ADDRESS: 229 ARCH ST

Proposal: Construct addition over parking lot Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: Berger Development LP Applicant: Raymond Rola, Raymond F. Role, Architect History: 1913; Berger Brothers Company; Valentine B. Lee, architect; expanded, 1918 Individual Designation: 1/6/1977 District Designation: Old City Historic District, Contributing, 12/12/2003 Staff Contact: Allyson Mehley, allyson.mehley@phila.gov, 215-686-7660

BACKGROUND:

The building fronting 229 Arch Street, historically known as the Berger Building, was built in two sections. The first was constructed circa 1913 and the second circa 1918. A four-story addition was constructed at the rear of the building in 1990 connecting it to 124 Bread Street, historically known as the Johnson Warehouse, and 234 and 236 Cherry Street. All lots and buildings were consolidated in the early 1990s into a single tax parcel known today as 229 Arch Street.

This application proposes to construct a four-story addition over an existing parking lot at the rear of 229 Arch Street. The new construction will include three stories of residential living space over an open level of parking.

The new addition will connect to existing buildings at the north, south, and west elevations (see Image 2). It will cover the east wall of the 1990s addition and be connected internally. The east wall of the 1990s addition will not be demolished as part of this project. The new addition connects to the historic Berger Building and Johnson Warehouse to the north and south. These connections will be as party walls only, with no internal connections. The new addition will only be visible from Bread Street.

SCOPE OF WORK

- Construct a four-story addition in existing parking area.
- Create open parking area on first level with three levels of residential living space above.
- Clad exterior façade with red brick to match existing.
- Install double-hung wood windows with a six-over-six sash configuration.
- Create window openings detailed with cast stone lintels and sills.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- Standard 2: The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
 - The proposed addition has limited impact to the Berger Building and Johnson Warehouse.
 - The rear of the Berger Building has been altered previously with a stair tower and 1990s addition.
 - There are no existing openings on the south elevation of the Johnson Warehouse that will be impacted by the new addition. Historic maps show this was once a party wall to a building that has since been demolished.
- Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be

differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

- The proposed six-over-six window sash configurations reflect an earlier time period than the construction dates of the historic buildings on the parcel.
- The red brick is proposed to match the historic
- The open parking area is incompatible with the historic property and district.
- Standard 10: New additions and adjacent construction or related new construction will be undertaken in a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.
 - The new addition will be primarily connected to the 1990s addition. It will use the Berger Building and Johnson Warehouse as party walls. In the future, this addition (and the 1990s addition) could be removed and the essential form and integrity of the historic buildings would be unimpaired.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval, provided the first level parking is screened with brick or compatible material; the red brick cladding on the addition is compatible but not matching; and the proposed windows are a one-over-one double-hung, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standards 2, 9, and 10.

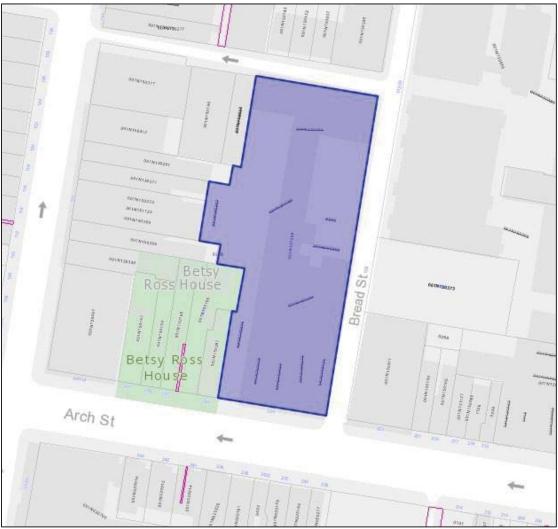


Image 1: 229 Arch Street boundary lot lines. Multiple buildings and a parking lot were combined in the early 1990s to create the current parcel.

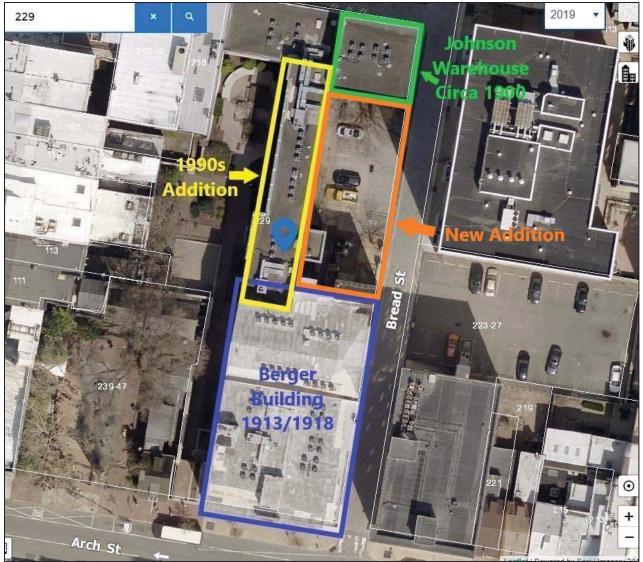


Image 2: The buildings at 229 Arch Street impacted by the new construction and the location of the proposed addition.



Image 3: View looking north from Arch Street down Bread Street.



Image 4: View south from Cherry Street toward Arch Street.



February 13, 2020 Philadelphia Historic Commission 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 Proposed Alterations to: 229 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19106 Final Approval Client: Berger Development LP

To whom it may concern,

We are proposing an addition to the beautiful and historic property at 229 Arch Street in Old City, also known as the "Berger Building". This building has already undergone a radical restoration project in order to preserve its historic features. Including but not limited to the restoration of the Southern exterior which hosts the "Berger Brothers Company" sign and new windows. The interior restoration included but was not limited to new stairwells, elevators, heating and cooling systems, and electrical work in order to create new dwelling units and commercial spaces. Interior historical features such as brick work, and metal doors were preserved throughout this restoration effort. There have been other additions to the existing property in previous years in order to preserve it for continued use, notably the section of the building known as the "1990's Addition", which faces Bread Street. In this area at street level is also a small parking lot, accessed via Bread Street.

We are proposing an addition onto the "1990's Addition" section of the building, facing Bread Street, which will add a total of 21 new dwelling units, including efficiency units, while preserving the existing ground level parking area. The existing exterior wall facing Bread Street will remain, it will become an interior hallway wall. The existing window openings of this wall will be cut down into doorways as entrance into the new units. This addition will not affect the South elevation which hosts the "Berger Brothers Company" sign. Much the same as the previous restorations and additions aimed to continue the use and lifespan of this Historic property, this addition will do the same. This addition will not impact any historical building elements. The exterior frontage of the proposed addition will include new windows to match existing, and brick work to match existing. All proposed work and materials will match existing building elements as much as possible, and we will work with the PHC to verify materials in field to ensure this.

This submission is for final approval. If there are any comments on the proposed alterations please feel free to contact me at 215-546-3155, or <u>rolaarch@verizon.net</u>. I look forward to working together in bringing this project to fruition.

Sincerely, Raymond Rola

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

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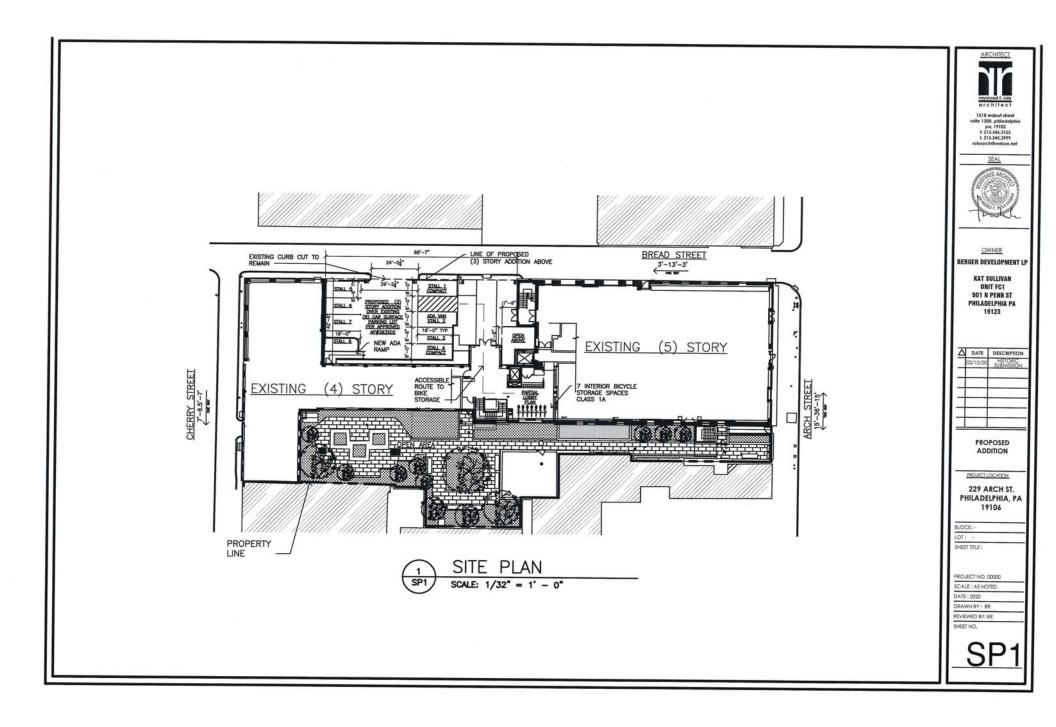
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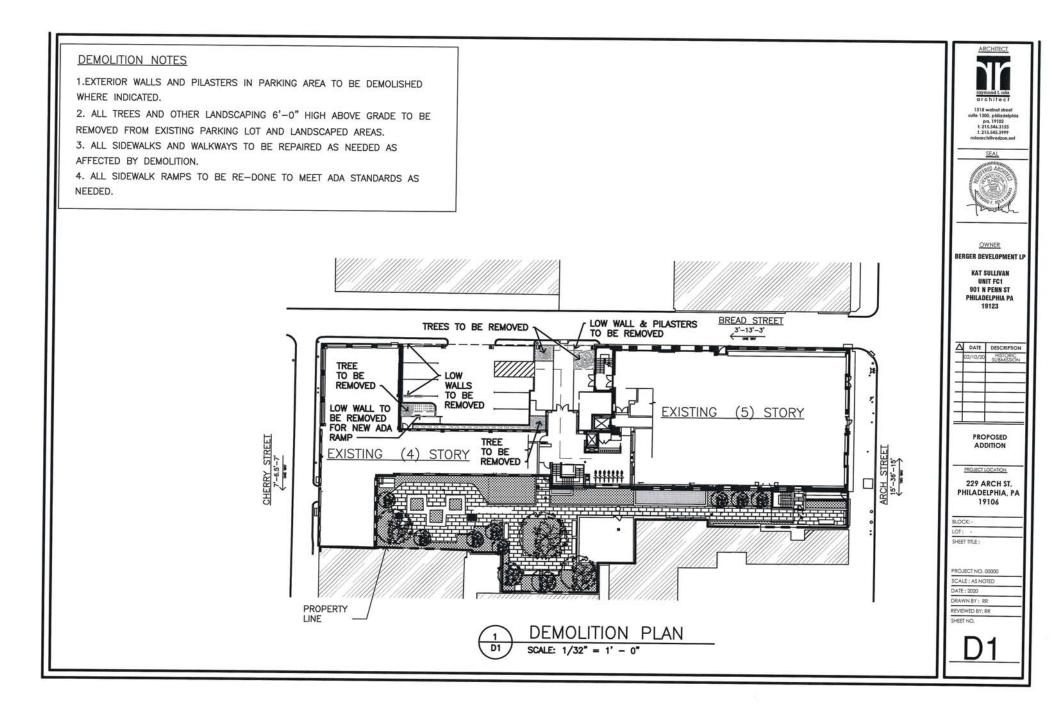
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USE OF BUILDING/SPACE			2 10 12	ESTIMATED COST OF WORK	
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF V	VORK:				
Construction of new thr	ee (3) story addition over existing	parking lot with existing r	parking lot to re	emain New ADA ramp at	
existing entrance.		ounding for this ordering p	and ground to the		
	TOTAL AREA UNDERGOING	CONSTRUCTION: 4	,264.00	s quare feet	
COMPLETE THESE ITEMS	IF APPLICABLETO THIS APPLICATION				
	ADS (suppression system permits only		ON OF SPRINKL	ERS:	
	FUSERS (hvac/ductwork permits on ly):				
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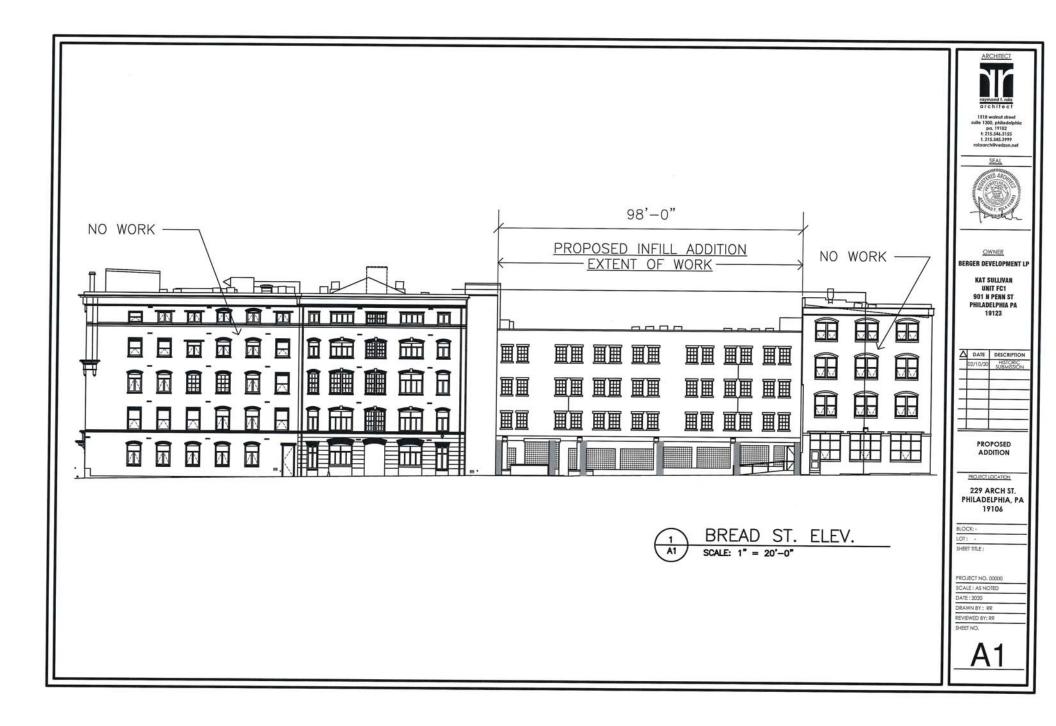


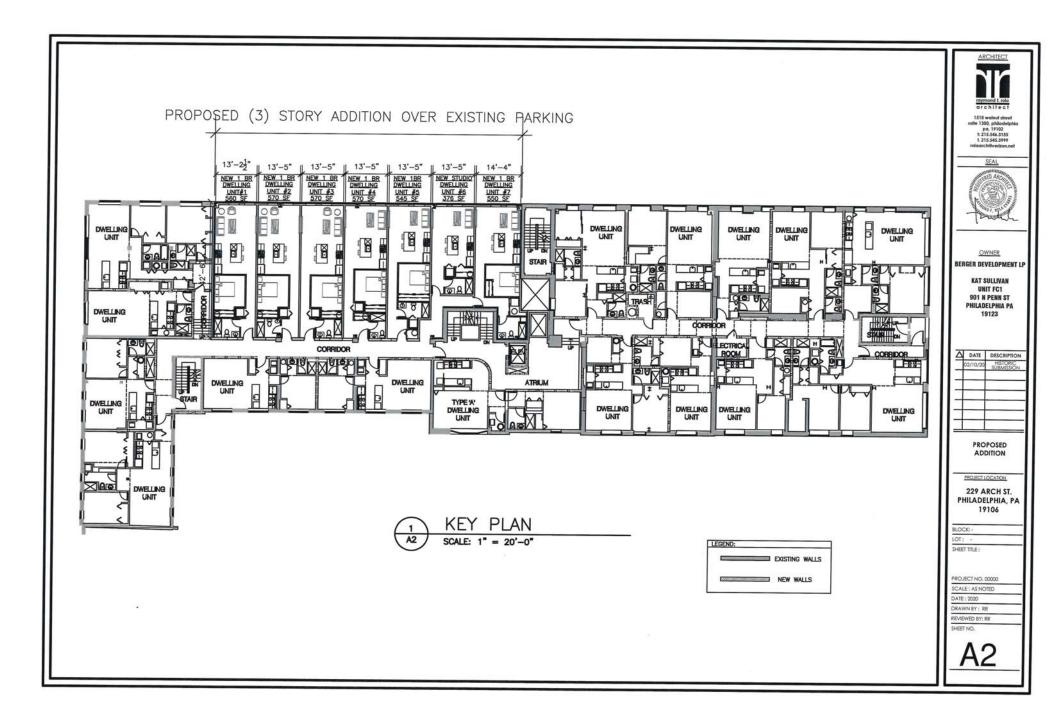
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	PROVISION	EXISITNG	PROPOSED	
USE REGULATIONS:	SINGLE FAMILY, TWO FAMILY, MULTI FAMILY	GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL MULTI FAMILY (66) UNITS	GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL MULTI FAMILY (87 UNITS), 66 UNITS EXISTING + 21 PROPOSED UNITS	
MIN. LOT SIZE	N/A	28,639 SF	28,639 SF	
MIN. LOT FRONTAGE (WIDTH)	N/A	90' +-	90' +-	
MIN. OPEN AREA	INTERMEDIATE: 25% CORNER: 20% (3)	43%	26%	
MIN. FRONT YARD SETBACK	BASED ON SETBACK OF ABUTTING LOTS (SEE NOTES [5] AND [6])	N/A	0'-0"	
MIN. SIDE YARD DEPTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
MIN. REAR YARD DEPTH	9'-0" OR 10%	N/A	NONE	
MIN. REAR YARD AREA	144 SF	N/A	NONE	
HEIGHT REGULATIONS	N/A	N/A	50'-0"	
FAR	500%	72,316 / 28,639 = 253%	84,274 / 28,639 = 295%	
REQUIRED PARKING	NONE REQUIRED IF THE DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT INCREASE BY 25% THE NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS OR THE GROSS SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE STRUCTURE.	8 SPACES	8 EXISTING SPACES. SQUARE FOOTAGE INCREASED BY 16.53% (72,316 SF/11,958 SF)	

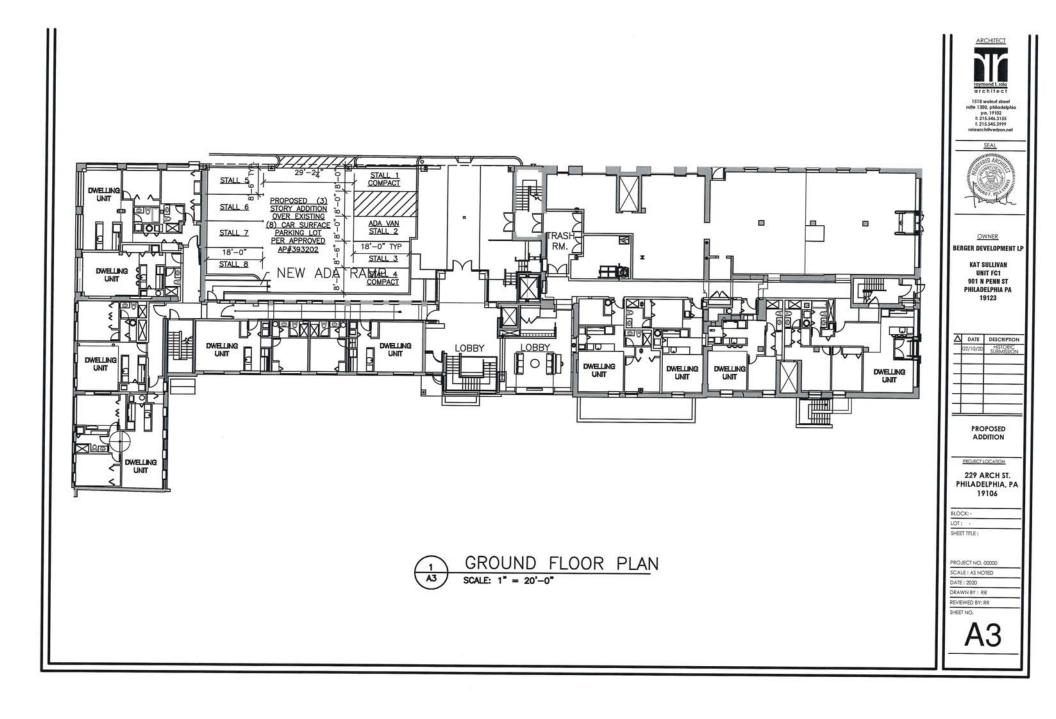


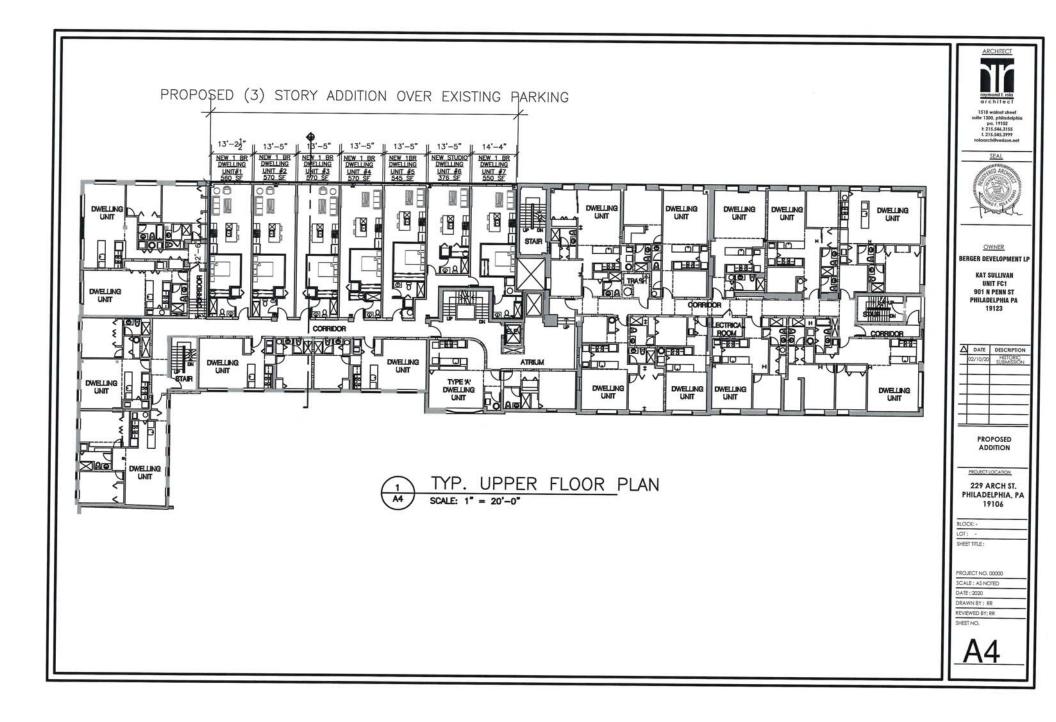


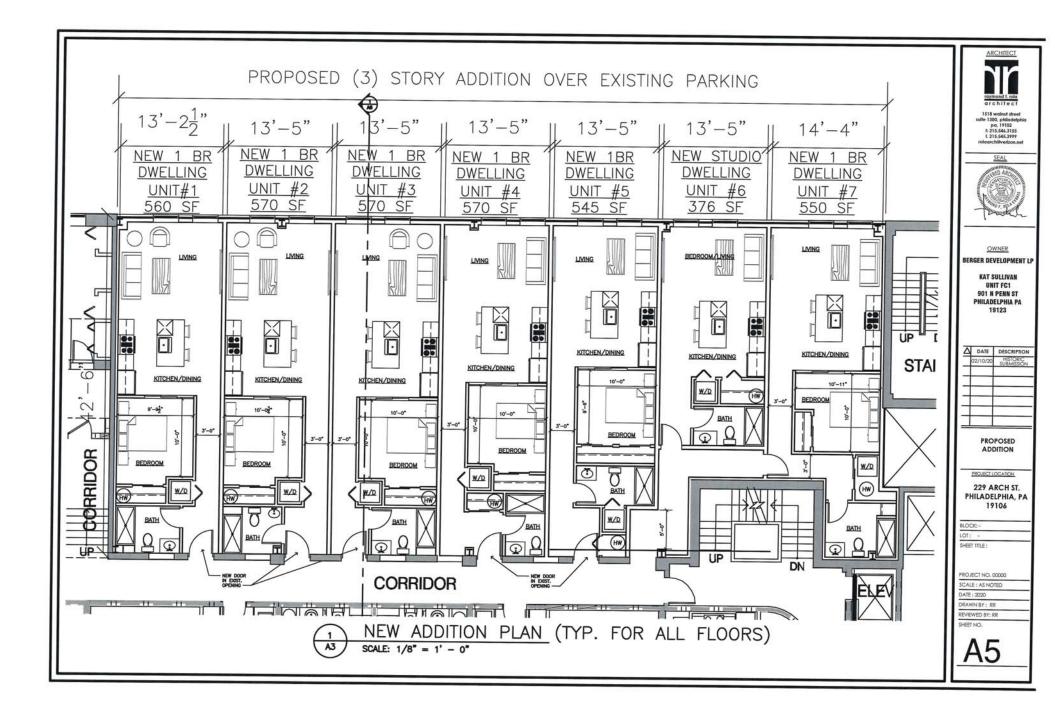


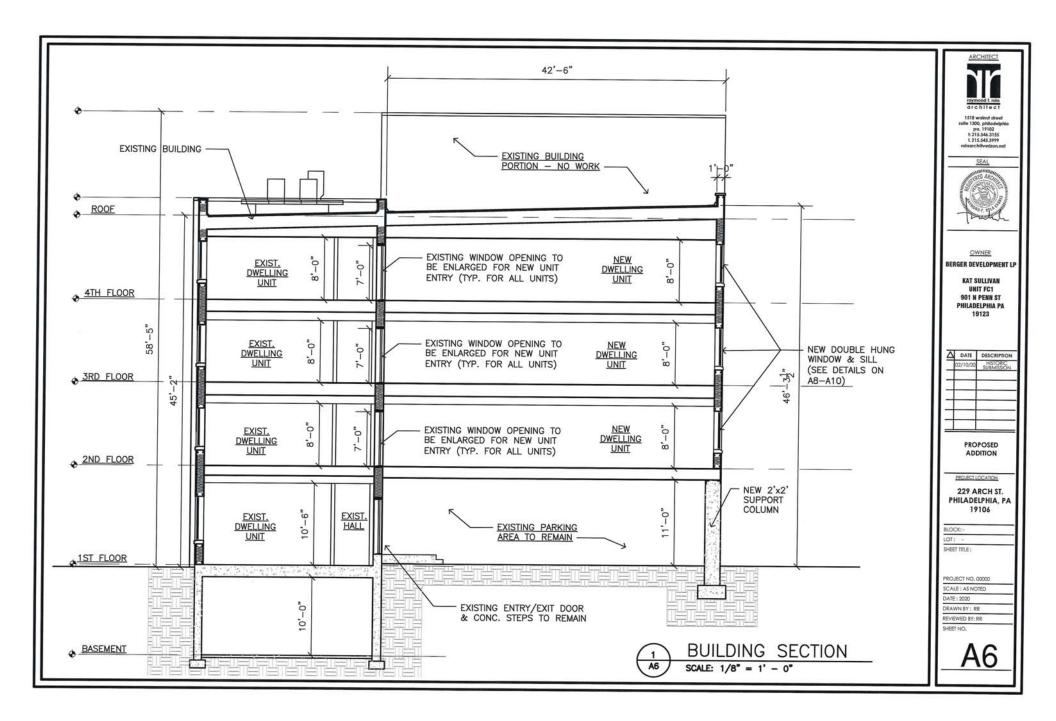


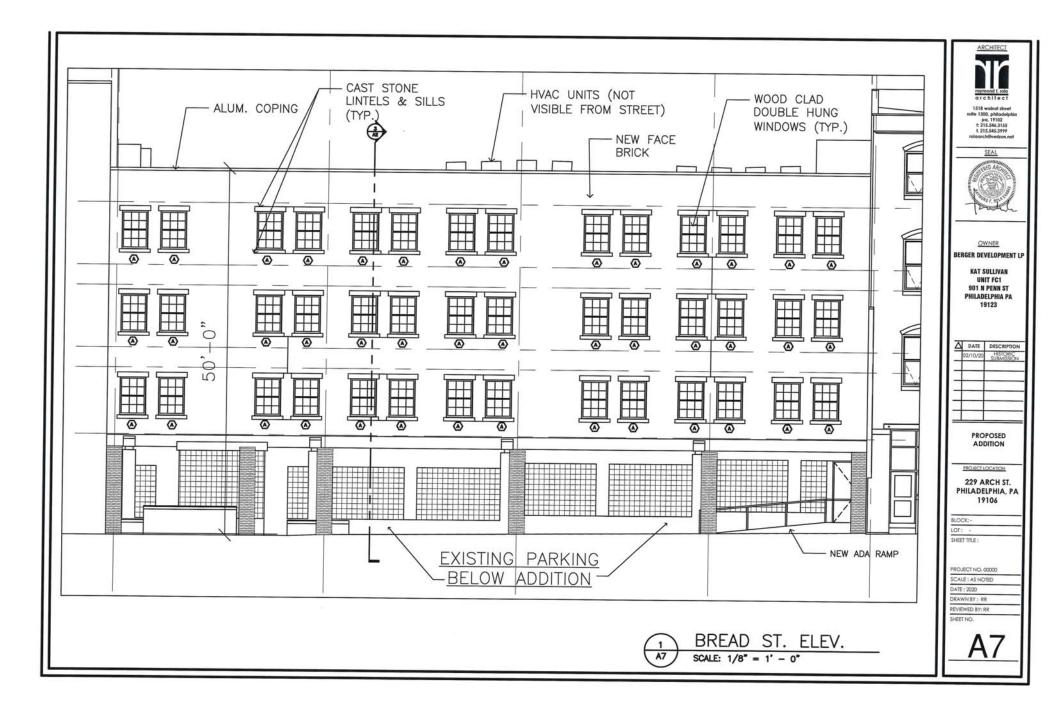












GENERAL NOTES

1. WORK AREA EXCLUSIVE TO EXTERIOR ELEMENTS AS PART OF THE 1990 ADDITION TO THE BUILDING AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY HISTORICALLY RECOGNIZED AREAS OF THE PROPERTY.

2. ALL NEW WORK TO MATCH EXISTING BUILDING ELEMENTS.

3. PHC STAFF TO REVIEW ALL MATERIALS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

4. PHC STAFF TO REVIEW ALL SHOP DRAWINGS FOR APPROVAL.

BRICK & MASONRY

 ALL NEW BRICK WORK TO MATCH EXISTING - RED FACE BRICK (PHC TO APPROVE SAMPLE IN FIELD PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION)
NEW MORTAR TO MATCH THE COLOR, TEXTURE, COMPOSITION, JOINT WIDTH AND PROFILE OF EXISTING MORTAR.

WINDOWS

7. TYPE A - NEW DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS IN OPERABLE WOOD CLAD FRAMES WITH INSULATING GLASS TO BE INSTALLED IN NEW ADDITION WHERE NOTED ON PLANS AND ELEVATIONS. SHOP DRAWINGS TO BE APPROVED BY PHC PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

DOORS

8. NEW INTERIOR UNIT ENTRY DOORS TO MATCH EXISTING UNIT ENTRY DOORS IN QUALITY AND APPEARANCE.

9. NEW UNIT ENTRY DOORS TO BE FIT INTO EXISTING WALL OPENINGS WHERE INDICATED.

INTERIOR

10. INTERIOR FINISHES TO MATCH EXISTING UNITS IN QUALITY. FINISHES TO BE CONTEMPORARY INCLUDING DRYWALL PARTITIONS, WOOD AND TILE FLOORS AND DRYWALL CEILINGS INSTALLED ABOVE EXISTING WINDOW HEADS.

11. DUCTWORK TO BE MOSTLY ENCLOSED AND WILL EITHER BE INSTALLED ABOVE THE EXISTING WINDOW HEADS OR SIGNIFICANTLY RECESSED FROM NEW PERIMETER WALLS. IF THE DUCTWORK NEEDS TO EXTEND BELOW THE HEIGHT OF THE WINDOW HEAD, THE DUCTWORK IN THESE AREAS WILL REMAIN EXPOSED AND BE PAINTED TO MATCH EXISTING SIMILAR ELEMENTS IN THE BUILDING.

12. ALL INTERIOR EXISTING HISTORICAL FEATURES I.E. EXPOSED BRICK, STEEL DOORS AND COLUMNS, AND EXPOSED BEAMS TO REMAIN, NOT INCLUDED IN AREA OF WORK.

