

KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION

SUSAN REMOALDO, CHAIR LEE GATELY, VICE CHAIR CHUCKY BOY CHOCK, MEMBER
KATHLEEN KIKUCHI-SAMONTE, MEMBER
CAROLYN LARSON, MEMBER
SANDI QUINSAAT, MEMBER
VICTORIA WICHMAN, MEMBER

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 92-3.7, which codified Act 220, SLH 2021, the meetings of the County of Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission will be conducted as follows:

The meeting location that will be open to the public is:

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Līhu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building Meeting Room 2A-2B 4444 Rice Street, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter Līhu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building Meeting Room 2A-2B 4444 Rice Street, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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COUNTY OF KAUAT

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. MINUTES OF THE MEETING(S) OF THE KHPRC
 - 1. March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- **E. GENERAL BUSINESS**
- F. COMMUNICATIONS
- **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- H. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. County of Kaua'i

Former Big Save Building

Proposed Conversion and Alteration of the former Big Save grocery store to a Piikoi Youth Center

Tax Map Key: (4) 3-6-005:027

Property Address: 4444 Rice Street Suite #301

Līhu'e, Hawai'i

Consideration of a zoning permit for the proposed exterior and interior renovations for the proposed conversion of the former Big Save Space to a Youth Center.

a. Director's Report pertaining to this matter.

2. HRT Realty LLC/ Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Inc. C/O CBRE

Dr. Kuhn's Former Residence

Preliminary conceptual plans for the proposed demolition and reconstruction of an existing historic structure

Tax Map Keys: (4) 3-7-001:033 and (4) 3-7-001:034 Property Address: 4460 and 4480 Ahukini Road

Līhu'e, Hawai'i

Consideration of a zoning permit for the proposed demolition of an existing structure and the proposed reconstruction of a structure to a neighboring adjacent site.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the purpose of this executive session is to consult with the County's legal counsel on questions, issues, status and procedural matters. This consultation involves consideration of the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and/or liabilities of the Commission and the County as they relate to the following matters:

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J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- K. SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA TOPICS (June 20, 2024)
- L. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

COUNTY OF KAUA'I Minutes of Meeting OPEN SESSION

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Location	Mo'ikeha Meeting Room 2A/2B Start of Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	End of Meeting: 1:59 p.m.
Present	Chair Susan Remoaldo. Vice Chair Lee Gately. Commissioners: Gerald Ida, Kathleen Kukuchi-Samonte (in at 1:05 p.m.), Carolyn I arson, Sandra Onineaat, and Ambrey Summers	monte (in at 1:05 p.m.), Carolyn
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	Commission Support Clerk Arleen Kuwamura.	
Excused	Commissioner Victoria Wichman	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Absent		
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A. Call to Order	Chair Remoaldo called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.	
B. Roll Call	Planning Director Ka'āina S. Hull verified attendance by roll call; Commissioner Ida replied here.	
	Commissioner Larson replied here. Commissioner Quinsaat replied here.	
	Commissioner Wichman was excused.	
	Vice Chair Gately replied here. Chair Remoaldo replied here.	
		Quorum was established with six commissioners present.
C. Approval of the Agenda	Chair Remoaldo requested to amend the agenda to move item E. General Business to the position of H. New Business and move item H. New Business to the position of E. General	Vice Chair Gately moved to amend the agenda to move item
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		Ms. Larson. Motion carried 6:0.
D. Approval of the Minutes of	The Commission had no minutes to approve.	
the Meeting(s) of the KHPRC		
	There being no objections, item H. New Business was taken pursuant to the amended agenda.	
H. New Business	 County of Kaua'i Housing Agency Uahi Ridge Affordable Rental Housing Project-Phase 2 Tax Map Key: (4) 3-8-005:022:0003 Līhu'e, Hawai'i 	
	National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106: Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties.	
	a. Director's Report pertaining to this matter.	
	Director Hull stated that there was no one signed up to testify on this matter and asked if there was anyone present who wanted to testify. There being no one present to testify, the meeting proceeded.	
- 5	Ms. Valenciano explained to the Commission that before them is a Section 106 consultation process which was triggered by the use of Federal funds. She noted that the previous owner of the property received Planning Commission approval of the project back in 2009. The property was going to be used for a 220-unit condominium project. At the time of review, comments were	
	was going to be used for a 220-unit condominium project. At the time of review, comments were received from SHPD and KHPRC relating mostly to the proposed demolishing of three residential structures that were over fifty years old. Since then, the property was sold to new owners who were present to respond to any comments related to the Section 106 process. Ms. Valenciano further explained that in the Director's Report are comments from the Department on the aerial potential effect (APE) boundary, the identification of historic properties in the APE and	
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	Ms. Larson asked if the three units discussed included the Manager's House and the workers' houses. Ms. Valenciano responded that the Līhu'e Plantation Manager's House is on the same lot	
	Given the above findings, the Planning Department recommended that the KHPRC provide comments relating to the Section 106 process, pertaining to the area of potential effect boundary, the identification of historic properties, and the effect that the proposed property would have on this historic property. The County's Housing Agency and developers were present to answer any questions from the KHPRC.	
	Ms. Kikuchi-Samonte was noted as present at 1:05 p.m.	
	1. She looked at historical area images. There were three dwelling units prior to 2018. Two of those three structures were demolished and currently there exists only one dwelling unit on the subject property. 2. The Department went on a site visit with the Housing Agency, and it was confirmed that there is only one existing dwelling unit on the property. 3. The existing tented structure which was photographed and included in the Director's Report is situated on top of an existing driveway that was once the location of one of the dwelling units that was demolished. Given that, the Department could account for at least two of the dwelling units having existed. The Department could account for at least looked at and reviewed in November of 2023. 4. As a part of the Building Permit process and Section 106 process, the Housing Agency and the property owner should work with the State Historic Preservation Division to determine if the existing structure has any historic significance and if there are any follow-up requirements regarding the proposed effect on the historic property, which is the	
	the surrounding area, and suggestions on potential mitigation commitments to address the effect on the historic property.	
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The Commission heard from Alicia Ruelke, Developer's Representative from Ikenakea Development, LLC who was present to answer questions from the Commission.	The Commission heard from Adam P. Roversi, Housing Director for the County of Kaua'i. Mr. Roversi stated that the County's Housing Agency is technically not the applicant, as they only have a delegated authority from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Roversi stated that the Housing Agency considers this 100+ affordable housing development project in the Līhu'e Town Core area critically important for the community. Mr. Roversi stressed the importance of moving projects like this along the approval process to get much needed affordable housing to the people.	Ms. Larson stated that she called a contact who lived in one of those structures to inquire with them about the association between all of the structures noted in the reports and the Manager's House to see if they have an answer to that question.	Ms. Larson asked if back when the first project came in for 300+ units, did the KHPRC look at the Manager's House and the workers' houses as a unit. Ms. Valenciano responded that she was unsure, as she was not working for the County at that time. She further stated that in the KHPRC letter that was issued in 2009 in review of that Class IV Zoning Permit, the KHPRC asked if the three residential structures present were associated with the Līhu'e Plantation Manager's House, and in the end, they were unable to make that determination. The KHRPC looked to SHPD to look into that further to see if any additional was available. The KHRPC did know that those structures may have been associated, but they were not quite sure. Ms. Valenciano confirmed for Ms. Larson that discussion centered around three residential structures and whether those three residential structures were historically significant. In the end, it appears that the KHPRC had hoped that SHPD would comment on that situation.	of record, but it is actually CPR Unit 1, which is not a part of the Uahi Ridge Project. In conversations with the Housing Agency, the Manager's House would not be affected by this project.	DISCUSSION	
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Planning Director Hull stated that when the project was approved approximately one decade ago, it went through the KHPRC process, the Planning Commission took those comments for what they were, and acted and approved the zoning permits. The developer at that time may have been planning to use Federal tax funds and tax credits. This developer is using Federal tax funds and tax credits. This one before the KHPRC to get comments as a part of receiving Federal funding. This Section 106 process is being re-started from one that had been done previously. The Planning Commission and Planning Department generally intends to take the recommendations of the KHPRC for its various statutory permit responsibilities and fold in any requirements into those respective zoning permits. That type of leverage situation is not experienced in this specific request because the zoning permits project have already been issued. There is no authority offered to re-open the zoning permit pursuant to the Section 106 process.	Ms. Larson clarified that Ms. Ruelke is the County's developer's representative. Mr. Roversi responded that this project is not formally the County's housing development project, it falls under a private developer. The County is supportive of the project and has provided a small amount of financing for it. The County's Housing Agency has no ownership in this project but is supportive of it to assist in helping to seek State funding, which the developer was successful in obtaining. As noted earlier, the County's Housing Agency provided a very small loan to help finance the project. The County has no ownership in the property or in the future development to be built.	Ms. Larson asked Ms. Ruelke what plans the developer has to protect the historic resources on the subject property. Ms. Ruelke noted that the Manager's House is on CPR Unit 1 and the developer does not have site control over that property. The developer has no plans for the Manager's House. The developer will be updating the road, so access to that area may be affected in terms of making the road more usable and bringing more people in to see the subject property.	Patti Tancayo, Ikenakea Development, LLC was also present, but did not speak.	DISCUSSION
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Vice Chair Gately asked if given that there is a historic home nearby, if the developer intends to follow a specific style of design for these buildings that are friendly to that. Ms. Ruelke stated that they are using the same architect that was used for Phase I of the project so will be similar to that in style. The project is three stories, eight-plexus. The style is what would be considered "plantation style." A comparative project would be the Koa'e Housing Project which is located between Koloa and Po'ipū. Chair Remoaldo stated that Koamalu is a place name long associated with the area of the project. She asked if the metes and bounds of the designated project area the same as the original Koamalu. She stated that historical descriptions going back to the middle of the 19th Century talk about and note that kluit tree and Koat rece plantings. Chair Remoaldo wondered if any of those descendants of those trees still exist on the property. Ms. Ruelke stated that she was unsure of the status of the trees on the property, but that the developer did do an archaeological literary review and can provide the Commission with any information that may be contained therein. Chair Remoaldo stated that Koamalu could be literally translated to mean the shade of the Koa trees and that is why she is inquiring. She reminded everyone that in previous discussions during Phase 1, the Commission was hoping that the developer would commit to saving at least one of the large trees in Phase 1 and hopefully the trees would be taken into consideration when planting development in Phase 2 is a heavily vegetated area and asked the developer about the topography of the area and plans related to that. Ms. Ruelke stated that three out of the five buildings will be slab on grade. The two other buildings are going to be post and beam because of the topography of the area and plans related to that. Ms. Ruelke responded that a final grading plan is not yet available for Phase 2 and that there one of the two would be cleared and whether any of					
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ACTION	Chair Remoaldo asked approximately how much of the property would be cleared and whether any of the existing vegetation would be retained. Ms. Ruelke responded that a final grading plan is not yet available for Phase 2 and that there is currently only a conceptual design. She further noted that when a final plan is completed, it will be submitted to SHPD to review.	Chair Romoaldo indicated the Phase 2 is a heavily vegetated area and asked the developer about the topography of the area and plans related to that. Ms. Ruelke stated that three out of the five buildings will be slab on grade. The two other buildings are going to be post and beam because of the topography. The east side of the parcel slopes down very low so the developer cannot build that far down. Ms. Ruelke apologized for not including the Conceptual Site Plan for the project but stated that the Conceptual Site Plan shows that most of the work will be done on the west side of the property because of the difficulty of building on the sloped side.	Chair Remoaldo stated that Koamalu is a place name long associated with the area of the project. She asked if the metes and bounds of the designated project area the same as the original Koamalu. She stated that historical descriptions going back to the middle of the 19th Century talk about and note that kukui tree and Koa tree plantings. Chair Remoaldo wondered if any of those descendants of those trees still exist on the property. Ms. Ruelke stated that she was unsure of the status of the trees on the property, but that the developer did do an archaeological literary review and can provide the Commission with any information that may be contained therein. Chair Remoaldo stated that Koamalu could be literally translated to mean the shade of the Koa trees and that is why she is inquiring. She reminded everyone that in previous discussions during Phase 1, the Commission was hoping that the developer would commit to saving at least one of the large trees in Phase 1 and hopefully the trees would be taken into consideration when planning development in Phase 2.	Vice Chair Gately asked if given that there is a historic home nearby, if the developer intends to follow a specific style of design for these buildings that are friendly to that. Ms. Ruelke stated that they are using the same architect that was used for Phase 1 of the project so will be similar to that in style. The project is three stories, eight-plexus. The style is what would be considered "plantation style." A comparative project would be the Koa'e Housing Project which is located between Kōloa and Po'ipū.	DISCUSSION
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Ms. Larson asked the developer whether as part of the Section 106, if they contacted the Grove Farm Homestead regarding the remaining structure. Ms. Ruelke acknowledged that Grove Farm Homestead might have been a part of the consultation list of NHOs or special interest groups. Ms. Ruelke stated that they had only received one response, but that she does not believe it was the Grove Farm group that responded. Ms. Ruelke stated that she would provide the Commission with the list of those that were contacted. Ms. Larson clarified that she was thinking that Grove Farm has a Manager's House and an Owner's House and that this structure and the Manager's House may have gone together. Chair Remoaldo stated that the structure in question was the Līhu'e Plantation Manager's House and not Grove Farm. However, Chair Remoaldo stated that	Mr. Ida asked about the requirements or restrictions put on this property by SHPD. Ms. Ruelke responded that as far as requirements go, the developer did need to do the Hawai'i Revised Statutes 6E review, along with the Section 106 process with SHPD for permit review purposes. Those processes are currently in review for Phase 1. For Phase 2 the developer initiated the Section 106 with SHPD. There have been no comments returned from SHPD yet. There will also be an additional 6E review for Phase 2 as well. Ms. Ruelke noted that SHPD will take a look at the single-family home as well and let the developer know what they will have to do with that, though no comments have been received just yet.	Chair Remoaldo stated that one of the comments that the Commission made when discussing Phase 1 was to move the historic resources together and to restore/interpret the site as part of a long-term plan. She wondered about the existing residence and that it was going to be demolished and whether any consideration was made to preserve the particular building and using it to interpret the site. Ms. Ruelke responded that during initial discussions about relocating the single-family home was to move it to CPR 1 if Aloha Church, the owners of the property, wanted it. Ms. Ruelke believes that Aloha Church was not interested in taking the building. The County's Housing Agency did discuss with the developer the possibility of having an outside party take the home and move it elsewhere for preservation or restoration purposes. Chair Remoaldo asked Ms. Ruelke to confirm that demolition was not the final decision on that structure. Ms. Ruelke acknowledged that the status is being discussed and that if someone on-island could use the structure, they would be in favor of that and support that ideal use.	DISCUSSION
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	Mr. Gately stated that he interpreted the letter provided in the agenda packet that the various consultations with Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO) and Potential Consulting Parties had been completed and wanted to note that on the record.	Chair Remoaldo asked whether the Commission would consider a motion to gather comments and include them in a letter to the appropriate people and offices.	Ms. Kikuchi-Samonte asked whether any response was received from descendants of people who lived there. Ms. Ruelke stated that they did not receive any response from any descendants. Ms. Kikuchi-Samonte asked if contact was made with any living relatives. Ms. Ruelke stated that she would have to check on that as she does not remember seeing any individual names on the contact list, as most were associated with specific groups. Ms. Kikuchi-Samonte stated that she provided the letter to a co-worker who is a descendant of the Isenberg family. Ms. Kikuchi-Samonte recommended to the developer that perhaps they could consider putting an advertisement in the local newspaper to provide notice and to provide the community the opportunity to provide feedback, especially for those who may no longer reside in the Līhu'e area. Ms. Ruelke stated that they did not do any notice in the newspaper and that she appreciates the feedback on other ways to reach out to descendants.	Ms. Larson asked whether Koamalu leads into Grove Farm. Chair Remoaldo concurred that the discussion is approximately from the same era, but the specific relationship to each other is uncertain. Ms. Larson indicated that her line of questioning was due to her wondering whether Grove Farm had any interest in wanting to preserve this last remaining structure. Ms. Larson noted that the era being discussed and that area are very important to the history of Kaua'i. Ms. Larson feels that this developer may have the perfect opportunity to do something at that site to preserve an important piece of Kaua'i's history, such as replanting some of the groves, returning Koamalu to a place it was known because of the shade of the Koa trees, and preserving memories of the people and those who lived in those houses.	it was someone staying at Grove Farm who wrote about Koamalu, so it is possible that they have more information on this area.	DISCUSSION
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Mr. Roversi stated that the consultation process is still on-going. Comments from the Section 106 process or from SHPD have not yet been received. The KHPRC is just one entity amongst many and all the comments will be compiled and looked at upon receipt.	Chair Remoaldo asked for clarification as to who the letter would be sent to. Director Hull indicated that the letter from the KHPRC would be sent to the applicant. Chair Remoaldo then asked if the letter would be shared with anyone else. Ms. Valenciano stated that the consultation process is still open and the KHPRC is one body providing comments, but that there could be other could providing comments as well. Once that period closes, all of those comments get collected, the agency is responsible for cataloging and recording it, and then it gets transmitted to SHPD as a part of their record. Whether more groups or individuals need to be contacted, that would fall under the responsibility of the applicant or agency.	lived on the property, etc. Ms. Qunisaat stated that as an NHO, she did receive a consultation letter so she can validate that those letters did go out as required. She further inquired as to whether the developer put together a Ka Pa'akai analysis and felt that responses to that process were still outstanding. As such Ms. Quinsaat expressed her interest in receiving those responses.	 Ms. Larson recapped the discussion and provided the following summary of the Commission's discussion: The developer is asked to do what can be done to not demolish the remaining residence that remains. The developer is asked to preserve or restore the groves that tie to the place name of that area. The developer is asked to continue contact to people who have ties to the area, may have 	DISCUSSION
requests to the developer that: 1. Other entities be notified regarding the plans for the property, 2. The existing residence not be demolished, 3. The preservation or restoration of Koa and kukui trees be considered as a part of the plan,	Ms. Larson moved that the Commission consolidate comments in a letter to include			ACTION

There being no objections, item E.	E. General Business 1. Briefing on introduction to reading architectural plans. Director Hull asked if there were any members of the public wishing to testify on this agenda item. There were no members of the public present to testify on this item.		
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Mr. Gately asked if Ms. Summers continues to see any hand-drawn documents or whether everything is now digital. Ms. Summers stated that plans are typically digital as they need to be submitted that way. Director Hull stated that the County requires plans to be filed digitally, but that there are a handful draftsmen out there who are doing hand sketches. Those draftsmen would need to then scan those plan sets for upload into the electronic plan review system. Ms. Summers stated that she felt the hand-drawn plan sets are actually easier to read than the computer-generated.	The last page of plans shows the most detail and look at the very granular portion of the drawing set. These areas are typically sliced through to show various parts of buildings to give a sense to how those relationships to the different parts of the building work together.	Symbols are fairly typical in nature and used consistently. The elevations provided are relatively flat in view and are referenced by direction. Thicker lines can be used to identify things outside. Thinner lines can be used to	Line types are very important in architectural drawings. Variations in line types are used. For example, a property line is a "dot dot dash," the hidden line or a continuous dashed line can be used for the overhang of an eave, etc. Lines can be used for hidden items or to identify the foundation of footings.	In the architectural world, looking at the slices through the buildings is what the architects are looking for and that is why 3-D graphics are provided.	the KHPRC. Looking at the key and notes is important to see how drawings are referenced or created.	During review, some sections such as structural details or plumbing may not be seen by the architectural team. Used the Enisconal Church in Vana's as a paymalage it was a set of along looked at hy	Drawings usually include a title sheet, civil plans, landscape, and then architectural and other divisions that are typical in a set of plans.	DISCUSSION
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 What are we looking at? What are they saying they are doing? Is what they are saying in writing matching what is shown in the plans? Are there any discrepancies? 	Ms. Larson stated that she felt it would be very difficult for the staff Planner to handle as submittals differ and what the KHPRC members request may be different depending on who is serving at the time and what their specific interests are. Ms. Valenciano confirmed that she requests specific plan information based on the project and requested information needed to present to the KHPRC. The Department works very closely with the applicant and does request additional plan information if necessary and needed. The level of detail also depends on who might be presenting, such as the County's Engineering Division showing very detailed plan sets of roads, bridges, or other historic structures to the KHPRC. What Ms. Valenciano wanted to get out of this presentation is for the KHPRC to see what staff might be thinking when receiving information prior to presenting it to the KHPRC, including:	Director Hull clarified that the KHPRC may not necessarily see a complete set of plans but may see different parts of it depending on what stage of the project it is at. Generally, at the Planning Commission level, the Department generally advises the applicant not to do full construction plans given that the Planning Commission may request changes and that would mean the applicant would have to redraw an entirely new set of plans. Director Hull stated that what the Planning Commission may typically see are site plans, plot plans, elevation plans, and some floor plans, as these comprise the envelope of the building. For over-the-counter permits, the submittals are mixed.	Director Hull further added that previous employees of the Planning Department could identify plan set drafters by their specific lines as there is definitely an art to drafting plans.	Mr. Gately asked whether the Planning Department receives any CAD files as opposed to PDF files. Director Hull stated that all files are PDFs.	DISCUSSION
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	Ms. Valenciano stated that April 18, 2024, is the next date for a scheduled meeting. The	K. Selection of
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	The Commission had no items for Executive Session.	
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	There being no objections, item I. Executive Session was taken out of order.	I. Executive
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	There were no Communications on the Commission's agenda.	
	There being no objections, item F. Communications was taken out of order.	F. Communications
	Ms. Larson expressed interest in possible consolidating plans that Mr. Gately scanned at the Kaua'i Historical Society with the Planning Department's plans. Mr. Gately confirmed that his plan sets were just plantation materials from Kekaha and Līhu'e. Chair Remoaldo stated that she would be appreciative if Ms. Summers could provide a glossary of all the terminology, symbols, etc. used on plan sets. Ms. Summers responded that there is a guidebook that provides that information. Ms. Larson stated that the book is available at the Līhu'e Library.	
	many of those structures or properties the County does have plan sets for. Director Hull committed to discussing this matter further with his staff.	
	at that list but anticipates finding that many of the structures or properties on the State or National Register are structures constructed before plan sets were required by the County. Ms. Larson stated that if any modifications were ever made, that as-built plans may be available. Director Hull agreed that Ms. Larson is correct. Ms. Larson indicated that it would be nice to be a property of the state of	
	may be missing as that would be time intensive and be a strain on the Department's current human and financial resources. Ms. Larson asked whether plans could be obtained for properties	
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Chair Remoaldo adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.	seconded the motion. Motion carried 7:0.	maging Mc Summers	Mr Ide moved to adjourn the			ACTION

	Submitted by:
Arleen Kuwamura, Commission Support Clerk	
Susan Remoaldo, Chair	Reviewed and Approved by:
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- () Approved as circulated.() Approved with amendments. See minutes of _ __ meeting.

SITE INFORMATION:

- 4444 Rice Street:
 - o TMK: 3-6-005:027
 - Parcel Size: 1.54 Acres = 66,947 SF
 - County Zoning: CG GENERAL COMMERCIAL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The workscope design objective is to develop approximately 20,000 SF of existing former supermarket space with solid CMU perimeter walls into usable / leasable space. Current design objective is to repair damaged building systems and to prepare "white box" space for future tenant improvements.

The County of Kauai's future tenant improvement goals for usage of the space are currently as follows:

- Renovate space to a "usable" condition (main goal), leasable office type setting, dividing the space into 4-5 usable tenant spaces as follows:
- Childcare, Early Childhood education and Senior Care Space.
- KPAL Kauai Police Activities League space.

GENERAL DESIGN CONCEPTS:

Design Concept features for the space include as follows:

- Improve approximately $136' \times 150' = ^20,000 \text{ SF space as "White Box" (or "Vanilla Shell"),} plus the ^6,000 SF existing mezzanine area inclusive of as follows:$
 - 4-6 Future Tenant Spaces per CLIENT direction.
 - Main entry from the east side parking lot facing the Lihue Civic Center Building.
 - Demising wall layout delineating Tenant Spaces.
 - Common elements off of the main Entry corridor to the Courtyard Atrium include men's and women's restrooms, a janitor's closet, storage room and an ADA accessible lift to the mezzanine level.
 - For the current phase of the work, the finishes are minimal and general as the fine finishing will happen later when the TI Buildout phase happens.
 - We're considering an exposed ceiling industrial type look, as part of the "white box" finish of the space, to allow for future flexibility and to potentially inspire future users of the space.
 - Finish drywall installation where required to complete the integrity of fire separation walls within the space.
- One of the challenges with the existing space, formerly a supermarket, is to bring in natural light to the space, currently solid masonry walls running most of the building perimeter. As a solution to this design problem, we propose to open up the exterior structural walls where feasible and install a hurricane resistant and energy efficient aluminum frame storefront window system as shown in the current design plans.



- At the roof, we propose to remove a portion of the existing flat roof well, approximately 45' square (~ 2,000 SF) above the space and design a new "pop-up" clerestory roof, similar to what happens at the Piikoi lobby adjacent to the space. This roof system is designed to let in natural light and possibly natural air flow and ventilation.
 - We may seal the clerestory space up from natural ventilation and mechanically vent and cool the space to meet programmatic requirments.
 - Below this newly designed clerestory is a common interior "Courtyard Atrium" space with access to the tenant spaces through additional interior storefronts, allowing more light to penetrate deeper into the spaces.
- Once this phase of the project is complete, there will be a new roof, working power and air conditioning, and spaces demised for future TI Buildout.

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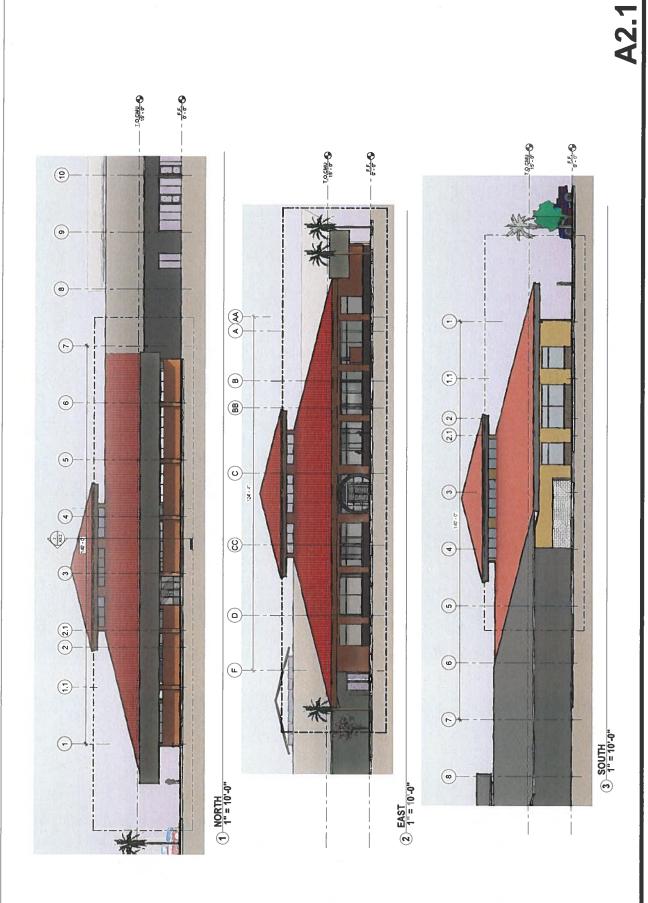
We did consider an alternative conceptual design to the project in which the footprint stayed essentially the same, but rather than go up with the new clerestory roof, we opened up the roof and left it open to the sky, which effectively turns the Interior Atrium Courtyard into an Open Air Exterior Courtyard. We ultimately decided against going this route due to solving drainage issues with the scheme and issues with security and control.

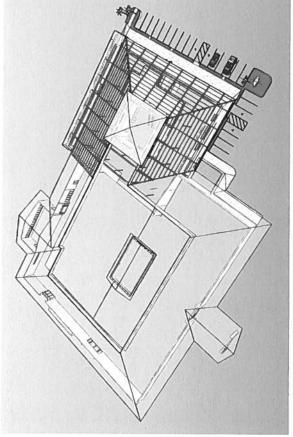
BUILDING SYSTEMS REPAIR WORK:

- Electrical upgrades will include new panels and general lighting power and data stubs for future Tenant Improvement buildout.
- Mechanical upgrades include new Air Conditioning and Fire Sprinkler Systems as required, along with Water and Waste stubs for future Tenant Improvement buildout.
- Partial Reroof:
 - Given extensive roof tile damage and leaking at the Fire Department offices and elsewhere, we are including a tile reroof at portions of the site, and going with a true clay roofing tile in lieu of the composite tile product that is failing on the existing roof.

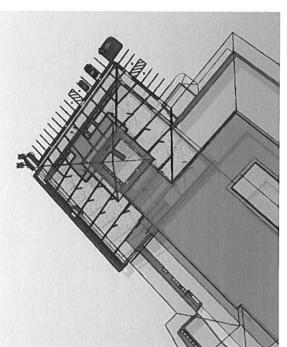


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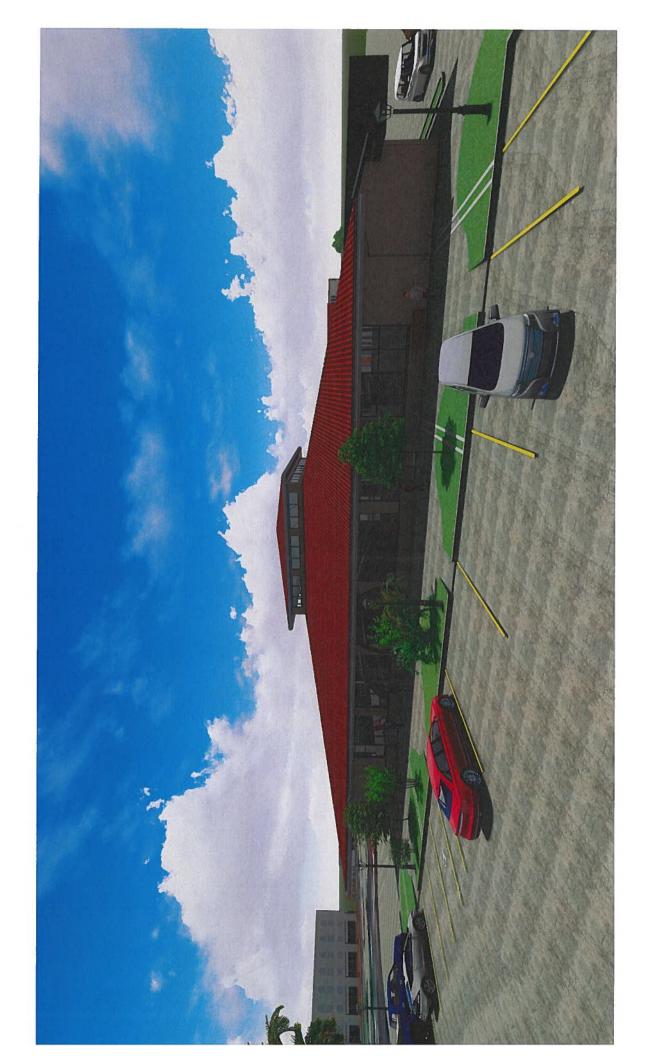


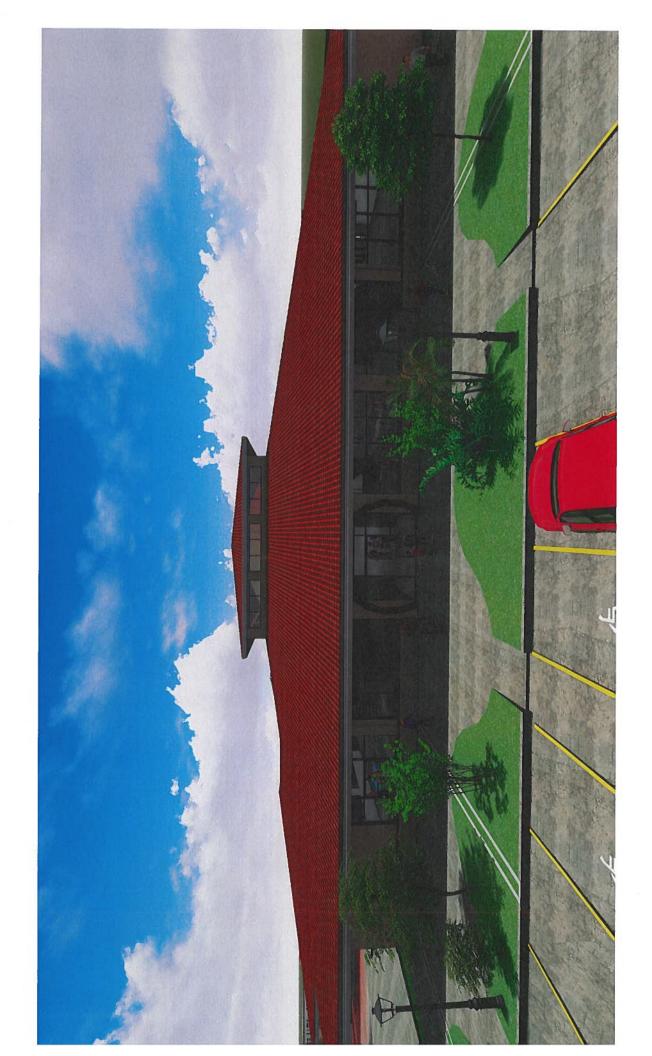






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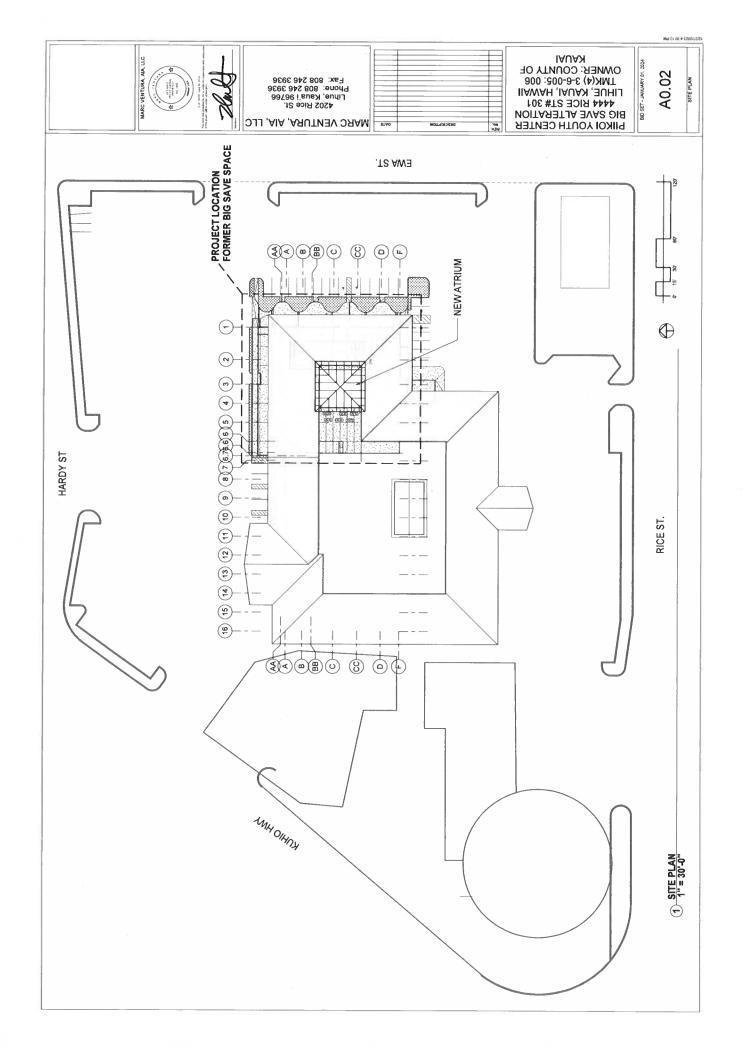
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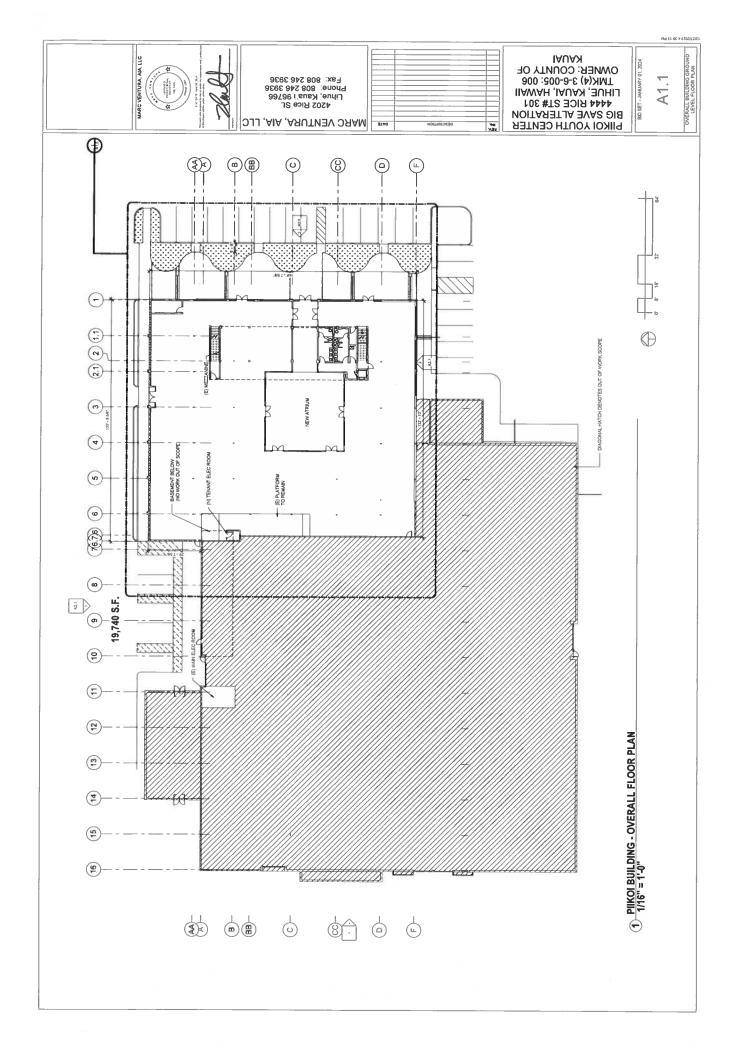
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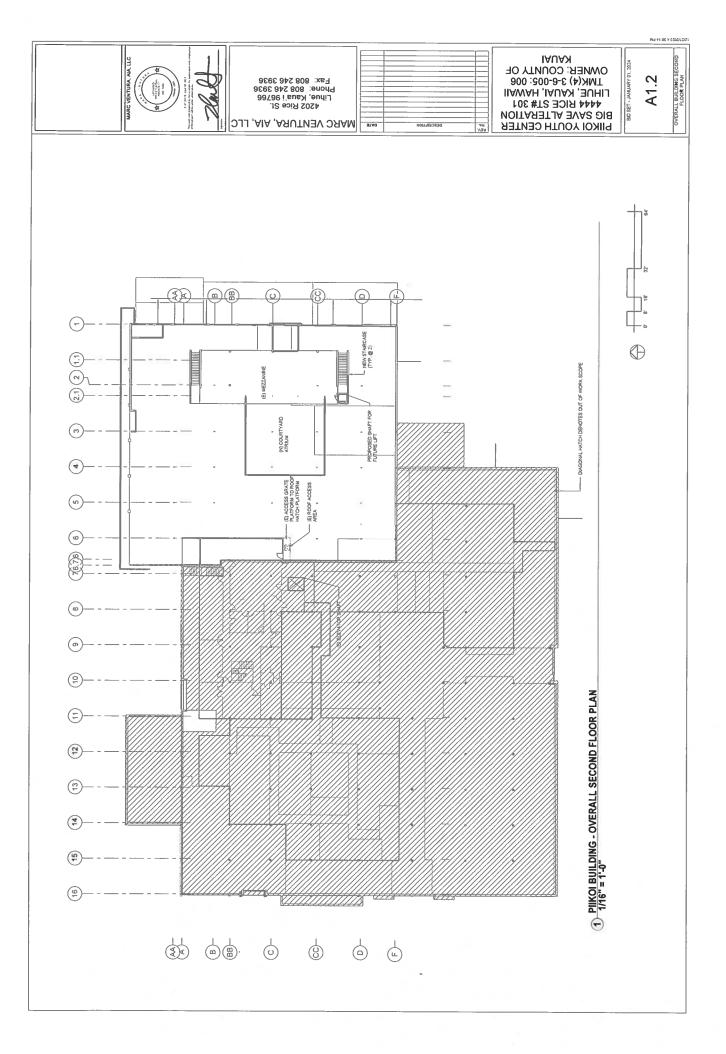
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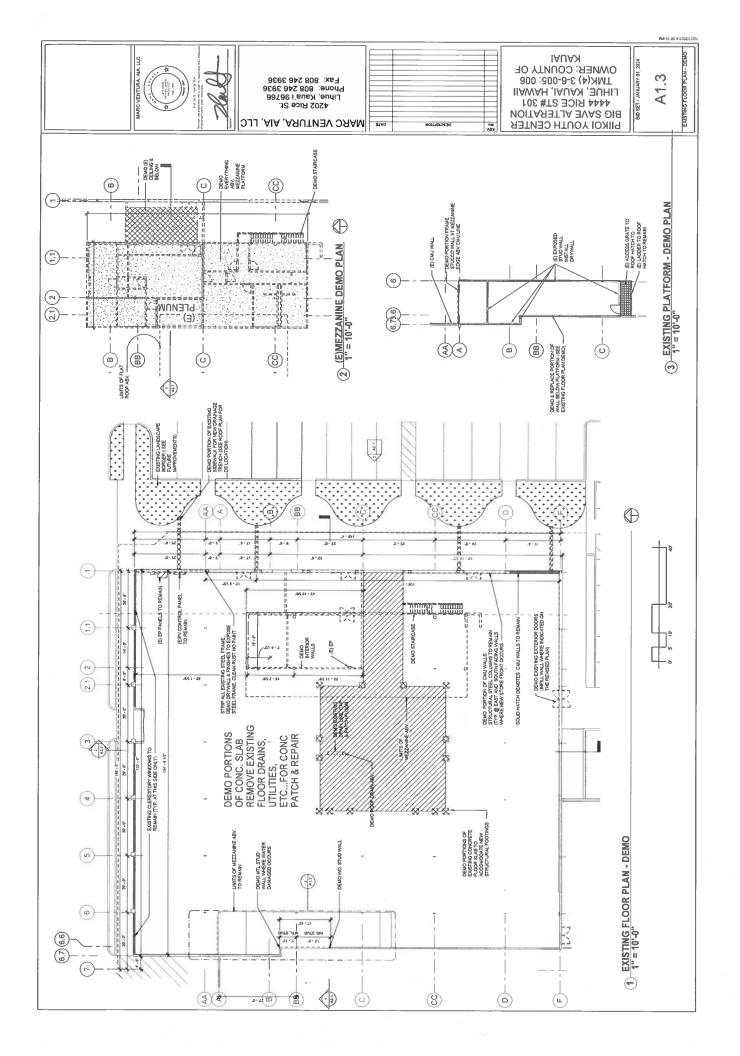
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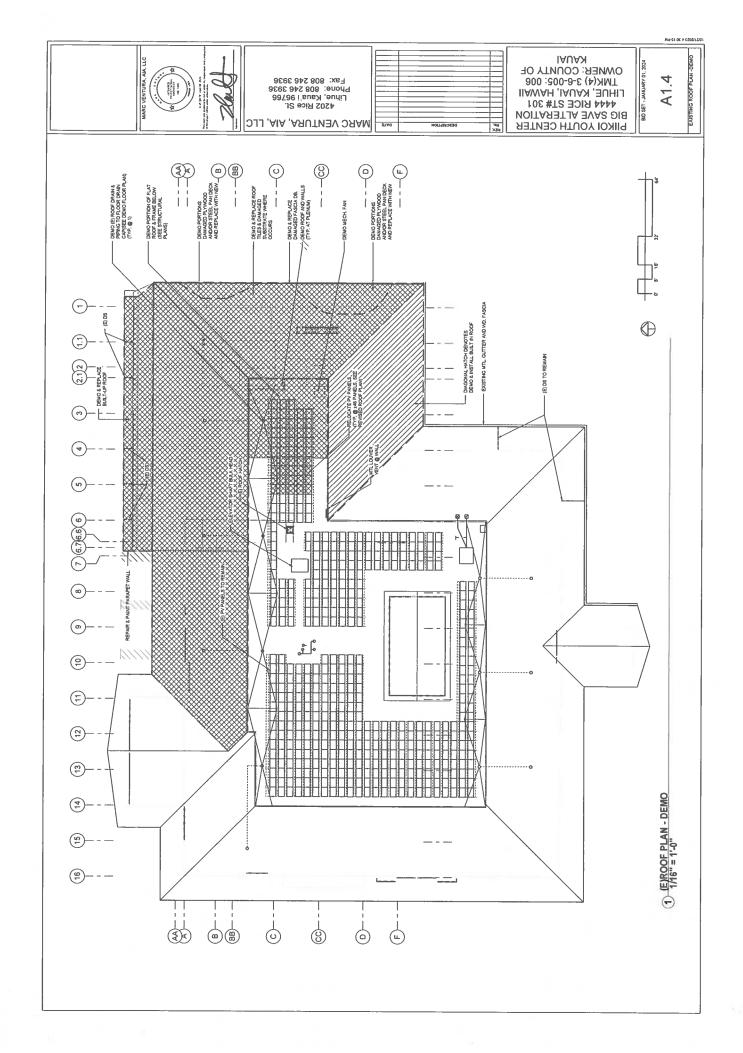
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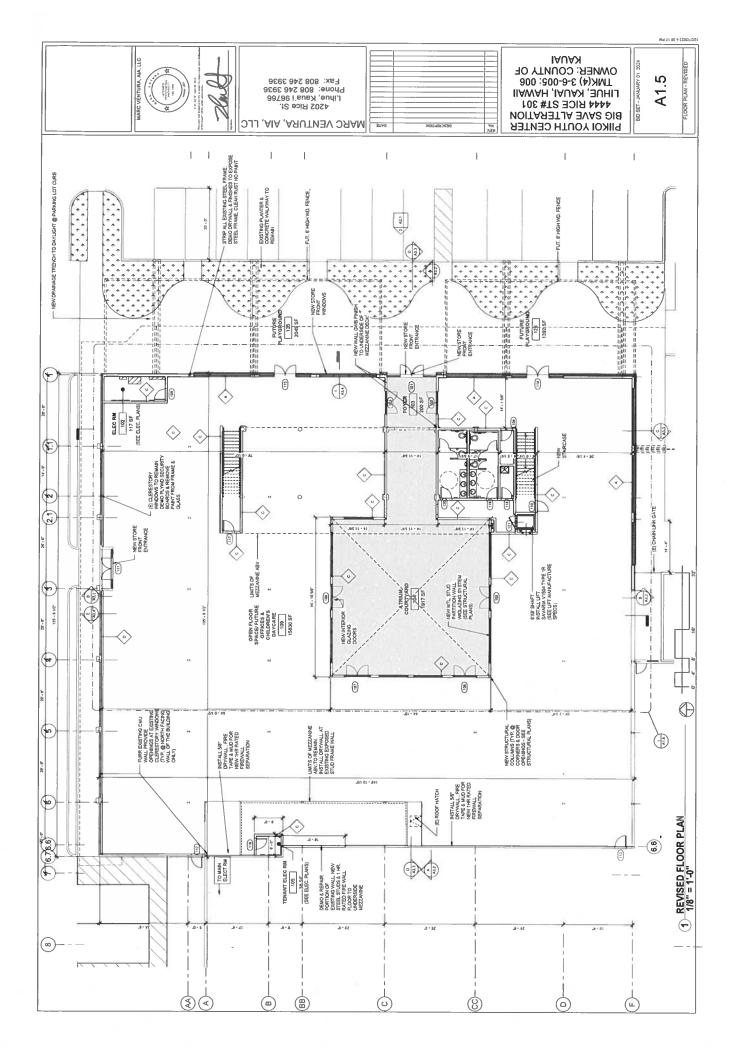


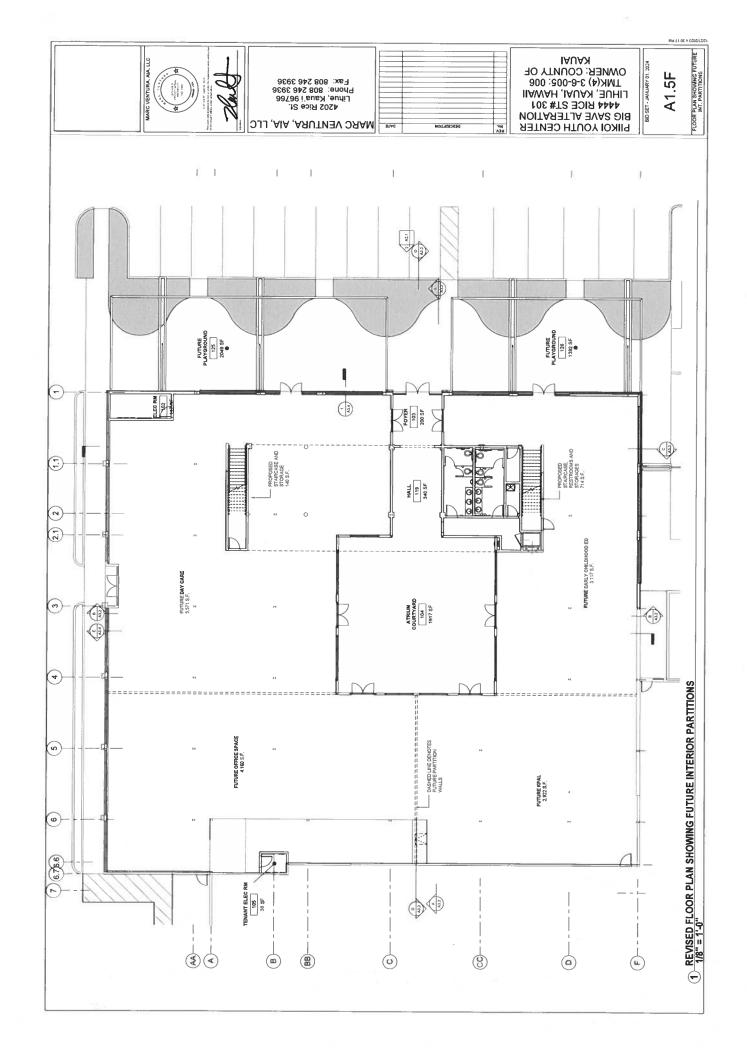


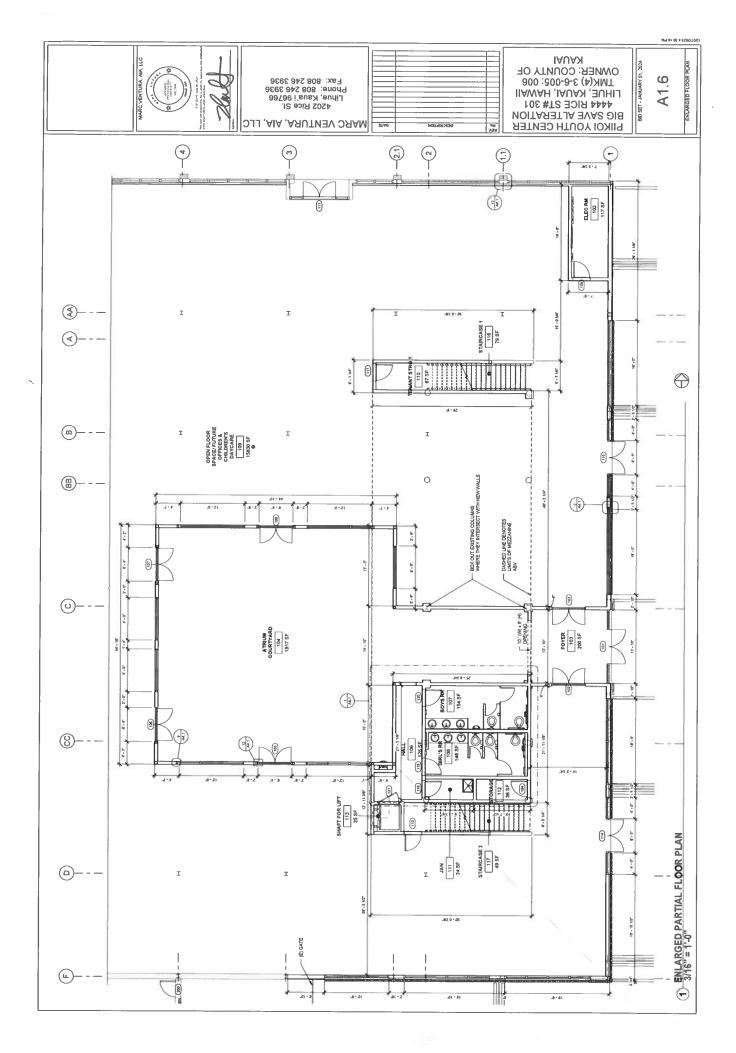


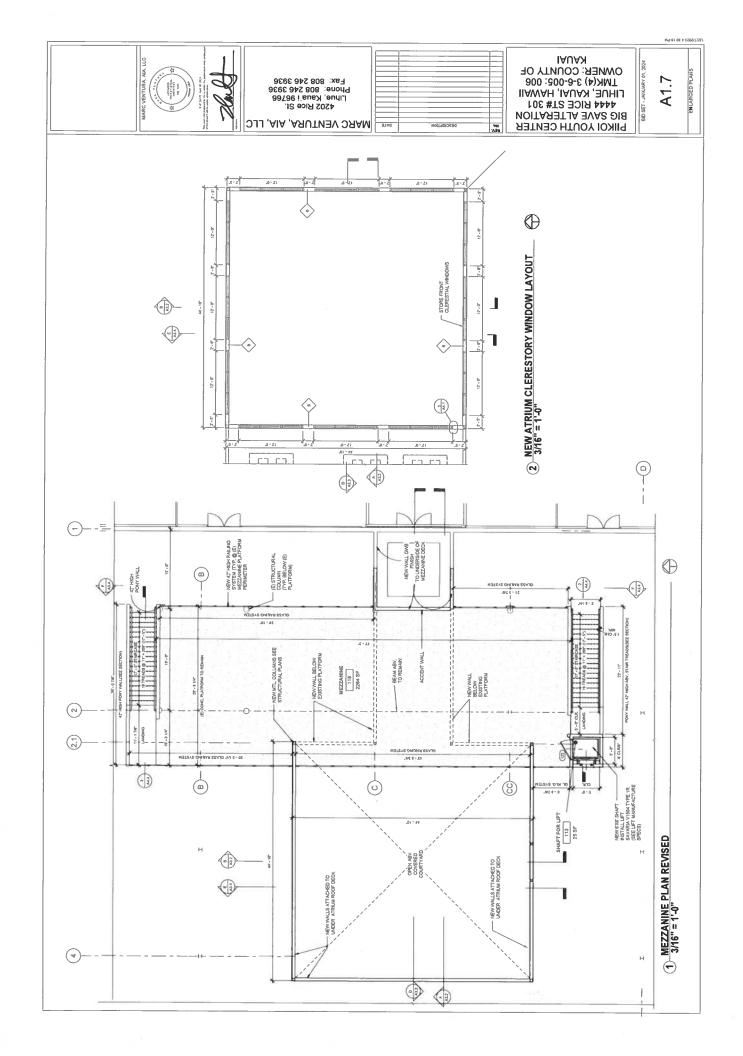


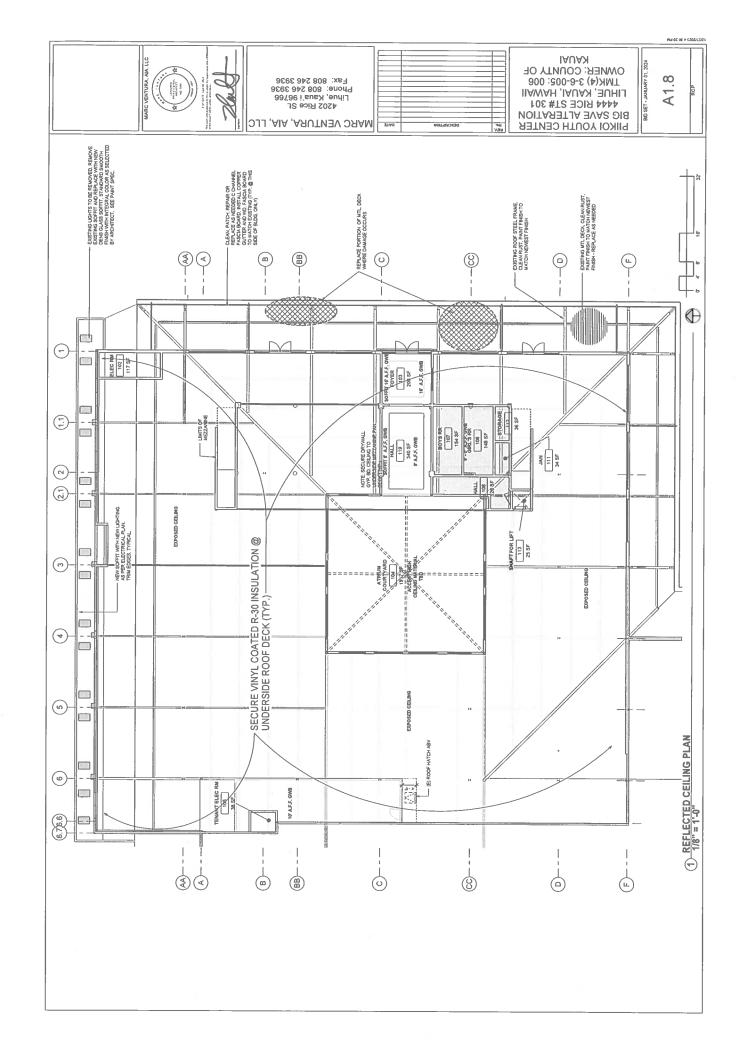


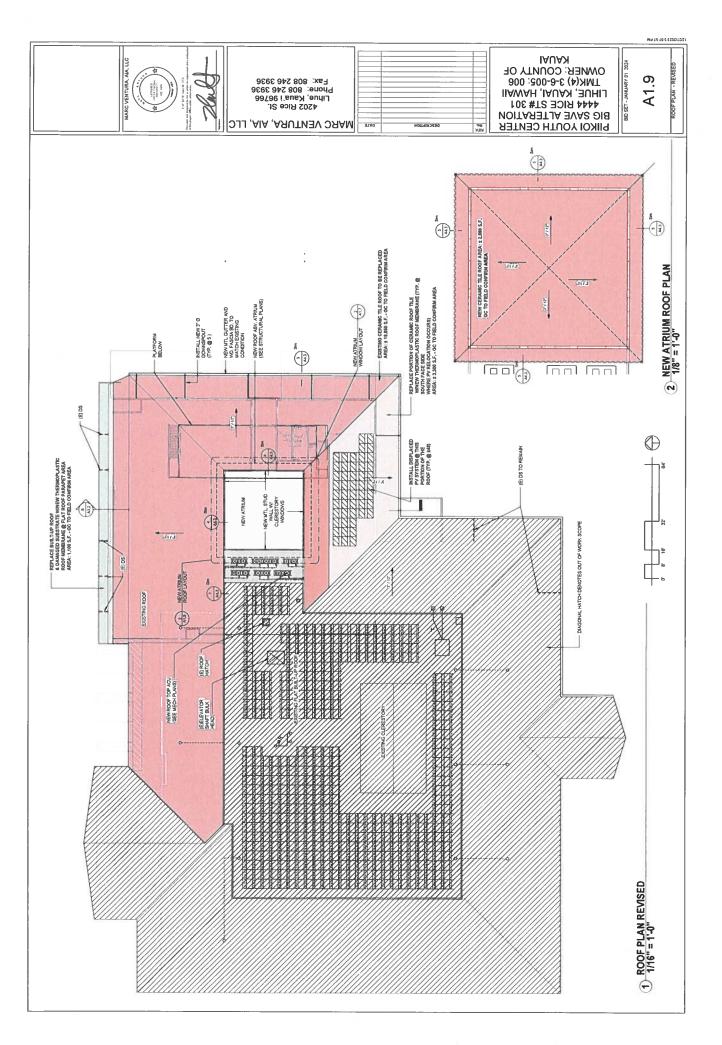


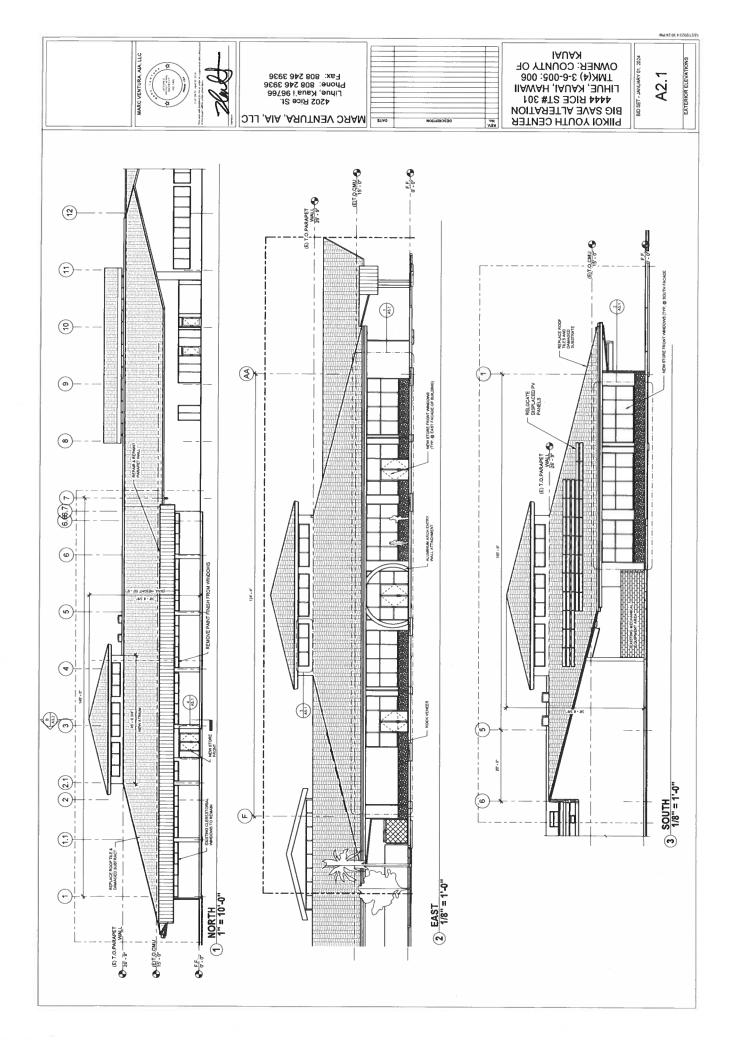


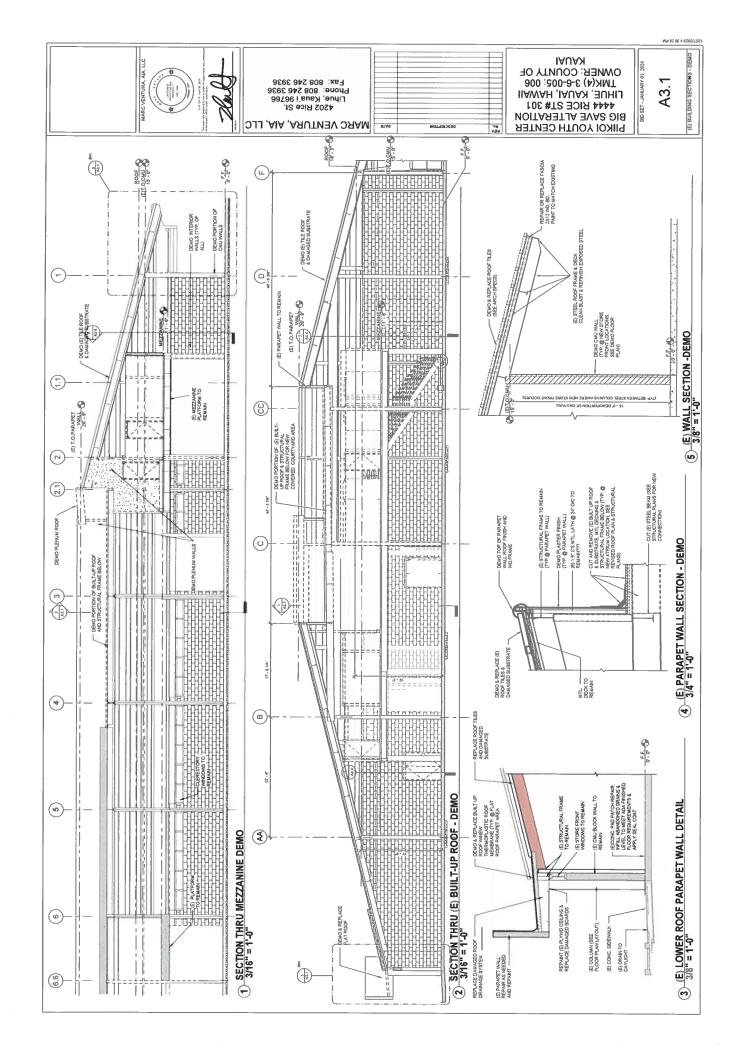


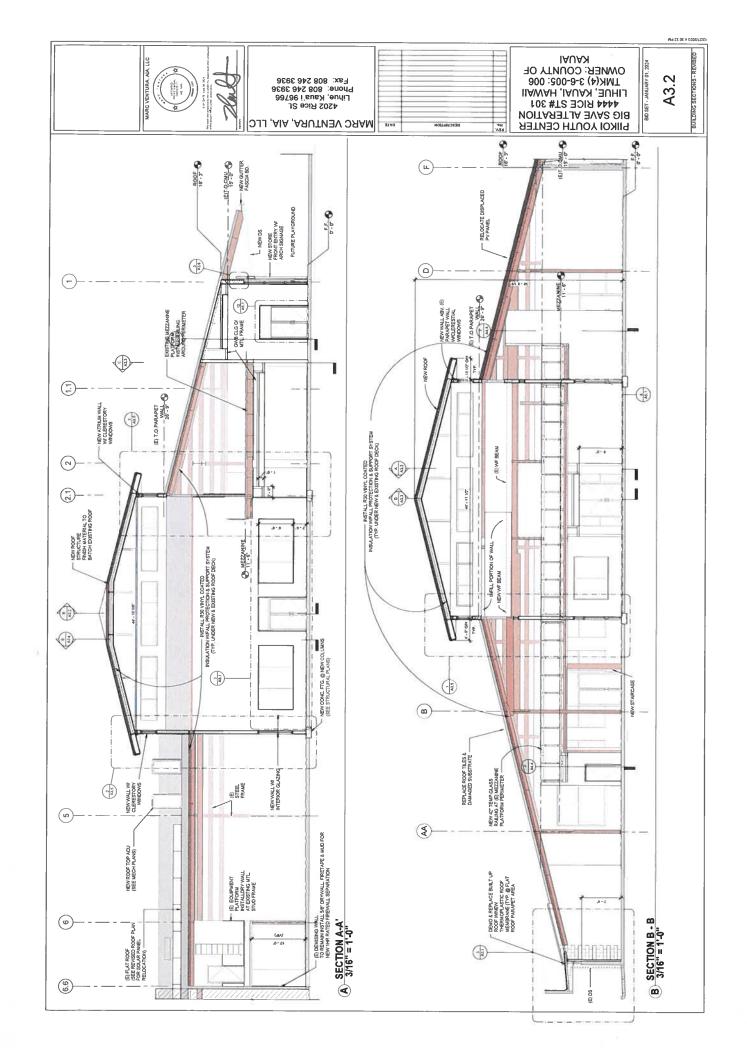


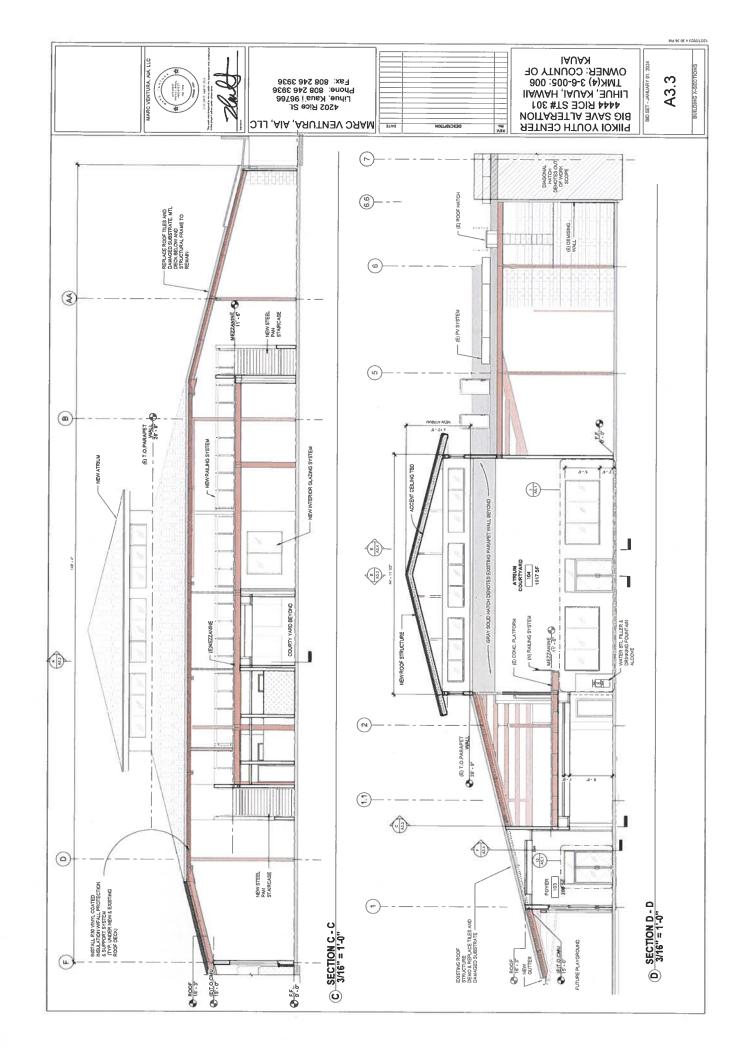


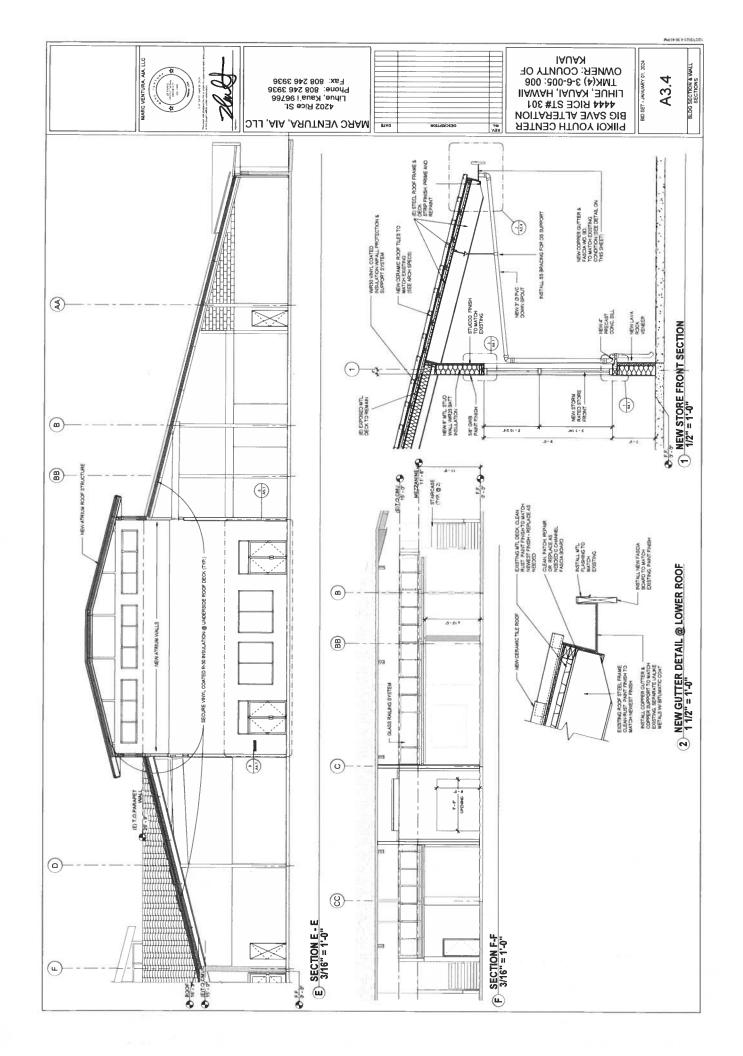


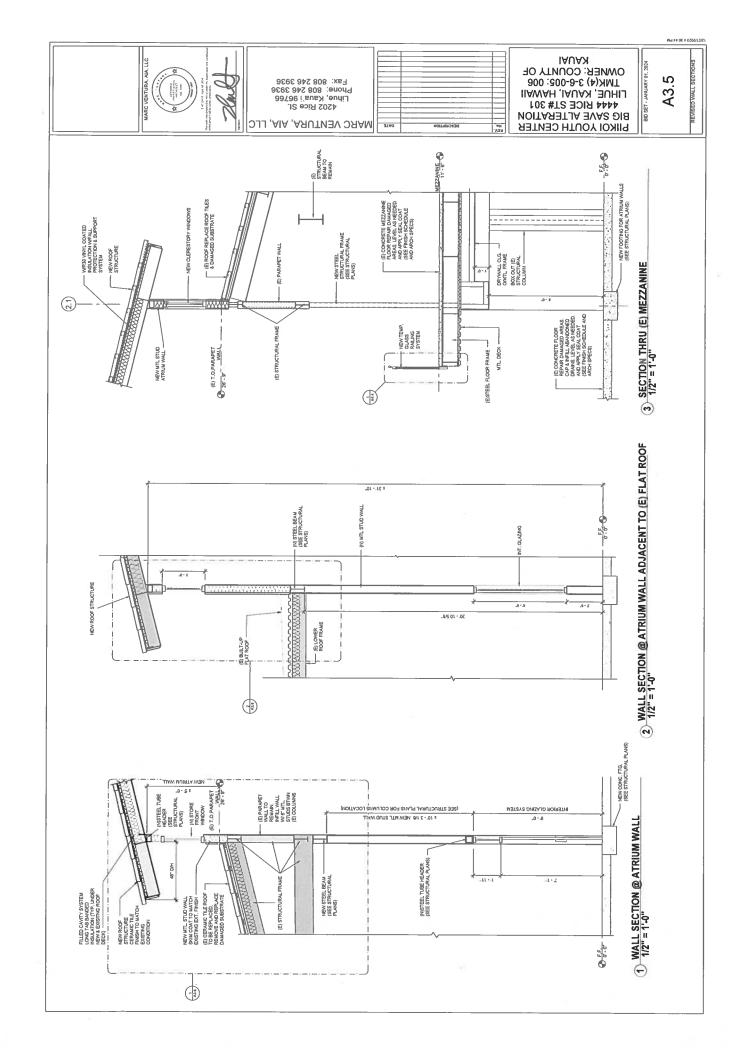


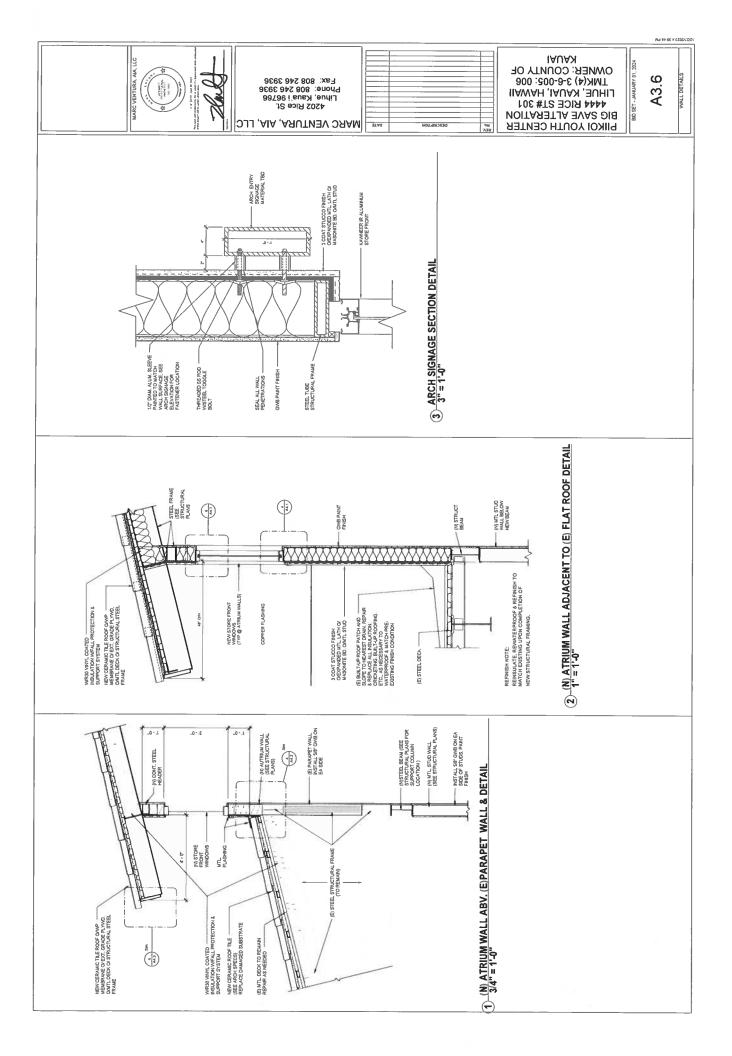


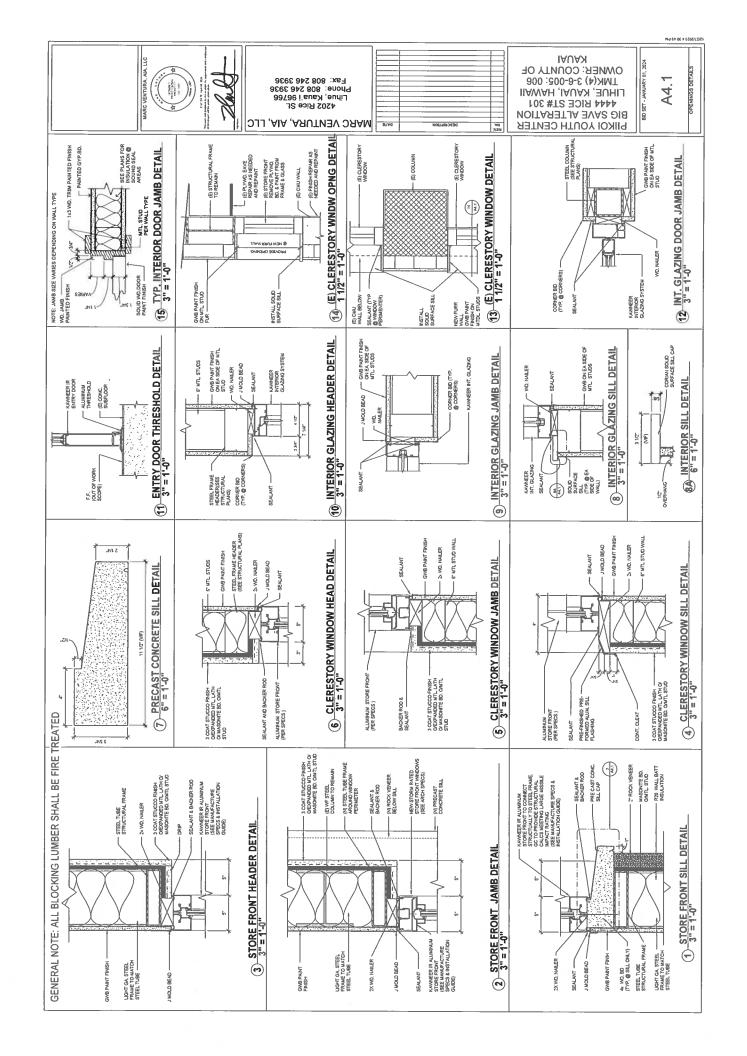












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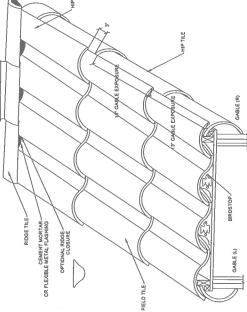
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16" RIDGE EXPOSURE

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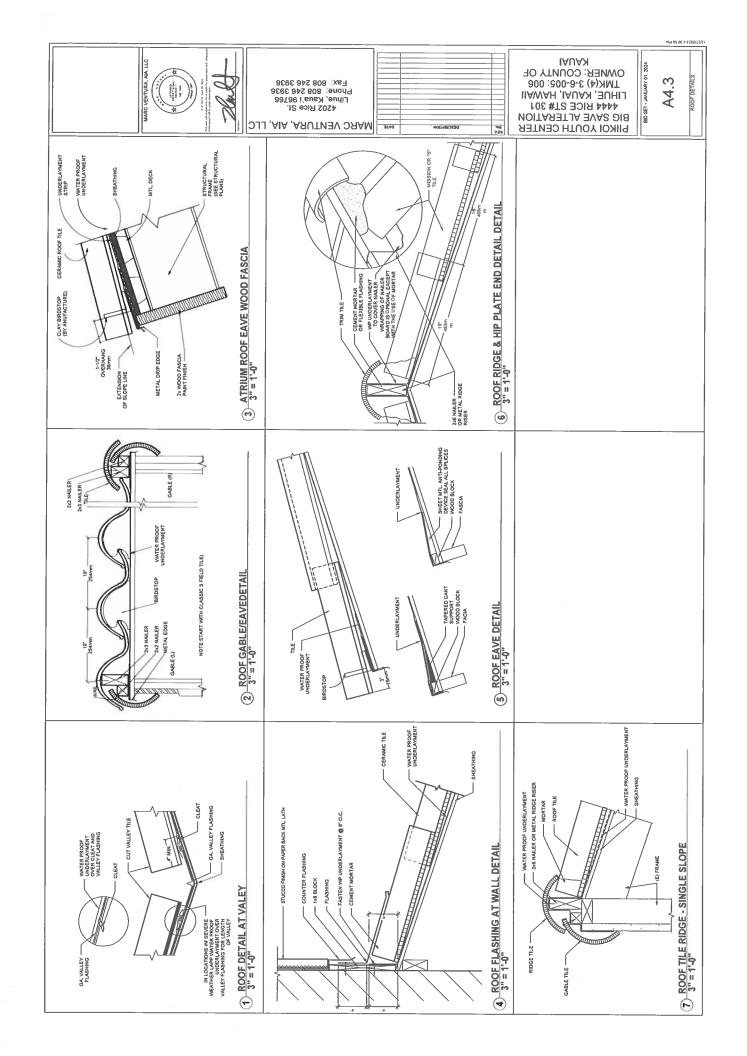
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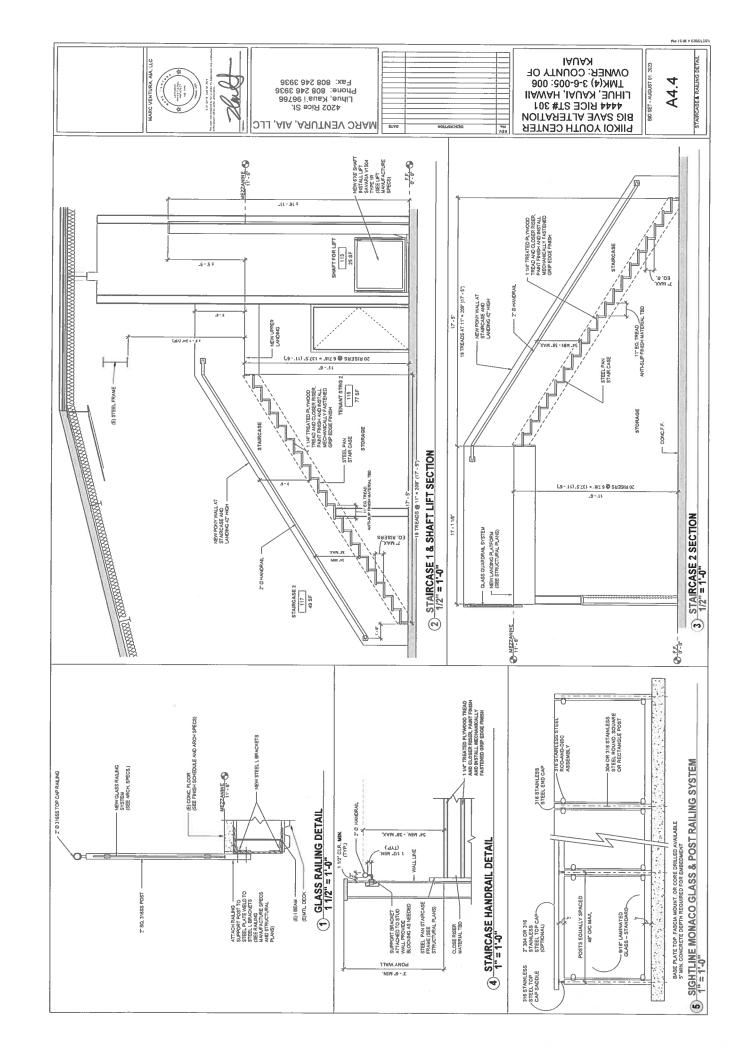
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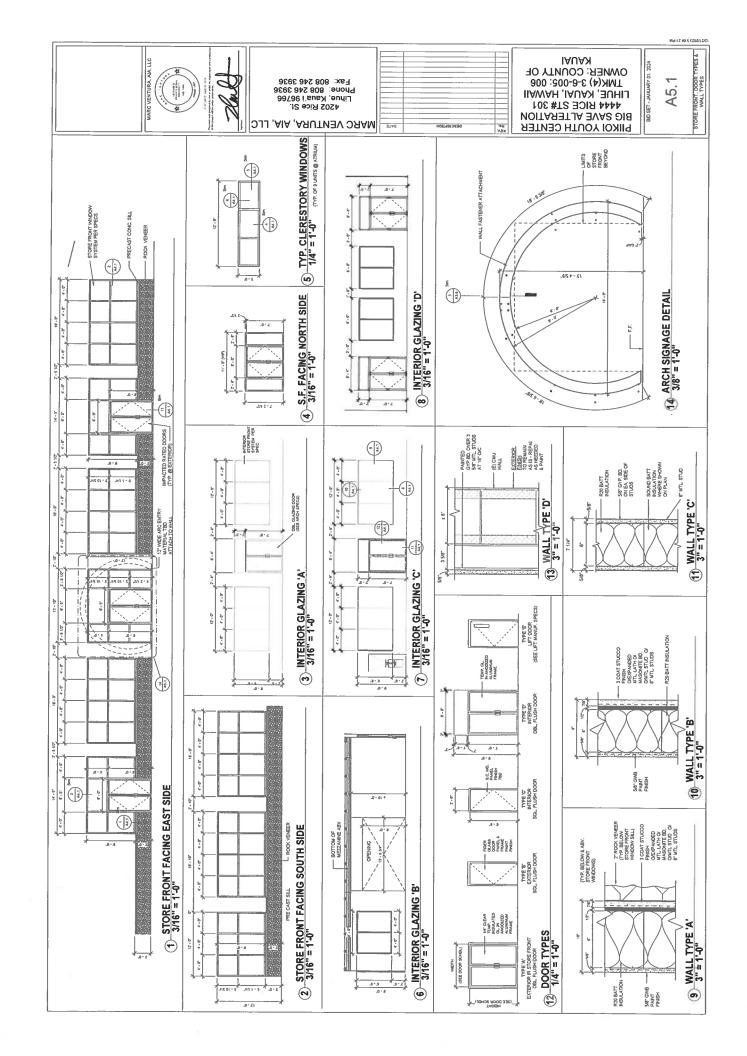
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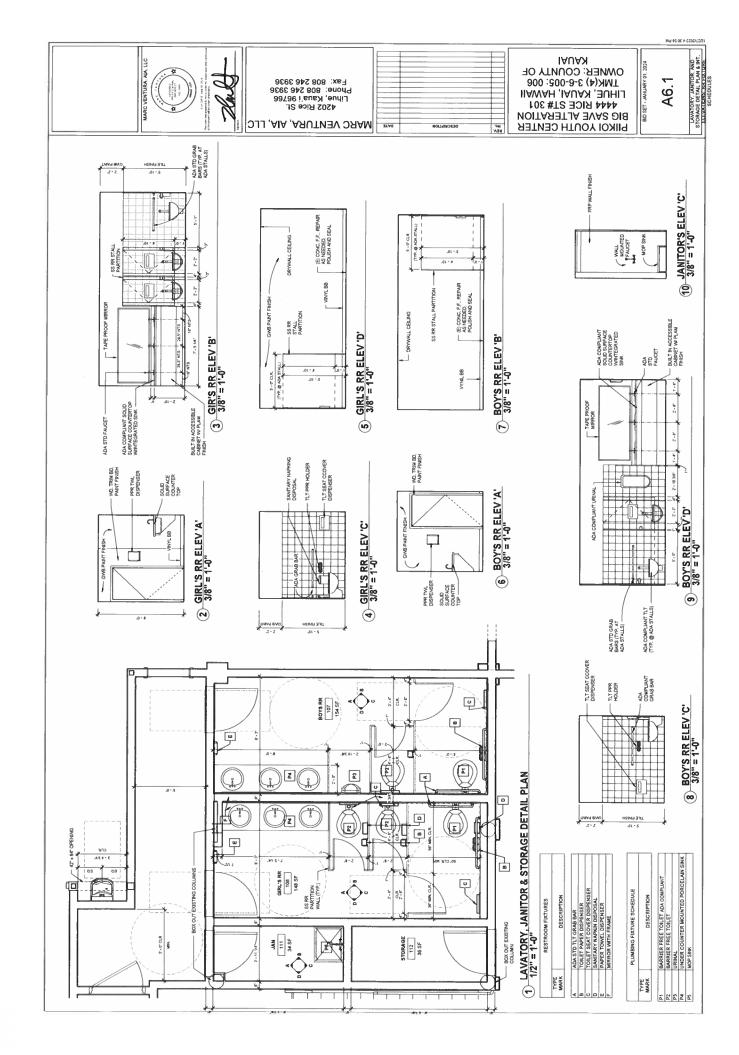
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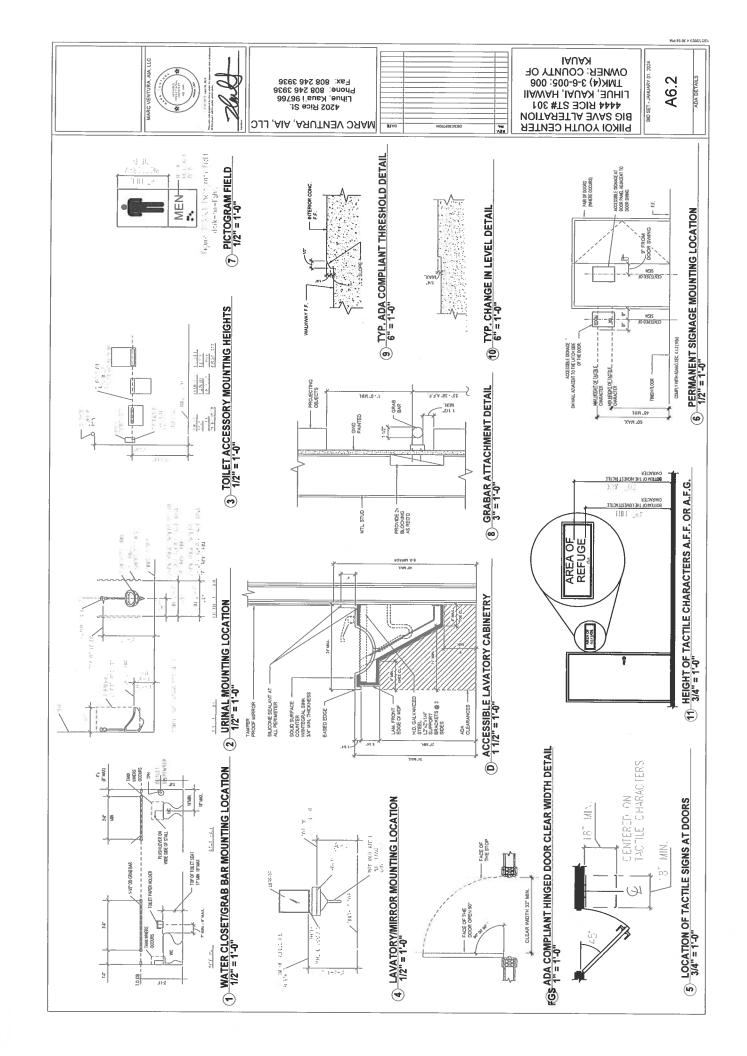
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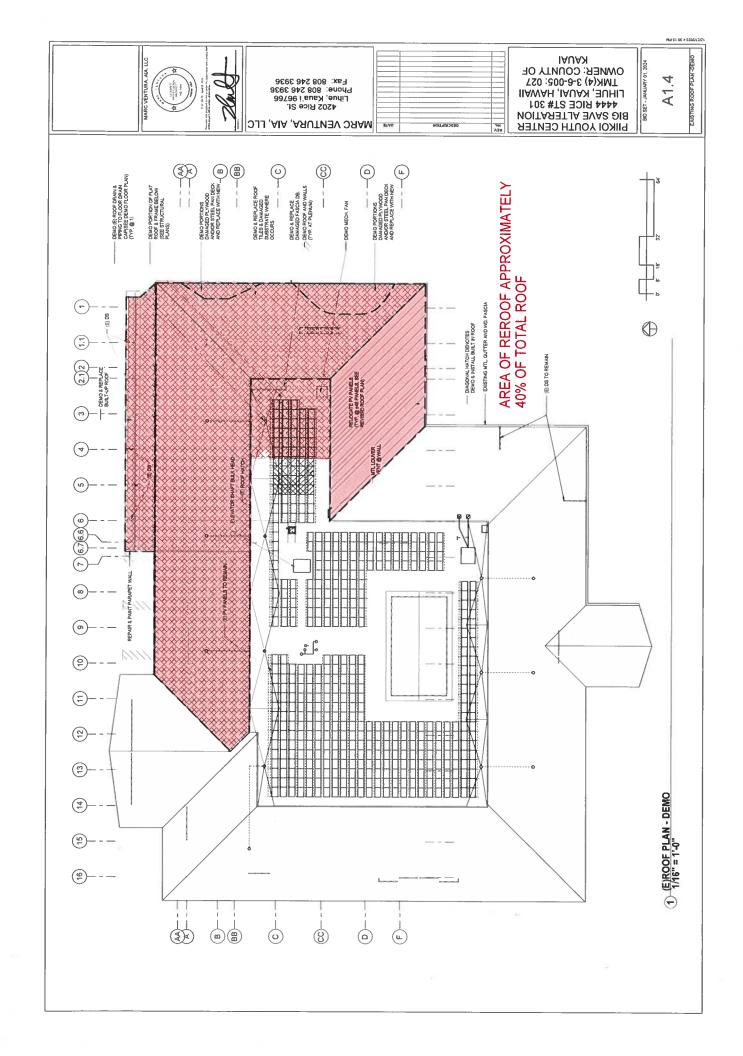
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Kaua'i County Historic Preservation Review Commission (KHPRC)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1) SUMMARY

Action Required by KHPRC:

Consideration of a Class IV Zoning Permit and Use Permit for the proposed conversion and renovation of the former Big Save grocery store to a youth center.

KHPRC action may include the following:

- 1) Support for the project as represented.
- 2) A recommendation that its approval of the project should incorporate conditions of approval.
- 3) A recommendation to consider denial of the permits.
- 4) A recommendation to defer action on the permits.

2) PROJECT INFORMATION

Permit Numbers	HPRC-2024-9 Class IV Zoning Permit Z-IV-2024-XX Use Permit U-2024-XX Building Permit BP-2024-537				
Parcel Location:	Līhuʻe, Kauaʻi				
Tax Map Key(s):	(4) 3-6-005:027	Area:	1.5369 Acres 66,947 sq. ft.		
LAND	USE DESIGNATIONS 8	k VALU	ES		
Zoning:	SPA-G Overlay Zoning/ C-G Underlay Zoning				
State Land Use District:	Urban				
General Plan Designation:	Neighborhood Center				
Owner(s)/ Applicant:	County of Kauaʻi				

3) PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The Applicant, the County of Kaua'i, is proposing to convert and renovate the former Big Save grocery store space into a youth center. The proposed scope of work will involve both interior and exterior alterations to the existing building. The interior work will include renovating the existing space and improving the existing mezzanine area for future tenant improvements.

Some of the exterior improvements include the following:

- Addition of a new clerestory roof on top of the existing roof
- Removal of a portion of the existing flat roof
- Reroof a portion of the building to address roof damage and leaking.
 Proposed roof tile will be a clay shingle to replace the existing composite tile roof material.
- Opening up the Eiwa street side of the building with the addition of hurricane resistant and energy efficient storefront windows and doors.

A full detailed list of the interior and exterior improvements are contained within the Applicant's cover letter and the building permit construction plans. The Applicant has also provided conceptual plans as part of their application to help provide a better visual of what the proposed improvements will look like.

4) PROJECT HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The Līhu'e Civic Center is historically known as the original retail and commerce hub for Līhu'e Town. Over the last century, the built environment of this area drastically transformed from a simple, plantation commercial town to a thriving mall campus, formerly known as the Līhu'e Shopping Center. Today, the former mall buildings continue to be used by the County of Kaua'i as a centralized operation of government services. The following below provides some background history about the overall parcels that make up the Līhu'e Civic Center and provides some information about the history of uses in the **project area**- the former Big Save building that is the subject of this proposed application.

The Beginnings of Līhu'e Town (Plantation Days Era)

The development of Līhu'e Town, which centered around the mill, included general retail and commercial activities that were once located within the project area. During the early 1900s, the Līhu'e Town Center had a much simpler development pattern with smaller buildings that were oriented along the original Kūhiō Highway (Griffin, 2014). Reinforced concrete buildings, such as the Līhu'e Store, its warehouse, and the original Tip Top building, were major structures located within the project area and frequented by residents (Griffin, 2014). The

original locations of these early buildings are provided in the attached Exhibit A map and taken from Griffin's (2014) book.

1960s- Līhu'e Shopping Center (Mall Era)

However, by the 1960s the Līhu'e Plantation landowners envisioned a more modern town core (Griffin, 2014). Their vision for Līhu'e Town included dramatic plans to demolish the existing town center to make space for a mall development-a new type of shopping center that started to emerge with suburban development trends (Griffin, 2014). The attached Exhibit A provides a map of what buildings were demolished (Līhu'e Store and Tip top) and what new buildings were added as part of the new shopping center development (Griffin, 2014). It should also be noted that the Hawaiian Telecom building, which remains today, is one of the original buildings within the project area that did not get demolished for the new shopping center development (Griffin, 2014).

The conceptual plans for the new shopping center were designed by architect John Graham, Jr. who was known for his Seattle space needle design and his design of the Ala Moana Shopping Center in Honolulu (Griffin, 2014). Aspects such as the uniqueness of the Rotunda building and the use of native coral rock for exterior siding were character defining features and architectural styles synonymous with Graham's designs (Griffin, 2014).

Līhu'e Plantation owned the subject property until 1974 when they sold some of its landholdings to HRT, Ltd., Harry Weinberg Company (Griffin, 2014). The project area was developed in the 1960s as Phase I of the Līhu'e Shopping Center development and was occupied by several businesses over the years (Griffin, 2014). Between 1964-1967, the project area was known as the Food Center and was adjacent to the main department store (Griffin, 2014). By 1967, Foodland occupied the space until Big Save grocery store moved in (Griffin, 2014). In more recent times, the project area is known as the former Big Save grocery store that was centrally located in Līhu'e Town. Big Save was a one-stop shop for groceries, meats, fresh produce, and other general goods. Historical photos of the previous businesses are attached as Exhibit B and provided courtesy of the Kaua'i Historical Society along with photos collected from other sources.

1987- County of Kaua'i (Civic Center Era)

In 1987, the County of Kaua'i purchased the former Līhu'e Shopping Center from HRT, LTD., Harry Weinberg Company (Griffin, 2014). The County of Kaua'i renovated and converted the former mall into government offices. The project area continued as a retail use until Times Supermarket bought out Big Save stores in 2011 and decided to shut down the Līhu'e Civic Center location because of its

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proximity to the Līhu'e Times Supermarket at the Kukui Grove Shopping Center (Gomes, 2011).

5) ZONING PERMIT HISTORY

The Department has identified some of the zoning permits that the Department maintains and that are associated with the project area. The table of zoning permits below should not be construed as comprehensive, but rather a representative sampling and summary of the types of improvements that have occurred over the years. It should be noted that there were no OEP (Hurricane Iniki) permits for this area.

In summary, the zoning permits that were analyzed show that there have been several exterior alterations and additions to the project area, primarily on the Hardy Street and Eiwa Street sides of the building. Such alterations are apparent in the plans available for 1974 (Foodland), 1977 (Foodland), 1982 (Foodland), 1988 (Big Save), and 2019 (COK).

Year	Permit Number	Applicant	Description
1963	Variance #86	Līhu'e Plantation Co., LTD.	Department Store and Food Market (Phase I of the Līhu'e Shopping Center)
1974	Z-56-1974	Foodland Supermarket	Alteration of a portion of the interior of market and addition of storage room attached to the building (on the Eiwa Street side).
1977	Z-99-1977	Foodland Supermarket	New Market Extension (to the Hardy Street side of the building)
1982	Z-459-1982	Foodland Supermarket	Improvement- Addition to the existing store (addition and renovation for the liquor storage and produce prep within the existing fenced in prep area).

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TMK: (4) 3-6-005:027

Class IV Zoning Permit Z-XX-2024

Use Permit U-2024-XX **Building Permit BP-2024-537**

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90		1	Scope of work to take place in an existing fenced area attached to the Eiwa Street side of the building.
1982	Z-525-1982	Foodland Supermarket	Interior Renovations and Addition (Permit notes that there is a new entrance along Hardy Street).
1988	Z-453-1988	Big Save	Construction of Storage Addition (to the Eiwa Street side of the building)
2006	Z-1148-2006	County of Kaua'i	Offices Work force initiative project.
2013	Z-472-2013	County of Kauaji	Abatement of existing asbestos containing floor tiles, mastic, gypboard, and light fixtures w/ hazmat ballast.
2019	Z-502-2019	County of Kaua'i	Demolition permit to remove an existing storage rooms, existing exterior CMU columns, existing fencing, and concrete ramps on the Eiwa Street side of the building.

The subject property is also mentioned as part of the following plans:

- Līhu'e Town Core Urban Design Plan (2010)
- Līhu'e Community Plan (2015)

6) TRIGGER FOR KHPRC REVIEW

Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §6E-2 defines "Historic property" as "any building, structure, object, district, area, or site, including heiau and underwater site, which is over fifty years old."

Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 13 defines "Significant Historic Property" as "any historic property that meets the criteria" for listing on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places under HAR 275-6(b) or HAR 2846(b).

Site/Building/Structure/Object <u>IS NOT</u> Listed on the National or State Historic Register.

The subject property is <u>NOT</u> located in a Historic District.

The subject property and the structures <u>ARE</u> over 50 years old and <u>ARE</u> by law defined as a "historic property."

The subject property <u>IS NOT</u> included on the KHPRC inventory list. The KHPRC inventory list was updated in 2012 for the Līhu'e properties; however, the subject property was not yet 50 years of age during the time of the inventory update.

The subject property is also surrounded by other significant historic properties such as the Kaua'i Museum, Līhu'e Civic Center Historic District, the GTE Hawaiian Telecom Building, and the Līhu'e Post Office building.

7) CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE HAWAI'I REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Pursuant to HAR Section 13-198-8, in deciding whether a property should be entered and ordered into the Hawai'i Register, the Review Board shall evaluate whether the property meets or possesses, individually or in combination, the following criteria or characteristics:

- (1) The quality of significance in Hawaiian history, architecture, archeology, and culture, which is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:
 - (A) That are associated with *events* that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of our American or Hawaiian history.
 - (B) That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
 - (C) That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or

that possess high artistic value, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

- (D) That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- (2) Environmental impact, i.e., whether the preservation of the building, site, structure, district, or object significantly enhances the environmental quality of the State;
- (3) The social, cultural, educational, and recreational value of the building, site, structure, district, or object, when preserved, presented, or interpreted, contributes significantly to the understanding and enjoyment of the history and culture of Hawai'i, the pacific area, or the nation.

Pursuant to the above criteria, the existing building may be eligible for listing:

(E) That are associated with *events* that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of our American or Hawaiian history.

The project area may be historically significant as being a retail center for Līhu'e Town and for the rest of the island during the plantation period as well as the 1960s-1980 time period. The project area may be eligible as properties associated with a pattern of events that broadly represent the commercial growth and development of Līhu'e town.

(F) That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

The subject property is not likely to be significantly associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

(G)That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic value, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The subject property may be eligible for listing through Criteria C by meeting the following:

- Embodying distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction
 - The project area is representative of land use patterns and architectural designs that are in keeping with mall developments that became popular after WWII.
- o Represents the work of a master.
 - The project area was designed by architect John Graham, Jr. who was known for his famous Space Needle design and other mall developments. In particular, the unique design and shape of the Rotunda along with the coral rock exterior siding were Graham's signature style that he integrated into the Līhu'e Shopping Center design (Griffin, 2014).
- Represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
 - Overall, this project area, along with other contributing buildings, may represent a significant and distinguishable entity as the former Līhu'e Shopping Center. Together, they may be eligible as a historic district.
- (H) That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

The subject property is not likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Although the project area may be eligible for listing to the register as an individual building under Criteria A and Criteria C, the subject building may qualify better as a contributing building under a new historic district that may encompass the former Līhu'e Shopping Center buildings. More analysis and research would be needed to determine if such a historic district would be significant and eligible for listing to the National or State Register of Historic Places. If not under a new historic district, then it could be integrated as part of the existing Līhu'e Civic Center Historic District, which is currently listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places. The existing historic district includes the old courthouse, the County Council building, the County Lawn, and the County annex building.

8) EVALUATION OF HISTORIC INTEGRITY

Based on the Department's review of zoning permits and analysis of historical photos, the Department has determined that the project area has undergone several exterior alterations and additions. As represented in the zoning permit history, most of the exterior alterations have involved the removal of accessory structures or the addition of accessory structures that were attached to the existing building at either the Hardy Street and Eiwa Street side of the building.

From a materials standpoint, it appears that the existing exterior siding of the building, facing Eiwa Street Side, may be the original siding material that matches historical photos of the Food Center in the 1960s. It also appears through later zoning permits that the Hardy Street façade of the building changed with Foodland's market extension in 1977. Even though there could be grounds to say that some aspects of the design and maybe materials may be diminished, it could be argued that other aspects of historic integrity such as the overall design, location, setting, feeling, and association have been retained.

9) DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION

Based on the information available, the proposed improvements could be perceived as having an effect on the historic property, especially if the building was to be nominated as part of a historic district. Although some portions of the building may have been modified and altered over the years, it has still retained other aspects of historic integrity that still make it recognizable as the former Līhu'e Shopping Center.

As represented by the Applicant, the clerestory roof addition was proposed to bring in natural light into the space. Alternative designs that were considered by the Applicant included eliminating the clerestory roof addition or proposing an open-air exterior courtyard. However, these alternative designs were not selected for various reasons including drainage issues, security issues, and lack of lighting issues. The Department understands the need for natural light and ventilation of the building and therefore hopes the commission can provide comments to help mitigate that clerestory roof addition through design considerations.

10) RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing evaluation, the Planning Department recommends that the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission **provide comments and design feedback about the proposed project.**

The Commission is further advised that this report does not represent the Planning Department's final recommendation in view of the forthcoming public hearing process whereby the entire record should be considered prior to decision making. The entire record includes but is not limited to:

- a. Government agency comments;
- b. Testimony from the general public and interested others; and

c. The land owner's response.

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Deputy Director of Planning

Date:

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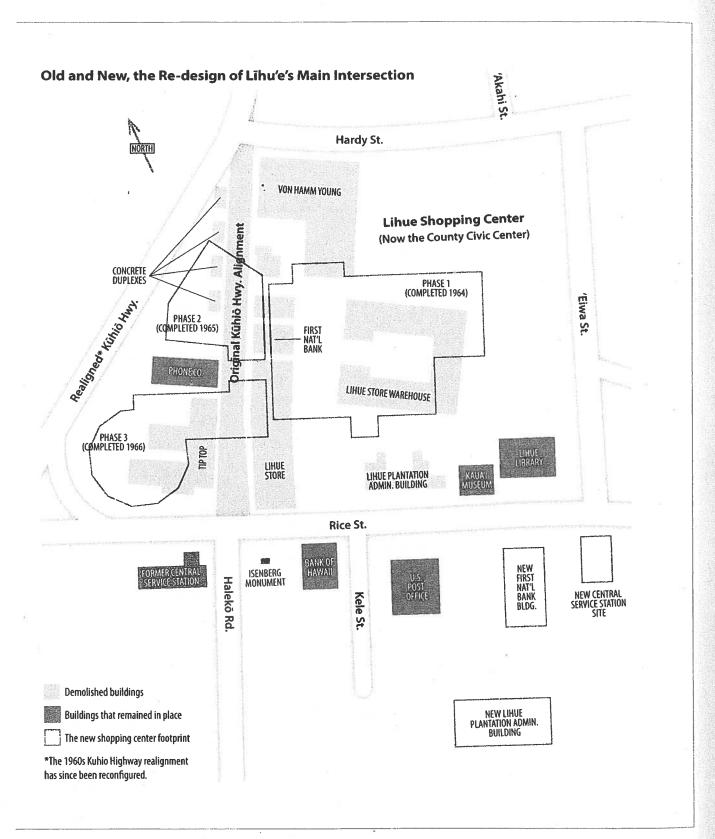
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EXHIBIT "A"

Map of Old Lihue Town vs. Lihue Shopping Center

Source:

Griffin, P. L. (2014). *Līhu'e : root and branch of a Hawai'i town*. Kaua'i Historical Society. p. 76.



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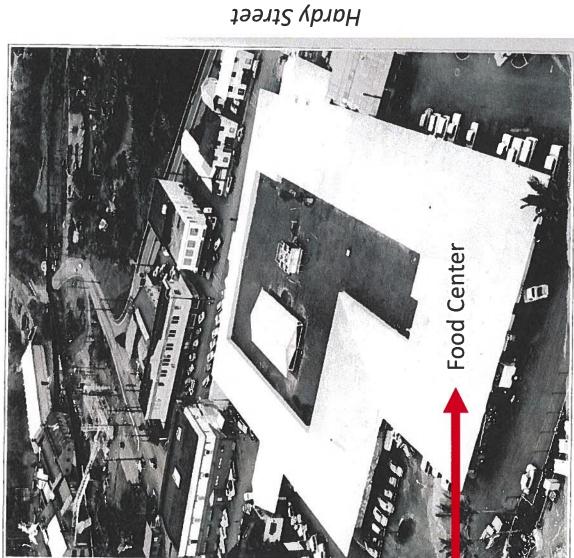
Historical Photos of the Project Area Exhibit B

Source Material:

- Courtesy of the Kaua'i Historical Society with special acknowledgements to Commissioner Gately
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The Lihu'e Shopping Center Phase I (est. 1960s):

Source: (Griffin, 2014, p. 80) with notations added



Eiwa Street

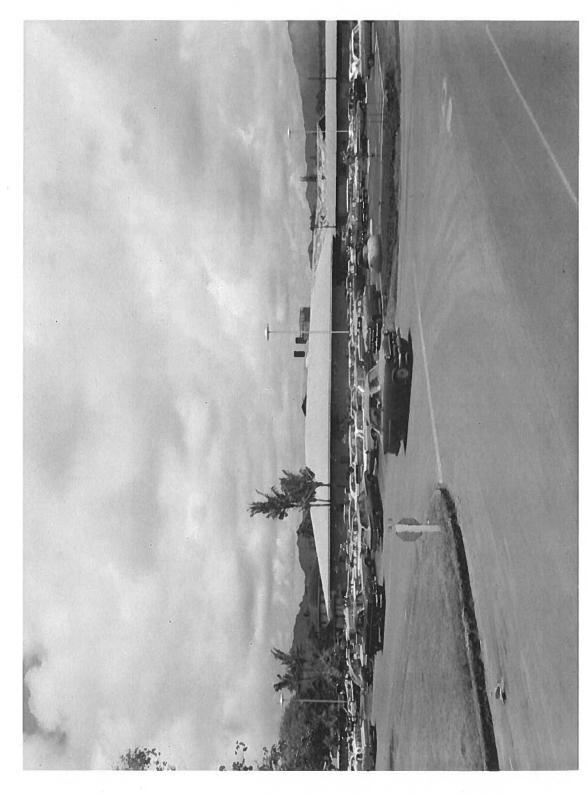
The Lihu'e Shopping Center Phase I (est. 1960s):



Source: Kaua'i Historical Society (Līhu'e 10e)

The Lihu'e Food Center (est. 1960s):

Intersection of Hardy and Eiwa Street



Source: Kaua'i Historical Society (Līhu'e 7b Eiwa Street)

The Lihu'e Food Center (est. 1960s):

Hardy Street View of Building



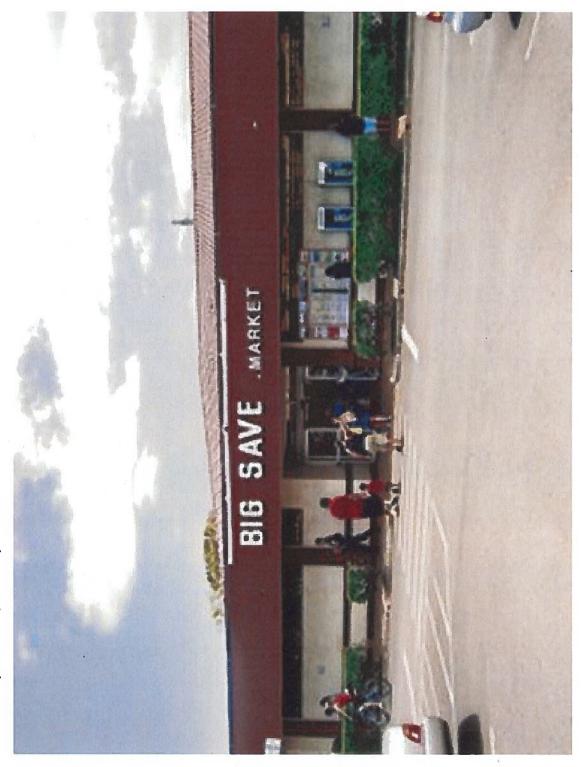
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The Lihu'e Food Center (est. 1960s)



Source: Kaua'i Historical Society (Līhu'e 4a Food Center)

Big Save Market Source: (Gomes, 2011)





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> Subject: Preliminary Conceptual Plans for the Proposed Demolition and Reconstruction of a Commercial Building on 4460 Ahukini Road

> > Tax Map Keys: (4) 3-7-001:034 portion of and (4) 3-7-001:033

Property Address: 4460 and 4480 Ahukini Road

Līhu'e, Hawai'i

Dear Ms. Valenciano:

Group 70 International, Inc. dba G70 ("G70") is assisting the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation (HJWF) to evaluate the future potential of their properties at 4460 and 4480 Ahukini Road. The two-story commercial building at 4480 Ahukini Road, known by some as Kuhn's House, is estimated to have been built between 1920 and 1930. As it was constructed more than 50 years old, it is considered a "historic property" as defined by HRS Chapter 6E. The structure, however, is not on the national or state register of historic properties.

We understand that this project is subject to review by the Kauai Historic Preservation Review Commission (KHPRC) and (potentially) the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Therefore, HJWF is seeking the Commission's feedback early in its design process.

On behalf of HJWF, Ryan Gilbert and I (Rene Matsumura) are requesting an audience with the Commission to share a preliminary proposal for the redevelopment of this site. HJWF is considering demolishing the existing structure and building a similar building on the adjacent site, 4460 Ahukini Road.

The existing structure has identified a need for improvements including but not limited to the replacement of doors and windows, replacement of plumbing, electrical work, and repair to the structure where termite and moisture damage to the structure was observed. Approximately 40% of the exterior surfaces need repair or replacement as a result of water or termite damage. In addition, the the permit for such work would trigger a new wastewater infrastructure for the property which is currently served by a cesspool. There is no sewer lateral to the property.

A repair and improvement cost estimate was conducted by a contractor in 2022. The estimated cost to repair the structure was \$1.5 million, the wastewater improvements mentioned above were not included in that estimate and would be an additional expense to the project. HJWF is a non-profit organization and cannot use tax credits to offset the cost of improvements to the structure.

HJWF is proposing the reconstruction of a building similar in massing and character. A new purpose-built commercial building that would have more viable commercial spaces is essential to the success of the parcel as a commercial property. The irregular spaces within the current structure, the lack of sewer capacity, and the ADA-inaccessible second-story spaces make the current structure a challenge to lease.

A report of Initial Findings and Observations of the building is provided in addition to some photos and plan exhibits. We will be pleased to answer any immediate questions about the project that the Commission may have at the upcoming meeting, and/or to provide additional detailed information if and as requested at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Ryan and I look forward to meeting with you and the Commission on May 16, 2024 to discuss our project. If you have any questions or require additional information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,

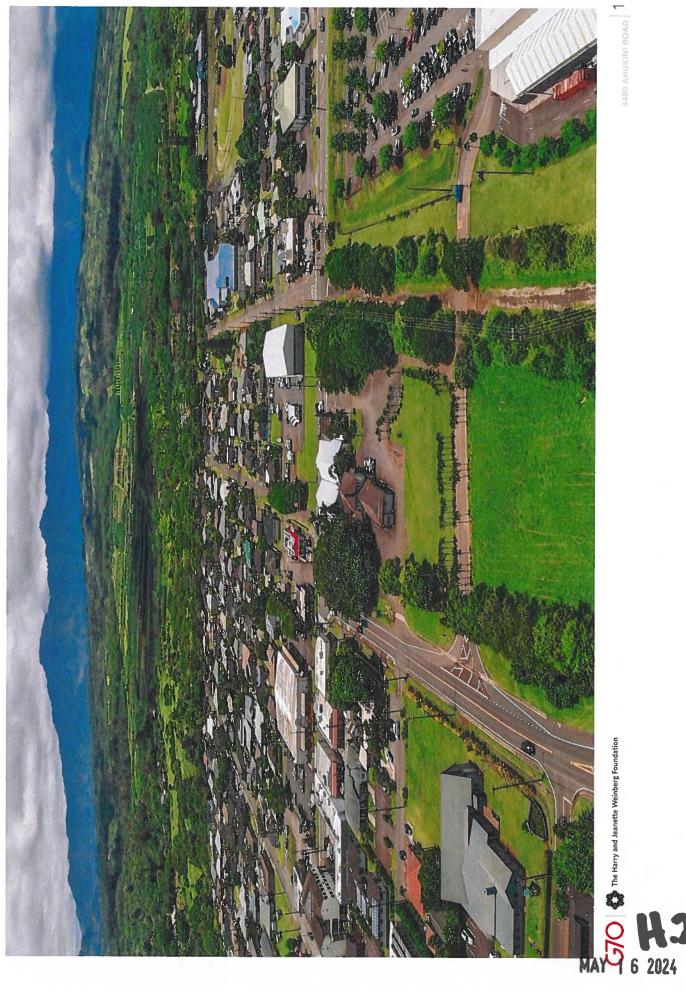
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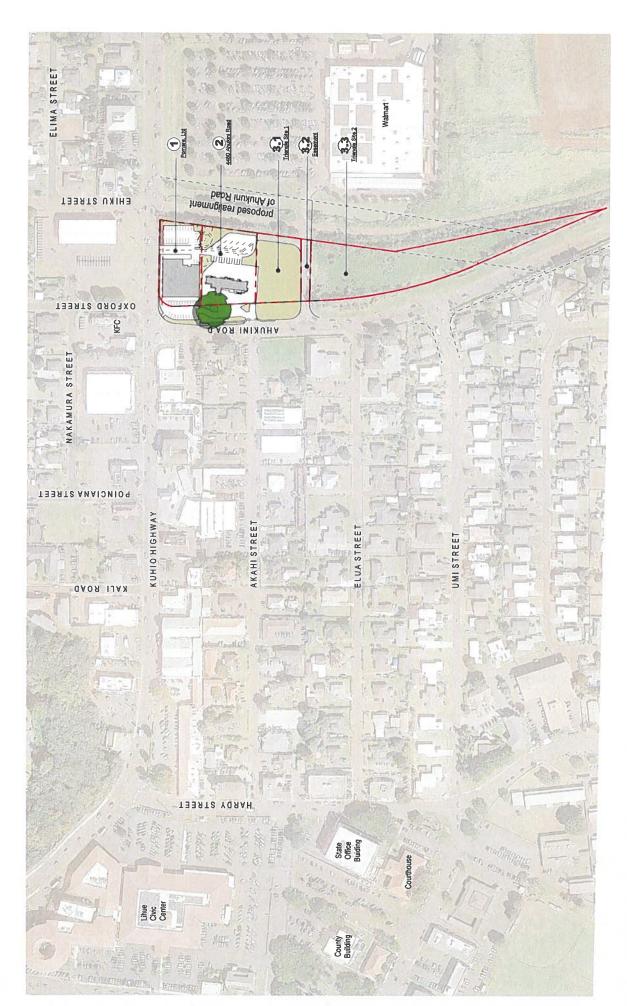
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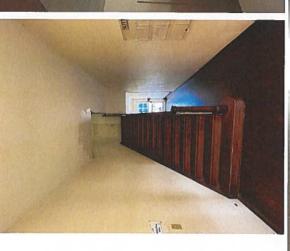


















Kamani Center "Kuhns House" 4480 Ahukini Street, Lihue, HI

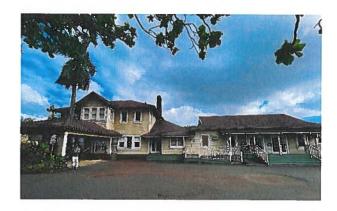
Initial Findings & Observations

Prepared by: Laurel Margerum

Date: March 18, 2024

Builder: Lihue Plantation Company

Approximate Year of Construction: 1920-1930



1. Chain of Title & Property History:

The land on which the Kamani Center sits was granted to Victoria Kamamalu, a granddaughter to King Kamehameha, as part of a larger parcel of 51,000 acres during the Great Mahele in 1848.

Kamamalu and her father Mataio Kekuanaoa sold 2,000 of these acres in Lihue to Henry A. Pierce and Company in 1849. Pierce and Company became Lihue Plantation Company in 1859.² The first Lihue Plantation mill sat in the Nawiliwili Stream valley. The plantation added 300 acres at Ahukini in 1866 and 17,000 acres at Hanamaulu in 1872.³ Presumably, the land which included the Kamani Center parcel was purchased in either the 1849 Lihue or 1872 Hanamaulu sale. The mill at Hanamaulu was constructed in 1878 but consolidated into the larger Lihue mill at Nawiliwili in 1920.

The land on which the Kamani Center sits was owned by Lihue Plantation Company until TMK 3-7-001:033 was sold to HRT Realty, the present owner. The deed is dated August 31, 1984, but references an earlier "unrecorded agreement of sale" dated March 29, 1974. Presumably, HRT Realty took possession of the Kamani Center building in 1974.

The Kamani Center lot was carved from a larger lot of sugar cane land owned by Lihue Plantation Company that is TMK 3-7-001:001 and currently about 350 undeveloped acres. This parcel of land was sold out of Lihue Plantation Company ownership in 2000. In the 1974 sale, Weinberg purchased the Kamani Center lot, referenced as lot number 2, and lot number 3, located directly to the east along Ahukini Road and another carve-out of the larger Lihue Plantation parcel. Lot 3 contained quite a few plantation buildings into at least the mid-1960s as evidenced by aerial photography (Figure 1). These buildings had been demolished by about 1972 according to later aerial photography (Figure 2).

¹ Pat L. Griffin, *Lihue: Root and Branch of a Hawaii Town*, (Lihue: Kauai Historical Society, 2014). ² Ibid.

³ Deborah Saito and Susan Campbell, "Lihue Plantation Company History," Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Association Plantation Archives at University of Hawaii at Manoa, accessed March 15, 2024, https://www2.hawaii.edu/~speccoll/p_lihue.html.



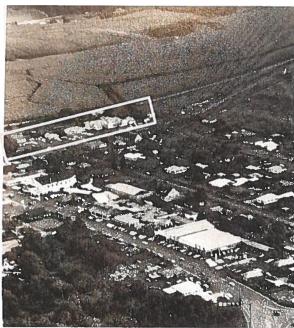


Figure 1: C. 1965 aerial view of Lihue. Kamani Center and other Lihue Plantation Company buildings are indicated by rectangle. Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association via Griffin, 2014.





Figure 2: C. 1972 aerial view of Lihue. Kamani Center is indicated by rectangle. Image is undated but the circled house under construction in the foreground was built in 1972 according to county property records. George Bacon Collection at the State Archives:

https://digitalarchives.hawaii.gov/resources/images/ark_70111_1wmC.0.jpeg.



2. Approximate Construction & Changes to the Kamani Center

An exact date of construction for the Kamani Center could not be determined through preliminary research; however, the building is stylistically consistent with a building constructed in the 1920s. The Kauai County online property records list an approximate date of construction as 1929, which is likely within the correct decade of the date of construction considering the style of the house. Furthermore, prosperity in the sugar industry drove upgrading of plantation housing during the 1920s and 1930s.⁴

The original form of the building likely consisted of the central two-story portion, port cochere, western wing, and potentially a screened porch to the east of the central portion. The design features a light colonial revival spin on traditional plantation style with simple sidelights around the main entry and deep, exposed eaves. Typical plantation style features evident in the design of the Kamani Center include wood clapboard siding, a shingled hipped roof, lava rock column and wood trim. The one-over-one wood windows of the Kamani Center are more recent replacements, and the original wood windows would likely have featured a six-over-six division of light.

The deep port cochere is also a clue to its period of construction. While port cocheres were



Figure 3: Kamani Center in 1950. *Garden Island*, September 19, 1950.

popular design features prior to the widespread use of the automobile, the depth of this port cochere suggests that the house was built after the popularization of the automobile on Kauai. The first automobile arrived on Kauai in 1907, and there were 1,187 vehicles on the island by 1920.⁵ The design of the port cochere supports a date of construction in the 1920s.

The one-story wing to the west of the main portion of the house is likely original based on the presence of its lava rock chimney which matches the larger main chimney. The eastern additions are clearly done in multiple campaigns. The large easternmost addition is a later building effort. This easternmost wing was not present in an image of the house from 1950 (Figure 3). Aerial photography from approximately 1972 (Figure 2) shows that

⁴ Carol Wilcox, John Wehrheim, and T. K. Kunichika, "The Kauai Album," (Lihue: The Kauai Historical Society, 1981), 102.

⁵ Griffin, p. 224-236.



this latter addition was in existence; however, the porch and wheelchair ramp that are currently attached to this addition were not present in 1972. This imagery shows windows in place of the current double doors in the easternmost wing.

The wing sandwiched between the central two-story portion and the later eastern wing may or may not be original to the building. It may also have been an early compatible addition from the 1930s or 1940s. The image of the house from 1950 (Figure 3) shows that this wing was in existence. It appears to have been a screened porch or at least featured a deeply recessed porch on the south facade. Today, the south façade of this wing has been built out to the top of its concrete steps and features a new door package. The wing's interiors are entirely refinished, making determining an era of construction challenging. Further research will be necessary to sort out a date of construction for this feature.

Information from the Kauai permit records available online:

Online permit records start in the 1990s.

8/18/93—Commercial addition application: 1 story addition, alteration & repair. There is a small bump out on the end of the eastern wing which this could be. May also be the porch and wheelchair ramp.

10/18/16—Commercial alteration: Accent Cuts interior renovations at \$25,000.

Visible Alterations to Central and Western Wings:

- · Replacement windows and exterior doors.
- Replacement railings at front entry.
- At least partial siding replacement.
- Replacement or concealment of original interior finishes including new flooring on the first floor and new, built-out wall finishes and baseboards on the second floor.

Visible Original Features in Central Wing:

- Wood flooring in central hall, stairway, and second story.
- Interior doors.
- Interior trim.
- Fireplace and mantle.
- Stairs and handrail.
- Interior first and second floor layouts.

3. Doctor J M "Jay" Kuhns (1884-1964)

Doctor Kuhns' name is tied in at least oral history to the Kamani Center building, as the building is referred to as Kuhns House on the Kauai Inventory of Historic Properties and seems to be



colloquially known by that name. Since the house was constructed and owned by Lihue Plantation, it is hard to trace the Kuhns' occupancy of it. So far, we have also not come across any records that confirm Kuhns' occupancy officially, and those may or may not exist yet undiscovered in plantation archives available at the University of Manoa or in materials owned by the Kauai Historical Society. Based on available information, we conclude that the home was used to house the plantation's successive doctors, and Kuhns was a notable and lengthy occupant. If the house was built in the 1920s, Kuhns, who served as the Lihue Plantation doctor 1920-1938, would have likely been the first occupant and may have even been involved in its construction. Pat Griffin's 2014 book on the history of Lihue references the building as the "Lihue Plantation physician's home".

Kuhns Family History

J M Kuhns "Jay" was born in North Dakota and moved to the Big Island in 1898 with his family at the age of fourteen. His father moved the family of 3 boys and 5 girls to the Big Island because "North Dakota was getting too crowded."

Medical Career

J M Kuhns attended McKinley High School for one year and was also schooled at the College of Hawaii. He spent six years teaching Hawaiian children in the Waipio Valley. Kuhns attended UH for 2 years in 1909 and received his medical degree from Washington University of St. Louis in 1915. He met his wife Eula Urban while at medical school. Kuhns returned to Hawaii for an internship at Queen's hospital.⁸

Kuhns began his medical career on Kauai in 1916 as a plantation doctor at Kealia Plantation for Makee Sugar Co., succeeding Dr. Hoffman.⁹ In 1917, he became the first visiting physician for Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital (SMMH) and continued to serve as a trustee for SMMH until late in his life.¹⁰ In 1920, he succeeded Dr. Young as the Lihue Plantation physician.¹¹ He worked for Makee Sugar Co. and Lihue Plantation during his plantation career, and was a busy man with many patients on Kauai. Kuhns served as a plantation doctor for 22 years and as the physician for Niihau for 20 years. He entered private practice and retired from Lihue Plantation in 1938.¹² Kuhns opened his new private office "on the lanai side of the Bank of Hawaii in Lihue" on Rice Street.¹³ In later years, Kuhns became the chief of staff of Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Lihue. In 1958 he was awarded Hawaii's General Practitioner of the Year by Hawaii Medical Association.¹⁴ One article refers to him as having "pioneered modern medicine on Kauai."¹⁵

⁶ Griffin. p. 176.

⁷ "Dr. Kuhns Chosen G.P. of Year," Honolulu Advertiser, May 3, 1958.

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⁹ "Dr. Kuhns Arrives," *Garden Island*, November 7, 1916.

¹⁰ Barlow Hardy, "New Hospital Building Opens on Garden Isle," *Honolulu Advertiser*, June 17, 1952.

¹¹ "Dr. E. N. Young Resigns," Garden Island, November 2, 1920.

¹² "Lihue Doctor Resigns," Honolulu Advertiser, September 18, 1938.

¹³ "Dr. Kuhns will open new offices Tuesday," Honolulu Star-Bulletin, October 27, 1938.

¹⁴ G.P. of Year, 1958.

¹⁵ Mary Cooke, "Kauai Greets Hotel, Recalls Old Kalapaki," Honolulu Advertiser, July 4, 1960.



Dr Kuhns seems to have worked right up until his death. One article published late in his life notes that he intended to work indefinitely. ¹⁶ Dr. Kuhns died in 1964.

The Kuhns seem to have had only one daughter, Midge Kuhns, who attended boarding school at Pine Manor in Wellesley and married a boy from Paia, Maui: Frederick Francis Herbert.

Kuhns Homes

The Kuhns family lived in Kealia until 1920 when Jay became the Lihue physician.

In January of 1921, an article mentions that the Kuhns "cottage" is broken into by a young criminal.¹⁷ At the time they lived across from a man named Henry Holi of the road department. The "cottage" is referred to as "belonging" to Kuhns, so it is up to speculation whether in 1921, the Kuhns were living in the Kamani Center as it appears today, elsewhere in Lihue, or in a smaller home preceding the Kamani Center.

Newspaper social notes from the 1930s note that the Kuhns family lived in Lihue.

When Kuhns retired from his job as the Lihue Plantation doctor in 1938, he announced that his family was going to move to their "homestead." ¹⁸ By the end of 1939, the Kuhns family had moved to Wailua Homesteads to a house referred to as "Poliahu" which overlooked Opaika canyon and waterfall. ¹⁹

This house is 5552 Kuamoo Road, Kapaa HI, built 1939.²⁰ This house included a ten-acre orchard of macadamia trees which Dr. Kuhns tended and harvested for commercial profit.²¹

^{16 &}quot;Hawaii pays tribute today to 600 resident doctors," Honolulu Star-Bulletin, March 30, 1960.

¹⁷ "Young Criminal Breaks Parole," Garden Island, January 11, 1921.

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