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RESOLUTION ISSUING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO ESTHER HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received an application from Chestnut Hills Limited Partnership, a limited partnership of MetroPlains Properties, Inc., represented by Gary Stenson, its Vice President, and of Gandolf Development, LLC, represented by Bruce Larson, its Manager, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the rehabilitation of Esther Hall (a/k/a Hawthorn Hill) at 921 Pleasant Street, including the demolition of a single-story 1959 addition, the construction of additions on the north facade of the east and west wings and site improvements to the parking lot and landscaping, all as more fully described in the accompanying Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (File No. 20-2007-4.01); and,

WHEREAS, Esther Hall has been designated as a local historic Landmark subject to Chapter 58, Article III of the City Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, §58-62 of the City Code provides that, "[n]o owner or person in charge of a landmark or landmark site shall reconstruct, alter, or demolish all or any part of the exterior of such property or construct any improvement upon such designated property or cause or permit any such work to be performed upon such property until a certificate of appropriateness has been applied for and obtained for such work"; and,

WHEREAS, §58-62 of the City Code further provides that the decision to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be based upon consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Design guidelines, standards and criteria developed by the historic preservation commission and approved by the city council, pursuant to subsection 58-30(e)(2) of the City Code.
- (2) Standards for rehabilitation promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior.
- (3) The comprehensive plan for the city and any adopted urban renewal plan for the area.
- (4) For an application respecting construction, reconstruction or exterior alteration other than on the principal improvement, the proposed work would adversely change, destroy or affect any exterior feature of the improvement upon which such work is being done, or, if it is new construction, it would lack harmony with the landmark site and whether the proposed work would be appropriate for and consistent with the purpose of this article.
- (5) For an application respecting new construction of principal improvements upon a landmark site, the proposed work would adversely affect the aesthetic quality of the site or lack harmony with the external appearance of other improvements on the site or upon neighboring sites.
- (6) For an application respecting demolition of all or part of a landmark or an improvement within a landmark site, the condition of the landmark or improvement within a landmark site is determined to be dangerous to life, health or property, and such condition cannot be abated without demolishing such landmark or improvement within a landmark site or part thereof.

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WHEREAS, on August 15, 2006, after notice and a public hearing, the members of the Landmark Review Board voted 11-0-1 in support of a motion to recommend approval of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness subject to the following conditions:

- a) Provision of mortar matching existing based on mortar analysis.
- b) Submission of a salvaged tile report identifying if a sufficient amount of tiles were salvaged to completely shingle the south and west roof elevations.
- c) Review and approval of the synthetic tile by the Board to ensure that it adequately matches the design of the original slate.
- d) Review and approval of the design of the north facades of the proposed additions by the Board.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2005, by Roll Call No. 06-1769, the City Council scheduled an informal public hearing on the application, to be held on September 25, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and directed that notice of the hearing be given to the applicant and published in the Des Moines Register; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the said application was published in the Des Moines Register on September 14, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2006, by Roll Call No. 06-1916, the City Council continued the public hearing on the said application until October 9, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice those interested in the proposal, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. Upon due consideration of the facts, statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, the objections to the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations to Esther Hall, at 921 Pleasant Street, are hereby overruled, and the hearing is closed.
- 2. The City Council hereby makes the following findings regarding the proposed alterations to Esther Hall:
 - a) Esther Hall is a historic building in deteriorating condition and must be renovated for productive use if it is to be preserved.

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- b) The proposed alterations to Esther Hall are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the treatment of historic properties. The historic character of the property will be retained and preserved, and the applicant is proposing to preserve the existing exterior materials to the extent possible.
- c) The circa 1959 addition proposed to be removed is not significant and its removal will not adversely impact the historic structure.
- d) The proposed additions, if constructed in substantial compliance with the Conceptual Development Plan approved by the City Council pursuant to the terms of the Urban Renewal Development Agreement, will not impact the integrity of the original building.
- 3. This resolution shall constitute the issuance of a conditional Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations to Esther Hall as more specifically described in the said Application. The Certificate of Appropriateness hereby granted is subject to the alterations to Esther Hall being made in substantial conformance with the Conceptual Development Plan approved by the City Council pursuant to the terms of the Urban Renewal Development Agreement for the redevelopment of Esther Hall.

(Council Communication No. 06-652)

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FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown

Assistant City Attorney

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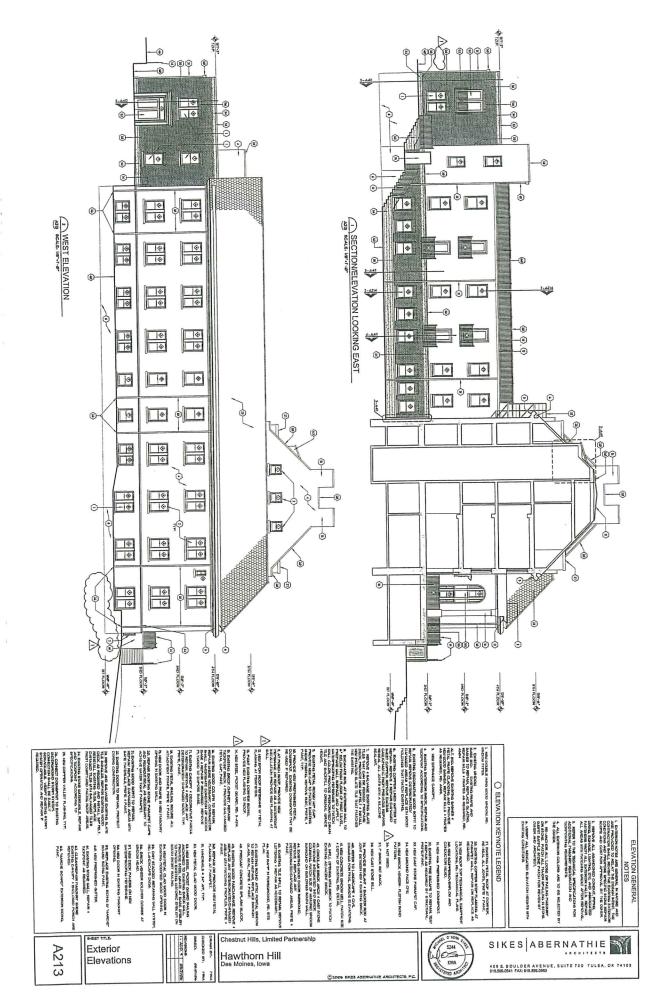
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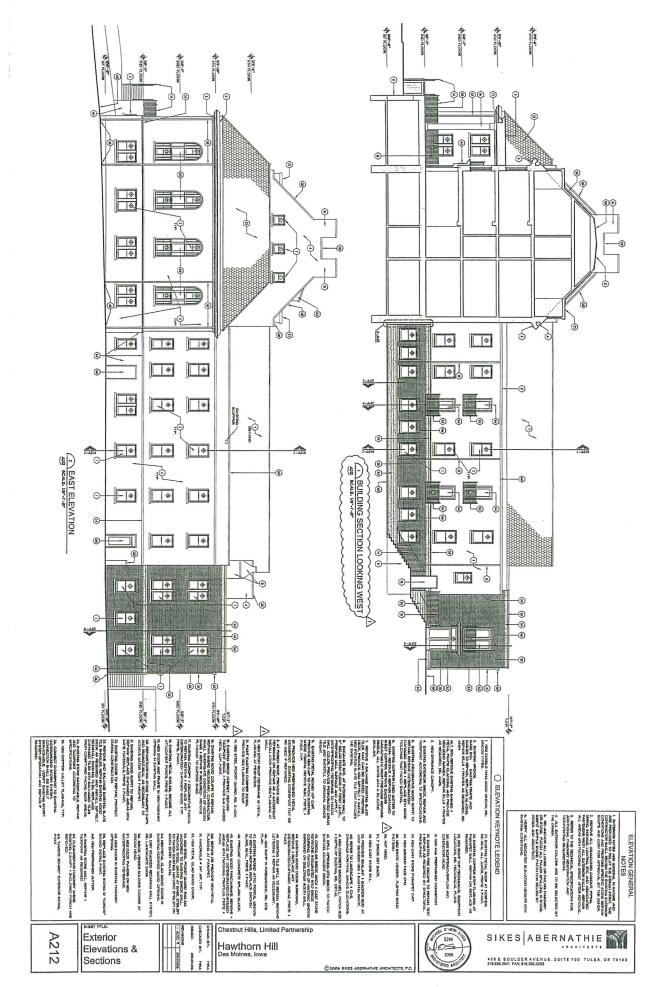
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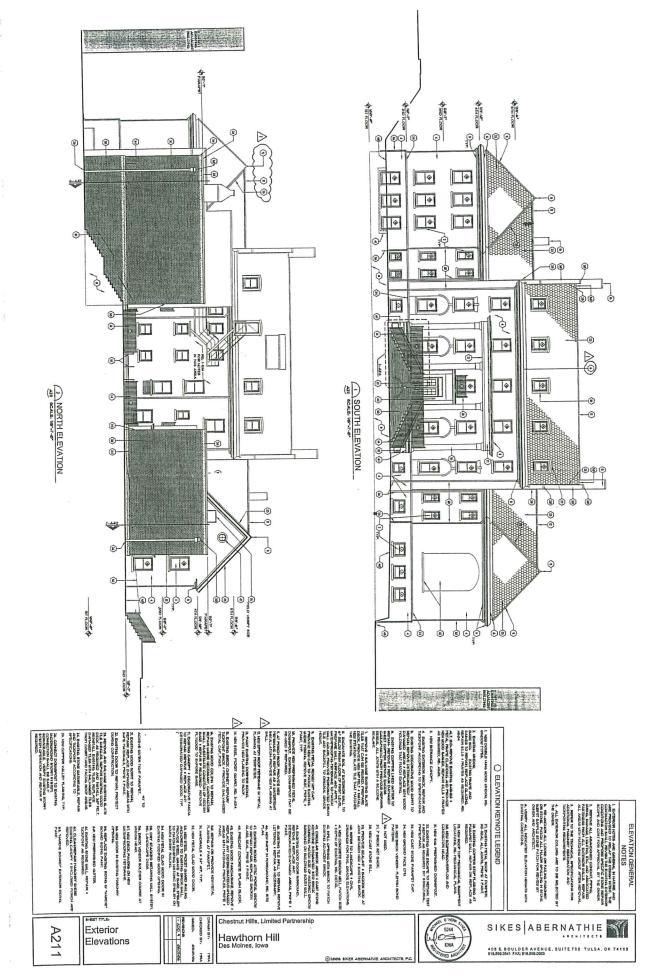
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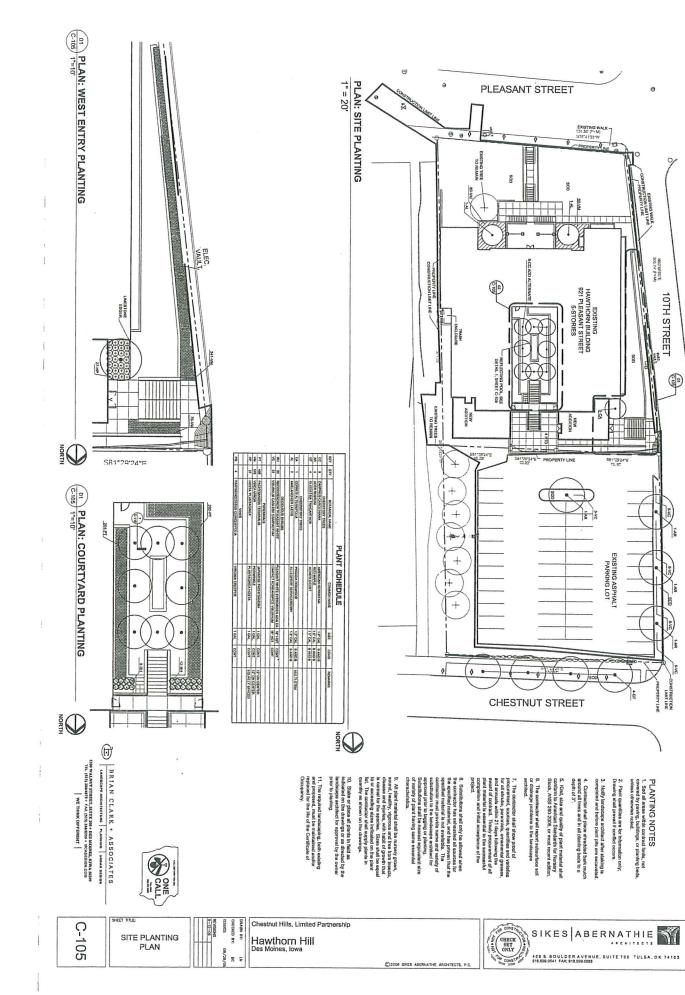
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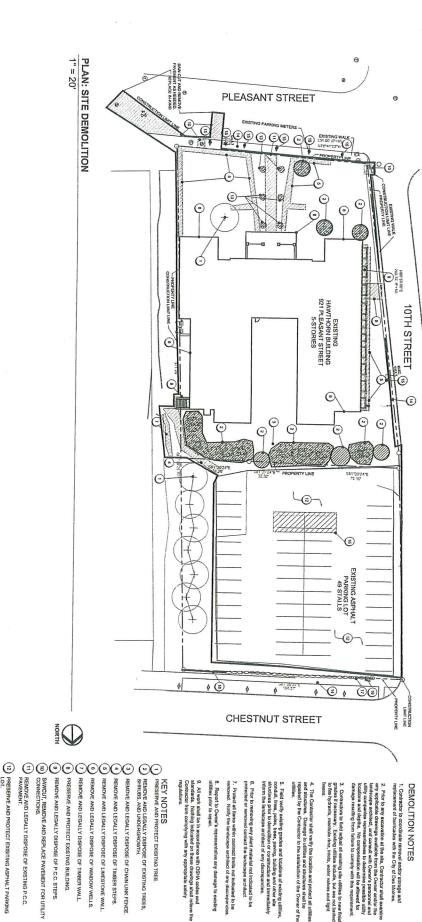
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Chestnut Hills, Limited Partnership

Hawthorn Hill



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