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Hi Amber,

Please add this relevant information to the HLC website for the Commission to review along with the backup, as it is too late to address it in the staff report.

Thanks,

Kalan Contreras

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Just a heads-up – we did a deep dive into both DeLisle and Urnite – neither appears to be historic. There are some results in the newspaper archive about DeLisle, but none of them seem to be historic – the few articles generally reference him in relation to his business/investments.

Urnite was one of these investments, but rather than being historic, it appears to be a failed venture. Putting aside advertisements and wayfinding (ie. snippets that mention the Urnite company's location in order to provide directions

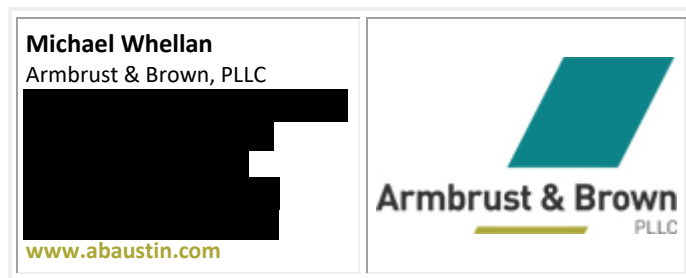
to someplace else), there appear to be less than 10 actual articles about urnite and they disappear entirely within just a few years after the company was founded. As far as we can tell, that's the end of the line – and no one we've talked to so far has ever heard of urnite. Most notably, DeLisle's obituary only mentions a 25-year optician practice and no mention of urnite.

Additionally, 2002 Scenic was built in 1923 but the urnite company wasn't even founded until four years after that, in 1927. We have also confirmed that the bridge and bench are made from stone and cement – and it is unclear whether the inlaid tiles are ceramic or composite plastic.

I hope you will consider clarifying that DeLisle is not an appropriate historic association – optician, investor; and not inventor.

Thanks.

MJW.



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