600 Preston Place / Xi Chapter House of Theta Chi Fraternity

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Project Location: Xi Chapter House of Theta Chi Fraternity

600 Preston Place, Charlottesville VA 22903

T.M.P 5-109, Lot 19 & Part of Lot 20

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Owner / Applicant:

Xi Chapter of the Alumni Association of Theta Chi, Inc.

Patrick Harrison, Treasurer

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Existing Conditions

The current property, located at 600 Preston Place, is the home for the Xi Chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity. The property is approximately 120' x 130', and is 15,555 sf or 0.38 acres. The main building, a two-story masonry structure, contains five (5) bedrooms. There is also an accessory one-story structure, containing an additional two (2) bedrooms. The property is zoned R-3U. The main building is considered a contributing structure within the Rugby Road – University Circle – Venable Neighborhood Historic District.

Intended Use

The property is currently being used as a Fraternity. As per section 34-350, the Fraternity use is allowed with a special permit in the R-3U zoning district. The Owner seeks to continue the existing Fraternity use and to enlarge the main building. The addition will contain an additional five (5) bedrooms, bringing the total number of bedrooms on the property to twelve (12).

Background / History

The Xi Chapter of Theta Chi was formed at the University of Virginia in 1914. Prior to moving to the Rugby Road vicinity, the chapter was located on Carr's Hill. In 1968, the chapter purchased the property at 600 Preston Place, which at the time consisted of an existing single-family house and accessory garage. The chapter has been in continuous existence since then.

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At an unknown date, the accessory garage was converted to additional living space, increasing the number of on-site bedrooms from five (5) to seven (7). In the mid-1980's, a one-level addition was added to the ground floor to the east by Architect and Brother William Daggett, now of Daggett + Grigg Architects PC. The addition provided additional dining, meeting and gathering space, but did not increase the number of bedrooms.

Expansion Plans

The deteriorating nature of both the main structure and accessory building has necessitated action on a comprehensive renovation. Although the Owner holds the property without a mortgage, the costs of maintaining the historic structure, as well as utility bills, are supported solely by rental income. Market conditions and the number of bedrooms limit the income, whereas maintenance and energy costs have increased as the building ages. Therefore, it is goal of the renovation to increase the number of bedrooms, and thus income, to defray the cost of maintenance and provide a more financially sustainable and energy efficient chapter house.

The renovation and expansion has four components:

- A comprehensive renovation of the existing structure, including new life-safety (sprinklers, smoke detection, etc.), mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, as well as an improved exterior envelope. In addition to preserving the structure for the futures, the work will also increase occupant safety and energy efficiency.
- 2. Site improvements, including new landscaping, new decking, and the introduction of a new one-way drive configuration to increase both vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- Removal of the existing one-story east addition (not original) and replace with a new three-level
 addition with a basement level entertainment room, ground level mixed-use room (chapter
 meetings / dining) and second level bedrooms.
- 4. Addition of second floor bedroom space above the existing south porch.

Lot Coverage

The existing lot coverage, including structures, decks and paved surfaces is 63%. The proposed site plan lot coverage is 46.5%, exclusive of permeable pavers. If the permeable pavers are counted against lot coverage, the lot occupancy, the coverage is 63.5%

Site Circulation / Parking

Currently there is a single curb cut on Preston Place that is approximately 28' wide, and serves as a two-way driveway without any formal / designated parking spaces. The proposed site plan seeks to reduce the existing Preston Place curb cut to 12', and add a second 12' wide curb cut onto Grady Avenue.

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Vehicles will enter from Preston Place and exit onto Grady Avenue. The new one-way drive will enable a reduction of traffic on Preston Place, by eliminating all exiting. Furthermore, this new drive will also enable the development of more green space on the north and east sides of the main structure. Additionally, this new drive configuration will enable the Owner to meet the required number of parking spaces.

Current parking requirements, as set forth in section 34-984 at a ratio of 2.5 spaces / 3 bedrooms, require 6 spaces for the 7 bedrooms. Additional bedrooms trigger the need for increased on-site parking. Therefore, a total of ten (10) spaces are required for the twelve (12) bedrooms.

The proposed parking configuration is divided into two areas. Four full size spaces at 45°, including an accessible space, are served by 12' drive aisle. The remaining eight 8 compact spaces are perpendicular to a 20' wide drive aisle.

In order to reduce the demand for on-street parking, the Owner is proposing to increase the number of number of compact spaces above the maximum allowed. In parking lots of 10 or more spaces, a total of 30% of those spaces may be marked compact (8' \times 16'). In order to provide additional on-site parking, we are requesting that the amount of compact spaces be increased to eight (67%), for a total of twelve (12) spaces. An alternate configuration of 60° angled parking combined with the minimum drive aisle can achieve a parking layout for 10 vehicles.

A dedicated bicycle parking area will be added adjacent to the Preston Place, and contain a total of 5 racks, allowing 10 bicycles to be secured. The bicycle parking area will utilize permeable pavers.

Landscaping / Screening

Four existing trees will be removed. Three are young (less than 3" caliper) Bradford Pears in the front yard (facing Preston Place). An existing 10" caliper tree of unknown species will also be removed. A new deciduous tree, probably oak, will replace supplement the trees along Preston Place. Two additional deciduous trees will be added to the newly created yard area facing Grady Avenue. Additional trees will be added to the north and east property lines. Several planting beds with evergreen shrubbery will be added around the structure.

Parking will be screened from both Preston Place and Grady Avenue. Pervious coverage will be increased, as the parking area will utilize a permeable paving.

Utilities

Existing water, sanitary sewer and gas lines extend to Preston Place. Electrical service is presumed to be underground, as overhead aerial cables are for telephone and cable television. An additional fire service

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line will be added, most likely from Preston Place. An additional sanitary sewer line would be added to service new toilet rooms / floor drains at the basement level, the sewer line would connect to an existing sanitary sewer line in Grady Avenue.

Exterior condensing units / compressors will be located adjacent to the accessory structure, and screened behind a wood fence.

Stormwater Management

As the site is less than one (1) acre, storm water management plan is not required. The Owner intends to utilize a permeable paving system in the parking areas to encourage on-site retention of storm-water. Downspouts from both structures will be collected into a common drywell, located below the parking area.

Schedule

In order to maintain continual operation, construction is targeted for the summer of 2012, with a start date of mid-May and completion by October.

Application to the Board of Architectural Review is concurrent with this submission, with the goal of making a preliminary presentation at the 20 September 2011 hearing, and a final hearing at either the 18 October 2011 or the 15 November 2011 dates. The owner intends to submit for building permit in early 2012.

From: Scala, Mary Joy

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:53 PM

To: Will Teass (will@TEKTONICS.COM); Grady Lewis (aglewis3rd@hotmail.com)

Subject: BAR Action - 600 Preston Place

Tektonics Design group, c/o Will Teass 515 M Street SE, Suite 116 Washington, DC 20003

RE: Special Use Permit Recommendation and Preliminary Discussion
BAR 11-09-08
600 Preston Place
Tax Map 5 Parcel 109
Will Teass, AlA, Applicant/ Xi Chapter of Theta Chi Alumni Corp, Owner
Enlarge fraternity with three-level addition for five additional bedrooms

Dear Applicant,

The above referenced project was discussed before a meeting of the City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural review (BAR) on September 20,2011.

The following action was taken:

The BAR recommended (4-0-1 with DeLoach recused) that the proposed Special Use Permit will not have an adverse effect on the ADC district and the BAR recommended that City Council approve the Special Use Permit.

The BAR had a discussion about the preliminary design, available on archived video starting at 4:17:00: http://charlottesville.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

After the Special Use Permit is approved you may submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the BAR.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 434-970-3130 or scala@charlottesville.org.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Joy Scala, AICP Preservation and Design Planner

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Scala, Mary Joy

From: Sent:

Will Teass < will@TEKTONICS.COM> Friday, September 16, 2011 3:35 PM

To:

Walden, Ebony; Scala, Mary Joy

Cc:

Branche, Donovan; Grady Lewis; jamesc johnston@comcast.net

Subject:

600 Preston Place: Revised concept site plan

Attachments:

2011-09-16 - Theta Chi Xi Chapter - Alternate Site Plan.pdf

Attached is our revised concept site plan. The most signficant change is that we are proposing to reverse vehicular site access, which came out of a discussion we had with some of the neighbors. The current traffic pattern is for all vehicles to use Preston Place and travel all the way around the loop to access the site. The new circulation plan will significantly reduce the amount of traffic on Preston Place. Vehicles will now enter the site via a new curb cut on Grady Ave and exit onto Preston Place. As Preston Place is currently a one-way street, only a left turn is possible.

Also, we are providing 10 full-size spaces on site, thus eliminating the need for requesting relief from the compact space requirement.

Thank in advance for your help with this project and have a good weekend!

From: Walden, Ebony [mailto:WALDEN@charlottesville.org] Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 12:10 PM

To: Will Teass; Scala, Mary Joy

Cc: Branche, Donovan; Grady Lewis; jamesc_johnston@comcast.net

Subject: RE: 600 Preston Place Compact Parking Issue

Sounds good.

Please revise your SUP narrative so that the compact space request is not included. If you have the revised layout by tomorrow, it would also be nice is that is what is presented at the BAR meeting, so make sure Mary Joy gets a copy to forward to them.

Thanks

Ebony

Ebony Walden, AICP Neighborhood Planner Neighborhood Development Services 610 East Market Street Charlottesville, VA 22902 walden@charlottesville.org (434) 970-3636

From: Will Teass [mailto:will@TEKTONICS.COM] Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 12:05 PM

To: Walden, Ebony; Scala, Mary Joy

Cc: Branche, Donovan; Grady Lewis; jamesc johnston@comcast.net

Subject: RE: 600 Preston Place Compact Parking Issue

Our revised site plan will not include a request for 60% compact parking. We will adhere to the 30% maximum, and are able to achieve the required number of spaces with drive aisles that comply with zoning.

I can forward a PDF of our revised site plan by the close of business tomorrow that illustrates the revised layout (addressing the Traffic / ADA issues), if that would help.

We would still like to push for a Planning Commission hearing in October, as it has a significant bearing on the project feasibility and fund-raising. We will forward a response to the Site Plan letter, dated 8 September 2011, in which we address most of the Site Plan, Utilities, Traffic and ADA issues.

From: Walden, Ebony [mailto:WALDEN@charlottesville.org]

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 11:51 AM

To: Will Teass; Scala, Mary Joy

Cc: Branche, Donovan

Subject: 600 Preston Place Compact Parking Issue

Will,

I was talking to my staff about your application. Since it is actually part of your SUP request now, I would like to have your compact parking space issue resolved before you go to public hearing in October and if not, we will recommend denial of that particular special parking consideration. making whatever revisions and having Donovan take a look at them to make sure she approves **before** next Wednesday.

I know this is short notice, so if this is not possible, that is totally fine, you can just continue to address comments, resubmit and get on the November agenda. I don't think it will really set you back time wise, because you will still be working on your site plan concurrently.

Let me know what you want to do.

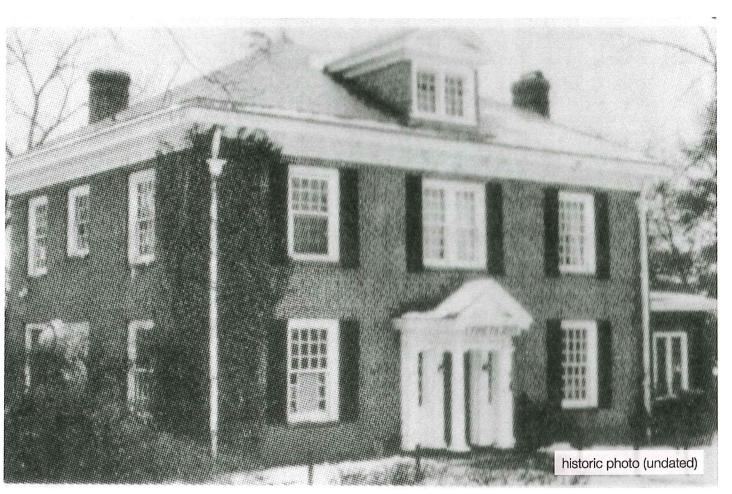
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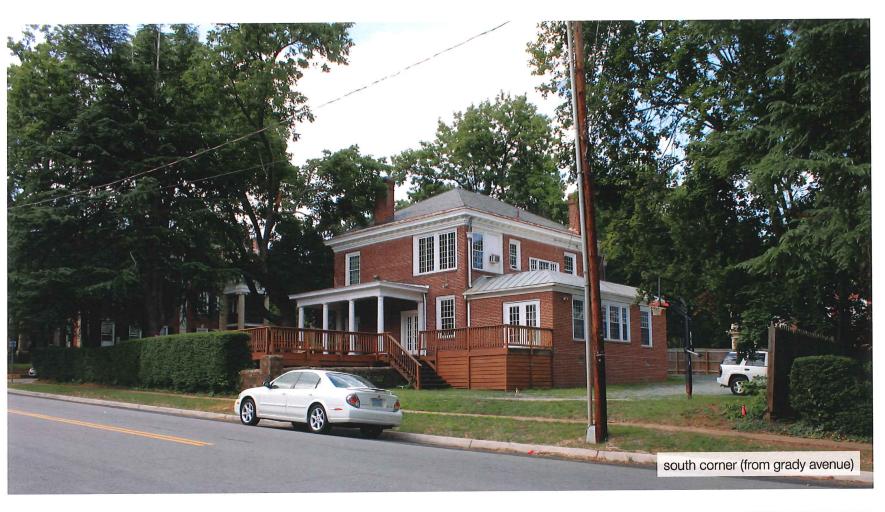


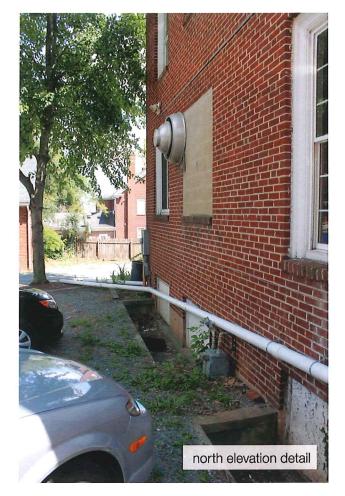








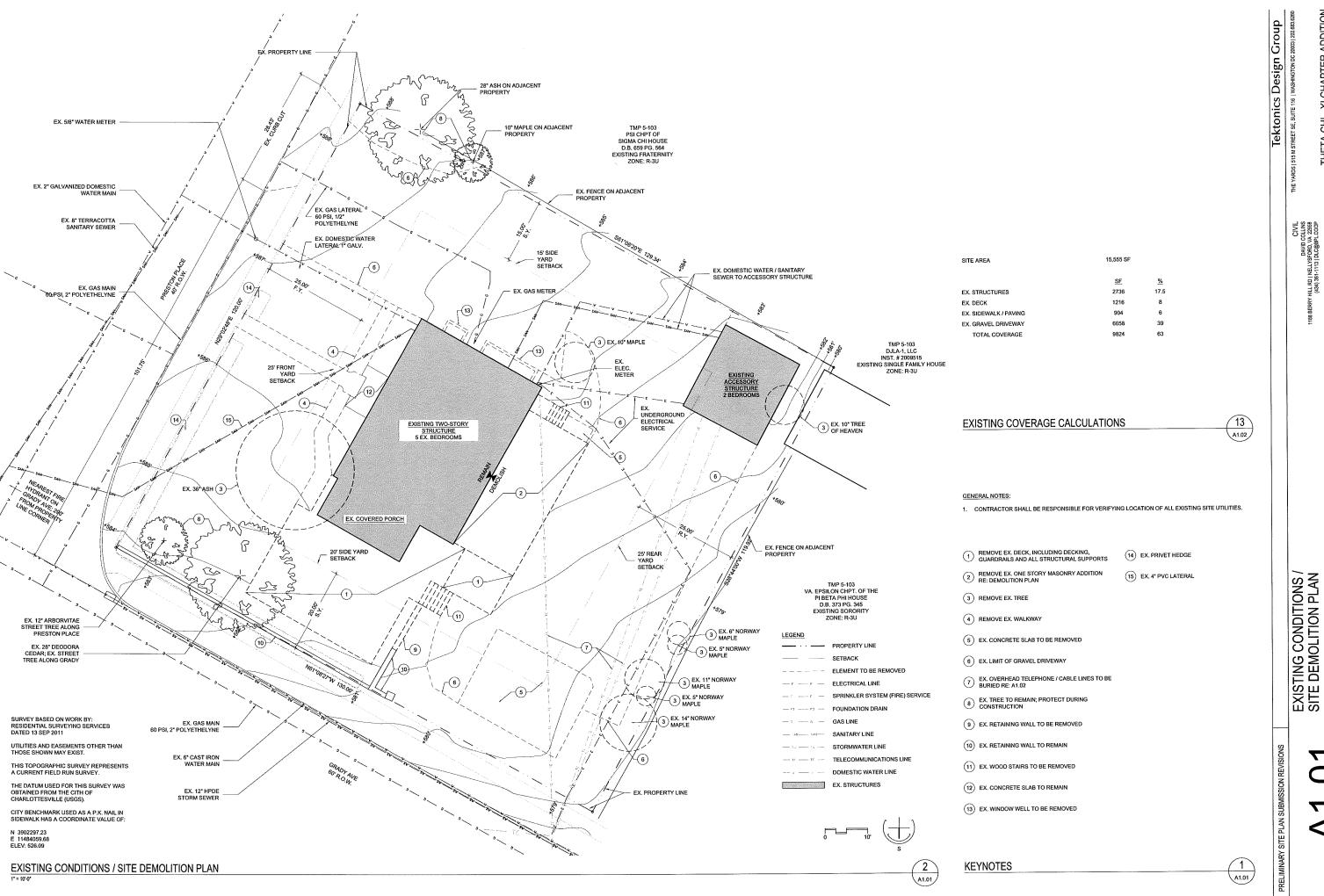




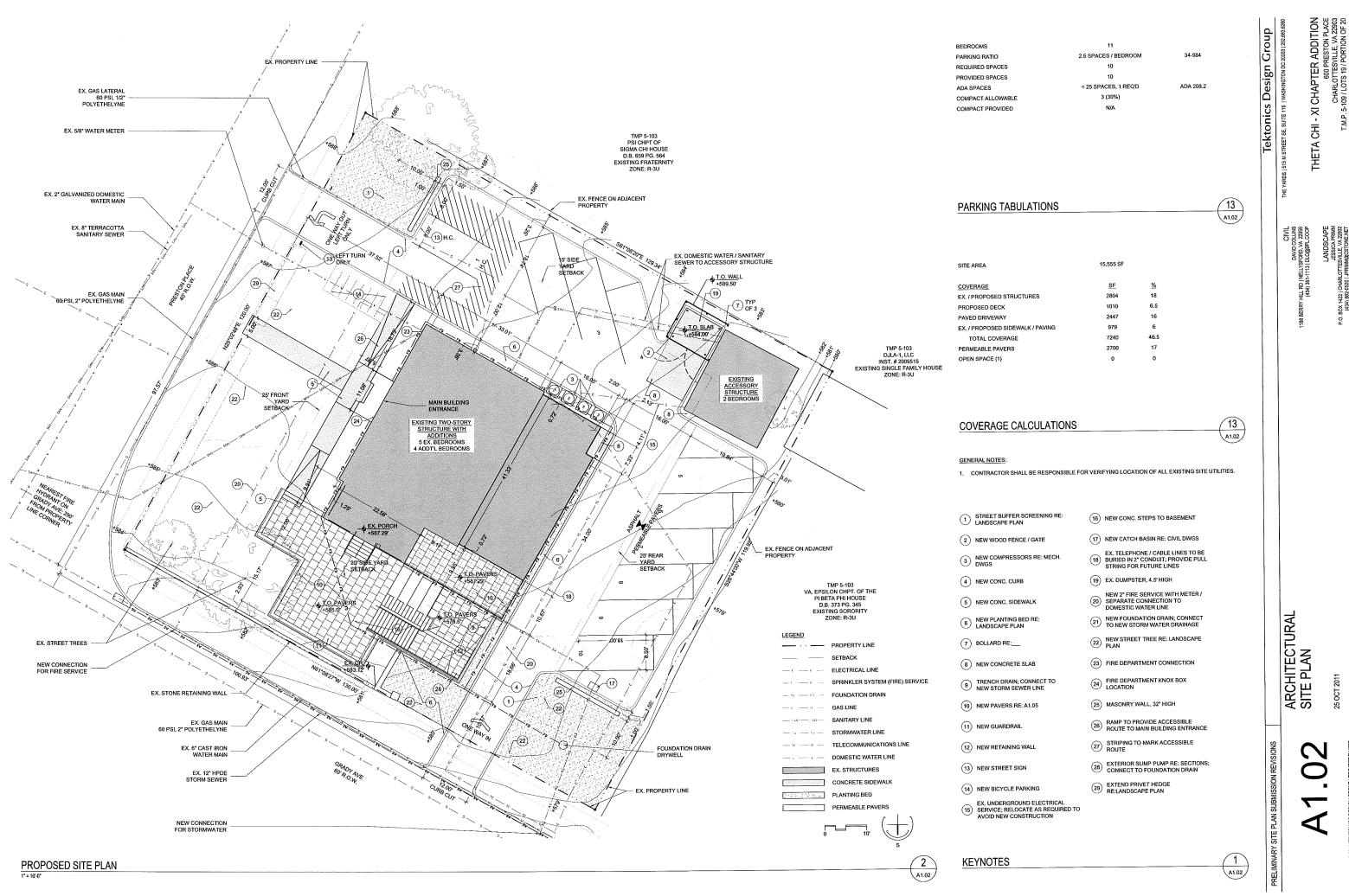




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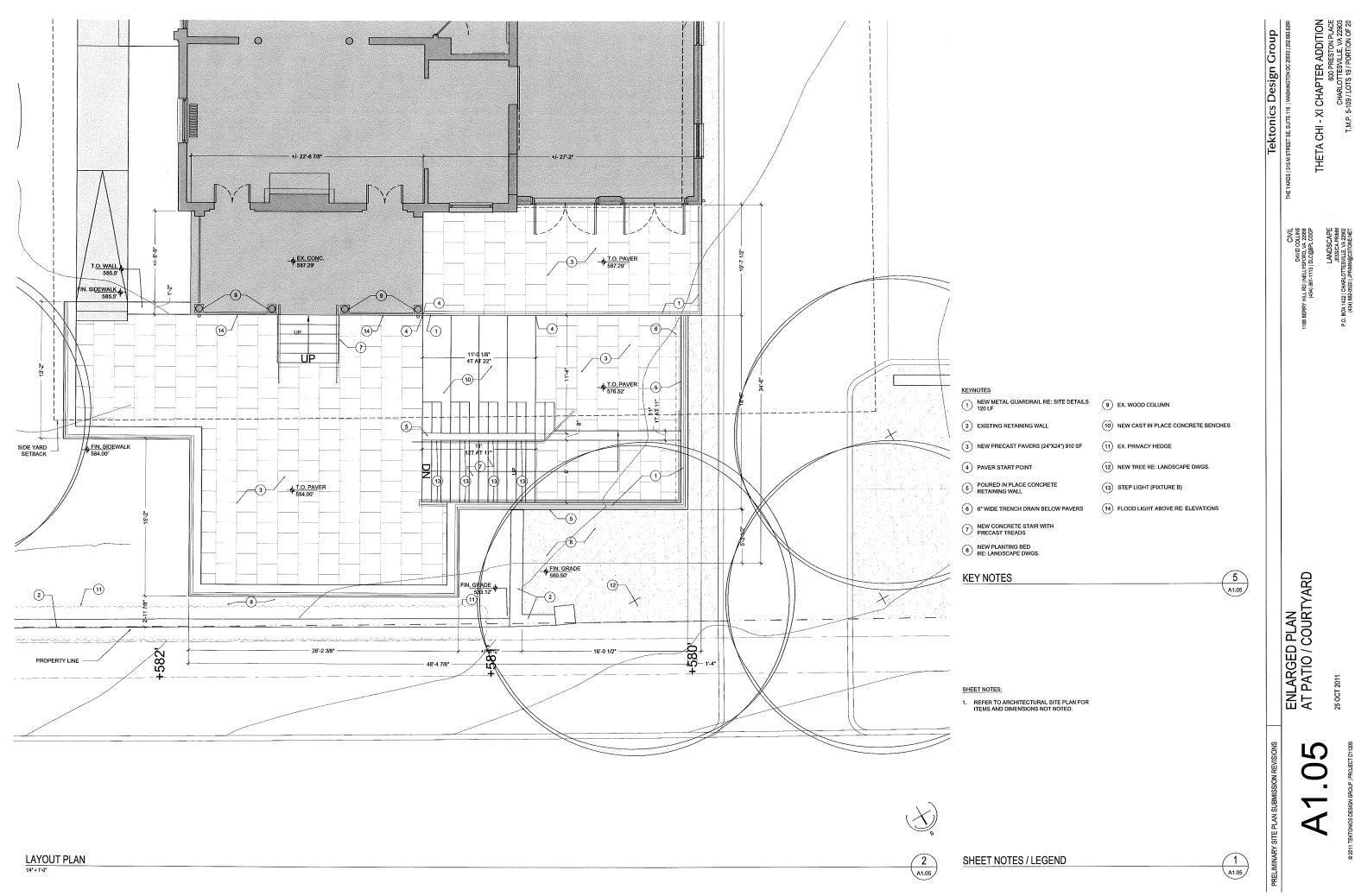


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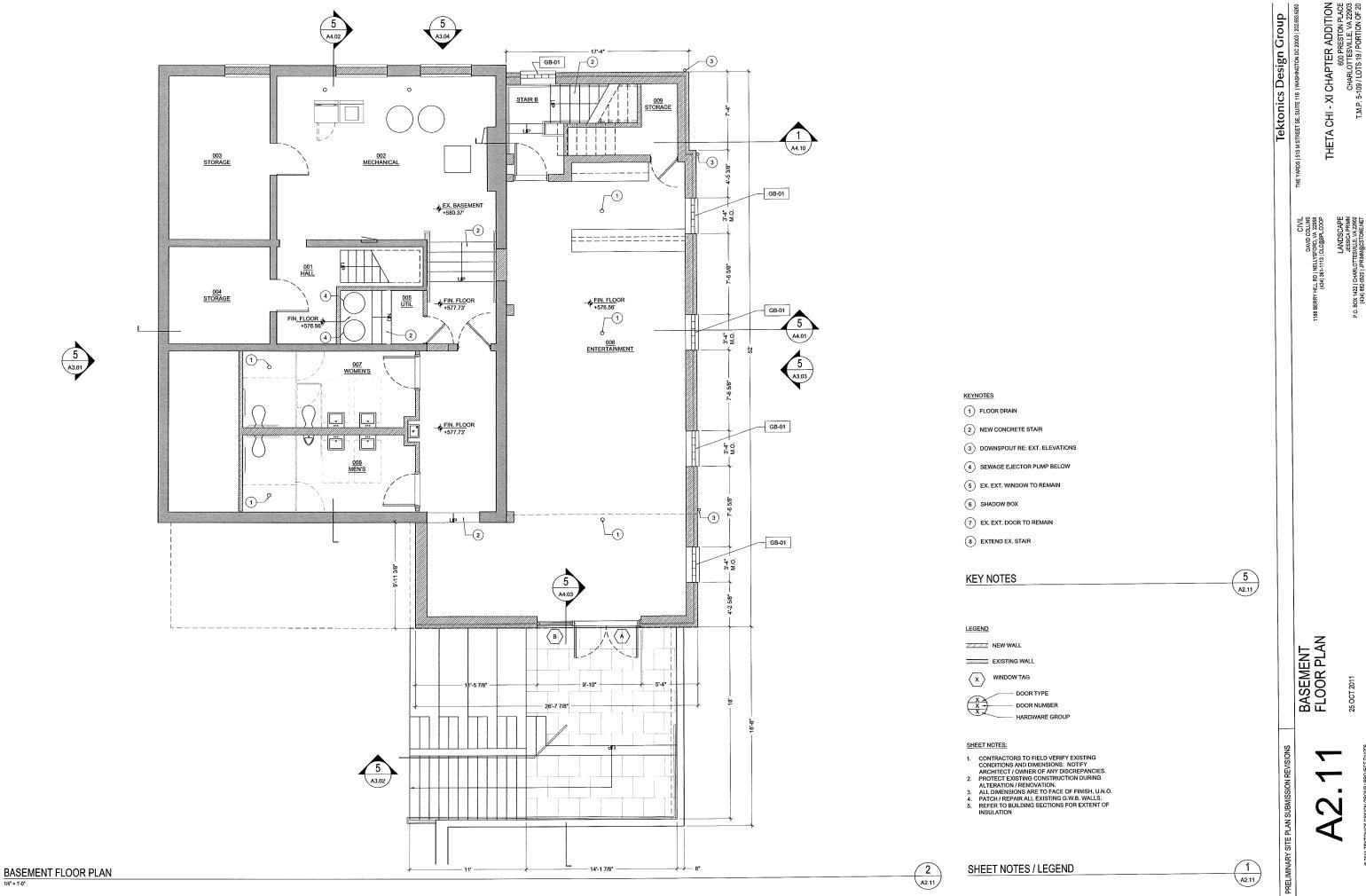
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LANDSCAPE PLAN

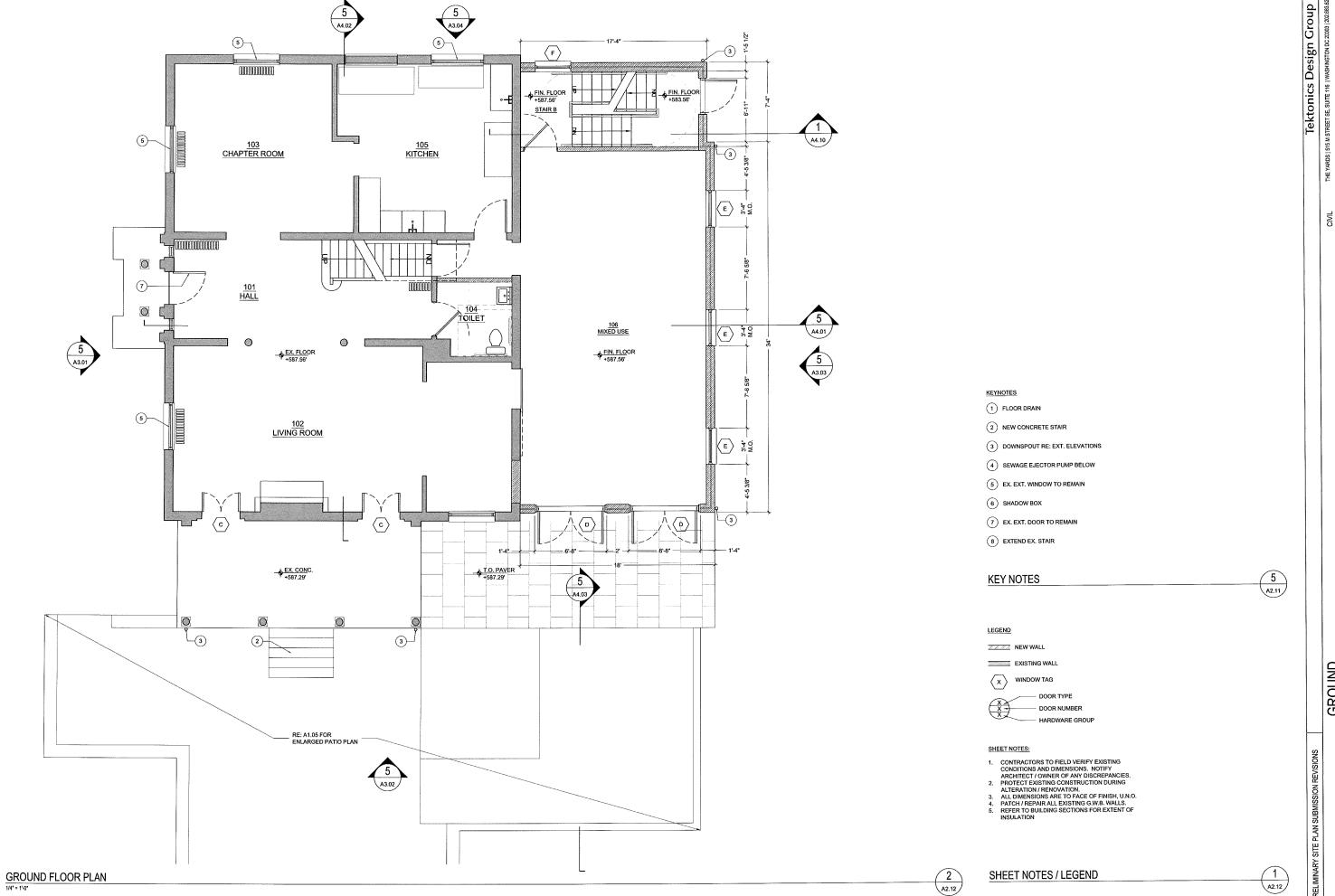


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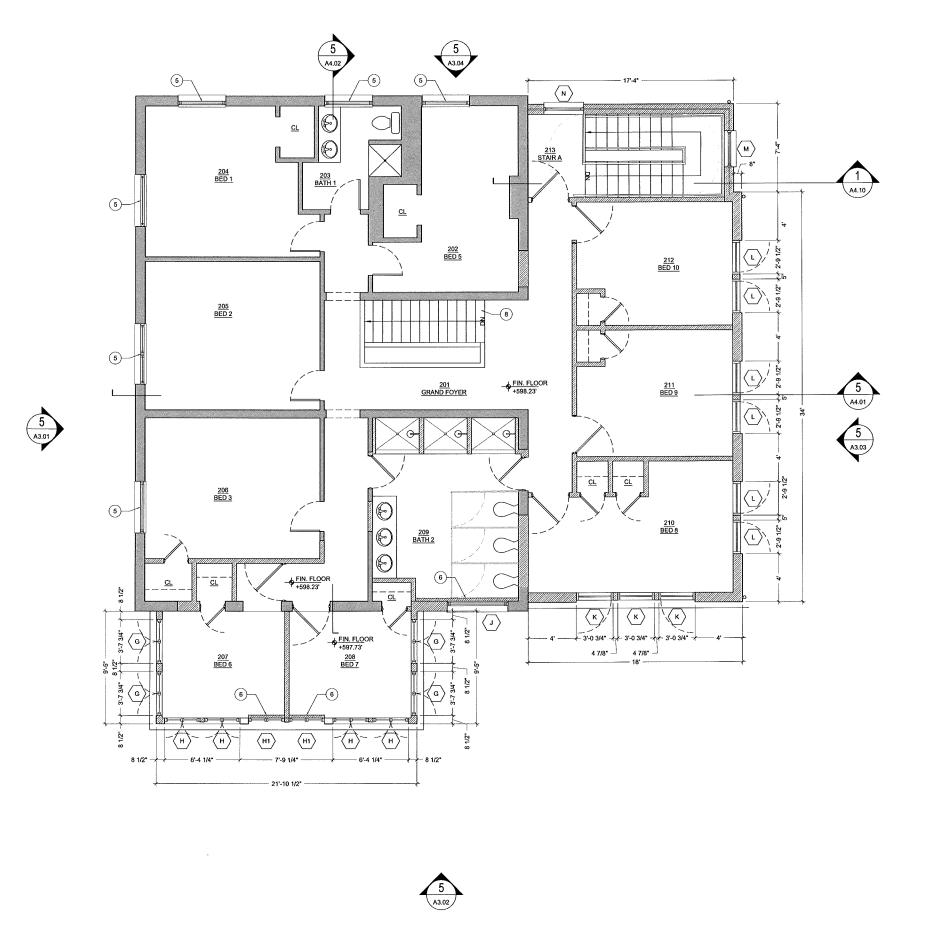
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN





1 FLOOR DRAIN

2 NEW CONCRETE STAIR

3 DOWNSPOUT RE: EXT. ELEVATIONS

4 SEWAGE EJECTOR PUMP BELOW

5 EX. EXT. WINDOW TO REMAIN

6 SHADOW BOX

7 EX. EXT. DOOR TO REMAIN

8 EXTEND EX. STAIR

KEY NOTES

5 A2.11

LEGEND

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EXISTING WALL

X WINDOW TAG

DOOR NUMBER

SHEET NOTES:

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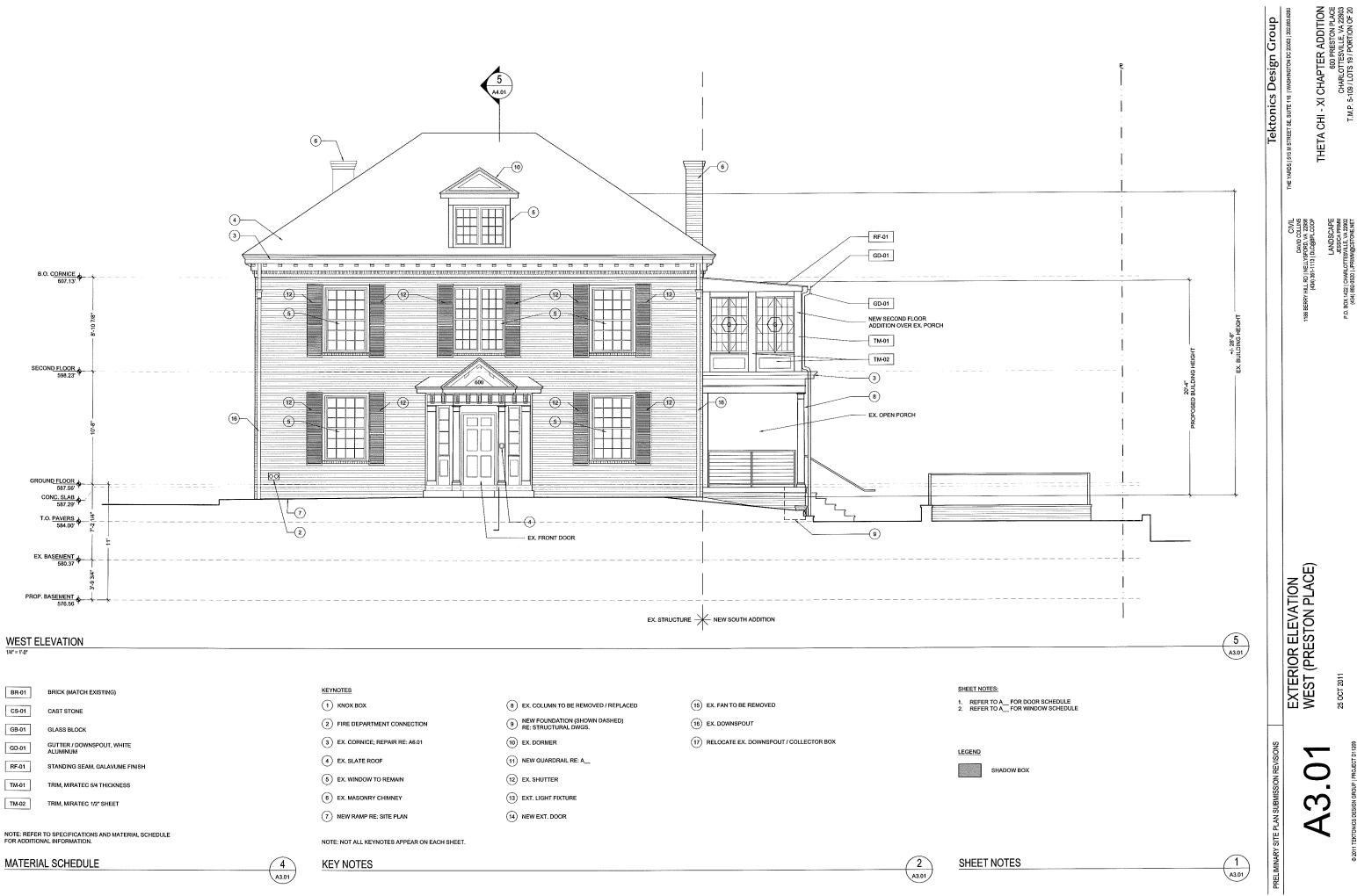
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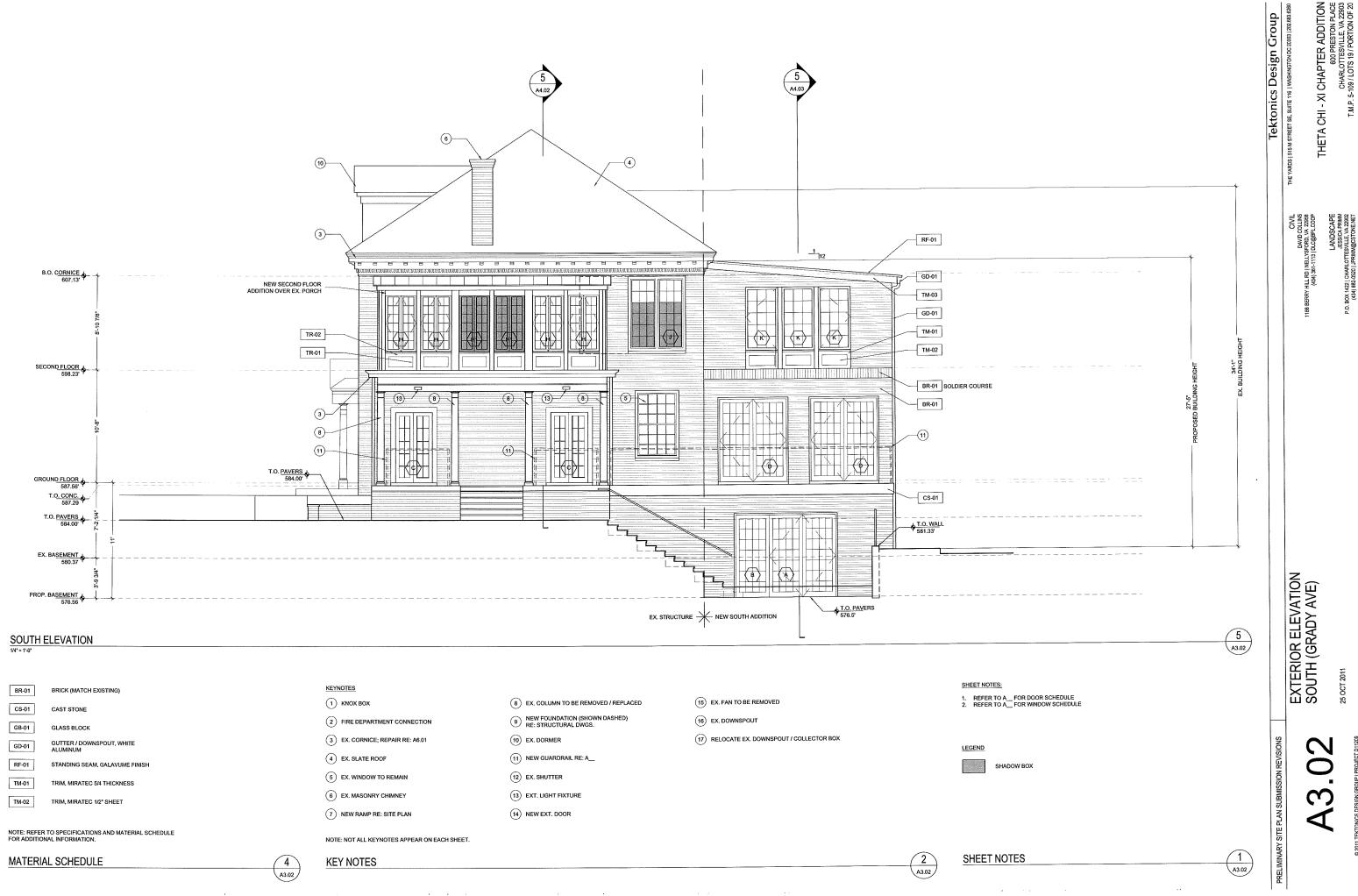
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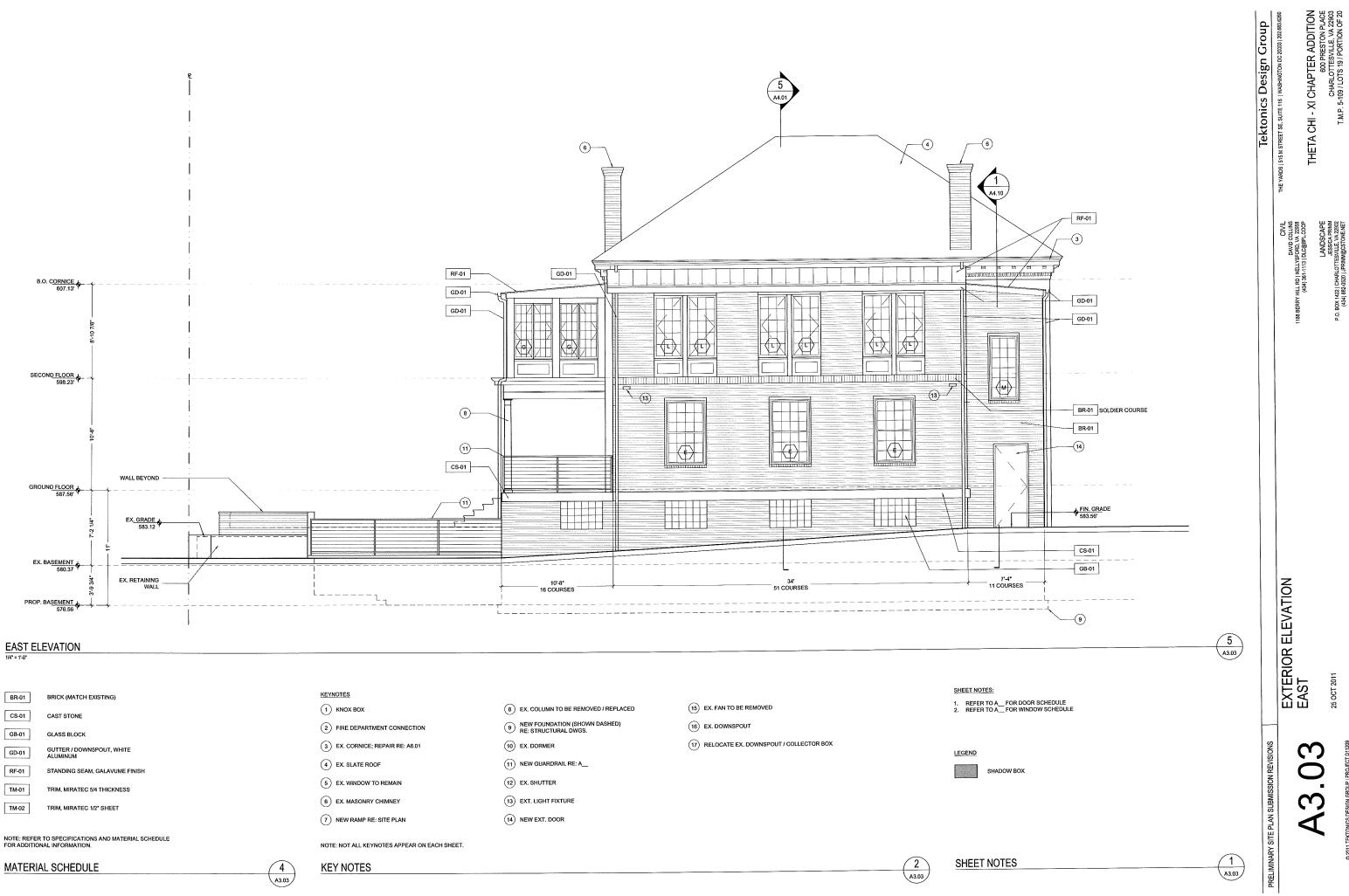
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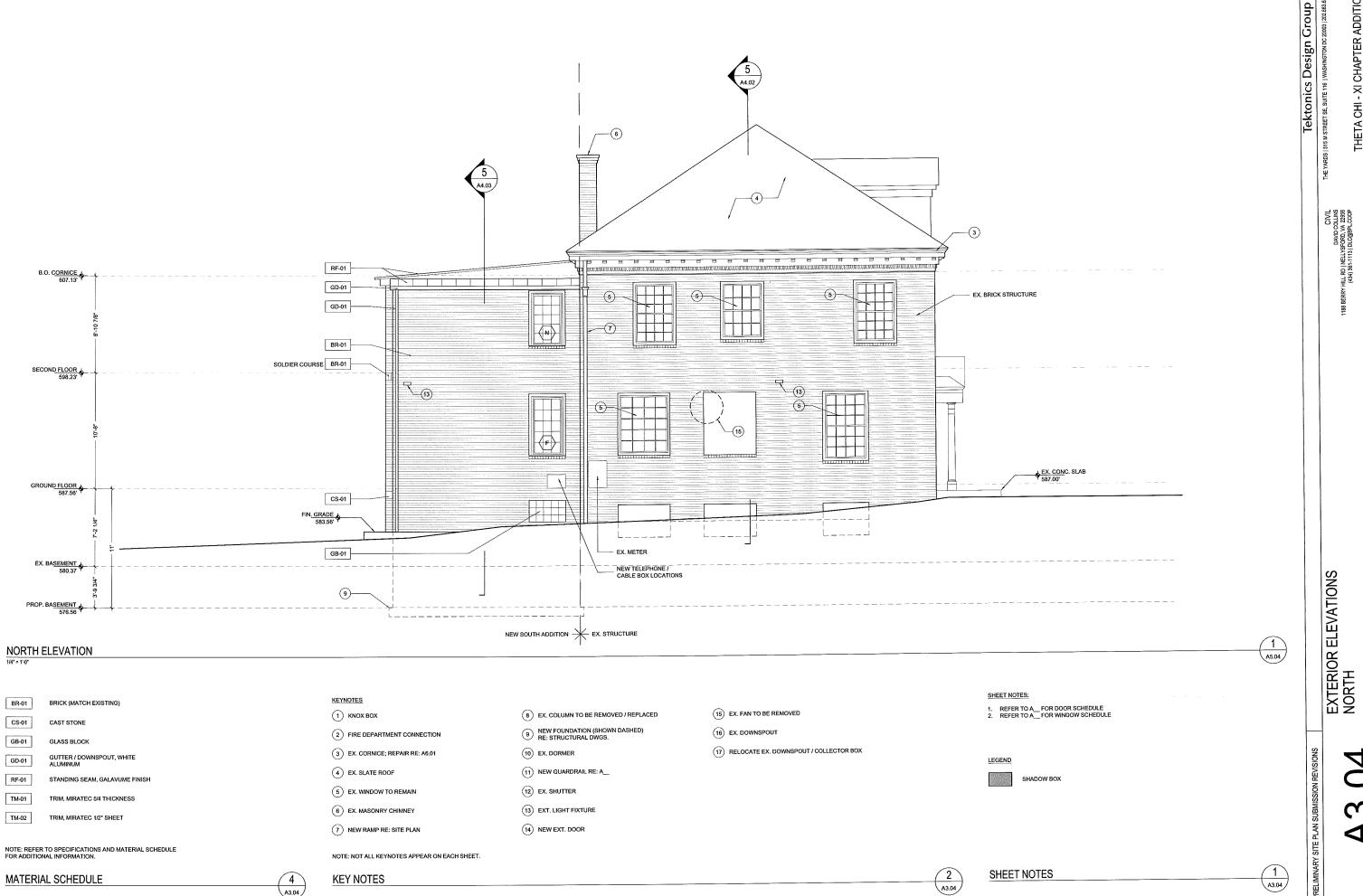
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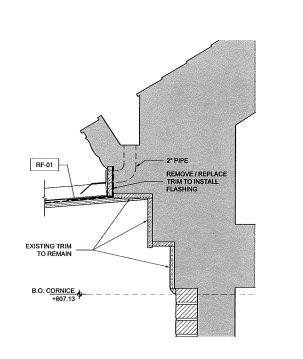




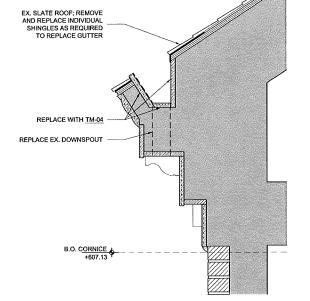
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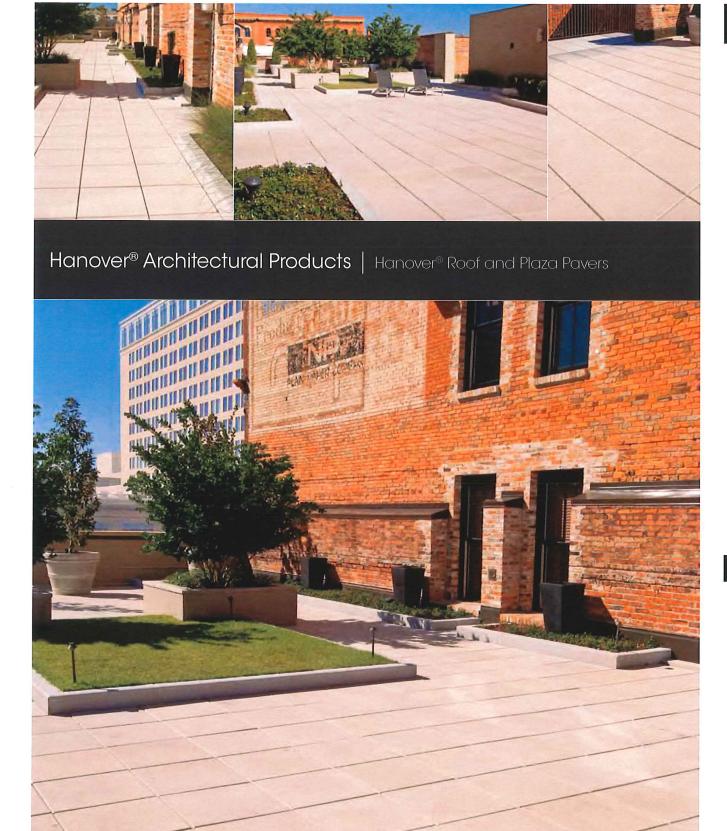
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