ADDRESS: 416-24 VINE ST
Proposal: Demolish building; construct six-story building
Review Requested: Final Approval
Owner: Robert W. McMillan
Applicant: Rich Villa, Ambit Architecture
History: 1940
Individual Designation: None
District Designation: Old City Historic District, Non-contributing, 12/12/2003
Staff Contact: Allyson Mehley, allyson.mehley@phila.gov

BACKGROUND:
This application seeks final approval for the construction of a six-story building at 416-24 Vine Street. The existing 1-story building was constructed circa 1940 and is classified as non-contributing to the Old City Historic District. The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing building and construction of a 70-unit, 65-foot-tall multifamily building with ground floor commercial space. The demolition of the existing non-contributing can be approved without a hardship or public necessity finding. The Historical Commission has full jurisdiction over the proposed construction.

The property is located at the southwest corner of Vine Street and N. Lawrence Street. The surrounding buildings in this area of the historic district range in height from three to six stories and are clad in red brick. The new building’s exterior design references nearby historic industrial buildings. The building’s cladding is proposed as a combination of dark grey metal and cement fiber board. A lighter bronze color cement fiber board will be used on the first level. All windows will be aluminum clad on the exterior.

SCOPE OF WORK:
- Demolish non-contributing building.
- Construct new six-story building.

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 massing, size, and scale of the proposed building are compatible with nearby industrial buildings in the historic district and surrounding neighborhood. Although the architectural features and detailing are a combination of historic and modern elements, in general they are compatible with the historic district. However, the exterior cladding and color scheme are not compatible with the historic district. If the color scheme and cladding materials are revised to be compatible, the application could satisfy Standard 9.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends approval, provided the exterior color scheme and cladding are revised to be compatible with the historic district, pursuant to Standard 9.
June 6, 2022

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

To whom it may concern,

Please find the enclosed documents regarding the proposed new building 416-24 Vine Street. The owner of the property is Robert W. McMillan 416-24 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

The site currently contains a 1 story industrial building. The building is not individually designated but was in the district when the district was created. There is also a parking lot behind the building that is part of the contiguous lot.

The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new 70 unit, 65’ tall multifamily building with one small ground floor commercial space.

The building is designed to fit in with other large industrial era buildings on the area. The façade is comprises varied sized cornices at each floor and vertical pilasters between windows and at the building corners. The building is set back from south and west property lines and sits at the street at North Lawrence Street and Vine Street. There is one main pedestrian entrance and one vehicular entrance.

The exterior design and detailing of the building is inspired by buildings with a 3 block radius and are shown in the presentation drawings on sheet A205.
This application seeks final approval.

I look forward to the Committee’s interaction.

Thank You,

Rich Villa

Partner, Ambit Architecture
The McMillan Building
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- Dark Grey Metal Cornice and Metal Trim Pieces
- Light Bronze Storefront Finish
- Retractable Awning Color: Heather Beige
- Exterior Window Color: Pella - Soft Linen
- Medium Grey Shiplap Cement Board: Ground Floor Infill

Additional notes and specifications as per the architectural plans.
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416-24 Vine Street

Proposed View from the North