Docket Item # 3 BAR CASE #2016-00151

BAR Meeting July 6, 2016

ISSUE: Alterations

APPLICANT: Virtue Feed and Grain

LOCATION: 106 South Union Street

ZONE: CD / Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

- 1. The awnings should be attached through the mortar joints to the greatest extent possible and limit damage to the historic brick.
- 2. The existing rooftop HVAC screening that was previously approved by the BAR and the proposed new expansion of the screening must be painted prior to final mechanical inspection.
- 3. No signs are to be permitted on the awnings.
- 4. The awnings must be retracted when the outdoor dining area is not open to customers for use.

GENERAL NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

- 1. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH: Applicants must obtain a stamped copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Demolish PRIOR to applying for a building permit. Contact BAR Staff, Room 2100, City Hall, 703-746-3833, or preservation@alexandriava.gov for further information.
- 2. APPEAL OF DECISION: In accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, if the Board of Architectural Review denies or approves an application in whole or in part, the applicant or opponent may appeal the Board's decision to City Council on or before 14 days after the decision of the Board.
- 3. COMPLIANCE WITH BAR POLICIES: All materials must comply with the BAR's adopted policies unless otherwise specifically approved.
- 4. BUILDING PERMITS: Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (<u>including signs</u>). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.
- 5. EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE: In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.
- 6. HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDITS: Applicants performing extensive, certified rehabilitations of historic properties may separately be eligible for state and/or federal tax credits. Consult with the <u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR)</u> prior to initiating any work to determine whether the proposed project may qualify for such credits.



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I. <u>ISSUE</u>

The applicant is requesting approval to install three substantial retractable awnings above the first floor outdoor dining area. The awnings will extend approximately 11'- 6" into the portion of Wales Alley used by the restaurant as part of a License Agreement with the City to use a portion of the public way for outdoor dining. The three retractable awnings will be aligned with each set of operable doors on the north elevation of the first floor. Additionally, the applicant is requesting to add a new beam trolley and hoist on the existing three beams above the second story openings, also on the north elevation.

The proposed retractable awnings are a significant reduction from the previously approved concept for a continuous glass canopy, and raised wood deck, shown below.



Figure 1. Previously approved scheme for deck and canopy on north elevation in Wales Alley.

The applicant is also requesting to extend the existing rooftop mechanical screen to further screen an existing exhaust hood that is proposed to be replaced and enlarged.

II. HISTORY

The existing two-story rectangular brick warehouse at 106 South Union Street was constructed between **1912 and 1921** according to Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. In 2005, a very brief Historic Structures Report for 106 South Union Street was written by Derek Manning. According to this report, the warehouse and store at 106 South Union Street was constructed in 1916 by the Hunt and Roberts Feed and Grain Company. Prior to the construction of the existing building, earlier Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, the G. M. Hopkins City Atlas of Alexandria from 1877, and 19th century deed and tax records depict a warehouse with a similar footprint at this location. In 1962, the building was sold and converted into a retail establishment, a use which continued until Olson's Books vacated the property several years ago. In 2010, the building was

converted into the current restaurant (BAR Case #2010-00171, 00172, & 00173, 7/21/10). On March 16, 2016, the BAR approved the conversion of a window to an air intake louver on the north elevation and a change to the previously approved plans for the elements on Wales Alley (BAR Case #2016-00042). Also in March 2016, the City entered into a License Agreement with the property owner to use approximately 1379 square feet of Wales Alley for outdoor dining, in accordance with the restaurant's Special Use Permit.

Despite numerous alterations over time, the existing early 20th century brick warehouse building retains a significant degree of historic integrity in regard to location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and is one of the few remaining buildings representing the historic industrial character of Alexandria's early 20th century waterfront.

Wales Alley is representative of the historic mid-block alley patterns along the waterfront. The alleys served as drainage swales for the large warehouse roofs as well as fire separation from other warehouses. The *G. M. Hopkins City Atlas of Alexandria* from 1877 illustrates the many alleys amid the warehouses that ran east/west from Union Street to The Strand.

III. ANALYSIS

The *Design Guidelines* state that awnings should be appropriate and sympathetic to the historical style of the building to which they are attached", "the color should be appropriate", and "awnings should not overwhelm or obscure the architecture and decorative features." While this building would never have historically had awnings like this on a north elevation, staff notes that they are appropriately located and simply designed awnings that signal the conversion of the building from a warehouse to a restaurant use. The proposed retractable awnings are similar to the awnings at the former Bittersweet restaurant and at the Catholic Bookstore on King Street. They are relatively open in appearance and, because the awnings are retractable and a reversible element, they will continue to reflect the current, more open condition that the alley dining area has, allowing the area to convey the sense of this space as a historic through-block alley to the waterfront. The Google Streetview image in Figure 2 shows the current, more open condition. Staff recommends that the BAR require that the awnings be retracted daily and seasonally when the outdoor dining area is not open to customers for use.

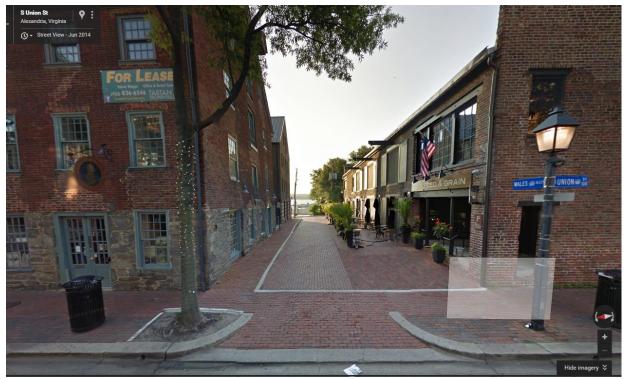


Figure 2. View of Virtue (right side) and outdoor dining configuration in Wales Alley, looking east to Potomac River.

The applicant's awning attachment detail indicates that part of the hardware will be installed directly into the brick instead of through the mortar joints as the BAR regularly requires. Staff recommends that the applicant continue to pursue an option that will only go through the mortar joint, or, if it must be through the brick that the installation be as minimally obtrusive to the brick as possible. Staff notes that signage on the awnings is not appropriate.

Additionally, staff has no objection to the extension of the existing rooftop HVAC screening across the roof to screen the proposed expanded exhaust hood. Staff notes that the previously approved HVAC screening has not been painted yet and requires that it be painted as soon as possible.

Therefore, staff recommends approval with the conditions noted above.

STAFF

Catherine K. Miliaras, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C- code requirement R- recommendation S- suggestion F- finding

Zoning Comments

C-1. Area for outdoor dining must conform to area approved under executed license agreement GEN16-02150.

Code Administration

No comments received.

Transportation and Environmental Services

that will be required.

- R1. Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)
- R2. No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on the plan. (T&ES)
- F1. Previously reviewed under [BAR2015-00042] (T&ES)
- F2. After review of the information provided, an approved grading plan is not required at this time. Please note that if any changes are made to the plan it is suggested that T&ES be included in the review. (T&ES)
- F3. If the alley located at the rear of the parcel is to be used at any point of the construction process the following will be required:

 For a Public Alley The applicant shall contact T&ES, Construction Permitting & Inspections at (703) 746-4035 to discuss any permits and accommodation requirements
 - <u>For a Private Alley</u> The applicant must provide proof, in the form of an affidavit at a minimum, from owner of the alley granting permission of use. (T&ES)
- F4. The requested additions are not categorized as significant improvements and will not impact the floodplain. The awnings should be adequately adhered to the building and retracted during storm events. (Floodplain)
- C1. The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)
- C2. The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)

- C3. Roof, surface and sub-surface drains be connected to the public storm sewer system, if available, by continuous underground pipe. Where storm sewer is not available applicant must provide a design to mitigate impact of stormwater drainage onto adjacent properties and to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services. (Sec.5-6-224) (T&ES)
- C4. All secondary utilities serving this site shall be placed underground. (Sec. 5-3-3) (T&ES)
- C5. Any work within the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)
- C6. All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be city standard design. (Sec. 5-2-1) (T&ES)

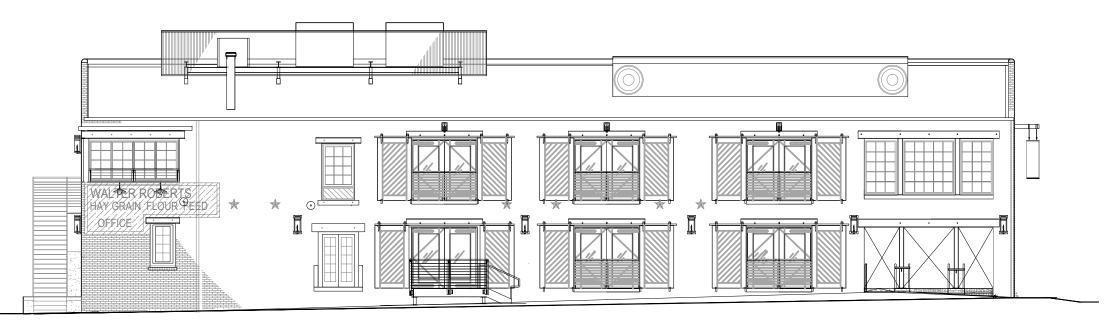
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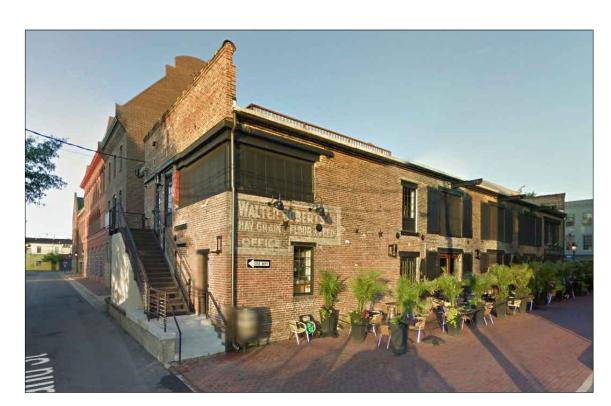
V. ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Supplemental Materials
- 2 Application for BAR 2016-0151: 106 South Union Street

Attachment #1



WALES ALLEY ELEVATION — EXISTING 3/32"=1'-0"



2 EXISTING REAR WINDOW - PHOTO

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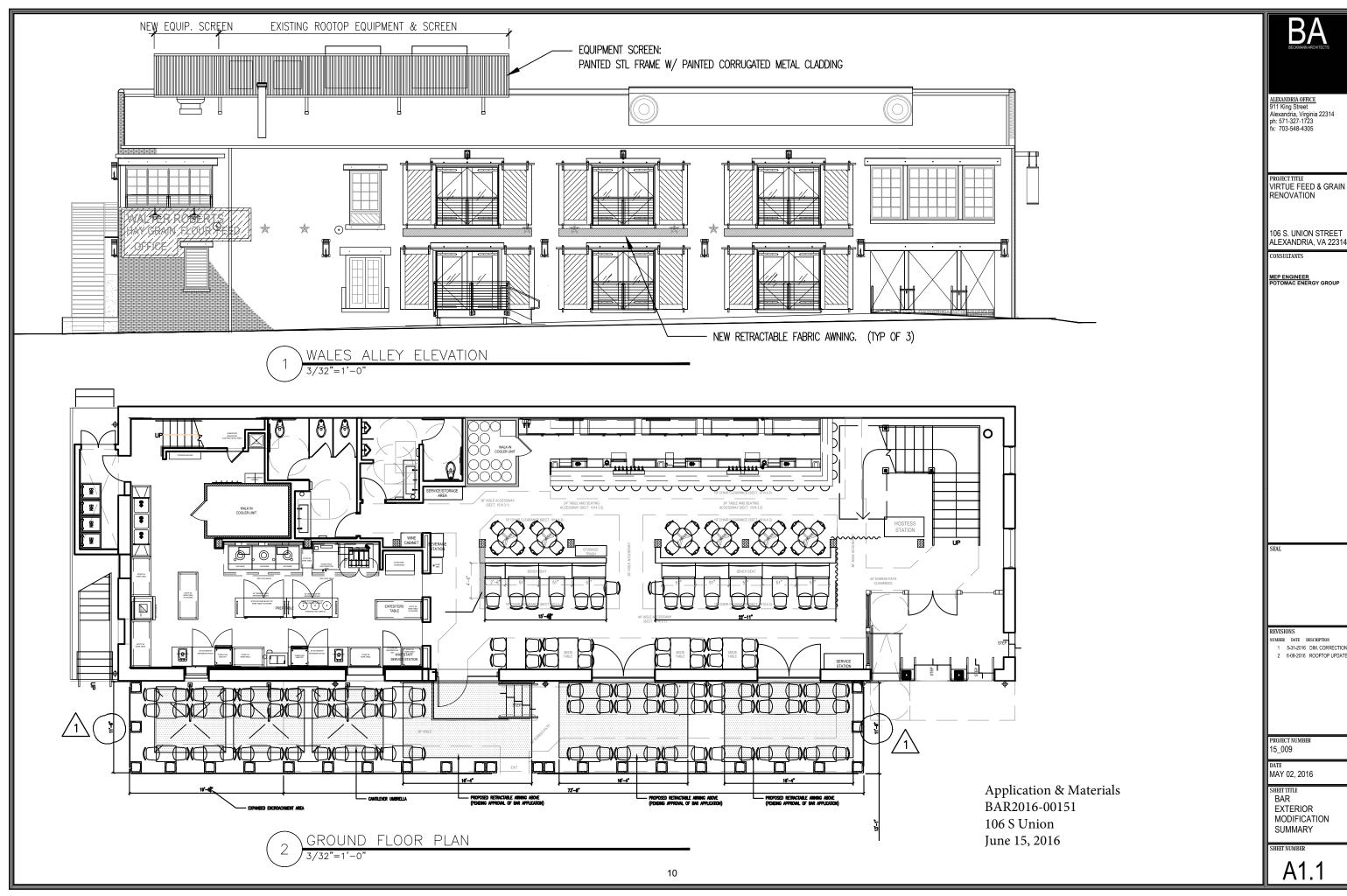
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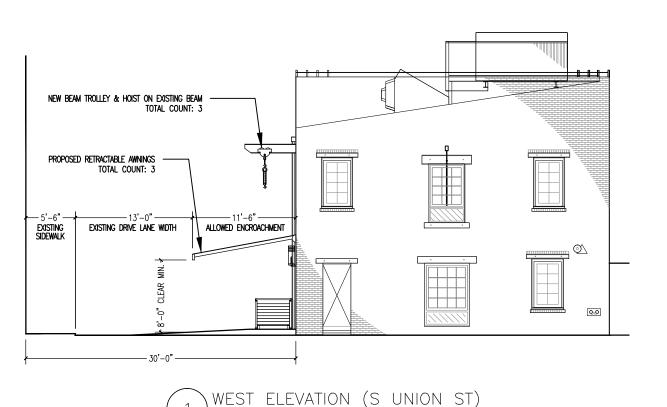
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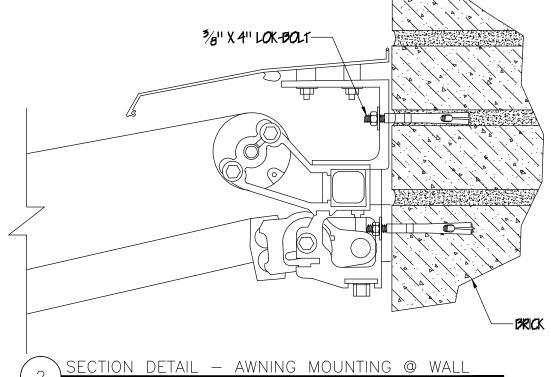
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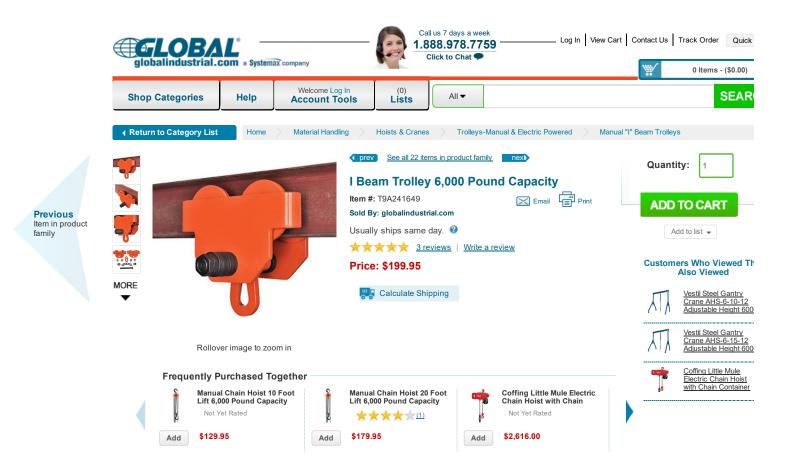
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"I" BEAM TROLLEY

Adjusts to fit width of beam. Self-aligning frame and ball bearing wheels. Usable on straight or curved track. 1 Year Limited Warranty.

Product Specifications		
CAPACITY LBS	6000	
COLOR FINISH	Orange	
ASSEMBLY	Unassembled	
BEAM WIDTH INCHES	3 to 8	
BRAND	Global Industrial	
CONSTRUCTION	Steel	
HEAD ROOM INCHES	8.5	
HOOK OPENING INCHES	1.77	
LIMITED WARRANTY	1 Year	
WEIGHT LBS	40	
WHEEL DIAMETER INCHES	4-1/4 on Track (Inside); 5-1/2 Outside	

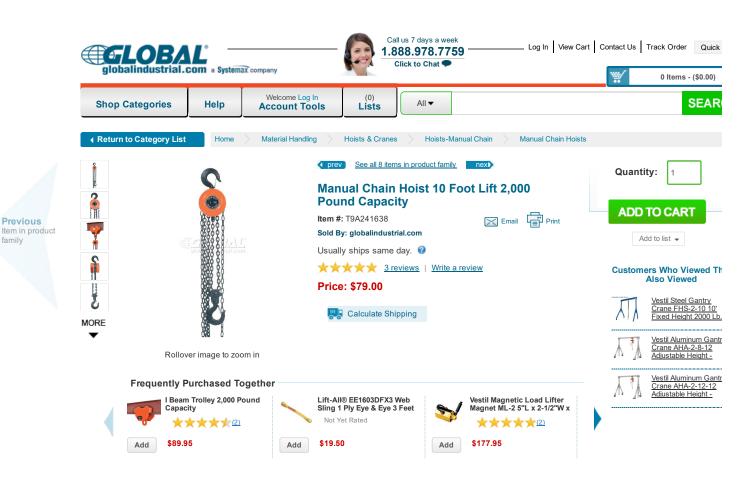


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CHAIN HOIST

Drop forge steel swivel hook with safety latch. Hardened steel load chain for long life. Lubrication free load brake offers positive load control. Tempered molybdenum steel gears. Lightweight and ideal for low ceiling applications.

Product Specifications	
CAPACITY LBS	2000
COLOR FINISH	Orange
ASSEMBLY	Assembled
BRAND	Global Industrial
CONSTRUCTION	Steel
HEAD ROOM INCHES	12
LIFT FEET	10
LIMITED WARRANTY	1 Year
MODEL	241638
REFERENCE#	272164
WEIGHT LBS	23

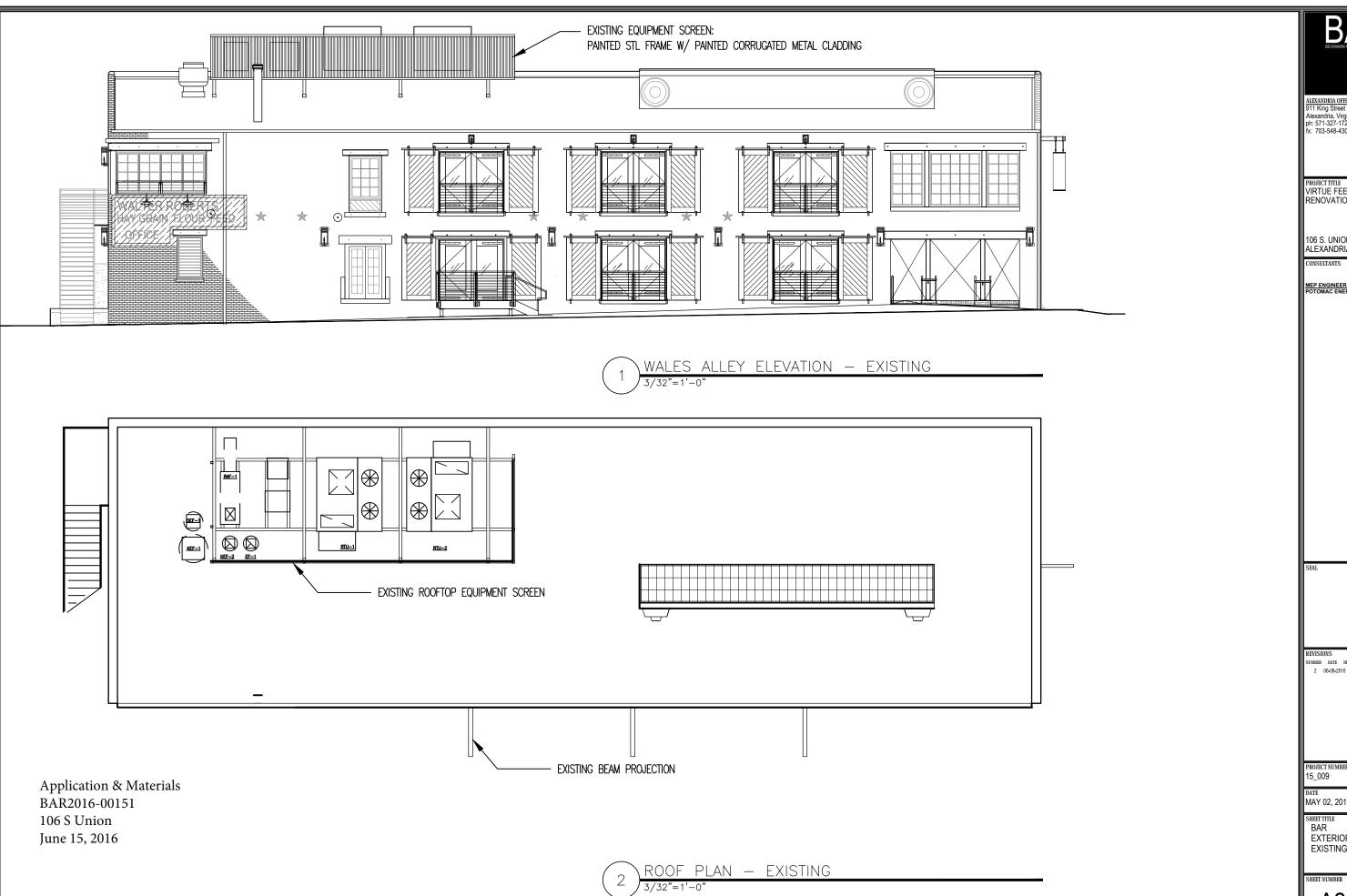


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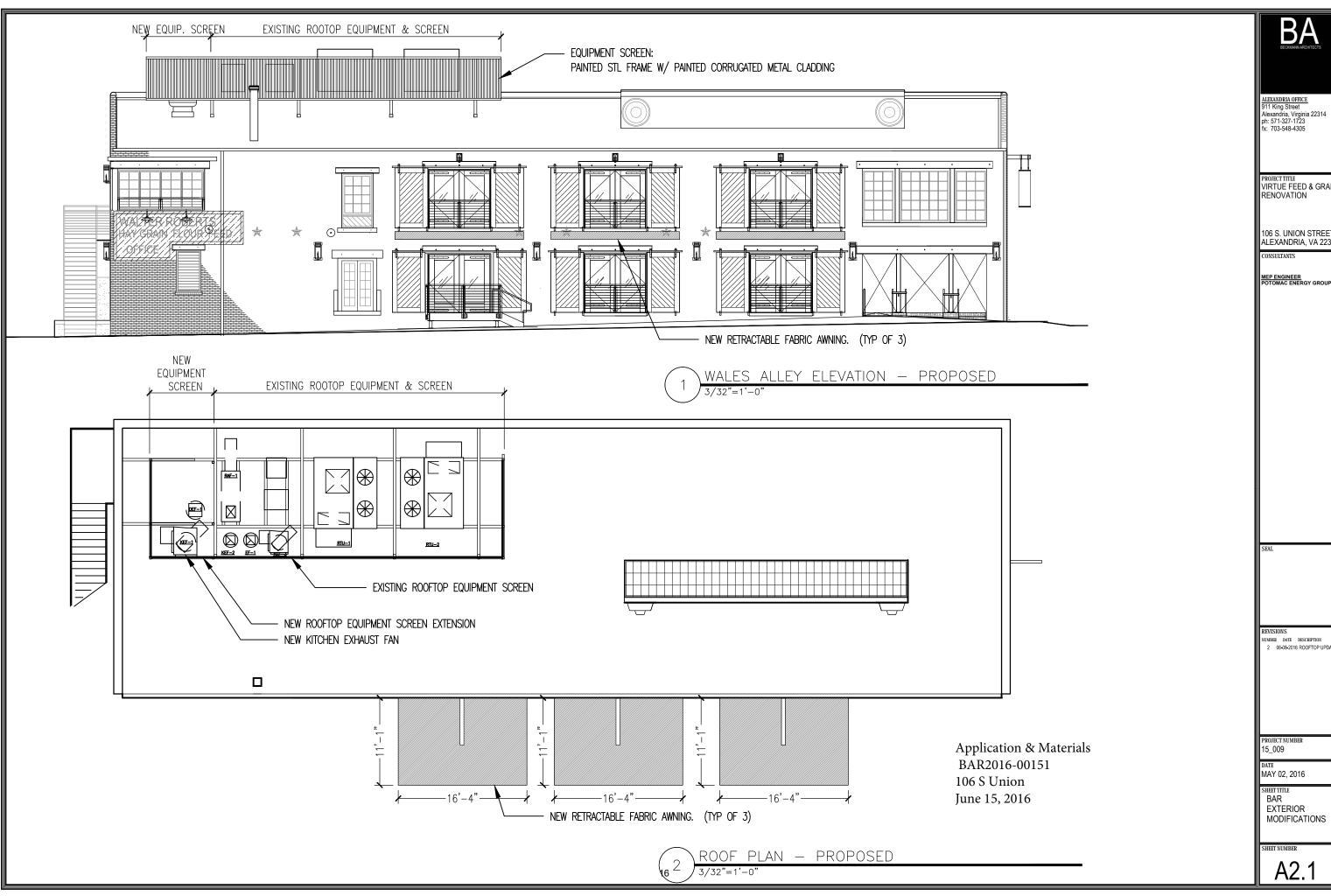
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ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 100 300 TH UNION STREET			
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APPLICATION FOR: (Please check all that apply)			
☐ CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS			
PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH (Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted)			
☐ WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION CLEARANCE AREA (Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)			
WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT (Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)			
Applicant: Property Owner X Business (Please provide business name & contact person)			
Name: VIRTUE FEED AND GRAIN , DAVID NICHOLAS			
Address: 106 SOUTH UNION STREET			
City: ALEXANDRIA State: VA Zip: 22314			
Phone: 571-970-3669 E-mail: dave@chaorestaurants.com			
Authorized Agent (if applicable): Attorney X Architect			
Name: PAUL BECKMANN Phone: 571-327-1723			
E-mail: PBECKMANN@BECK-ARCH.COM			
Legal Property Owner:			
Name: 106 UNION IRELAND LLC			
Address: 118 KING STREET, 2ND FL			
City: ALEXANDRIA State: VA Zip: 22314			
Phone: E-mail:			
Yes No Is there an historic preservation easement on this property? Yes No If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations? Is there a homeowner's association for this property? Yes No If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations?			

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If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

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NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: Please check all that apply	
NEW CONSTRUCTION EXTERIOR ALTERATION: Please check all that apply. awning fence, gate or garden wall HVA doors windows sidin lighting pergola/trellis pain other DECORATIVE HOOK ON EXISTING BI ADDITION DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION SIGNAGE	ng Shed ting unpainted masonry
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Please describe the	e proposed work in detail (Additional pages may
be attached). 1. ADDITION OF 3 RETRACTABLE AWNINGS ON ALLEY TO EXTEND OVER EXISTING OUTDOOR	
2. ADDITION OF BEAM TROLLEYS AND HOOK A COMPLETE EXISTING PROJECTED BEAMS	SSEMBLIES TO VISIALLY
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:	
Items listed below comprise the minimum supporting materia request additional information during application review. Please Design Guidelines for further information on appropriate treatments.	e refer to the relevant section of the
Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meeting All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submis	Incomplete applications will delay the gs are required for all proposed additions.

Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted whenever possible.

Demolition/Encapsulation: All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

N/A	
	Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
	Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation
	Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed
	to be demolished.
	Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
	Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not
	considered feasible.

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Additions & New Construction: Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 3 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.

	N/A	
		Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted
		equipment. FAR & Open Space calculation form. Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
		Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
		Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
		Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
		For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.
Signs & Awnings: One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.		
		Linear feet of building: Front: 113'-10" Secondary front (if corner lot): Square feet of existing signs to remain: Photograph of building showing existing conditions. Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text. Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk). Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable). Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.
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ALL APPLICATIONS: Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:

- I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and 3 sets of revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Signature:

Printed Name:

PAUL BECKMANN, AIA

Date: 05-02-2016

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