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Architectural Review Board Staff Report

Project Type:	Amended Architectural Elevations	
Meeting Date:	November 8, 2012	
From:	Kevin Neill, AICP Project Planner	
Cc:	Aimee Nassif, Planning & Development Services Director	
Location:	South side of Swingley Ridge Road, west of Clarkson Road	
Applicant:	Dille & Traxel, LLC on behalf of Sterling Bank	
Description:	16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank) : Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations and an Architect's Statement of Design for a 1.915 tract of land zoned "C8" Planned Commercial District located on the south side of Swingley Ridge Road, west of Clarkson Road.	

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Dille & Traxel, LLC, on behalf of Sterling Bank, has submitted a request for Amended Architectural Elevations for 16100 Swingley Ridge Road. The request is for approval of amendments to the former 20,813 square foot office building.

The proposed exterior renovations include composite aluminum panels at top parapet around the perimeter; staining the brick to a darker burgundy color; painting the window framing black; a metal roof feature over the north courtyard to match the proposed parapet color; drive-thru canopy; landscaped sculpture park; and a tiered fountain.

HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE

The subject site was developed in 1987 in accordance with "C8" Planned Commercial District development standards and regulations set forth in St. Louis County Ordinance 12,792. The site has functioned as a multi-tenant office building since its construction in 1987.



STAFF ANALYSIS

General Requirements for Site Design:

A. Site Relationships

The 25 year old office building is situated in the center of the site, with an existing parking lot to the north, a proposed drive-thru facility on the western portion of the site, and a proposed sculpture park on the east portion of the site. The entire 1.915 acre site is surrounded by a Hampton Inn to the northwest, EDSI Consulting Engineering Inc. office building to the north, and the Chesterfield US Post Office to the northeast, all of which are on the north side of Swingley Ridge Road. Located to the southeast of the subject site, east of Clarkson Road, is the 16090 Swingley Ridge Road office building. To the southwest of the subject site, south of Interstate 64, is the Drury Plaza Hotel.

B. Circulation System and Access

Vehicular access to the site will remain at the single access point off Swingley Ridge Road. Vehicles will access the proposed drive-thru facility from the western edge of the existing parking lot and will exit the proposed drive-thru facility at the same location. A new sidewalk will be constructed to connect the office building to the proposed sculpture park.

C. Topography

The site topography is currently characterized by gentle sloping contours and a variety of landscape elements. The proposed drive-thru facility will be constructed close to the current grade with little cut or fill necessary. The existing berm located east of the parking lot will be removed, with landscaping and deciduous shade trees installed along the proposed walkway.

D. Retaining Walls

The petitioner is proposing a single low-height landscaping/seating wall along the proposed walkway leading from the building to the sculpture park.

General Requirements for Building Design:

A. Scale

The proposed changes to the building will have little impact on the scale of the building. The proposed composite aluminum parapet panels will add approximately 3' to the overall building height, which will block some views of the low slope roof and will help to define the top of the building through the use of the contrasting metal material.

B. Design

The building design is characterized by its unique curved glass form on the south elevation and its brick façades on the north, east and west elevations. The recessed first floor on the north elevation allows for parking under the second floor. The proposed modifications to the building will maintain the building's form as described above while enhancing the building design through the use of aluminum panels along the parapet and the addition of a roof feature along the north elevation to help define the entry courtyard and the main building entrance.

The proposed drive-thru facility will consist of four concrete columns supporting a drive-thru canopy.

C. Materials and Color

Material changes to the existing building consist of the composite aluminum parapet previously described and the roof structure over the north courtyard. Changes to the color include the application of a dark burgundy stain to the existing brick, painting of the window frames black, the addition of the composite aluminum parapet along the top of the building, and painting of the rooftop preformed metal screening to match the proposed composite aluminum parapet feature. In addition, the structure over the north courtyard will be painted black to match the window frames, while the structure's silver standing seam metal roof will match the color of the composite aluminum panels.

The proposed drive-thru facility will complement the office building's materials and color through the use of concrete columns that will match the color of the concrete banding of the building, as well as prefinished aluminum metal panels that mimic the proposed aluminum parapet.

D. Landscape Design and Screening

Modifications to the existing landscape are intended to complement the building improvements and improve views of the building and sculpture and fountain areas. A number of trees along Swingley Ridge Road and on the western portion of the site will be preserved, while some trees located on the property and within the MoDOT right-of-way to the south of the site that exhibit poor quality and block open views of the building will be removed. In addition, screening of the existing dumpster location will be provided by the use of White Pines and White Spruce trees.

The building perimeter will be enhanced by the use of landscape beds consisting of hardy shrubs and native perennials and grasses. The massing of these plantings into landscape beds will provide for

greater visual impact and ease of maintenance. The placement of Callery Chanticleer Pear trees at both ends of the south elevation of the building will add seasonal color and interest.

Proposed landscaping for the parking area consists of deciduous shade trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, perennial flowers and ground covering located in the parking islands and along the vehicular entrance.

The drive-thru facility will be complemented by deciduous shade trees along its perimeter, while ornamental Sweet Bay Magnolias, shrubs, perennial flowers, and ornamental grasses will fill the drive-thru island.

The sculpture park area, a key existing site feature, will be enhanced by a fountain spray plaza partially surrounded by deciduous shrubs and seasonal flowers. The walkway from the building to the sculpture park area will be lined by a seating wall constructed of masonry to match the building.

The only screening for the site consists of White Pines and White Spruce to screen the existing trash enclosure from Swingley Ridge Road.

E. Signage

Signage is not part of the proposal before Architectural Review Board and will be reviewed by Staff.

F. Lighting

Existing parking and building mounted lighting is proposed to be utilized as part of the amended elevations. New CLR-Recessed Canopy Lights are proposed to be installed under the proposed drive-thru canopy for safety and security. Finally, outdoor wall lamps mounted to the seating wall are proposed along the walkway from the building to the sculpture area.

DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

Staff has reviewed the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations and Architect's Statement of Design. An initial comment letter has been sent to the applicant regarding Staff issues.

Staff requests action on the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations and Architect's Statement of Design for 16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank).

MOTION

The following options are provided to the Architectural Review Board for consideration relative to this application:

- 1) "I move to forward the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations and Architect's Statement of Design for 16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank), as presented, with a recommendation for approval (or denial) to the Planning Commission."
- 2) "I move to forward the Amended Site Development Plan, Landscape Plan, Architectural Elevations and Architect's Statement of Design for 16100 Swingley Ridge Road (Sterling Bank), to the Planning Commission with the following recommendations..."

Architectural Review Board November 8, 2012

Attachments

1. Architectural Review Packet Submittal



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD Project Statistics and Checklist

 Date of First Comment Letter Received from the City of Chesterfield

 Project Title:
 Sterling Bank
 Location:
 16100 Swingley Ridge Road

 Developer:
 Architect:
 Dille & Traxel, Ilc
 Engineer:
 Civil Design One

 PROJECT STATISTICS:
 Size of site (in acres):
 1.915 acres
 Total Square Footage:
 20,813 bldg
 Building Height:
 approx 30'

 Proposed Usage:
 Financial Institution
 Exterior Building Materials:
 Masonry, glass fiber reinforced concrete bands, aluminum window and spandrel panels

 Roof Material & Design:
 Low slope single ply membrane roof behind parapets

 Screening Material & Design:
 Existing preformed metal panel screening around roof top units (detail provided)

 Description of art or architecturally significant features (if any):
 Existing building with new composite

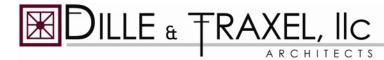
 aluminum panels at parapet, roof element over courtyard, various landscape features and fountains per drawings.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

Staining existing brick around perimeter of building to a darker burgundy color (sample provided)

Checklist: Items to be provided in an 11" x 17" format

✓	Color Site Plan with contours, site location map, and identification of adjacent uses.
~	Color elevations for all building faces.
~	Color rendering or model reflecting proposed topography.
~	Photos reflecting all views of adjacent uses and sites.
~	Details of screening, retaining walls, etc.
~	Section plans highlighting any building off-sets, etc. (as applicable)
<u> </u>	Architect's Statement of Design which clearly identifies how each section in the Standards has been addressed and the intent of the project.
~	Landscape Plan.
~	Lighting cut sheets for any proposed building lighting fixtures. (as applicable)
~	Large exterior material samples. (to be brought to the ARB meeting)
✓	Any other exhibits which would aid understanding of the design proposal. (as applicable)
~	Pdf files of each document required.

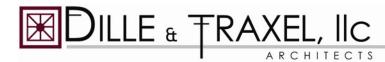


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SHEET INDEX:

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ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT OF DESIGN

The proposed renovation/design of this existing development into a financial facility is one that enhances the original design qualities of the site and building in its surroundings. The building sits comfortably with prominent views from all directions with its unique curved glass wall façade facing South and main entrance on the North side. The site includes a new drive thru canopy, a variety of landscape plantings, paved courtyard, walks, fountain features within nicely landscaped sculpture park on East side. The site design, layout, materials and colors all compliment the building and surrounding developments.

Centered on the South glass wall is an existing vertical masonry element that helps break the horizontal glass walls and concrete banding. There is a tiered fountain proposed and centered at the base of this feature on South side. Brick masonry veneer cover the N, E & West elevations. The exterior building will include new composite aluminum panels at top parapet around the perimeter, existing brick to be stained a darker burgundy color, window framing painted black and roof feature over North courtyard with metal roof to match the parapet color. See drawings attached for additional details.

The proposed project includes the addition of a drive-thru facility and landscaped sculpture park associated with the existing two-story office building which has a footprint of 18,791 square feet at 16100 Swingley Ridge Road. The subject site is 1.915 acres in size, and governed under the terms and conditions of City of Chesterfield Ordinance Number 12792

The interior of the building will be renovated with no additional square footage proposed.

General requirements for Site Design

Site Relationships:

The subject site is currently occupied by an existing two-story, 18,791 square feet footprint office building. The proposed drive-thru facility will be on the western portion of the site, and connect to the existing parking lot on the northern side of the site. The proposed landscaped sculpture park will be on the eastern portion of the site and have pedestrian access via a new sidewalk from the building. The site is 1.915 acres surrounded to the Northwest by a Hampton Inn, to the North by the EDSI Consulting Engineering Inc. office building, to the Northeast by the US Post Office, all across Swingley Ridge Road. Across Olive Blvd. to the Southeast is the 16090 Swingley , and across the intersection of Olive Blvd. and I-64 there is an undeveloped parcel. To the southwest, across I-64 there is a Drury Plaza Hotel.

Circulation System and Access:

There are no proposed changes to vehicular access to the subject site. Vehicles would access the site from the existing entrance off of Swingley Ridge Road, access the drive-thru facility via the existing parking lot, and exit the site at the same location. No additional vehicular access is being requested. Pedestrian access to the proposed private landscaped park will be via a new sidewalk from the building.

Topography:

In general the topography of the site has relatively gentle sloping contours with a variety of landscape elements. The proposed drive-thru facility will be constructed at or close to the existing grade with very little cut or fill necessary. The existing berm to the east of the parking lot will be removed and a private landscaped, sculpture park with fountain will be installed.

Retaining Walls:

Low height landscape/seating walls are created along the walkway to the East sculpture park. See attached drawings.

General requirements for Building Design

Scale:

The prominent location, open space and dramatic views from all directions allows for this existing 2 story building to have a nice setting and proportion in relation to adjacent properties and buildings in the area. The proposed new composite aluminum parapet design adds approximately 3' to the overall height at perimeter which blocks some views of the low slope roof and helps to clearly define the top of the building with a contrasting material.

Design:

This building is unique in form with a curved glass front facing the South and masonry veneer façade facing North, East and West. The proposed exterior renovation keeps this unique form as is but does enhances the top parapet with the aluminum panels as currently the top parapet is undefined. There is some parking below the upper floor plan on North. The North side roof feature helps define the entry courtyard and main entrance to building.

Material and Colors:

The existing building materials will not change other than the top parapet as described above. The existing brick will be stained a dark burgundy, the window frames will be painted black, the existing rooftop preformed metal screening will be painted to match the composite aluminum parapet panels. The structure over the North courtyard will be painted black with a silver standing seam metal roof to match the color of the composite aluminum panels. The landscape materials and color palate will all compliment the proposed building design as shown in attached drawings.

Landscape Design and screening:

DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPING

The landscape development for the overall site is to enhance the existing site with new plantings around the building, parking and private sculpture park area. Some of the existing trees within the property and MODOT right of way will be removed which exhibit poor quality and block potential open views of the new building improvements. Significant views of the building and sculpture fountain area are opened up and improved by this proposed landscape scheme, while still preserving some of the existing trees along Swingley Ridge Road and the west side of the site. Screening is provided by use of <u>White Pines</u> and <u>White Spruce</u> trees around the existing dumpster location.

BUILDING LANDSCAPING

Building landscape is enhanced with a mix of hardy shrubs and native perennials and grasses which will be dwarf in size and massed into landscape beds for greater visual impact and ease of maintenance. The sculpture park is an important focal feature of the site and the landscape development will naturally reflect the modern and clean contemporary design of the existing artwork and building. <u>Callery Chanticleer Pear</u> trees frame both ends of the front of the building which will offer seasonal color and interest.

PARKING/DRIVES AREA LANDSCAPING

Landscaping for the parking area and drives is primarily focused around the proposed ATM drive through and within the parking lot islands. <u>Scarlet Sentinel Maple</u> is proposed around the outside of the drive through lanes and <u>Hybrid Autumn Blaze Maple</u> is proposed within the parking islands. In addition, ornamental trees are proposed within the drive through island which will be <u>Sweet Bay</u> <u>Magnolia</u> complimented with shrubs, perennials and ornamental grasses around the ATM structure. These trees and plantings will offer seasonal color and interest for this significant addition to the site.

WALLS AND FENCING

The Private Sculpture Park features a plaza seating area and walkway to a fountain spray plaza area for the existing sculpture. As part of the development of this key existing feature, a proposed seat wall is planned along the walk connection to the sculpture/fountain area. This wall will be constructed of masonry to match the building. The walkway will be lit with recessed lighting within the wall and have a decorative precast concrete cap stone. No fencing is proposed for the site.

SCREENING

Screening for the site will be only done for the existing dumpster location with the addition of White Pines and White Spruce as shown on the plans. The intent of most of the site is to open views and visibility of the building and new site development features and amenities.

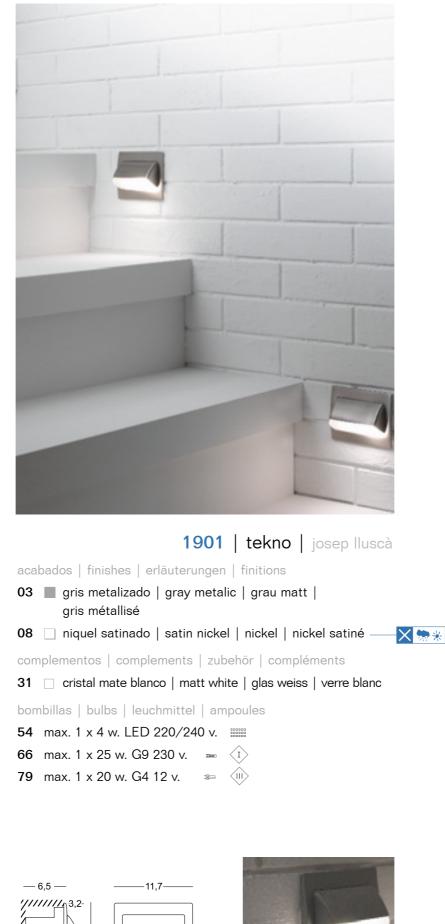
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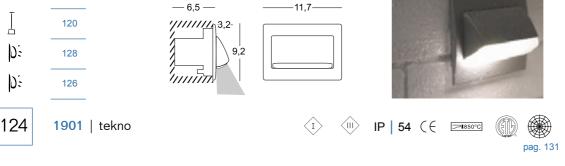
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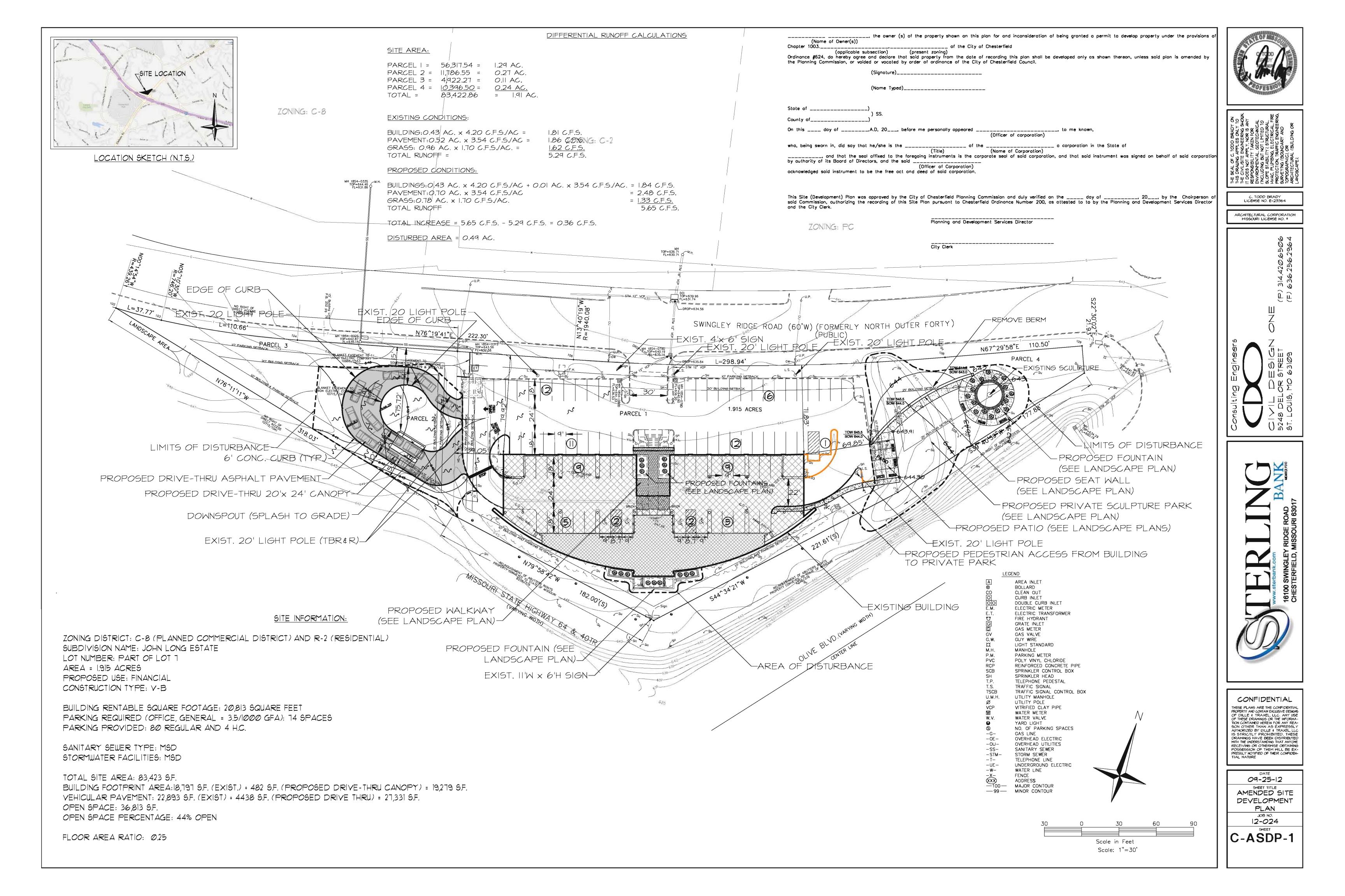
Lighting:

The only new building lighting are can lights under the new proposed drive thru canopy (see attached drawings and cut sheet)

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ABBREVIATIONS

CL	- Centerline
C.O	- Cleanout
D.S	- Downspout
E.P	- Edge Of Pavement
F.F.	- Finished Floor
F.G.	- Finished Grade
FL	- Flowline
G.L.	- Gutterline
L.S.	- Light Standard
(T.B.R.)	- To Be Removed
T.O.C.	- Top Of Curb
T.P.	- Top Of Pavement
T.O.W.	- Top Of Wall
C.M.	- Concrete Monument
T.Wk	- Top Of Walk
PL	- Property Line
A.I.	- Area Inlet
RW	- Right Of Way
G.I.	- Grate Inlet
M.H.	- Manhole
0.I.P.	- Old Iron Pipe
R.	- Radius
P.B.	- Plat Book
D.B.	- Deed Book
T.Bk.	- Top Of Bank
T.S.	- Toe Of Slope
C.M.P.	- Corrugated Metal Pipe
P.V.C.	- Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe
V.C.P.	- Vitrified Clay Pipe
C.P.	- Non-Reinforced Concrete Pipe
R.C.P.	- Reinforced Concrete Pipe
D.I.P.	- Ductile Iron Pipe
F/F	- Face to Face
B/B	- Back to Back
(U.I.P.)	- Use In Place
B.W.	- Bottom Of Wall
Т.І.	- Top Of Island
T.G.	- Top Of Grade
(Тур.)	- Typical
Conc.	- Concrete
RE:	- Refer
Dtl.	- Detail

PROPOSED LANDSCAPE LEGEND

	(9) 2.5" CAL. PROPOSED DECIDUOUS SHADE TREE
	(21) 3" CAL. PROPOSED DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL TREE
	(5) 6-8 FT. PROPOSED EVERGREEN TREE
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00	(28) 3 GAL. PROPOSED ORNAMENTAL GRASS
******	(445) 1 QT. PROPOSED GROUND COVER
	(1625) 2" C.P. PROPOSED SEASONAL FLOWERS
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LANDSCAPE TREE LIST

(Quantity)Scientific Name	Common Name	Mature Height Feet	Growth Rate and (Size Class)	
(9) DECIDUOUS SHADE TREES – 2.5" cal (2) Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred' Maple (7) Acer x freemanii 'Scarsen' Maple	<u>iper</u> Hybrid Autumn Blaze Scarlet Sentinel	45+ 45+	Med/Fast (Large) Fast (Large)	
(21) DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL TREES	– 3" caliper			
(2) Carpinus betulus (6) Carpinus caroliniana (7) Magnolia virginiana (6) Pyrus calleryana'Chanticleer'	European Hornbeam American Hombeam Sweetbay Magnolia Callery Chanticleer Pear	35-40 20-35 15-25 15-25	Slow/Med (Medium) Med (Small) Med (Small) Med (Small)	
 (5) EVE RGREEN TRE ES – 6-8 ft. (3) Pinus strobes (2) Picea glauca 	Eastern White Pine White Spruce	45+ 30-40	Fast (Large) Med (Medium)	
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