

The Working Group appreciates this opportunity to review and comment on this project and we have determined that this project, as presented, is in substantial compliance with the Urban Design Guidelines .

Respectfully submitted,

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