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Art Commission Signage Review Cover Letter

Date: 3/9/26

Name of Business or Entity (to which the sign is accessory): Sayre Recreation Center

Sign Location (Address): 5800 Walnut Street On Public Property? Yes No

Is this location in an Overlay Zoning District requiring Art Commission signage review?

Yes (specify): _____ No Unsure

Total Number of Signs: 6 Type(s) of Signs (check all that apply below):

Wall Projecting/Blade Marquee Awning or Canopy Building ID (above 2nd story)

Window Other: _____

Sign Details (if more than four (4), include details in *Additional Description* box below):

#	Sign Type	Dimensions	Mounting Height	Material(s)	Illumination (check if so)
1	Please see below				<input type="checkbox"/>
2					<input type="checkbox"/>
3					<input type="checkbox"/>
4					<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Description (optional) (details, background/context, purpose/need, specific requests, etc.):

A table showing the information sought above in included in the zoning plan attached and located toward the upper right corner:

Primary Contact for Art Commission

Communications:

Name: Neil Sklaroff

Company: Dilworth Paxson LLP

Address: 1650 Market Street, 12th Floor

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Contact to Receive Art Commission

Decision (if different):

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

TRANSMITTAL
March 09, 2026

City of Philadelphia
Art Commission
1515 Arch St, 13th Floor
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Project Address: 5800 Walnut St (Sayre Recreation Center)
Re: Art Commission Signage Approval
Delivered via email

Dear Project Reviewer:

As part of our open Signage Permit Application, we have been directed to acquire Art Commission approval for (6) proposed wall signage elements within the site boundaries that are also visible from the public right-of-way at the above referenced address. The existing building is a (2) story recreation center with an indoor pool as a core element (the Sayre Recreation Center).

(3) Of these proposed signs are proposed to be painted directly on the face of the existing masonry building, intended to be viewed along Spruce St by pedestrians and vehicles. The overall dimensions of these painted sign areas are 10'-4" x 26'-0" (mounted at grade), 4'-5" x 26'-10" (mounted at 8'-9" above grade), and 10'-10" x 29'-4" (also mounted at grade). There is no proposed illumination of the signs themselves, however, the painted signs are intended to be downlit by the building's future surface mounted accent lighting system.

The (3) remaining proposed signs are to be aluminum pin-mounted wall signs placed within the exterior covered, recessed entry for approaching pedestrians. These elements are intended to function in tandem as one larger sign. These dimensions are 4'-0" x 8'-6", 5'-0" x 8'-6", and 6'-0" x 8'-6", all of which are to be mounted at grade. There is no proposed illumination of the individual sign elements, however, the future building entry canopy soffit lighting will accent these.

The proposed sign text, dimensions, colors, and materials, and the existing building and site photographs can be exhibited in the attached documents on plan sheets A910 and A911.

Please review and comment at your earliest availability. The contact for questions and revisions regarding this application is:

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Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



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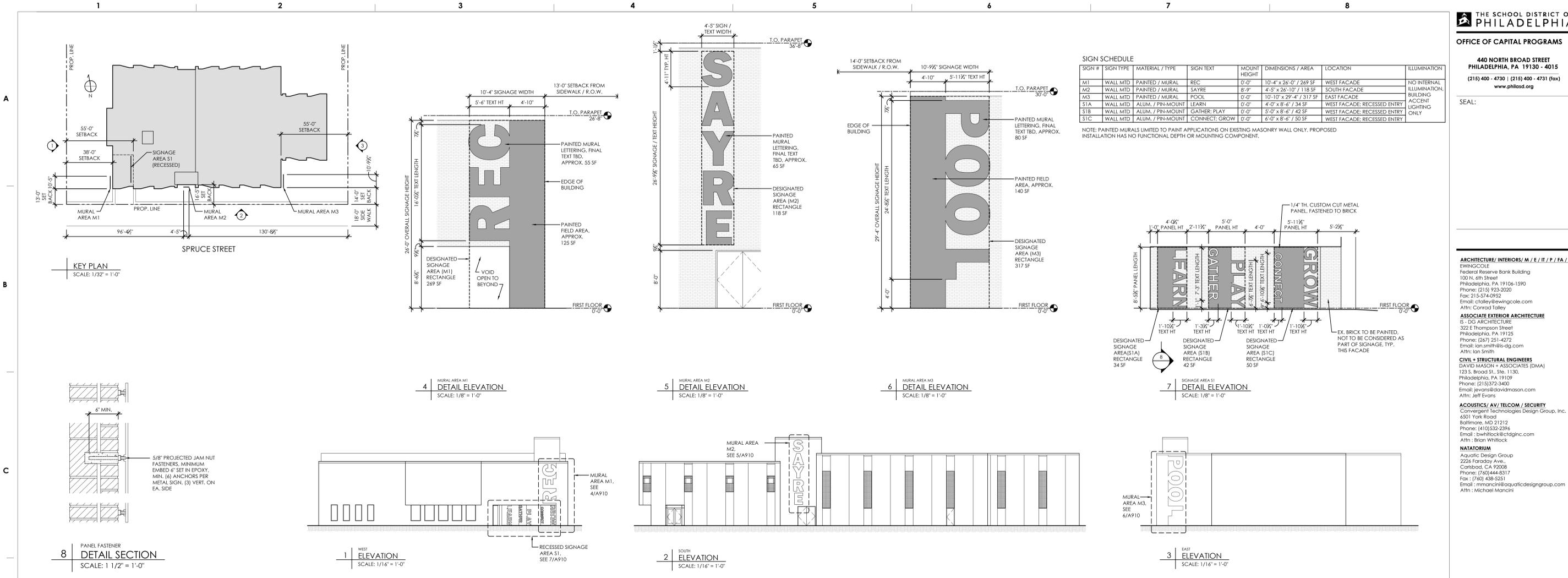
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SIGN SCHEDULE

SIGN #	SIGN TYPE	MATERIAL / TYPE	SIGN TEXT	MOUNT HEIGHT	DIMENSIONS / AREA	LOCATION	ILLUMINATION
M1	WALL MTD	PAINTED / MURAL	REC	0'-0"	10'-4" x 26'-0" / 269 SF	WEST FACADE	NO INTERNAL ILLUMINATION, BUILDING ACCENT LIGHTING ONLY
M2	WALL MTD	PAINTED / MURAL	SAYRE	8'-9"	4'-5" x 26'-10" / 118 SF	SOUTH FACADE	
M3	WALL MTD	PAINTED / MURAL	POOL	0'-0"	10'-10" x 29'-4" / 317 SF	EAST FACADE	
S1A	WALL MTD	ALUM. / PIN-MOUNT	LEARN	0'-0"	4'-0" x 8'-6" / 34 SF	WEST FACADE: RECESSED ENTRY	
S1B	WALL MTD	ALUM. / PIN-MOUNT	GATHER; PLAY	0'-0"	5'-0" x 8'-6" / 42 SF	WEST FACADE: RECESSED ENTRY	
S1C	WALL MTD	ALUM. / PIN-MOUNT	CONNECT; GROW	0'-0"	6'-0" x 8'-6" / 50 SF	WEST FACADE: RECESSED ENTRY	

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PROPOSED SIGNAGE / PAINTED MURAL AREA M1: TEXT "REC"
CLOSE VIEW FROM SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTHEAST



PROPOSED SIGNAGE / PAINTED MURAL AREA M2: TEXT "SAYRE"
FAR VIEW FROM SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTHEAST



PROPOSED SIGNAGE / PAINTED MURAL AREA M2: TEXT "SAYRE"
CLOSE VIEW FROM SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTHWEST

B



PROPOSED SIGNAGE / PAINTED MURAL AREA M3: TEXT "POOL"
FAR VIEW FROM SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTHWEST



PROPOSED SIGNAGE / PAINTED MURAL AREA M3: TEXT "POOL"
CLOSE VIEW FROM SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTHWEST

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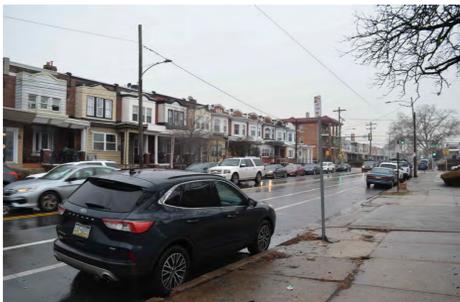
STREET VIEW CONTEXT
SPRUCE ST SIDEWALK AND ROADWAY LOOKING EAST



BUILDING CONTEXT
SPRUCE ST OPPOSITE SIDE LOOKING SOUTHEAST



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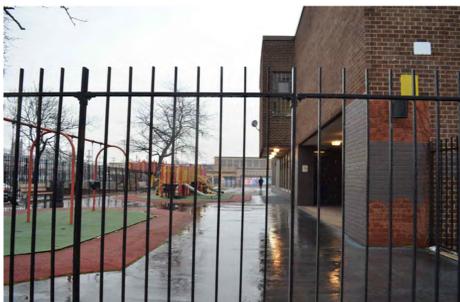


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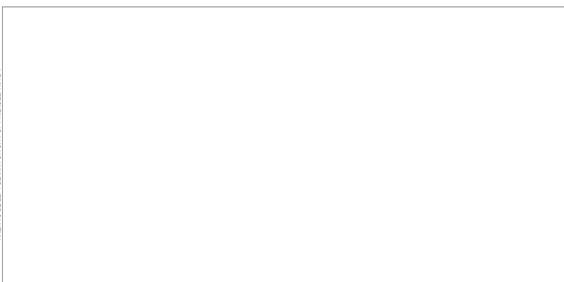


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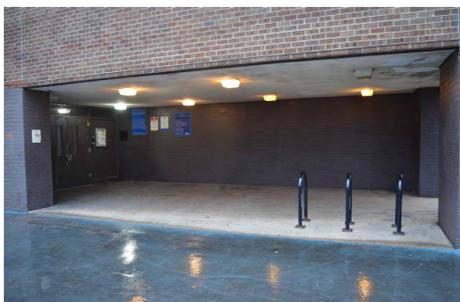
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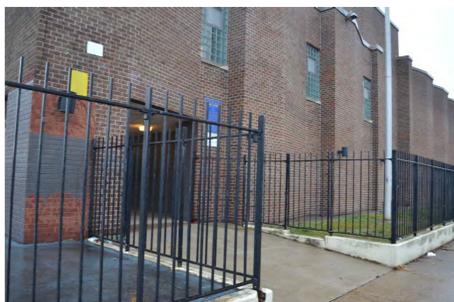
PROPOSED SIGNAGE AREA S1: TEXT VARIES
VIEW FROM UNDER CANOPY LOOKING NORTH



PROPOSED SIGNAGE AREA S1: TEXT VARIES
VIEW FROM PLAYGROUND LOOKING EAST



PROPOSED SIGNAGE AREA S1: TEXT VARIES
VIEW FROM SIDEWALK LOOKING NORTH



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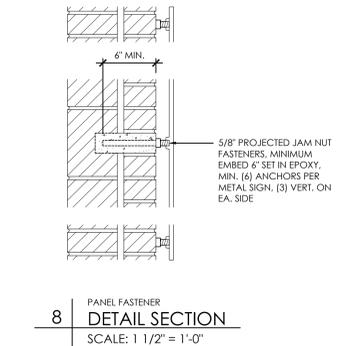
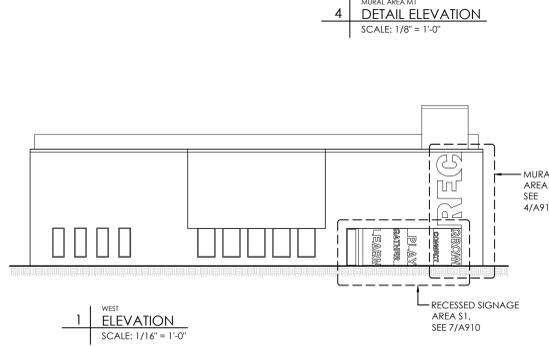
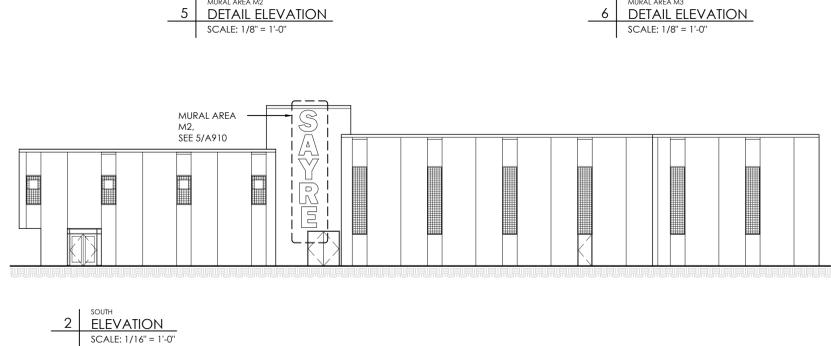
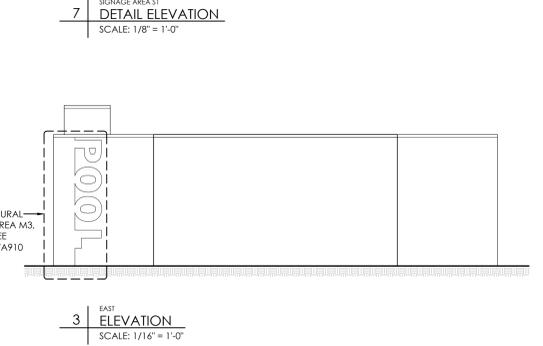
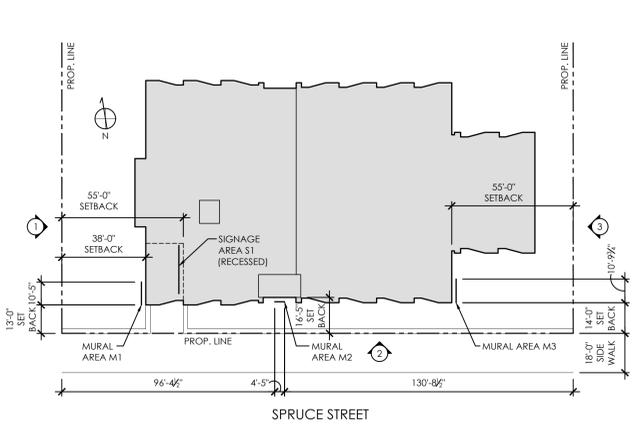
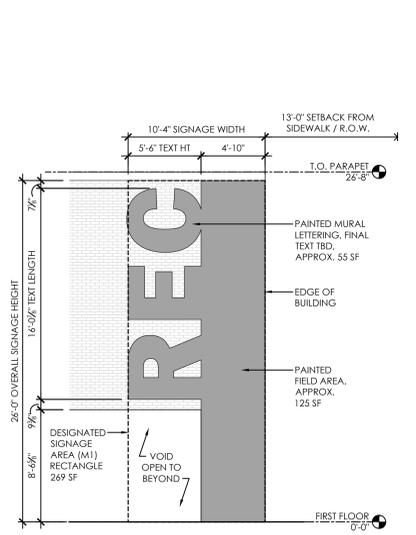
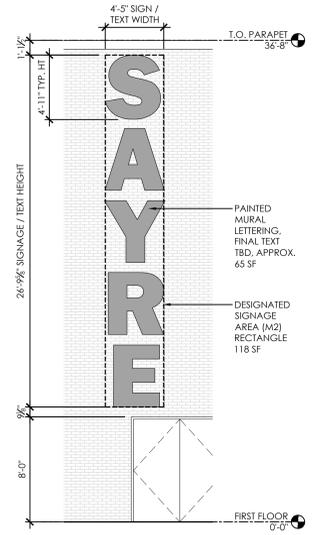
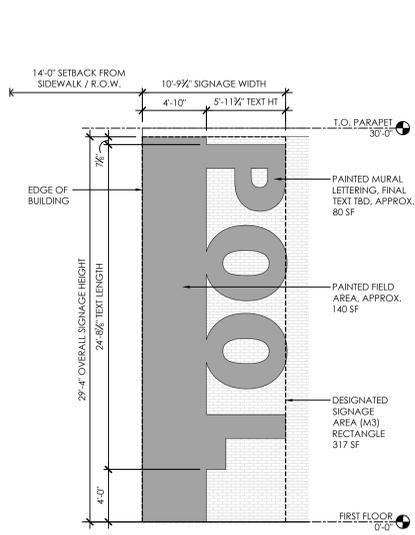
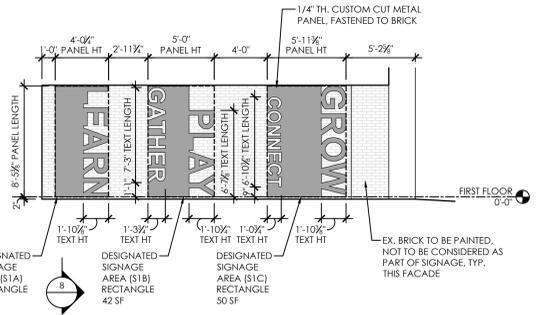
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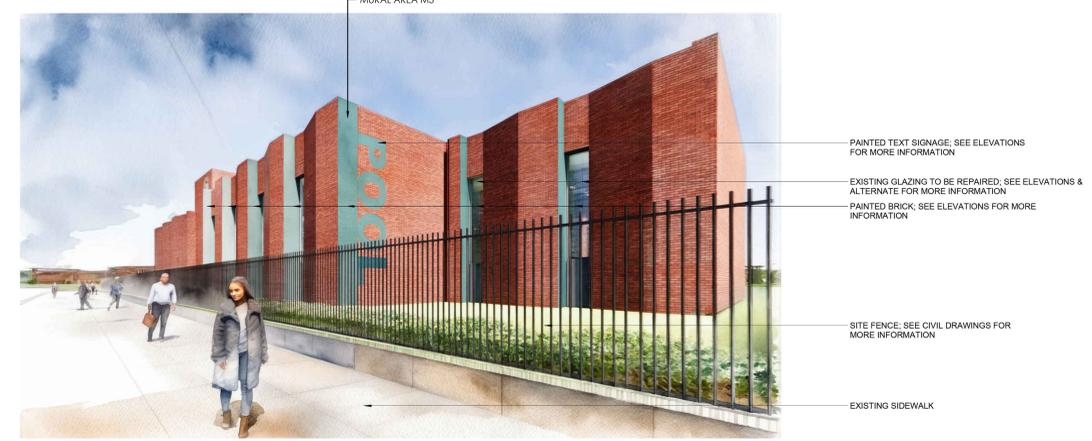
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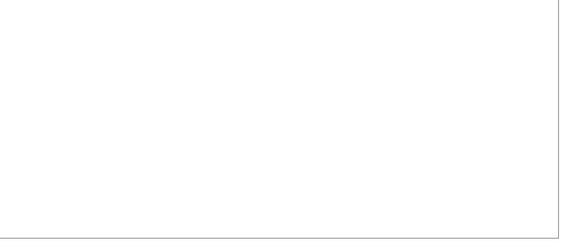
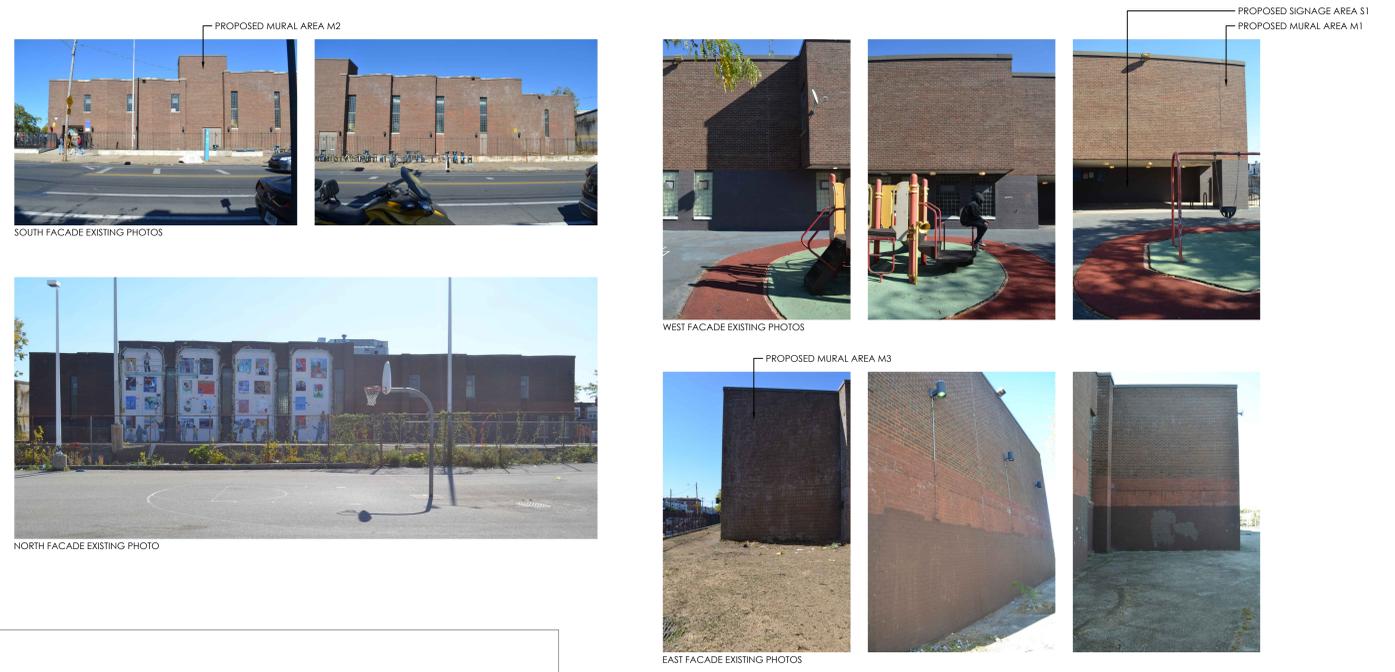
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- ILLEGAL DUMPING IS PROHIBITED
- NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON PREMISES
- MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON FACILITY GROUNDS
- REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION AND FINES UNDER PHILADELPHIA COUNTY CODE

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