

AMBIT ARCHITECTURE 412 S. 2nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19147

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Philadelphia Historical Commission 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

To whom it may concern,

Please find the enclosed documents regarding the proposed new building 232-36 Walnut Street (Southeast corner of 3rd and Walnut). The owner of the property is Marie F. Cerone at the same address. The proposed project also includes the air rights to 220A-30 Walnut Street which is owned by the same owners and is listed as premise "B" on the deed.

The current single family residence on the site was built in 1999 and we are proposing its complete demolition. The proposed project encompasses 1 new 8 story, 100' tall building that will house a hotel and include an event space on the 8th floor and hotel entry/office and a commercial space on the ground floor.

The building's design takes cues from surrounding building on and around Walnut Street. The proposed design uses Flemish bond brick as the main exterior material. The exterior is broken up into tall sections of stacked windows that are topped with an Ogee three centered arch. Each of the window bays contains muntined windows with brick sill pieces. The building has a 2'-0" deep stone cornice that sits at the top of the 7th floor at a height of 89'-0". There is a second, non-protruding, cornice that sits at the top of the first floor.

The buildings mass sits 29'-6" away from the Walnut Street property line, creating a plaza at the North side public entry. The plaza is contained by new stone posts and new decorative iron fencing. The 2nd -7th floors utilize the air rights of the adjacent property at 222 Walnut.

The revisions made after the most recent Architectural Committee meeting are:

- 1. Windows are smaller and there are more vertical "bays"
- 2. Horizontal brick bands are placed at all floor lines
- 3. Horizontal brick band at the 7th floor is deeper to create a pronounced shadow line
- 4. Window color is now dark
- 5. The north stair tower no longer goes to roof.

This application seeks final approval.

I look forward to the Committee's interaction.

Thank You,

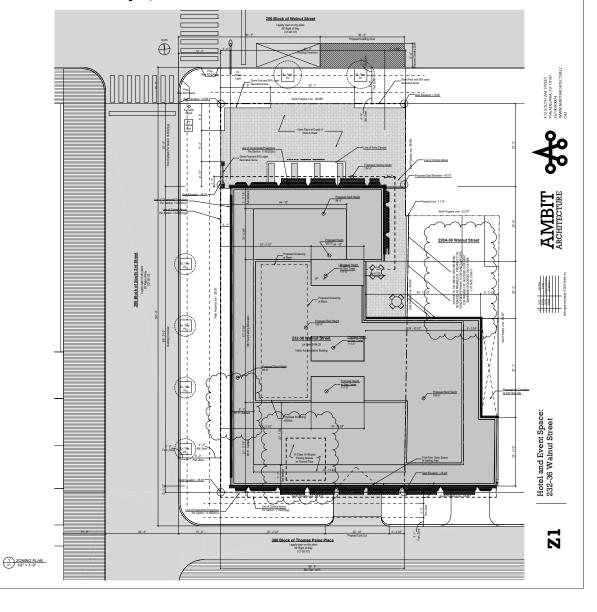
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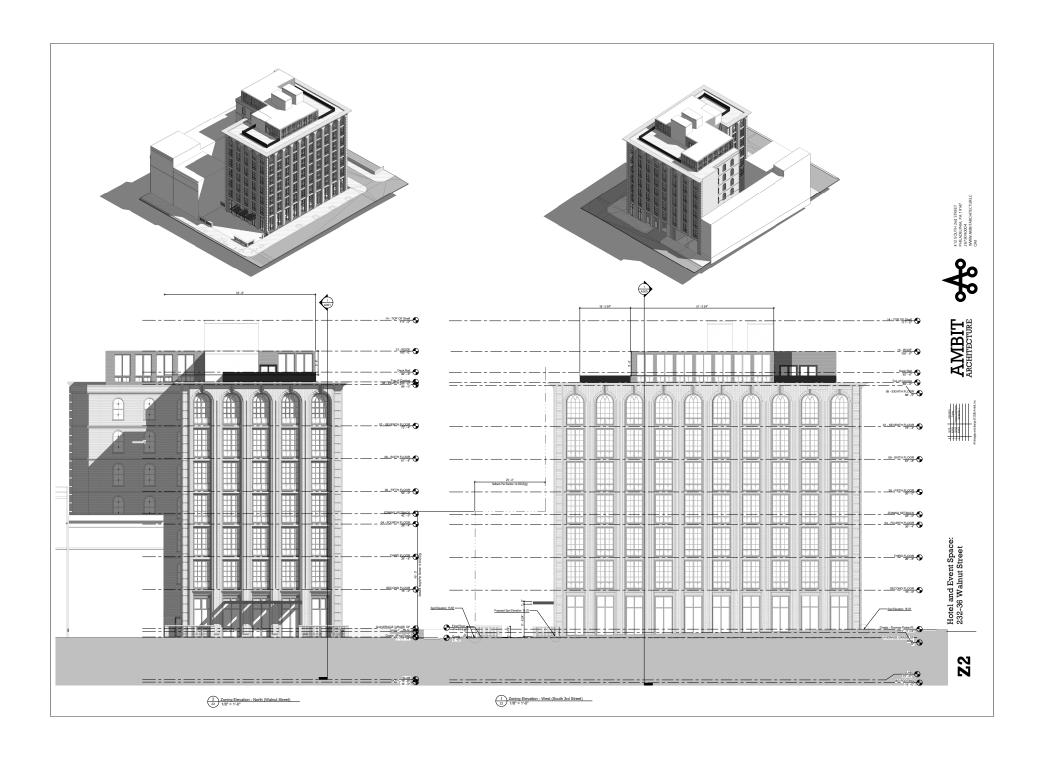
Walnut Street Hotel

Hotel and Event Space:

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- 232 Walnut Street



- 220 Walnut Street attached Air Rights

- 232 Walnut Street (1996)



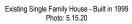








Historic Photos - Prior to site being a parking lot in 1954





Context - Arch Window decoration from 5th and Chestnut



Context - Quoine Conmer from Former Building on Site



Context - Tall Arched bays from Walnut Place

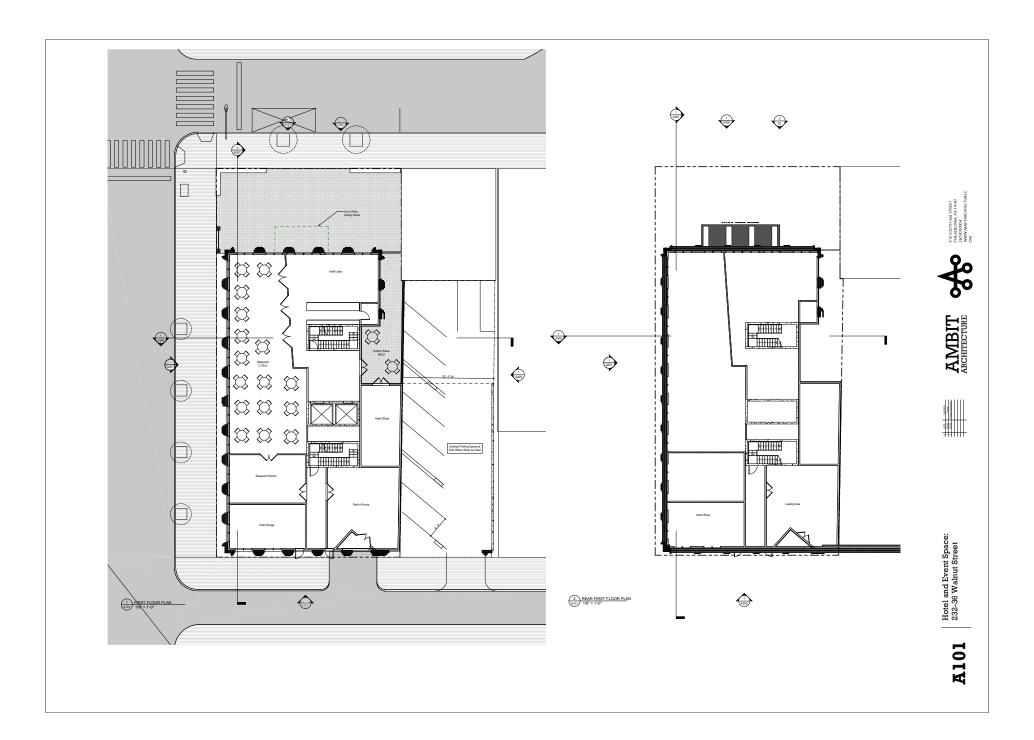


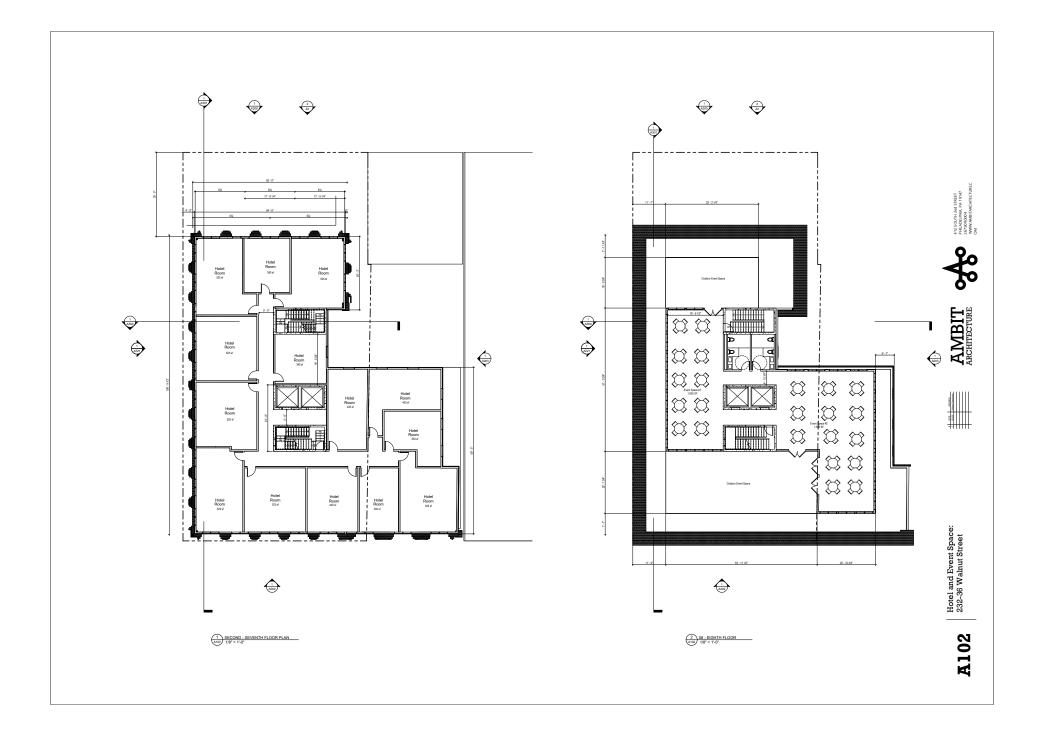




Context - Walnut Place is 87' to the top of its Pediment 232-36 Walnut has a proposed cornice height of 89'







North (Walnut Street) Elevation
1/8* = 1'-0"

Hotel and Event Space: 232-36 Walnut Street

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1 East Elevation 1/8" = 1'-0"

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A205 Hotel and Event Space:



View From 3rd Street Looking South



View From 3rd Street Looking North







