

Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 7 pm Regular Meeting 101 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720

<u>AGENDA</u>

1.	Call to Order
2.	Roll Call
3.	Additions/Changes to the Agenda
4.	Minutes from the August 8, 2023, Planning Commission meeting
5.	Zoning Case 23-08, City of Cloquet, Land Sale
6.	Zoning Case 23-07, C & L Distribution, Site Plan
7.	Commissioner's Questions/Comments
8.	Adjourn
	MEETING: nber 12 th @ 7 pm



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CALL TO ORDER

Terri Lyytinen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Planning Commission members: Terri Lyytinen, Michelle Wick, Elizabeth Polling and Philip Demers; City: Al Cottingham.

Absent: Brittany Kuschel.

Others Present: Timothy Hebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None.

June 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Lyytinen asked for any corrections or additions.

Motion: Commissioner Polling made a motion to approve the Planning Commission

meeting minutes from June 13, 2023, Commissioner Demers seconded.

(Motion was approved 4-0).

Zoning Case 23-06: Timothy Hebert, Street Vacation

Chairperson Lyytinen introduced Zoning Case 23-06, Street Vacation for Timothy Hebert and opened the public hearing. She asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview. Mr. Cottingham stated Timothy Hebert was proposing a street vacation for a portion of Prospect Avenue lying south of his property at 433 3rd Street. There are existing utilities located within the right-of-way and thus the city would look to retain an easement through the property. This is a public hearing, and a legal notice was published in the Pine Knot on July 21st and effected property owners were notified of the hearing. Timothy Hebert was present to answer any questions.

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Mr. Hebert commented that his family has owned the property at 433 3^{rd} Street since he was a little boy and now, he is the owner. They had maintained this area all of those years and he thought he should try to become the owner of it since the road would not be going through to 2^{nd} street.

There being no further discussion Chairman Lyytinen closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Demers made a motion recommending the approval of the

vacation of a portion of Prospect Avenue lying south of 433 3rd Street while maintaining an easement for drainage and utilities, Commissioner Wick

seconded. (Motion passed 4-0)

Mr. Cottingham stated this would go to the City Council at their meeting on September 5^{th} at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner's Questions/Comment

Mr. Cottingham stated he might need to have a special meeting on August 29th for a site plan request and that he would let them know on either the 17th or 18th. Three of the members present indicated they would be available.

Next Meeting September 12, 2023 Meeting adjourned 7:12 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator



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To: Planning Commission

From: Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator

Date: August 23, 2023

ITEM DESCRIPTION: ZONING CASE 23-08: LAND SALE – Cloquet Business Park

Background

Dick Family Real Estate is looking at purchasing Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 5, Cloquet Business Park. Attached is a copy of the site plan showing the proposed use of the property.

State Statute requires that a municipal land sale and its proposed use conform to the Comprehensive Plan for the City. The Planning Commission needs to determine if this proposal is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy Objectives

The proposed development would be to add additional property to the existing homes and businesses around the property along with the creation of two parcels for new homes to be built.

The Comprehensive Plan for this area is "Highway Commercial". The proposal for office/warehouse (warehousing) is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Financial Impacts

None.

Advisory Committee Action Requested

The Planning Commission should review the Development to see that it conforms to the plans for general development of the city. In simpler terms the Commission needs to be sure the plan conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the land sale.

Supporting Documents Attachments

- Resolution No. 23-08
- Location Map
- Site Plan
- Comprehensive Plan Excerpt

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF CARLTON

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CITY OF CLOQUET			
Commissioner	offered t	the following Resolution and moved its ad	option.
	RESC	DLUTION NO. 23-08	
A OFFICE/WAREHOUSE	DEVELOPME	OQUET PLANNING COMMISSION FINI ENT IN THE CLOQUET BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY	
	has submitted a	City") has received a proposal to purchase the plan to the City Planning Commission (the	
		wed the plan to determine their conformity wribed in the Comprehensive Plan for the City.	rith the general
NOW, THEREFORE, E		ED by the Commission that the plan conforms nole.	s to the general
The foregoing motion was members voted: AYE:		d by Commissioner and bein ABSENT:	ng put to vote
PHILIP DEMERS		BRITTANY KUSCHEL	
TERRI LYYTINEN		ELIZABETH POLLING	
MICHELLE WICK			
Passed and adopted this 29 th	day of Septembe	er 2023.	
		CITY OF CLOQUET	
		TERRI LYYTINEN CHAIR	

ATTEST: ______Alan Cottingham
City Planner/Zoning Administrator

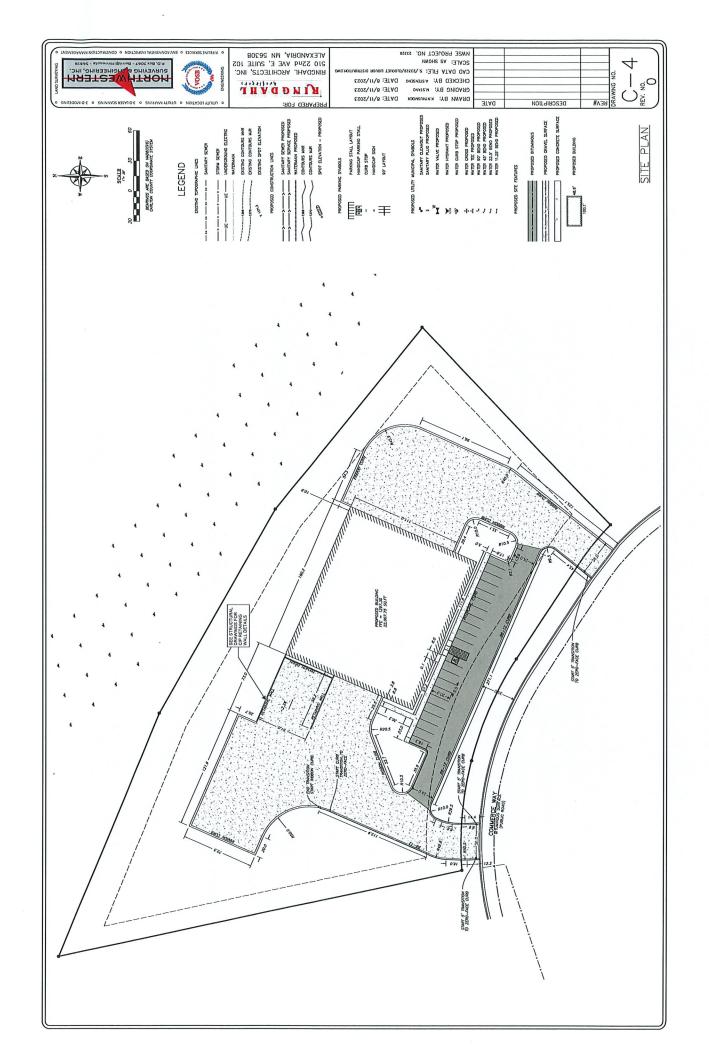
LOCATION MAP

Dick Family Real Estate





NO SCALE



Comprehensive Plan Excerpt

City of Cloquet Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3: Land Use

The Comprehensive Plan also guides the Cloquet Business Park north of Stark Road for highway commercial use. The business park and the future highway commercial use south of the Stark Road should complement each other. Potentially, the business park could accommodate primarily office/showroom/warehouse uses, whereas the future highway commercial use to the south could accommodate primarily retail, restaurants, car dealerships, and motels.

An overarching goal of the Comprehensive Plan is to strengthen the downtown area. Consequently, commercial uses that are more suited for the downtown area should be encouraged to locate in the downtown area, whereas true highway commercial uses should be encouraged to locate along the highway.



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To: Planning Commission

From: Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator

Date: August 23, 2023

ITEM DESCRIPTION: ZONING CASE 23-07: SITE PLAN STRACK

CONSTRUCTION FOR C&L DISTRIBUTION LOCATED NORTHWEST OF HIGHWAY 33 AND STARK ROAD

Background

Strack Construction has submitted a Site Plan application for C & L Distribution. The site is located northwest of Highway 33 and Stark Road.

The Site Plan is for C & L Distribution with associated parking, landscaping, grading and drainage and building location.

Site Plan

Attached, the Commission will find the following plans for this development:

- Site Plan
- Grading and Drainage Plan
- Utility Plan
- Landscape Plan
- Building Elevations

Stormwater Management: (Section 18.6)

The developer has also run a hydraulic model for storm water which has been reviewed by the City Engineer and needs some minor changes. The stormwater will be collected on site and then discharged to the north along the rear property lines of the site. There is an existing drainage and utility easement to the north of the property containing existing wetlands.

The Code requires private stormwater areas to meet the following requirements:

- 1. A permanent public easement shall be provided to the city for access for inspection and/or maintenance purposes. Cost incurred by the city for any maintenance of private systems will be billed and/or assessed to the owner/operator.
- 2. Recorded inspection and maintenance agreements that define inspection and maintenance responsibilities are required. A minimum annual inspection for private systems shall be required. These requirements are transferrable to any party that becomes the owner/operator of the site.



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- 3. An inspection and maintenance plan shall be developed, approved and included as an attachment to the maintenance agreement. At a minimum, maintenance plans must include the following:
 - a. Responsible person(s) for completing inspections and conducting maintenance.
 - b. Frequency of inspections and maintenance.
 - c. Inspection checklist and type of maintenance anticipated.
- 4. If site configurations or structural stormwater BMPs change, causing decreased BMP effectiveness, new or improved structural stormwater BMPs must be implemented to meet the requirements of this section.
- 5. The property owner shall keep on file all structural stormwater BMP annual inspection and maintenance records for 5 years and submit to the City as requested.
- 6. The City shall require the submittal of a letter of credit or other financial security in a form acceptable to the city in the amount of \$5,000 to ensure the stormwater treatment systems are installed correctly and in accordance with this ordinance.

Impervious Surface: (Section 17.6.11, Subd. 5. E and F)

The zoning district allows the maximum building coverage to be 60% with a maximum impervious surface coverage of 70%. It appears that the total impervious surface is below 70%.

Building Setbacks: (Section 17.6.11, Subd. 5. B)

The ordinance requires that the minimum front setback be 35 feet, the minimum side yard setback be 20 feet and the minimum rear yard setback be 30 feet. The proposed building location meets or exceeds these minimum requirements.

Landscaping: (Section 17.5.04 Subd. 5.)

The landscape plan shows 43 overstory plantings plus understory trees and shrubs, the site is required to have 43 overstory plantings a minimum of 2.5 inches in diameter in addition to understory trees and shrubs.

Parking: (Section 17.5.11 Subd. 6.)

The site is required to have 22 parking spaces based on 1 parking stall per every 250 sq. ft. of office area and 1 stall for every 2,000 sq. ft. of warehouse. The site plan shows 22 parking spaces.

Trash Storage: (Section 17.5.15 Subd. 7. A (7))

The trash storage area can either be inside the building or an exterior enclosure. Theplans do not show a trash storage area so at this time it will need to be inside the building.

Signage: (Section 17.5.13 Subd. 14.)

There is signage proposed on the building at this time. Any freestanding signage will need to meet the Ordinance requirements.



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Lighting: (Section 17.5.12 Subd. 5. B)

The applicant is compliant with City lighting standards.

Other Site Plan Items:

None.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this Site Plan Review application is to ensure that this development project is aligned with city development standards.

Financial Impacts

The Site Plan fee was paid.

Advisory Committee Action Requested

The Commission should review the Site Plan and consider any comments pertaining to it. Following this review, the Planning Commission can recommend approval of the request, recommend denial of the request or table the request for some additional information.

Staff Recommendation

Staff would recommend approval of the Site Plan subject to at least the conditions in the attached resolution.

Supporting Documents Attachments

- Resolution No. 23-07
- Location Map
- Engineer's Memo August 17, 2023
- Site Plan Maps

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARLTON CITY OF CLOQUET

Commissioner	offered the following Resolution and move	d its	adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN IN THE OM – OFFICE/MANUFACTURING DISTRICT FOR STRACK CONSTRUCTION FOR C & L DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, Strack Construction is proposing a Site Plan for C & L Distribution in the OM – Office/Manufacturing District for a 22,000 square foot building; and

WHEREAS, the property of the proposed Site Plan is located northwest of Highway 33 and Stark Road and is legally described as follows:

Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 5, Cloquet Business Park, Carlton County, Minnesota. And,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and recommends approval of the Site Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, that the Planning Commission recommends approval of Zoning Case 23-07 for a site plan for Strack Construction for a 22,000 square foot building subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Compliance with the Assistant City Engineer's Memo dated August 17, 2023.
- 2. The curbing onto Commerce Way cannot exceed 30 feet in width.
- 3. The impervious surface cannot exceed 70%.
- 4. If the trash storage is not located within the building, then it will need to be located within a screen enclosure.
- 5. Signage shall comply with the Ordinance requirements.

The foregoing motion we members voted: AYE:		ABSENT: and	being put to vote
PHILIP DEMERS		BRITTANY KUSCHEL	
TERRI LYYTINEN		ELIZABETH POLLING	
MICHELLE WICK			
Passed and adopted this 2	29 th day of Augu	st 2023.	
		CITY OF CLOQUET	
		TERRI LYYTINEN CHAIR	
ATTEST:			
Alan Cottinghan	n		
City Planner/Zo	ning Administra	tor	

LOCATION MAP

C & L Distribution





NO SCALE



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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MEMO

To: Al Cottingham, Planner

From: John Anderson, Assistant City Engineer

Date: August 17, 2023

SUBJECT: C & L Distributing - Grading permit application review

I have reviewed the plans, submitted on 8/14/23, submitted by Jayson Revoir with Strack Construction Co. The materials submitted included:

A1.0 Landscape Plan
A1.1 Floor Plan
A2.1 Exterior Elevation
Civil plans – 10 sheets
Stormwater calculations
Lighting Plan
Zoning Application

The following are my comments on the materials submitted.

Civil Plans

- 1. In reviewing the plans I used the **MPCA SWPPP checklist**. The marked-up checklist is attached. There are items that require updates to the SWPPP identified on this checklist.
 - a. Sheet C-10 states narrative is provided in the Project Manual, please provide a copy of the project manual or add narrative to Sheet C-10
 - b. Sheet C-9 identifies SWPPP designer and Construction SWPPP manager to have documentation of training, please provide copies of these documents.
 - c. Sheet C-3, Erosion Control needs to have drainage area boundaries referenced in drainage calculations shown on the plan.
 - d. Sheet C-9 Permanent Stormwater Management System table should identify the site to be served by a Regional Pond.

Sheet C-1

2. General Construction Note 2 should say "City Engineer" in place of "County Engineer."

Sheet C-2

3. The existing 30' Drainage, Utility and Trail Easement need to be shown along the rear property line.

- 4. The existing 10 foot gravel trail along the rear property line needs to be shown.
- 5. The contour "spike" in the wetland north of the site does not look to be the correct topography.
- 6. Label wetland north of the site.
- 7. North slope down to wetland has existing trees, some of which will require removal for construction. Identify the extent of tree clearing on the Grading Plan

Sheet C-3

- 8. Redundant perimeter control between the site and the wetland to the North is required by the NPDES permit. Construction of a topsoil berm in the middle of the existing slope does not seem feasible, consider a double row of silt fence, separated by the required 5' along the bottom of the slope.
- 9. The Erosion control plan needs to identify cover placed on the topsoil pile and schedule under which this cover is placed.
- 10. The Construction Entrance detail on sheet C-8 shows the length to be 75 feet but the entrance shown on sheet C-3 is shorter than 75 feet.
- 11. The legend shows bio-roll ditch checks, but none are shown on the plan.
- 12. The grading on the swales' slopes and slope along the north property line will require erosion control blanket.
- 13. The drainage channel from the top of the slope to the existing gravel trail will require permanent slope protection such as riprap, permanent enkamat to prevent slope failure.
- 14. Label wetland north of the site

Sheet C-4

- 15. The driveway on the easterly end of the site is situated about 20 feet from the easterly property line. There is a fire hydrant located about 15 feet to the east of this driveway and less than 1 foot behind the curb. This hydrant is vulnerable to being hit by semi-trucks that cut the corner of the driveway. The site would allow for this driveway to move 20 feet to the west to provide a little more clearance from this hydrant.
- 16. The driveway openings do not show removing the surmountable curb and replacing it with a concrete apron. The ride as you enter the driveway is a little rougher if the surmountable curb is left in place. This decision is left to the owner and designer. If you plan to leave the curb in place, consider placing tapers or radii on the last 5 to 10 feet of new curb adjacent to the street curb.

Sheet C-5

- 17. The grade in the bottom of the swale along the east property line is less than 1% which is the minimum grade allowed in grass swales.
- 18. The swale along the east property line extends into the ROW of Commerce Drive. The grade behind the Curb of Commerce Way should remain flat with a slight slope towards the curb of Commerce Way.

- 19. The grading between the parking lot and the existing gravel trail at the North east end of the parking lot places fill on the trail and makes the slope exceed 3:1. The trail grade cannot be disturbed and the slope cannot exceed 3:1.
- 20. Drainage is discharged down the north slope at two concentrated locations and at the bottom of the slope this drainage crosses the existing gravel trail. This drainage must not cross over the trail but must be conveyed by pipe under the trail.

Sheet C-6 (no comments)

Sheet C-7

- 21. No tracer wire was installed on the existing sewer stub. The new tracer wire should be brought to the surface and terminated in a trace wire access box (Copperhead snake pit) where you connect to the end of the service. A ground rod shall be installed at both ends of the trace wire. The ground wire is to be brought to the surface in the trace wire access box. The trace wire shall be 12 AWG copper clad high carbon steel with HDPE insulation.
- 22. On Detail 8/7 corporation stop shall be Ford FB1000-7 (Pack Joint), Curbstop shall be Ford 44-777M-NL (Pack Joint), Curb stop box shall be Ford EM2-90-67

Sheet C-8

23. On detail 3/8, label temporary cover to be placed on topsoil pile and timing on which to apply cover.

Sheet C-9

24. On the receiving water table change the unnamed pond to regional pond and add wetland as a second entry for the drainage that leaves the site to the north.

Sheet C-10

25. In Paragraph 3 from the top in the second column that begins "in accordance with the permit (Part 11.2)" add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph in **BOLD CAPS**

"ALL EROSION CONTROL INSPECTION REPORTS COMPLETED FOR THE SITE BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE EMAILED TO THE CITY'S INSPECTOR WITHIN 24 HOURS OF COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION"

26. Under "Record Availability" the third paragraph down talks about an infiltration basin included in the design. Since the Business Park stormwater treatment has been incorporated to regional ponds built with the construction of the park there is no requirement to provide stormwater treatment on individual sites as they develop. Therefore, this infiltration basin is not required. If it is the intent to provide an infiltration basin on site, please show the details of the construction including soil borings to establish an infiltration rate, design calculations to ensure infiltration basin is sized as intended.

27. Since the construction is potentially going to begin late in construction season and not all construction may be complete before winter conditions arrive, please add a section that speaks to the expectations as it relates to temporary cover to be put in place prior to final stabilization is established.

Sheet A1.0

- 28. The southerly two or three trees shown along the east property line look to be shown in the bottom of the drainage swale and may interfere with operation and maintenance of the swale.
- 29. The trees along Commerce Way should be spaced so as to not place trees directly over the sewer or water services.

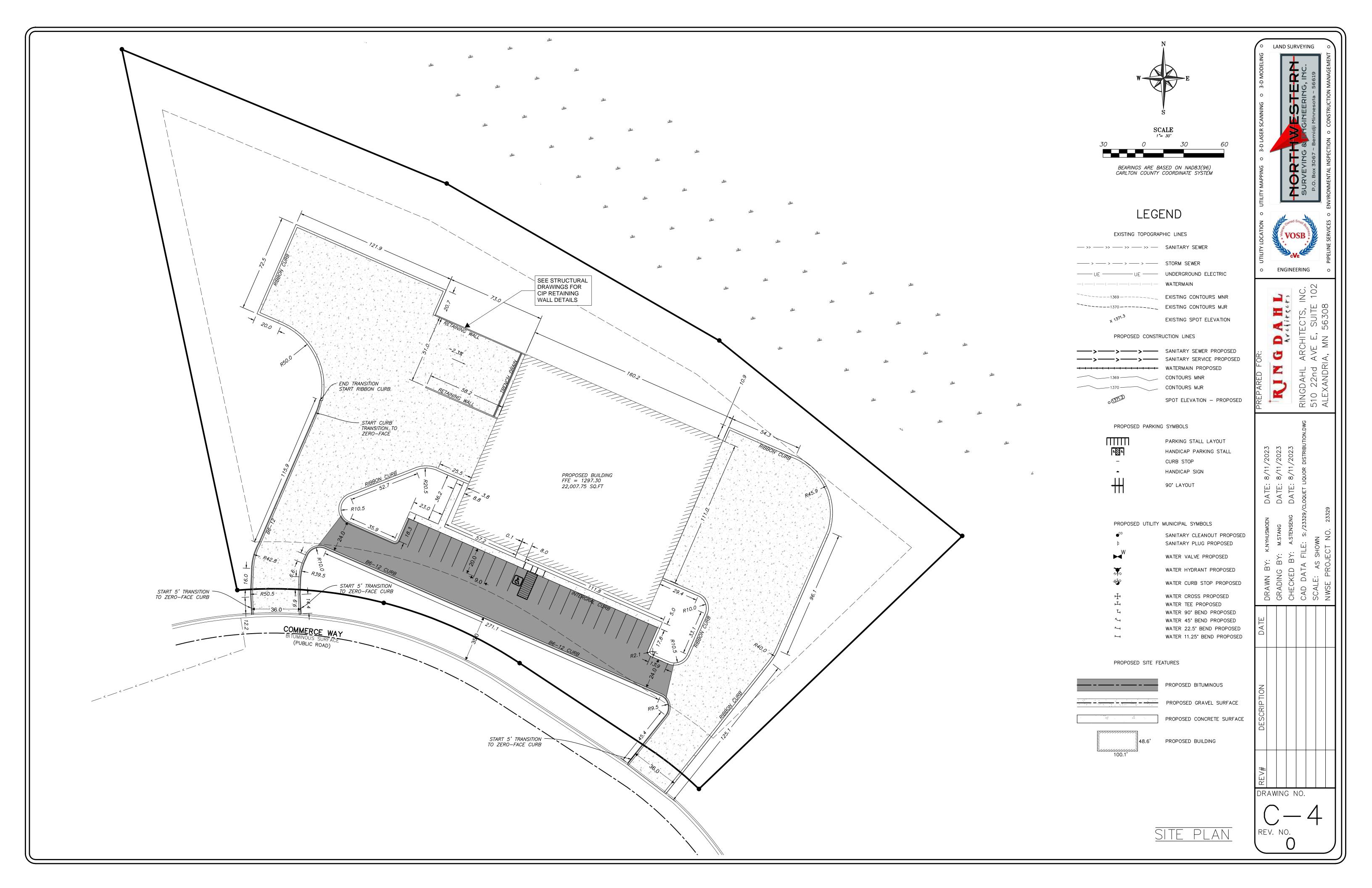
Stormwater Calculations

- 1. Time of Concentration for both the existing condition and proposed conditions are show as 60 minutes which does not seem to be inline with the site conditions. Rerun the calculations with these numbers calculated and not overridden as direct inputs.
- 2. Provide calculations for the 2 and 10 year flow down the north slope at the two primary discharge locations
- 3. Provide design calculations that show the method for conveying stormwater down the north slope (Rip rap channel or pipe) will contain the 10 year flow.
- 4. Provide design calculations that culverts crossing the gravel trail will convey the 2 year flow without over topping

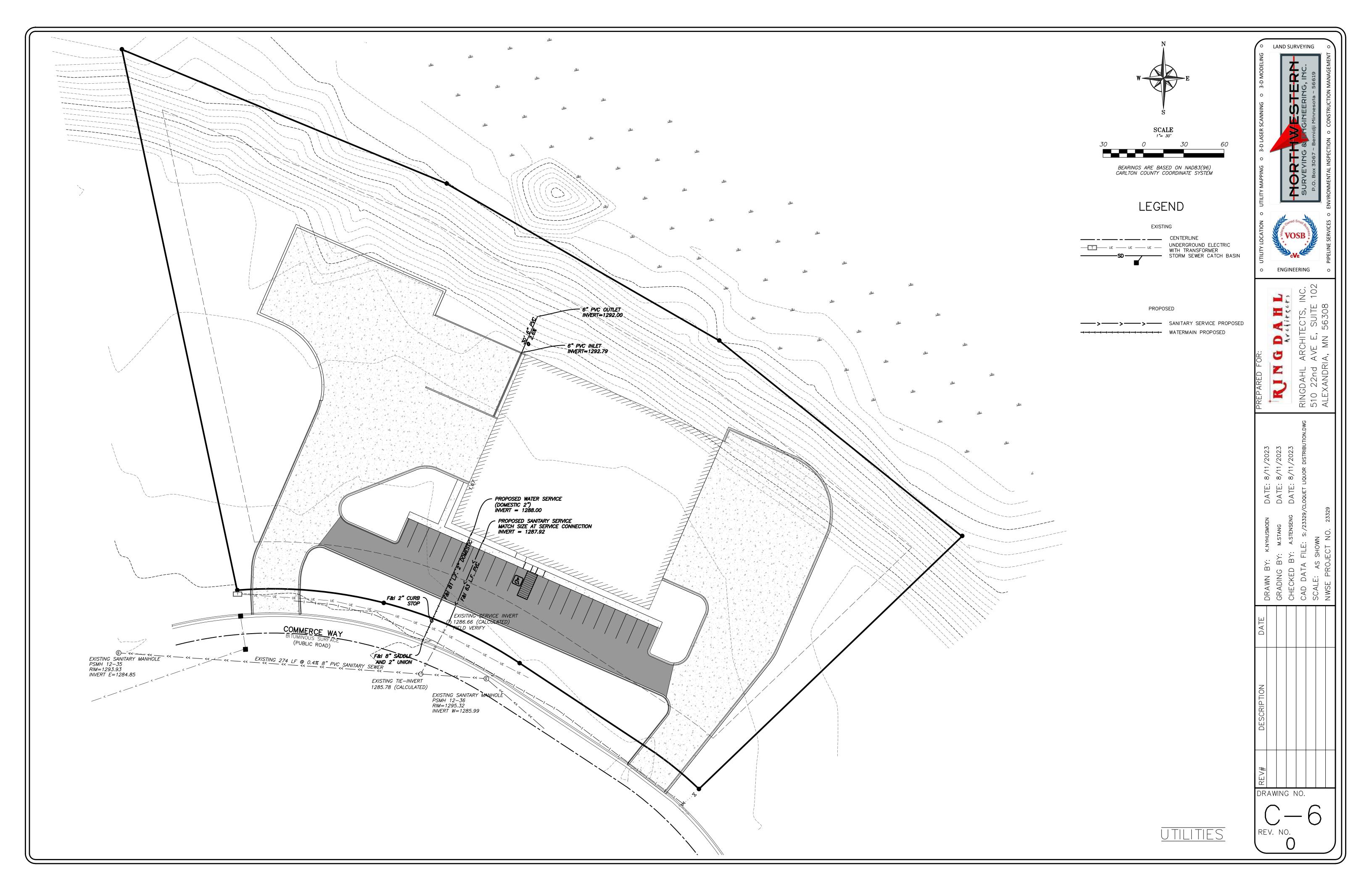
Grading Permit Application

A City issued grading permit is required for this work. All items must be received in order to issue a City Grading permit.

- 1. A copy of the MPCA NPDES Construction permit for the site must be submitted
- 2. A completed permit application with contractor information and permit fee of \$155.24
- 3. All plan review comments must be addressed.

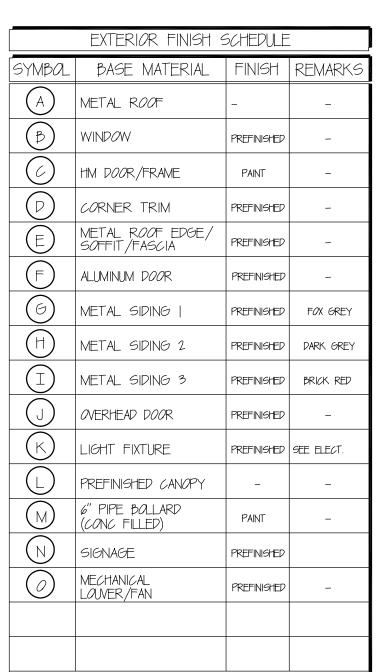












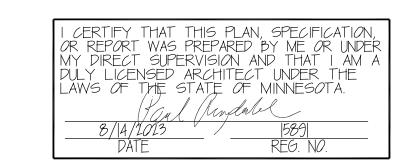
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C&L DISTRIBUTING WAREHOUSE/OFFICE CLOQUET, MN

- I. COLOR AND FINISH SELECTIONS BY ARCHITECT.
- PAINT ALL LOWERS, GRILLS, PIPING AND EQUIPMENT TO MATCH ADJACENT WALL/ROOF/SOFFIT SURFACE UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. 3. REFER TO MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT.
- 4. REFER TO SITE PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ELEVATIONS

OWNER REVIEW	7/11/2
OWNER REVIEW	7/19/2
SITE PLAN	7/25/:
PRELIMINARY PLANS	8/11/2
PLANNIGN AND ZONING REVIEW	8/14/



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