

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Planning and Zoning

Interoffice Memo

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Tracy E. Samuelson, Planning and Zoning Bureau

RE: Waiver Request for Projecting Sign at 510 E. 3rd Street

DATE: July 25, 2018

Enclosed are a sign waiver request letter from Bethworks Greenway A, LP and sign schematics for a projecting sign at Five10Flats. A sign waiver is being requested in accordance with Article 1308.01.c of the Zoning Ordinance for a projecting sign that exceeds the maximum projection and the maximum height above street grade. The request is as follows:

- Erection of an interior illuminated projecting sign (3' by 28') at front, projecting 4' from front building wall. Projection above grade is 52'. Section 1320.09.a.2.i of the Zoning Ordinance only permits signs to project up to 3'6" from the wall and the maximum height of the projecting sign cannot exceed 25' above grade.

Article 1308.01.c of the Zoning Ordinance allows waivers to the sign regulations to be granted by the Planning Commission for signs in the IR-R Zoning District if existing site conditions, the nature of the proposed use, hardships, or innovations in technology warrant a waiver.

Attached is a letter from Bethworks Greenway A, LP dated July 19, 2018, highlighting the reasons for the waiver request. We recommend the granting of the two waiver requests for the following reasons:

1. The width of the sign (3') is less than the maximum projection allowed (3'6") for a projecting sign. The brackets combined with the projecting sign exceed the maximum projection permitted from the wall (4' proposed).
2. The maximum permitted height of a projecting sign is a static amount (25') which does not take into account higher buildings as is the case with the subject 5 story building at 61 feet.
3. Wall signs are permitted to be located at any location on the front wall, whereas projecting signs do not have that same flexibility.

These waiver requests will be presented at the July 30, 2018 meeting.


Tracy E. Samuelson,
Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning

July 19, 2018

Tracy Samuelson
Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning
City of Bethlehem
10 E. Church Street
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RE: Five10Flats Request for Sign Modifications

Dear Mrs. Samuelson,

Please allow this letter to serve as a request to appear at the next meeting of the Bethlehem Planning Commission. The undersigned is the Owner/Developer of the property located at 510 E. Third Street, commonly known as Five10Flats. We are in receipt of the attached letter notification of the need to seek modifications from the standards of the Zoning Ordinance.

Bethworks Greenway A, LP specifically seeks a modification of Article 1320.09.a.2.i. The sign in question, and better depicted on the attached, projects 4' from the exterior building wall. The Zoning Ordinance permits a sign to extend 3'6". The request to extend the additional 6 inches allows the sign, which acts as the sole address marking for the building, to be more visible to residents, visitors and in the event of an emergency, first responders. Additionally, the proposed sign extends to 52' above grade, where the Zoning Ordinance permits 25'. The overall building height is 61' and therefore a sign that extends to a height of 52' is more appropriate in scale. Section 1320.09.a.2.i, allows wall signs to equal the height of the building and the proposed projecting sign will be 9' below the building height of 61'. Furthermore, the height of this sign is perched above both the tree line and utility lines, therefore again making it more visible to those living, visiting and serving the building.

The property is a redevelopment project located in the City's Industrial Redevelopment Residential zone. This building represents a pivotal foundation of the South Side resurgence and the request for modifications from the sign standards are appropriate given the size and scale of this redevelopment.

We look forward to an appearance at the next meeting of the Planning Commission to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,



Rob de Beer

Bethworks Greenway A, LP



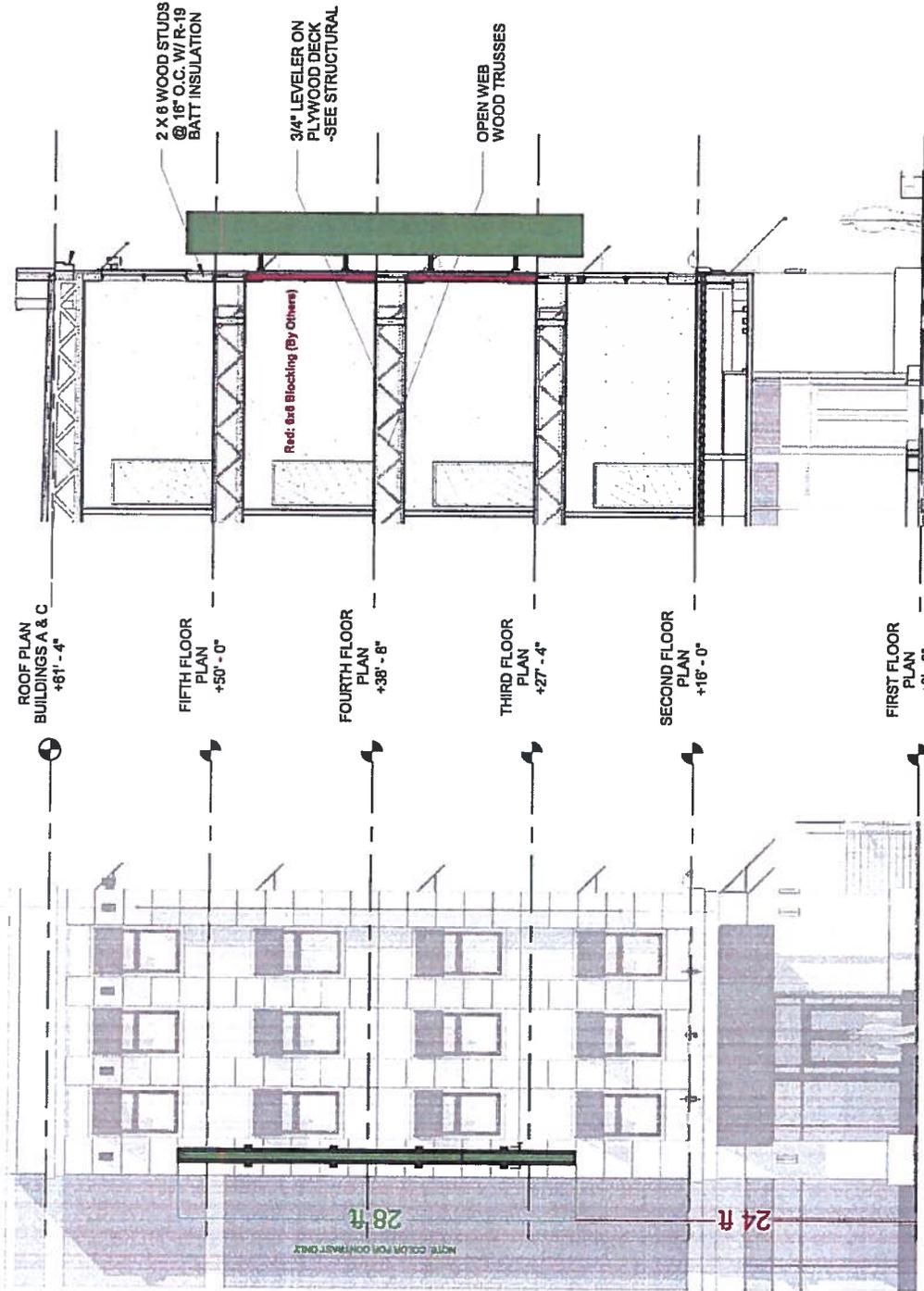
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 Illuminated DF Blade Sign

Size: as noted
 SCALE: NOT TO SCALE
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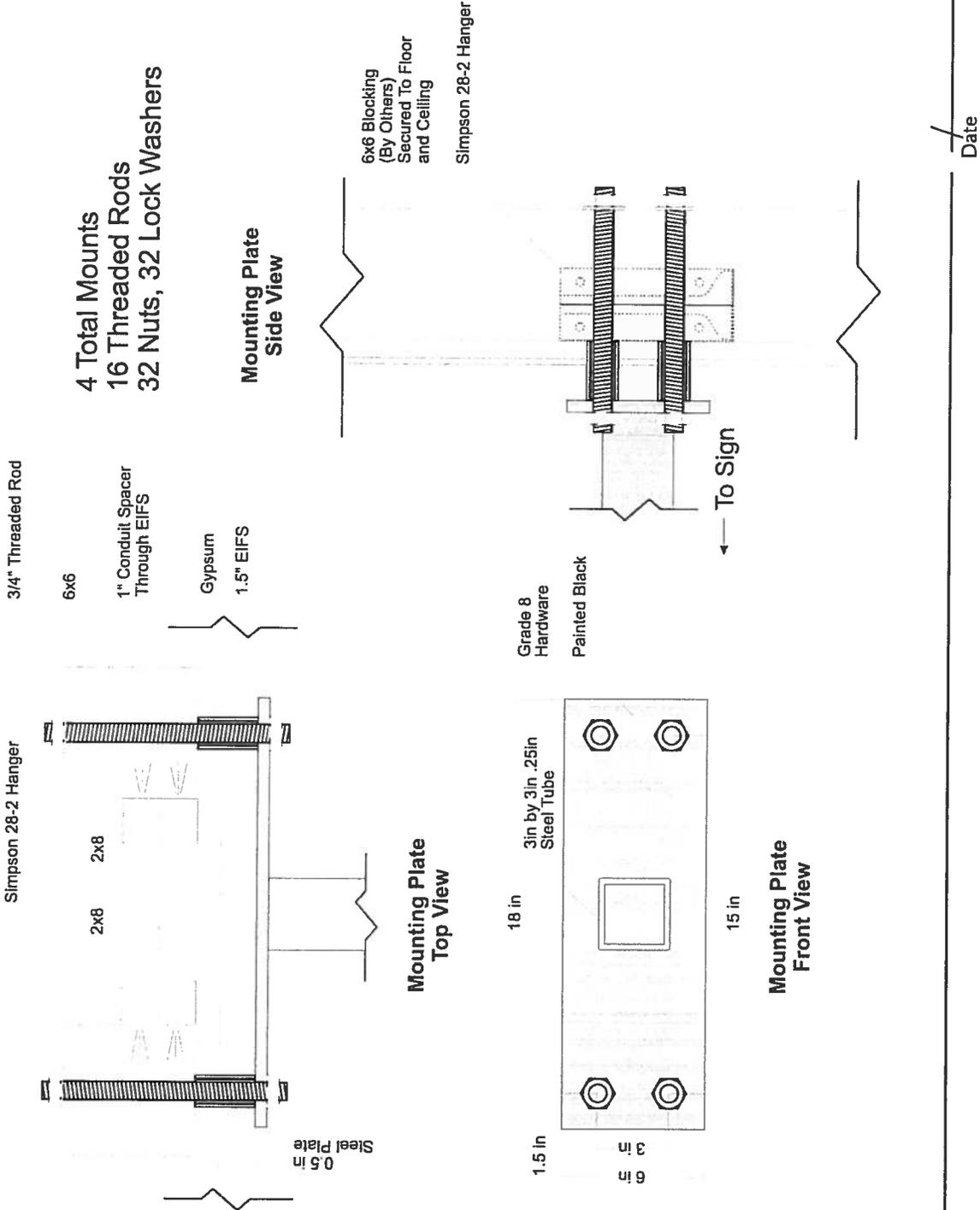
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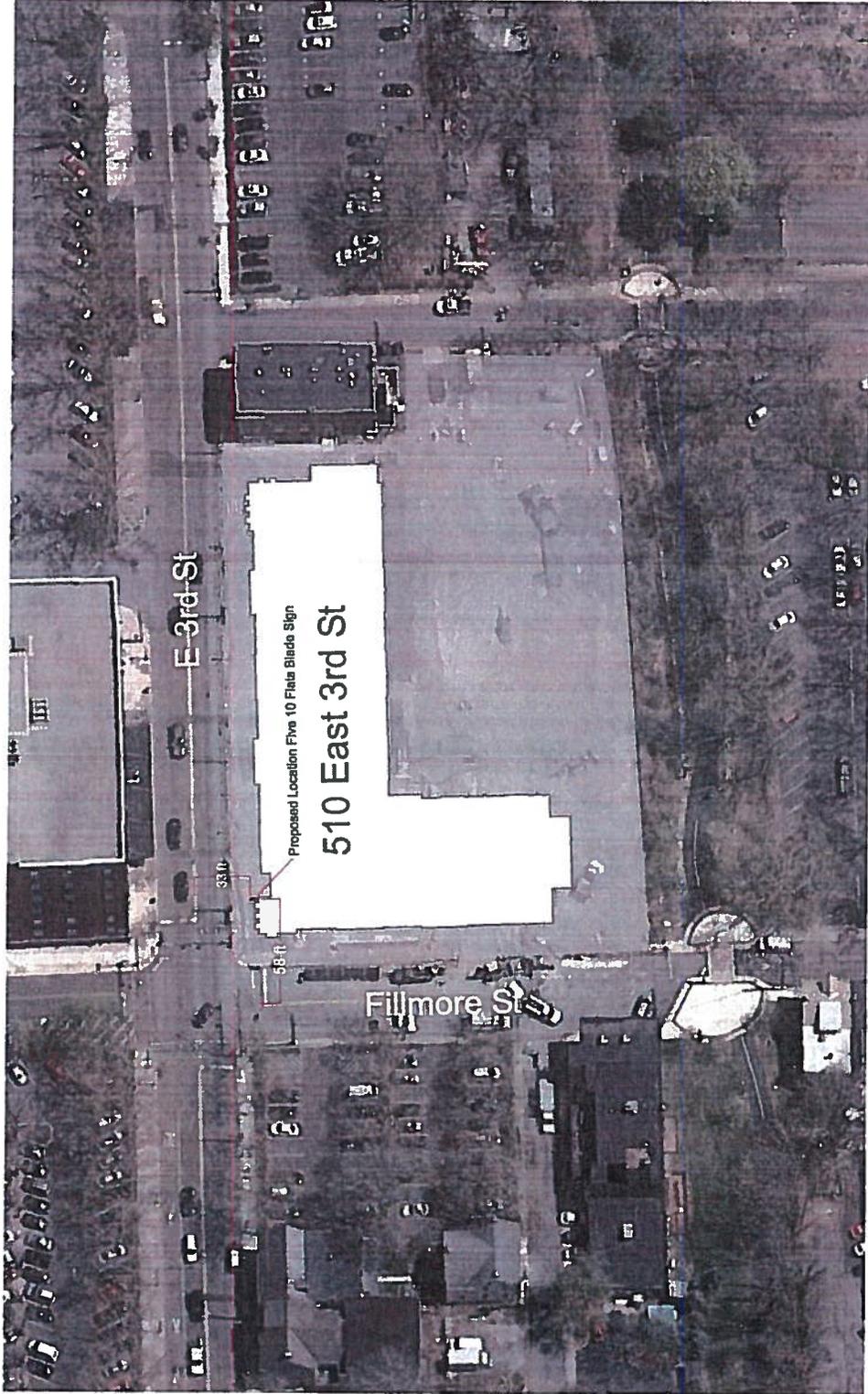
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Five 10 Flats Proposed Signage 510 E 3rd St. Bethlehem, PA 18015



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