

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

**TO**: City of Peoria Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Development Review Board (prepared by Julia Hertaus)

DATE: September 1, 2022

**CASE NO**: PZ 1037-2022

**REQUEST**: Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Andrew Scott, of

Dykema Gossett, PLLC, on behalf of Blue Apple Property LLC to amend existing Special Use Ordinance Nos. 13,111 and 13,194, as amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to allow for a an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary, for the property located at 3929 W War Memorial Dr and commonly known as the Willow Knolls Shopping Center (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-12-300-032, 13-12-300-018, 13-12-300-020, 13-12-300-021, 13-12-300-022, 13-12-300-024, 13-12-300-030, 13-12-300-031, and 13-

12-302-003), Peoria IL (Council District 4)

#### **SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL & REQUESTED WAIVERS**

The petitioner is requesting to amend the existing Special Use Ordinance No's. 13,111 and 13,194, as amended, to allow for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary located in the former Applebee's Restaurant building. The building is currently vacant and will be re-used as further described below:

Development Item	Applicant Proposal	Applicant Waiver Request & Justification	DRB Comment	
Parking	No change to existing parking lot.	None	Repair and restripe parking lot for regular and handicap parking spaces including required handicap space signs and install four (4) bicycle parking spaces all per Section 8.1 of the Unified Development Code (UDC)	
Mechanical & Utility Screening	No change	None	Ground, wall, and rooftop mounted mechanical and utility equipment must be screened from view of the public right-of-way.	
Garbage Dumpster Screening	No change	None	In compliance.	
Landscaping	Existing landscaping is noted on the site plan.	None	Install a continuous hedge, a decorative masonry wall, or any combination thereof along the perimeter of the parking area along War Memorial Dr.	
Signs	None proposed at this time.	None	Signage shall comply with Section 8.3 of the UDC. A separate sign permit is required.	
Exterior Lighting	No change.	None	All exterior lighting shall comply with Section 8.5 of the UDC.	
Setbacks	No change to building.	None	None	
Height (building)	No change to building.	None	None	
Access & Circulation	No change.	None	None	

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Property Characteristics**

The subject property is approximately 55 acres and was annexed into the City of Peoria on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1991. The property is zoned C2 (Large Scale Commercial) and developed as the Willow Knolls Court Shopping Center. The following parcels making up the entirety of this development:

13-12-300-018, 13-12-300-020, 13-12-300-021, 13- 12-300-022, 13-12-300-024, 13-12-300-030, 13-12-300-031, 13-12-300-032, and 13-12-302-003

#### **History**

This property was annexed and granted for use as a shopping center and has continuously remained as such since 1991. This tenant space was previously occupied by Applebee's and used as a restaurant.

Date	Zoning		
1931 - 1958	Not in the City		
1958 - 1963	Not in the City		
1963 - 1990	Not in the City		
1990 - Present	C2 (Large Scale Commercial)		

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD ANALYSIS**

The DRB examines each application against the appropriate standards found in the Code of the City of Peoria and/or in case law.

Standard	Standard Met per DRB Review	DRB Condition Request & Justification
No detriment to public health, safety, or general welfare	Yes	None
No injury to other property nor diminishment to property values	Yes	None
No impediment to orderly development	Yes	None
Provides adequate facilities	Yes	None
Ingress/Egress measures designed to minimize traffic congestion	Yes	None
If a public use/service, then a public benefit	N/A	N/A
Conforms to all district regulations	Yes	None
Comprehensive Plan Critical Success Factors	Grow Employers and Jobs	
City Council Strategic Plan Goals	Grow Peoria	

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

The Development Review Board recommends APPROVAL of the request to allow for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary with the following conditions:

- 1. Repair and restripe parking lot for regular and handicap parking spaces including required handicap space signs and install four (4) bicycle parking spaces all per Section 8.1 of the Unified Development Code (UDC).
- 2. Ground, wall, and rooftop mounted mechanical and utility equipment must be screened from view of the public right-of-way.
- 3. Provide a revised landscape plan to include a continuous hedge, a decorative masonry wall, or any combination thereof along the perimeter of the parking area along War Memorial Dr.
- 4. All signs will comply with Section 8.3 of the UDC approved through a separate sign permit application.
- 5. Exterior lighting will comply with Section 8.5 of the UDC.

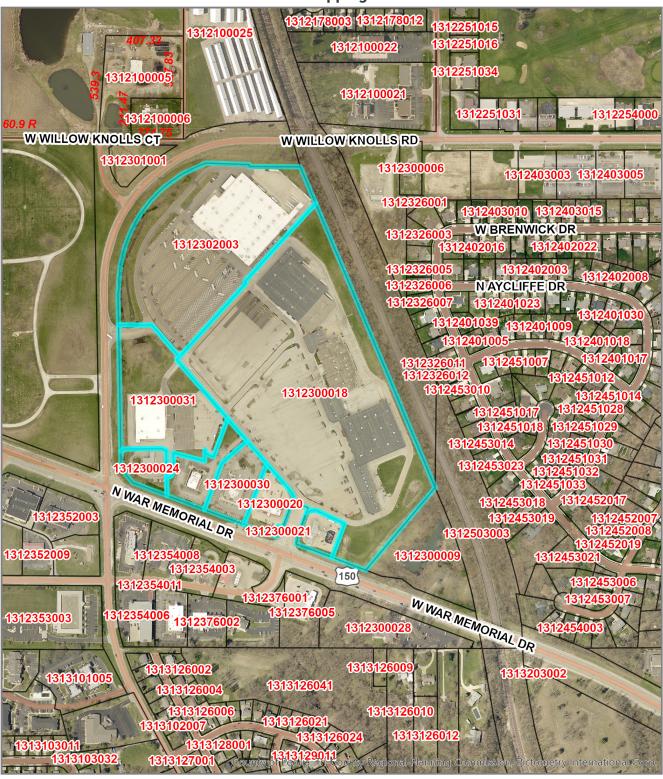
**NOTE:** If a City Code Requirement is not listed as a waiver, then it is a required component of the development. The applicant is responsible for meetings all applicable code requirements through all phases of the development.

- ATTACHMENTS

  1. Surrounding Zoning
  2. Aerial Photo

  - Site Plan with landscaping
     Elevation Rendering
     Photos

### **Willow Knolls Shopping Center Aerial**



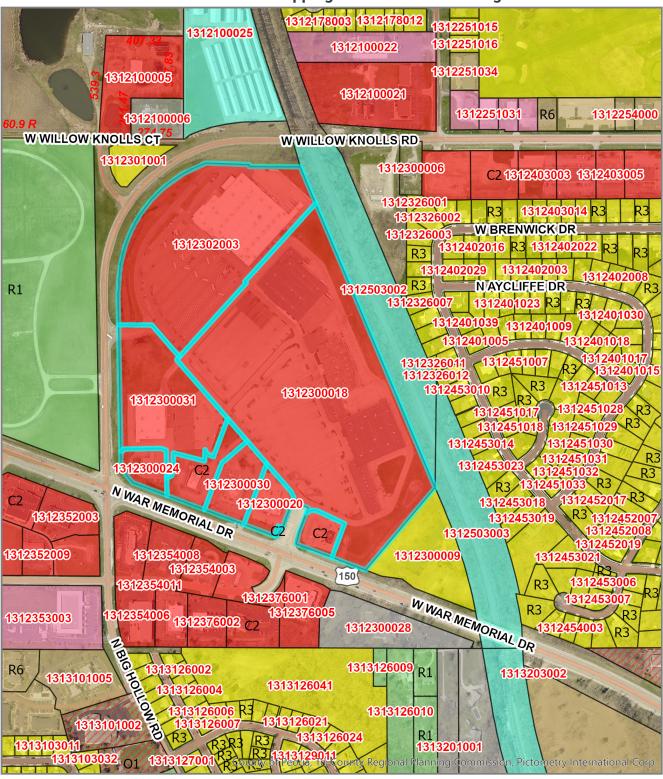




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### Willow Knolls Shopping Center Aerial + Zoning

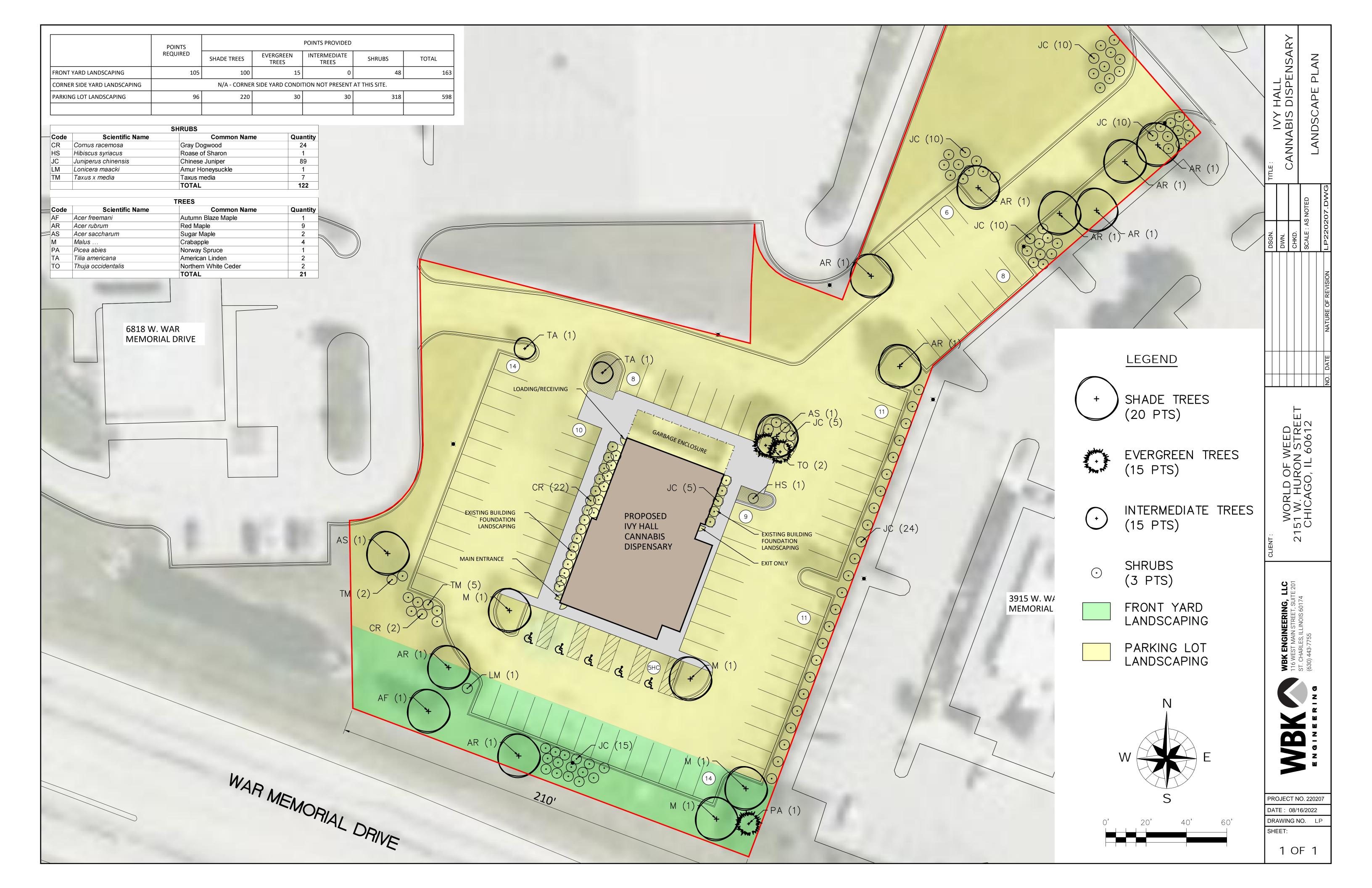


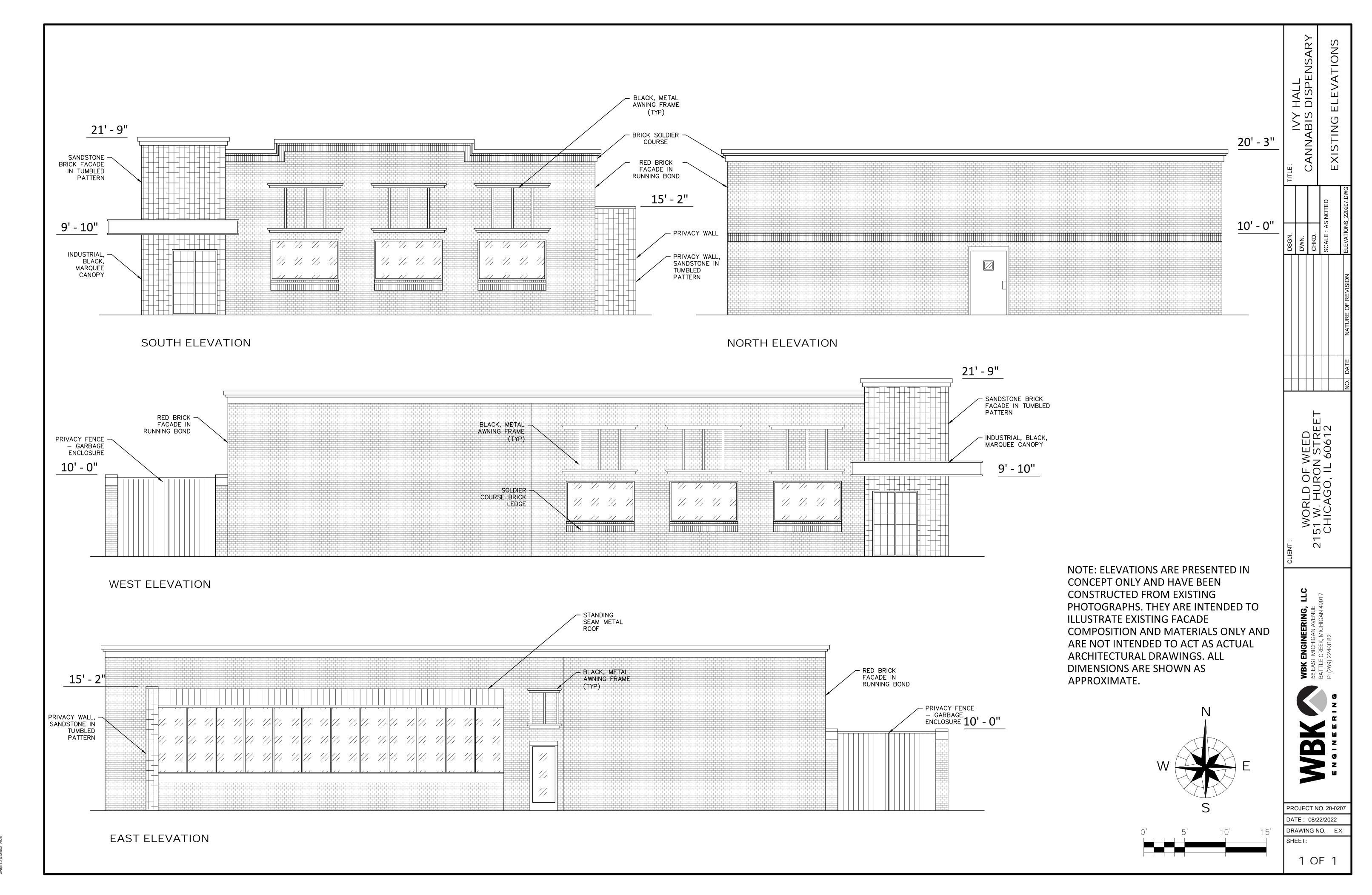




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## **Existing Conditions Photos**







