ADDRESS: 8419 GERMANTOWN AVE

Proposal: Demolish rear addition; construct three-story rear addition

Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: Chestnut Hill Community Center

Applicant: Christopher Miller, John Milner Architects, Inc. History: 1803; Charles Redheffer House; remodeled c. 1854

Individual Designation: 5/28/1957

District Designation: None

Staff Contact: Meredith Keller, meredith.keller@phila.gov

OVERVIEW: The early-nineteenth-century stone Federal-style building at 8419 Germantown Avenue, historically known as the Charles Redheffer House, has functioned as the Woodward Community Centre since 1917 when it was established by Gertrude Woodward. The three-story structure has had several exterior alterations since its construction, most notably the 1918 addition of a two-story rear porch, originally intended to be temporary, and the removal of the front porch to allow for the construction of two large bay windows in 1925.

This application proposes to demolish the existing two-story rear addition and to construct a larger three-story addition to support the functions of the Chestnut Hill Community Centre Corporation, which operates out of the building. The addition would be three stories where it connects to the historic structure and would step down to two stories toward the rear of the property. It would include a stone water table, two-over-two double-hung sash windows, a standing seam metal roof, stuccoed walls, and an elevator penthouse. No alterations to the front or side facades of the historic structure are proposed.

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Demolish non-original rear addition;
- Construct three-story addition with elevator penthouse;

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

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

- 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 addition would require the demolition of a non-original two-story rear porch constructed as a temporary structure in 1918. The original Federalstyle building would remain intact.
 - While the addition is large, the step down of the addition from three to two stories, the alignment of the floors with the historic structure, and the architectural detailing make the building compatible in massing, size, and scale.
 - The proposed materials, fenestration patterns, and architectural features, such as cornices and columns, are compatible with the historic building and surrounding context.
- Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.
 - The proposed addition would replace a non-original two-story porch and would only impact the rear wall of the historic building. The future removal of the addition would have limited impact on the historic structure and its environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval, 10.	with the staff to	review details,	pursuant to Sta	indards 9 and

MAPS & IMAGES:



Figure 1: 2020 aerial showing 8419 Germantown Avenue. Source: Atlas.



Figure 2: Front façade of 8419 Germantown Avenue, 2020. Source: Cyclomedia.



Figure 3: Aerial showing existing two-story rear addition at 8419 Germantown Avenue, 2020. Source: Pictometry.

JOHN MILNER ARCHITECTS DESIGN & PRESERVATION

January 11, 2021

Ms. Kim Chantry Philadelphia Historical Commission One Parkway, 13th Floor 1515 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: Proposed Addition at 8419 Germantown Avenue

Dear Kim:

We appreciate your preliminary review and the time spent working with us on the Woodward Community Centre at 8419 Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill. Please find the enclosed documents pertaining to the demolition of the extant rear porch and proposed addition to this historic structure which we are submitting for final approval at the next Architectural Committee session.

The nineteenth century stone structure at 8419 Germantown Avenue is listed as the "Redheffer House" on the National and Philadelphia Register of Historic Places and is a contributing building in the Chestnut Hill Historic District. Longtime community benefactor Gertrude Woodward helped organize the purchase of the residence for public use in 1917 and the Community Centre was established. Today, the Centre continues to provide space for public events, meeting rooms for non-profit organizations and also leases small, individual spaces to multiple commercial tenants.

To help provide financial sustainability and much needed accessibility for this historic property we propose to remove an existing two-story porch and construct an addition at the rear of the building. The addition would house a new retail tenant and larger, more accessible meeting space at the ground level, as well as a larger, single tenant office space at the second floor. Supportive programming including ADA restrooms and an elevator will also be included in the addition and is to be shared between the tenants of the new and historic structures. This proposed project is to be completed in two phases, the first being the porch demolition and new construction and subsequently the interior and exterior restoration of the historic building.

The masonry and stucco porch was constructed in 1917-18 and had replaced a one-story, wood-framed structure (original construction date unknown). As described in documents from the National League for Women's Service, the tenants at the time of construction, the current porch was to be a "temporary structure" for use as an USO kitchen during World War I. Included in this submission is an earnest statement from the League's Chairwoman directed to the Chief Clerk at the Philadelphia Building Department promising "that after its served its purpose we shall be glad to have it removed." With support from the Centre's current community, as expressed in the letters also attached, we hope to clearly demonstrate that this small porch has in fact served its "temporary" purpose and a new structure is needed for the Woodward Community Centre to properly continue serving Chestnut Hill.

Included in this submission are the documents previously described as well as copies of the drawings (existing and proposed) and photographs (historic and existing). Concept renderings of the proposed design and sightline studies of the visual impact of the elevator penthouse are also included.

We appreciate your consideration of our submission and we look forward to discussing it with you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Kun G. Smith Kara J. Smith

Associate

cc: Mary Werner DeNadai, FAIA

Christopher Miller, AIA, NCARB

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Application for Construction Permit

Use this application to obtain permits for a residential or commercial construction proposal.

Mechanical / Fuel Gas, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Suppression trade details are found on page 2.

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Applicant Identify how you are associated with the property.		I am the: ☐ Property Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Equitable Owner ✓ Licensed Professional or Tradesperson Name Christopher Miller Company John Milner Architects, Inc.
Licensed professionals include design professionals, attorneys, and expediters. A tradesperson must have an active Philadelphia license for their trade or hold a PA Home Improvement Contractor Registration.	2	Address 104 Lakeview Drive, Chadds Ford, PA 19317 Email cmiller@johnmilnerarch.com Phone 6 1 0 3 8 8 3 4 2 5
Property Owner Identify the deeded property owner. If there was a recent change of ownership, documentation such as a deed or settlement sheet will be required.	3	Chestnut Hill Community Center Check box if new owner is being listed Address 8419 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118 Email Phone
Design Professional in Responsible Charge Identify the PA- licensed design professional who is legally responsible.	4	Christopher Miller John Milner Architects, Inc. PA License # 475539 Phila. Commercial Activity License # Email cmiller@johnmilnerarchitects.com Phone 6 1 0 3 8 8 0 1 1 1
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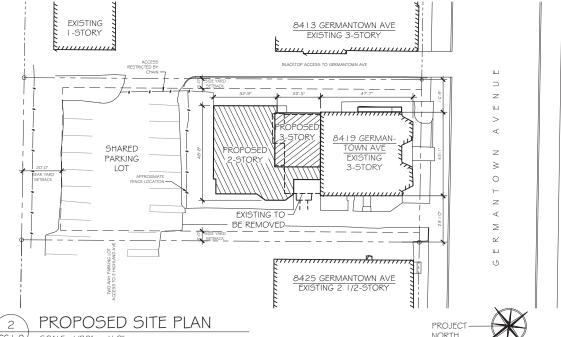
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Applicant Signature:

Proposed Demolition and Addition to the

CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

8419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118





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DISTRICT NAME	CMX-2.5	EXISTING	PROPOSED	
LOT AREA		I 6404 SF	16404 SF	
BLDG AREA (TOTAL SF)		2817 SF	4298 S.F.	
MAX. OCCUPIED AREA (% OF LOT)	75%	8287 SF (50.5%)	10818 S.F. (65.9%)	
MAX. BLDG HEIGHT	55 FT	34'-6 1/2"	34'-6 1/2"	
MIN. CORNICE HEIGHT	25 FT	28'-7 1/2"	28'-7 1/2"	

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LIST OF DRAWINGS

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Ao.o	Historic Documentation	A2.0	Lower Level Plan
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> COVER SHEET

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Detail of 1-story rear kitchen.



Detail of porch as currently configured.

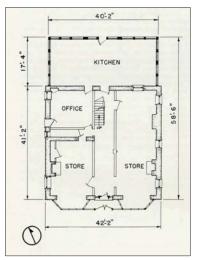


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"Regarding the temporary 2 story porch we wish to build in the rear of the Service House of Chestnut Hill (8419 Germantown Avenue) I beg to assure you that after it has served its purpose we shall be glad to have it removed."



1952 - Survey drawing



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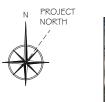
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3. View of alley \$ west facade as seen from

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I. View of south facade facing Germantown Avenue.



4. View of north (rear) facade from parking lot.



2. View of private drive along 8413 Germantown Ave \$ east facade as seen from sidewalk.



5. View of rear yard (between porch addition and parking lot).

(Photos date between 10/2017 \$ 12/2020)

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6. View from rear property line of porch addition to be removed (visible from shared parking lot).



7. View of west facade along existing walkway.



8. Detail of connection of porch addition to historic building at foundation (east facade).



9. Detail of connection of porch addition to historic building at second story (east facade).



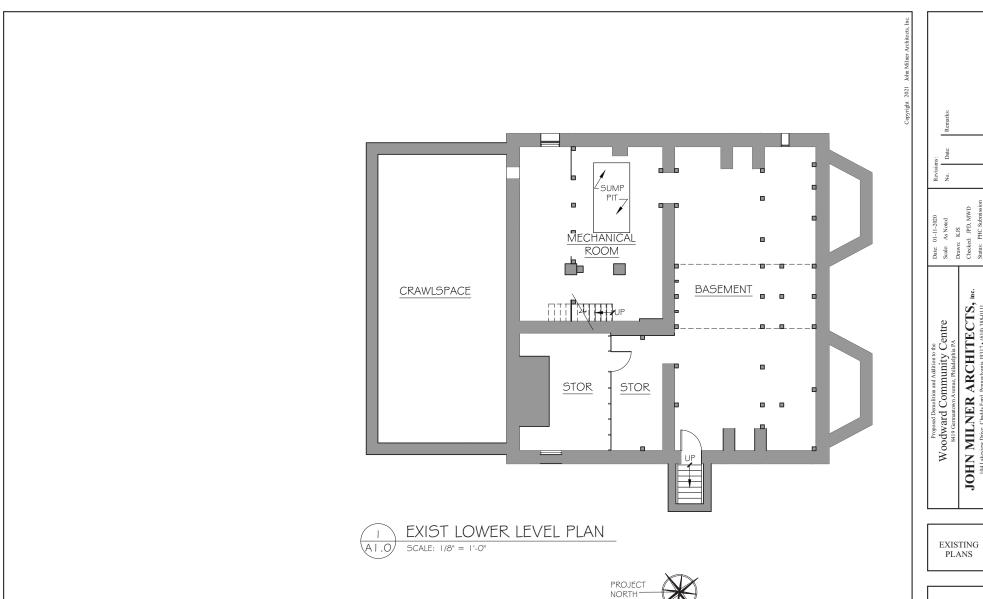
10. Deterioration of floor at porch interior.

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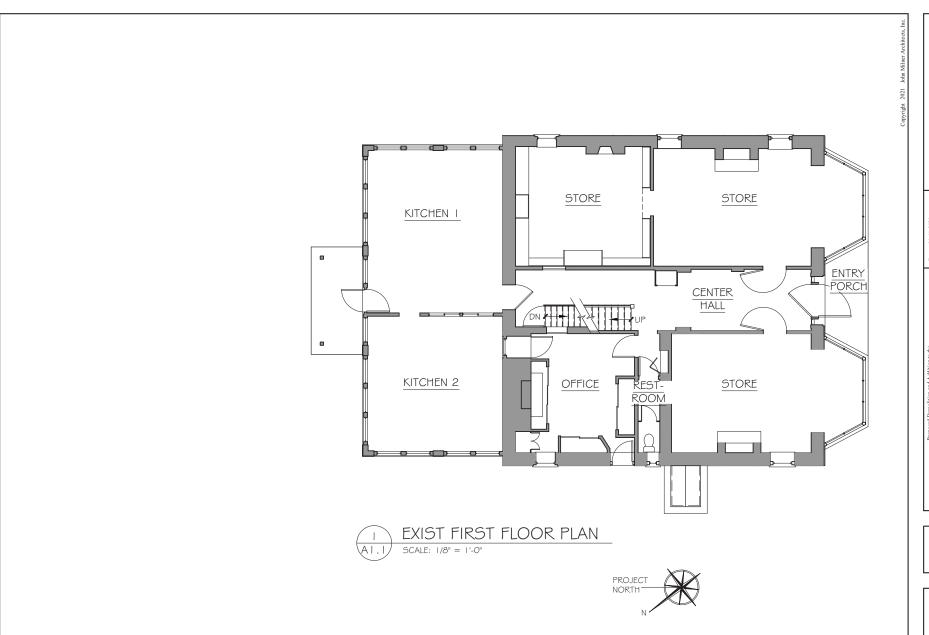
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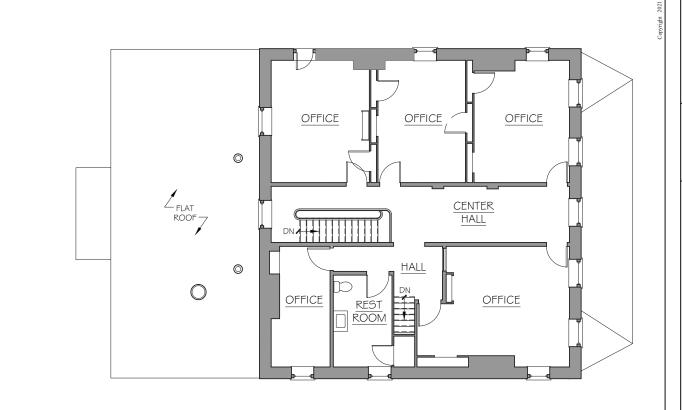
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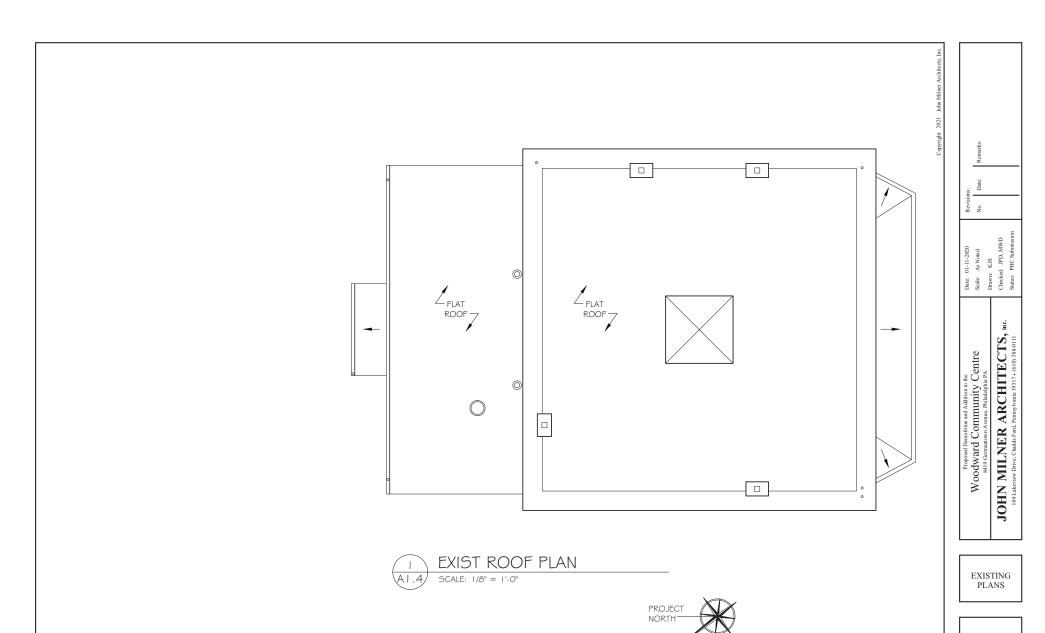


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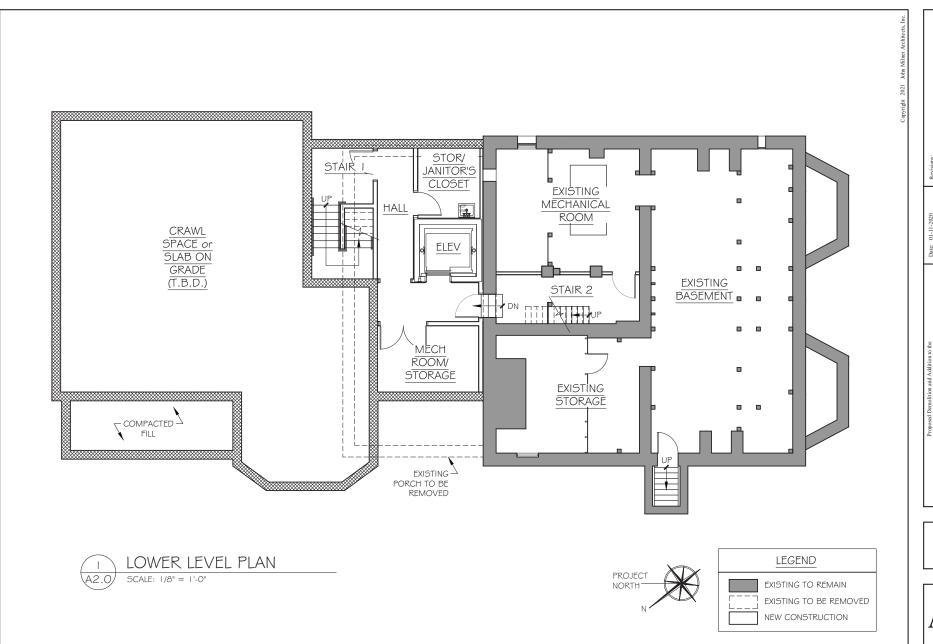
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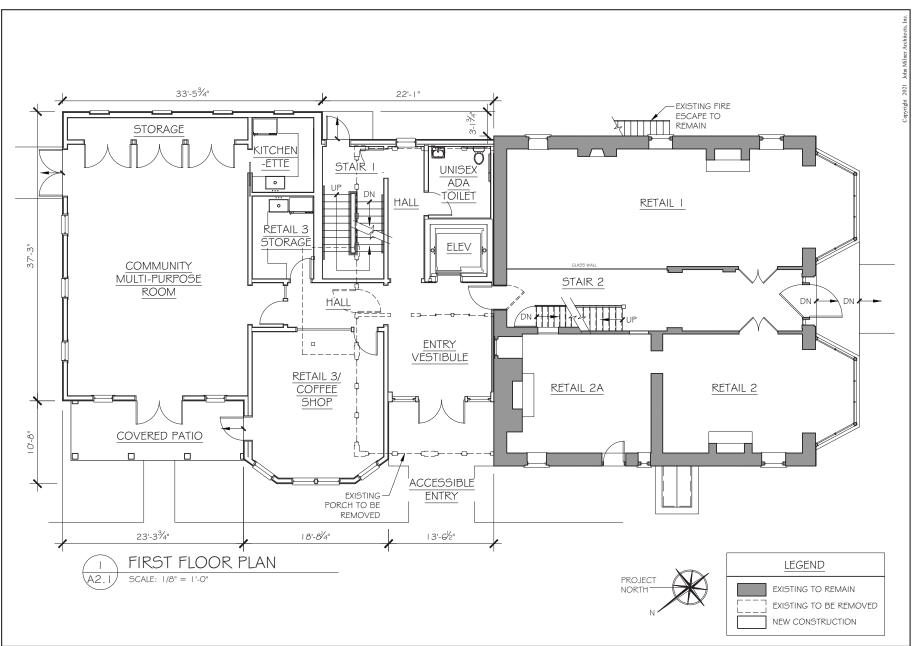


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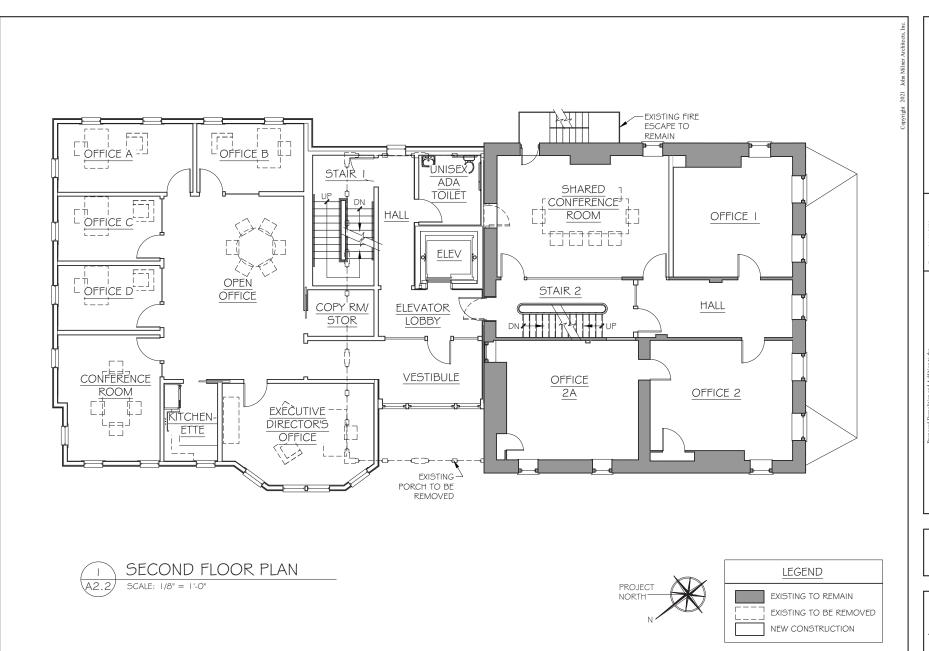
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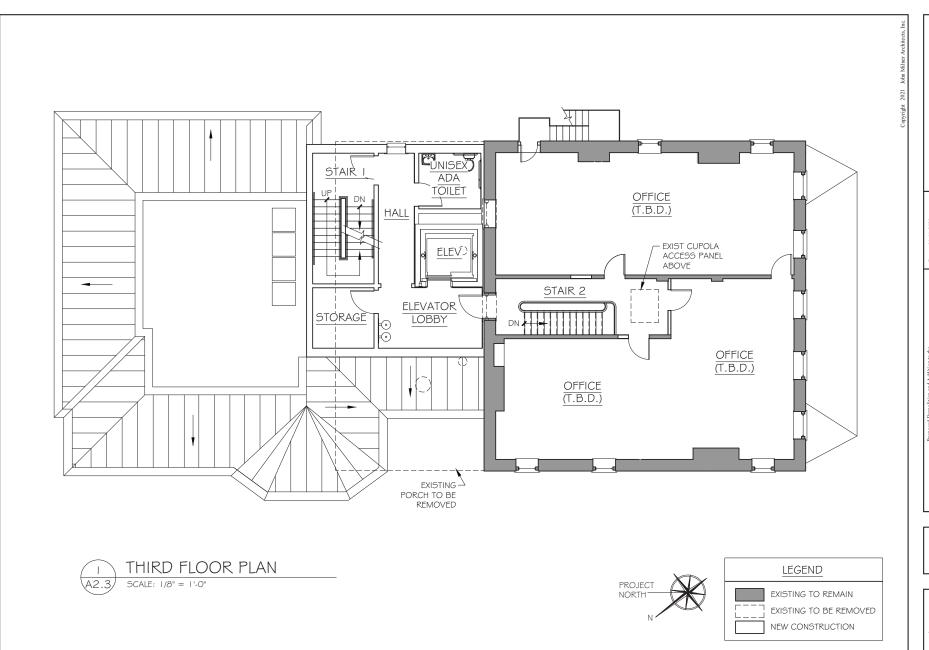
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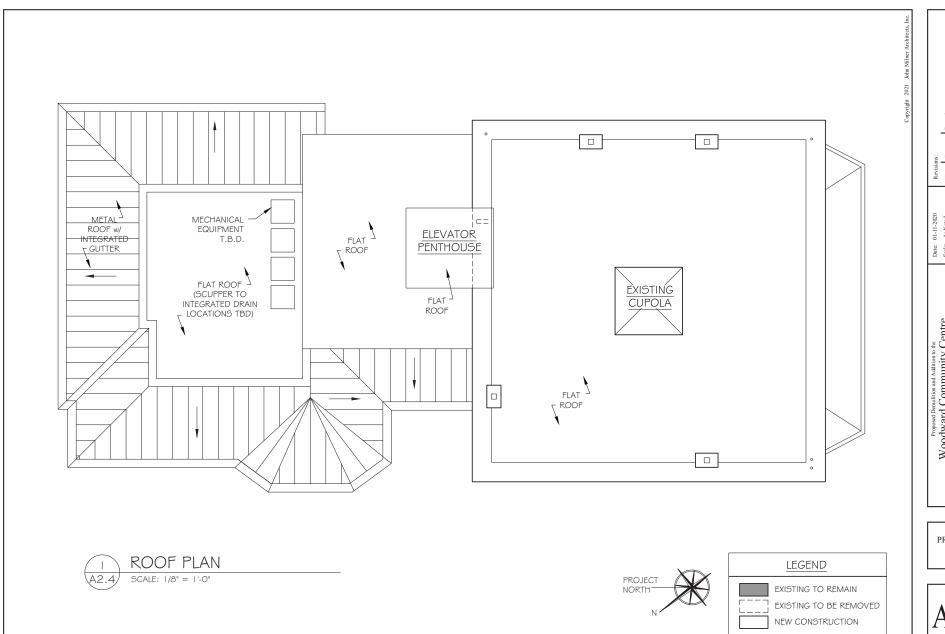
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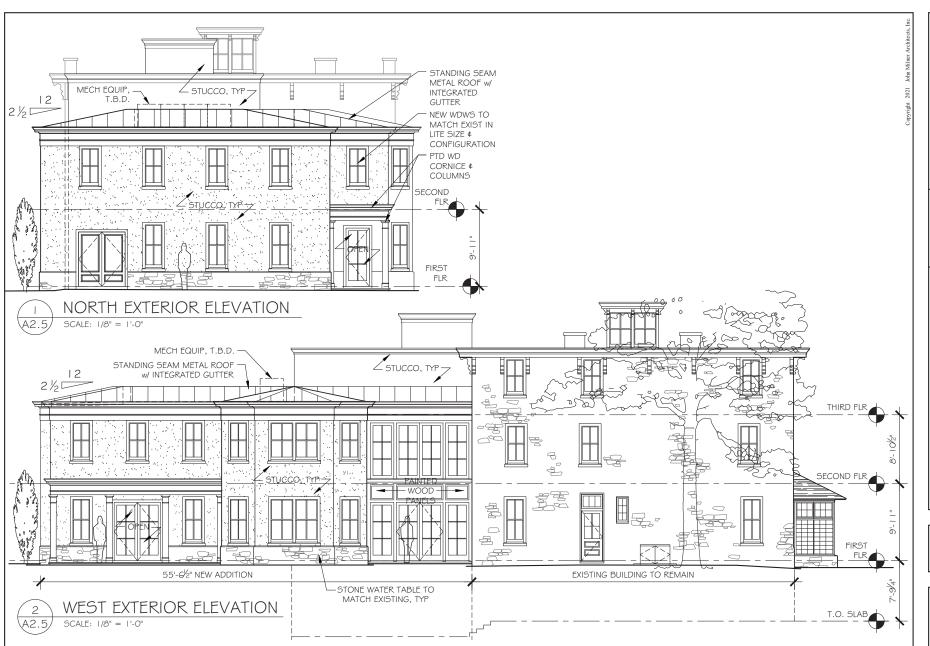
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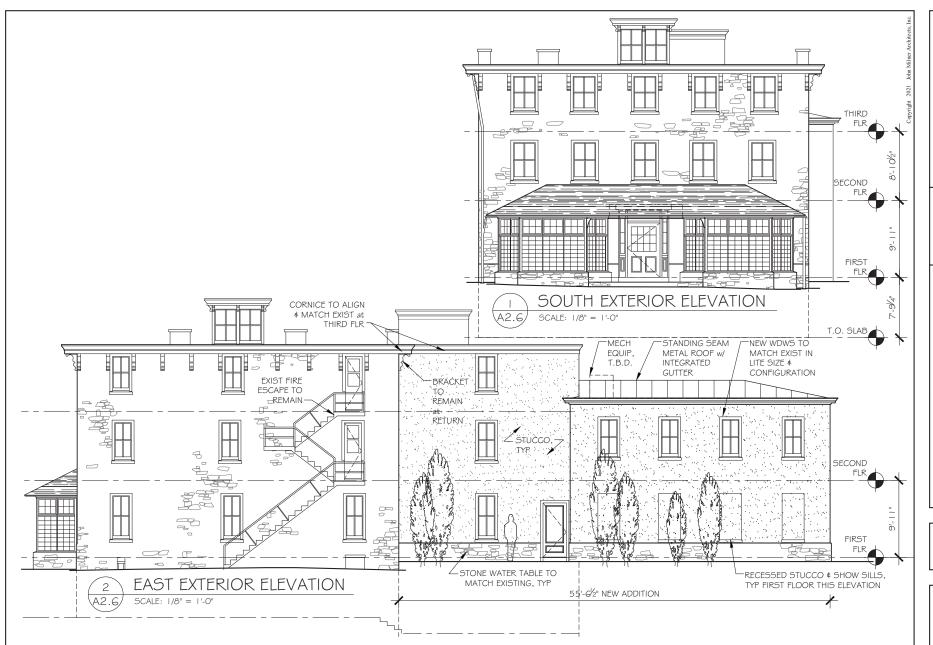
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SIGHTLINE STUDIES









October 29, 2020

Mr. Willard Detweiler Woodward Community Centre 8419 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19118

Re: Support letter for the Woodward Community Centre

On behalf of the Chestnut Hill Community Association, I am writing to express our support of your project to preserve and renovate the Woodward Community Centre on Germantown Avenue. This well thought out renovation will ensure that Gertrude Woodward's vision for a permanent building to serve as a community center will continue.

While the renovation of the building at 8419 Germantown Ave is of particular interest to the Community Association, it is important to note the Chestnut Hill Woodward Community Centre, is a separate entity from the Chestnut Hill Community Association and is conducting its own Capital Campaign. The Chestnut Hill Community Association is a 501e3 organization with a separate board. Its mission is to support a sense of community that improves the quality of life, serves the public interest and coordinates community efforts.

Chestnut Hill is home to numerous non-profit organizations and having a center for these groups will be a benefit to the entire community.

The Woodward Family has made many contributions to our community. The Chestnut Hill Woodward Centre, with its designation as a hub for many of Chestnut Hill's non-profit organizations, would become one of most impactful in the community.

With best wishes,

Karson

Kathi Clayton Board President

Chestnut Hill Community Association

WoodmereArtMuseum

TELLING THE STORY OF PHILADELPHIA'S ART AND ARTISTS

October 8, 2020

Support letter for the Woodward Community Center

On behalf of all of us at Woodmere Art Museum, we appreciate the preservation and renovation of the Woodward Community Centre on Germantown Avenue. This thoughtful renovation will ensure that Gertrude Woodward's vision for a community center will continue indefinitely.

The Woodward family has made great contributions to the community with the creation, preservation, and promotion of quality of life in Chestnut Hill. The Chestnut Hill Community Centre, with its designation as a hub for all Chestnut Hill non-profit organizations, is an important project for the entire community.

One Chestnut Hill's strengths is the involvement of the many non-profit organizations in our community. Having a center where these groups can meet to share ideas and create civic engagement will be a benefit to everyone.

With best wishes,

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October, 2020

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As the preservation advocate for the community, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy is pleased to support this important and well-crafted preservation project.

The history of the Chestnut Hill Community Centre reveals the power of community, of people caring for and about each other. In 1919 Gertrude Woodward led the community campaign for funds to buy 8419 Germantown Avenue. She wrote, "It is believed that the time has now come when this house should be taken over by the community, to be the center of all those betterments of living and opportunities for interchange of service that Chestnut Hill stands for." She and Dr. George Woodward made a generous contribution to the campaign.

This "interchange of service," led by Gertrude Woodward and Lydia Clark, began in 1917. Then, they organized a local branch of the National League for Women's Service and invited other groups such as the Red Cross to join them. They rented the building at 8419 Germantown Avenue, and called it the Service House. In addition to a broad and heartfelt response to World War I, women mobilized to ease suffering from the worldwide Influenza Pandemic of 1918-19. According to Lydia Clark, they "visited, nursed, fed, and, if necessary, buried the unfortunate near home."

The Woodwards' community spirit flourished in the centre by presenting happier activities in the "Roaring Twenties," meeting the challenges of the depression, and again producing thousands of surgical dressings and much more to serve the vast needs of World War II. In 1967 the Chestnut Hill Conservancy got its start in an office at the Community Centre. For many years we appreciated being able to hold board meetings in its large and inviting second-floor room.

We support the Woodward Community Centre and its renovation into a facility for service that will invigorate the future of Chestnut Hill and reach far beyond our community.

> Eileen Javers, President

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