# AGENDA CITY OF TULSA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tulsa City Council Chambers 175 East 2nd Street, 2nd Level, One Technology Center Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 1:00 P.M.

# Meeting No. 1312

If you wish to present or share any documents, written comments, or exhibits during the hearing, please **<u>submit them by 9:00 a.m. the day of the hearing</u>**. Remember to reference the case number and include your name and address.

Email: <a href="mailto:esubmit@incog.org">esubmit@incog.org</a>

Mail or In Person: City of Tulsa BOA c/o INCOG, 2 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Suite 800 Tulsa 74103

- 1. Approval of **Minutes** of January 24, 2023 (Meeting No. 1309).
- 2. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2023 (Meeting No. 1310).

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# 3. 23435 - Josh Miller

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

<u>Special Exception</u> to permit a Day Care Use in the RS-3 District (Table 5.020, Table 5-2) <u>Variance</u> to reduce the 12,000 square-foot minimum lot size and 100-foot minimum lot width for Special Exception uses in the RS-2 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3); <u>Variance</u> to reduce the 25-foot setback for non-residential Special Exception uses from R-zoned lots (Sec. 5.030-B,Table note [4]) **Location:** 2742 N. Boulder Ave. **(CD-1) WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT** 

# **NEW APPLICATIONS**

# 4. 23504 - Bill Powers

# ACTION REQUESTED:

<u>Variance</u> to reduce the required 20-foot rear setback and 5-foot side setback in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3) **Location:** 219 E. 27th St. **(CD-4)** 

# 5. 23506 - Nathalie Cornett

# **ACTION REQUESTED:**

<u>Variance</u> to increase the allowed sign area of 48 square feet for a dynamic display sign in the Central Business District (CBD) (Section 60.080-E) **Location:** 301 N. Boston Ave **(CD-4)** 

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

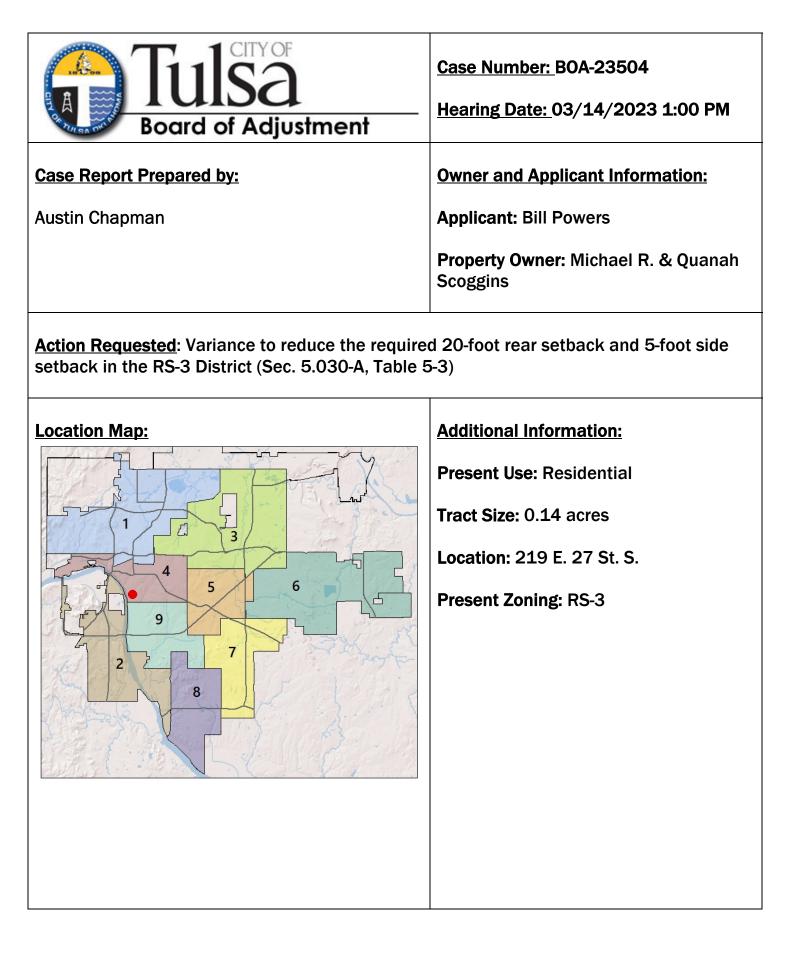
# NEW BUSINESS

# BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

# ADJOURNMENT

### Website: tulsaplanning.org E-mail: esubmit@incog.org CD = Council District

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# **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CASE REPORT**

**STR:** 9213 **CD:** 4

Case Number: BOA-23504

HEARING DATE: 03/14/2023 1:00 PM

**APPLICANT: Bill Powers** 

ACTION REQUESTED: Variance to reduce the required 20-foot rear setback and 5-foot side setback in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3)

LOCATION: 219 E. 27 St. S.

**ZONED:** RS-3

PRESENT USE: Residential

TRACT SIZE: 6067.93 SQ FT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LT 15 BLK 14, SUNSET TERRACE CITY OF TULSA, TULSA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**RELEVANT PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** None.

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The Tulsa Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as part of an "Existing Neighborhood: and an "Area of Stability".

An **Existing Neighborhood** is intended to preserve and enhance Tulsa's existing single-family neighborhoods. Development activities in these areas should be limited to the rehabilitation, improvement or replacement of existing homes, and small-scale infill projects, as permitted through clear and objective setback, height, and other development standards of the zoning code.

The Areas of Stability include approximately 75% of the city's total parcels. Existing residential neighborhoods, where change is expected to be minimal, make up a large proportion of the Areas of Stability. The ideal for the Areas of Stability is to identify and maintain the valued character of an area while accommodating the rehabilitation, improvement or replacement of existing homes, and small-scale infill projects. The concept of stability and growth is specifically designed to enhance the unique qualities of older neighborhoods that are looking for new ways to preserve their character and quality of life. The concept of stability and growth is specifically designed to enhance the unique qualities of older neighborhoods that are looking for new ways to preserve their character and quality of life.

**STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP:** Please see exhibit statement provided in packet.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting a Variance to reduce the required 20-foot rear setback and 5-foot side setback in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3)

	Table 5-3: R District Lot and Building Regulations													
Regulations	RE	RS-1	RS-2	RS-3	RS-4	RS-5	RD	RT	RM-0	RM-1	RM-2	RM-3	RMH	
Min. Building Setbacks (ft.)														
Street [3]														
Arterial or fwy service rd.	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	10	10	10	10	35	
Other streets	35	35	30	25	20	20	25	10	10	10	10	10	25	
Side (interior) [4]	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5[5]	5[6]	5[6]	5[6]	5[7]	10	
Rear [4]	25	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	10	20	15	

### Table F. 2. D. District Lat and Duilding Degulations

### Facts staff finds favorable for variance request:

• Property is non-conforming both in lot size and lot width.

### Facts Staff find unfavorable for the variance request:

• The proposed structure as designed would encroach into the rear setback and be two story in height with living quarters. Generally speaking, structures in the rear setback are limited to 1-story in height.

**SAMPLE MOTION:** Move to \_\_\_\_\_\_ (approve/deny) a Variance to reduce the required 20-foot rear setback and 5-foot side setback in the RS-3 District (Sec. 5.030-A, Table 5-3)

- Finding the hardship(s) to be\_\_\_\_\_.
- Per the Conceptual Plan(s) shown on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the agenda packet.
- Subject to the following conditions \_\_\_\_\_\_.

In granting the **Variance** the Board finds that the following facts, favorable to the property owner, have been established:

a. That the physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the subject property would result in unnecessary hardships or practical difficulties for the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out;

b. That literal enforcement of the subject zoning code provision is not necessary to achieve the provision's intended purpose;

c. That the conditions leading to the need of the requested variance are unique to the subject property and not applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification;

d. That the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship was not created or self-imposed by the current property owner;

e. That the variance to be granted is the minimum variance that will afford relief;

f. That the variance to be granted will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair use or development of adjacent property; and

g. That the variance to be granted will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of this zoning code or the comprehensive plan."



Subject property

Board of Adjustment Case Number: BOA-23504 Date: Tuesday 03/14/2023 1:00 PM City Council Chambers, 2nd level, 175 East 2nd St. A person knowledgeable of the application and the property must attend the meeting to represent the application. Site Plans must be submitted at the time of application. (Other drawings, photographs or exhibits may be submitted at the hearing.) VARIANCES: The applicant must prove a hardship to the Board. The Board of Adjustment is allowed to approve variances only after determining that the following conditions exist. Please describe how your request satisfies each of these conditions at the hearing, (You may include a separate page)

1. That the physical surroundings, shape, or topographic conditions of the subject property would result in unnecessary hardships or practical difficulties for the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out:

# The house was built before ZONING and the placement of the garage and home make it impossible to modernize without a variance.

That the literal enforcement of the subject zoning code provision is not necessary to achieve the provision's intended purpose.

# The enforcement does not make a difference because the garage currently sits in the same spot as the proposed garage.

3. That the conditions leading to the need of the requested variance are unique to the subject property and not applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification;

The statement is true to an extent, however, most properties in the Maple Ridge area are non conforming in one way or another.

4. That the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship was not created or self-imposed by the current property owner; The situation is how the home was originally built, nothing the current owner has done affects this garage situation.

5. That the variance to be granted is the minimum variance that will afford relief;

#### That is correct.

6. That the variance to be granted will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair use or development of adjacent property;

#### Correct, no impact to adjacent properties.

7. That the variance to be granted will not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes, spirit, and intent of this zoning code or the comprehensive plan.

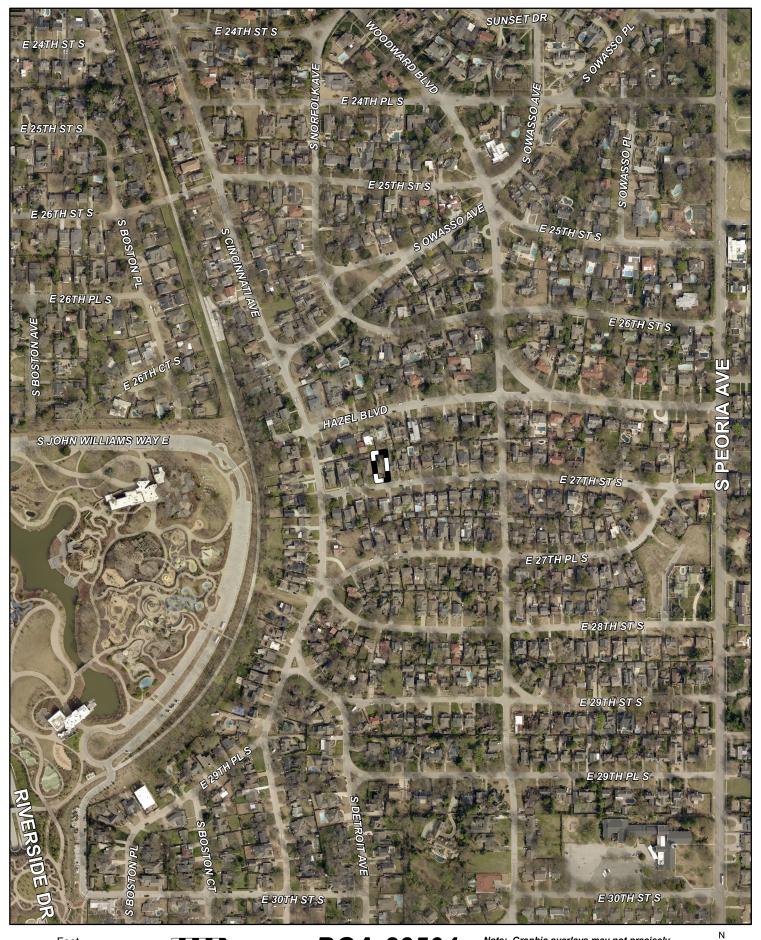
# There is no impact to anyone outside of this residence and the added convenience of having a connected garage.

In granting a variance, the Board may make appropriate conditions or safeguards and may require a bond or other guarantee necessary to enforce compliance with the conditions. Please sign to

acknowledge that you understand the conditions that the Board must find to grant your request and that the information included in this application is truthful. Applicant

J. J. 6.23 Signature:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: The Board of Adjustment is allowed to approve special exceptions only after determining that the following conditions exist. Please be ready to describe how your request satisfies each of these conditions at the hearing: 1. The special exception will be in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Code. 2. The special exception will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare. In granting any special exception, the Board may make appropriate conditions or safeguards, may limit the approval to a specified period of time and may require a bond or other guarantee necessary to enforce compliance with the conditions. If your application is approved, you WILL need additional permits. Contact the Permit Center at 918.596.9601 or Development Services Plans Review at 918.596.9456. CITY OF TULSA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2 West Second Street, Suite 800, Tulsa, Oklahoma 741

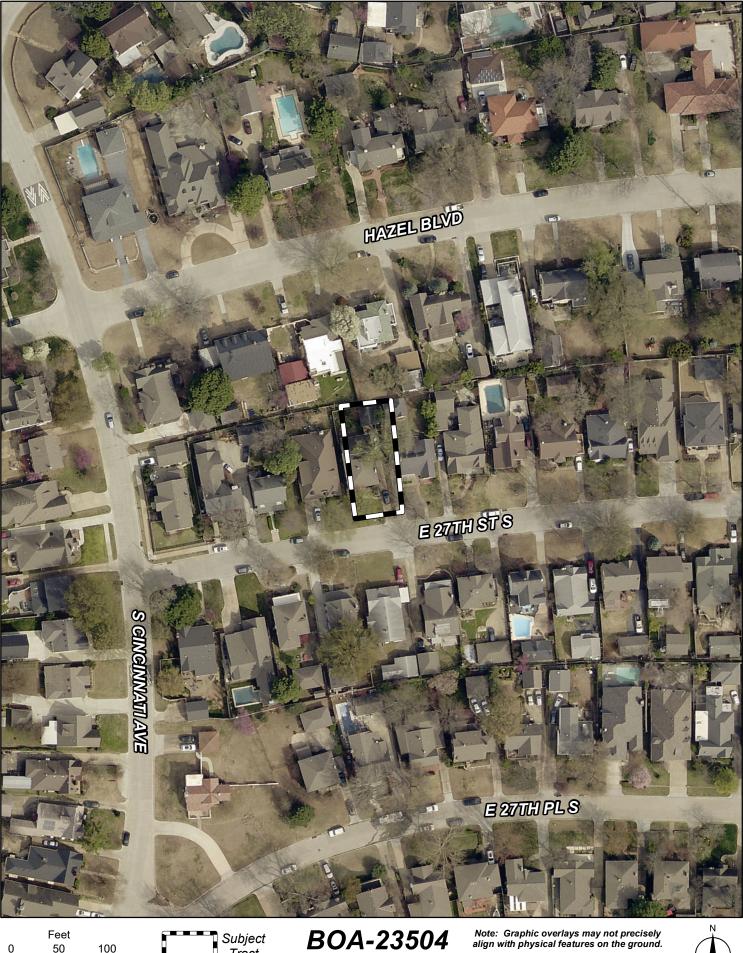


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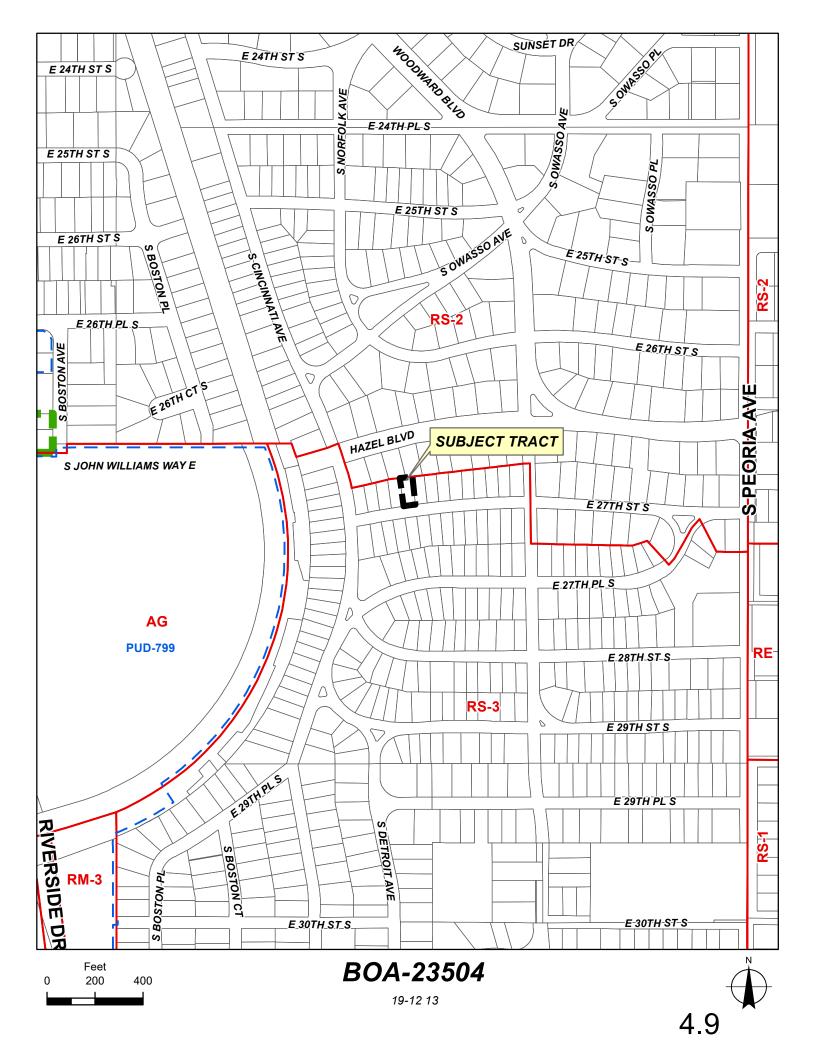






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# CITY OF TULSA CORRECTIONS SUMMARY

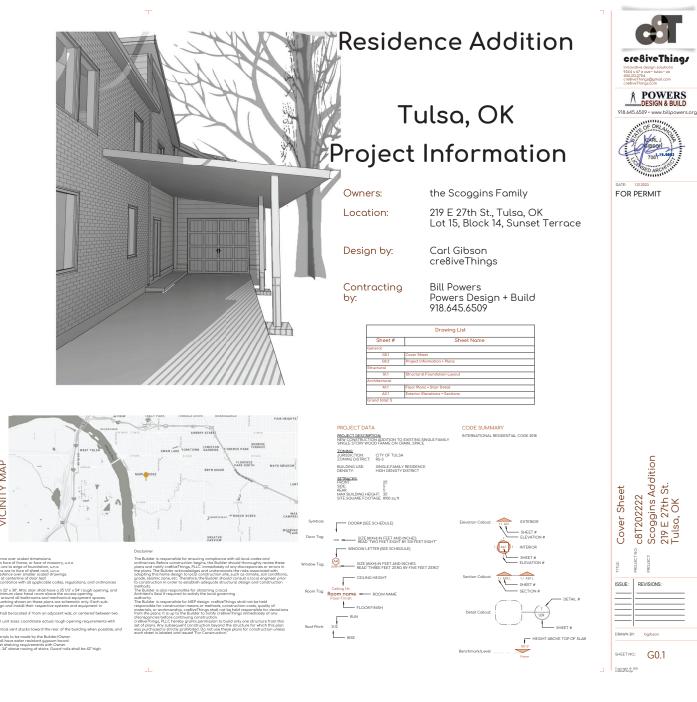


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Page Label: G0.2 - Project Information + Plans Status: Author: DWhiteman Date: 1/13/2023 4:33:14 PM Color: Section 5.030-A Table of Regulations. The lot and building regulations of Table 5-3 apply to all principal uses and structures in R districts, except as otherwise expressly stated in this zoning code. General exceptions to these regulations and rules for measuring compliance can be found in Chapter 90. Regulations governing accessory uses and structures can be found in Chapter 45.

Review Comments. A 5' side setback and 20' rear setback are required for this RS-3 zoned lot. Per Section 90.090-C, the eaves are allowed to project no more than 2' into the side setback - that is, they may not be located less than 3' from the property line. You are proposing less than a 20' rear setback for this addition. You are also proposing a side setback less than 5' and the eaves to project more than 2' into the side setback. Please revise the plans to comply with the required setbacks. An administrative adjustment could be requested from INCOG to reduce a side setback by 20% (1').

This constitutes a Plan Review to date in response to the information submitted with and after the above referenced application. Additional issues may develop when the review continues upon receipt of additional information requested in this letter or upon additional submittal from the client. Any colligions not reviewed are still in force, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner and design professional(s) to ensure that all code requirements are satisfied.







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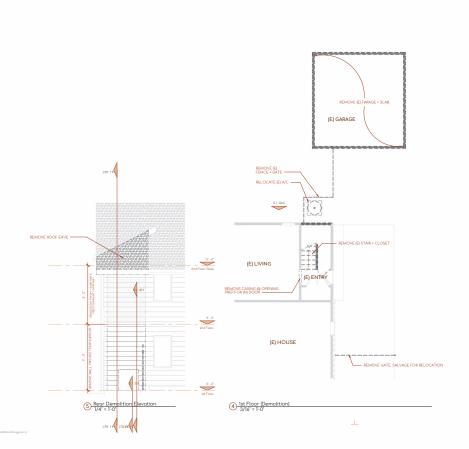
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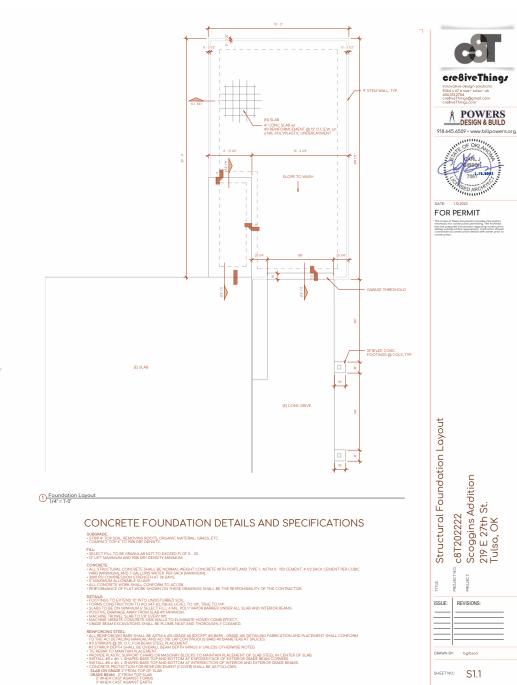








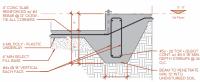




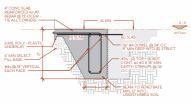
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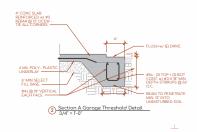
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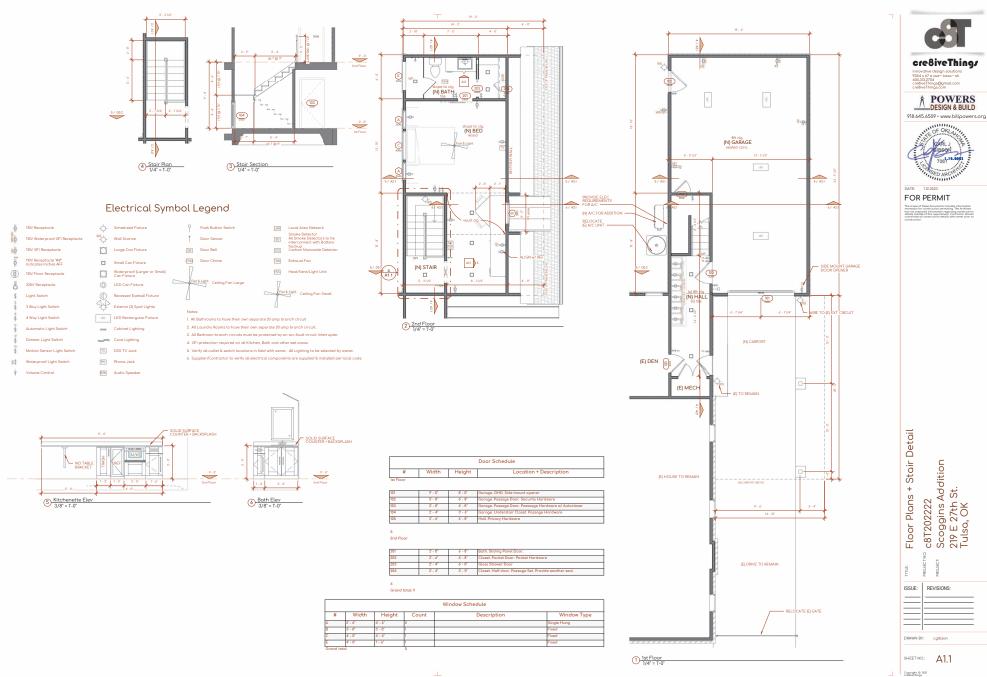


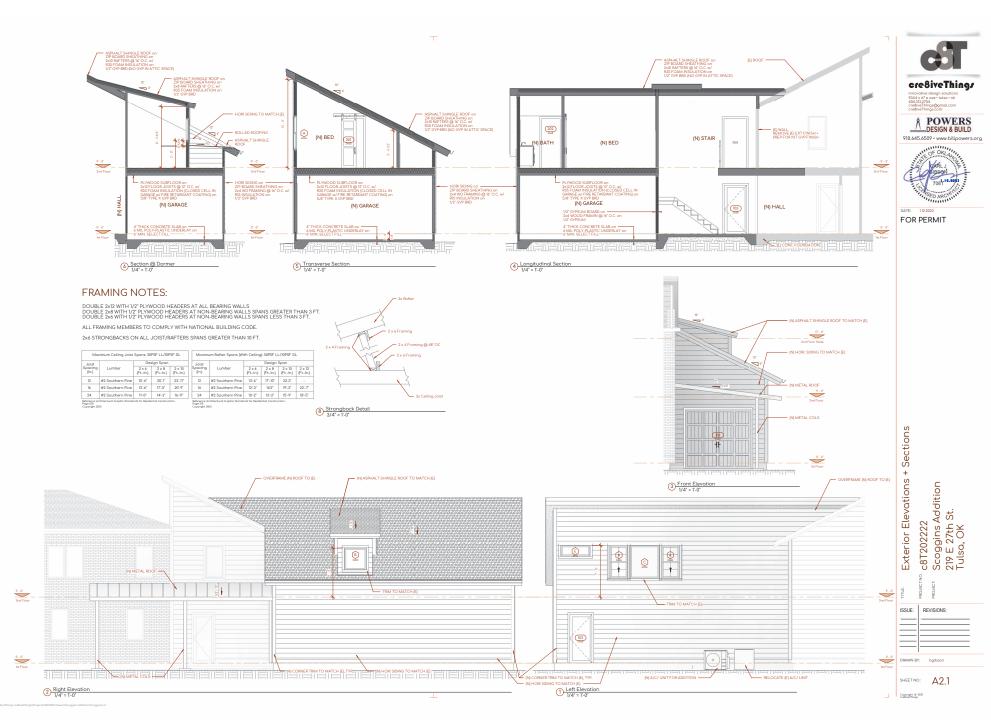
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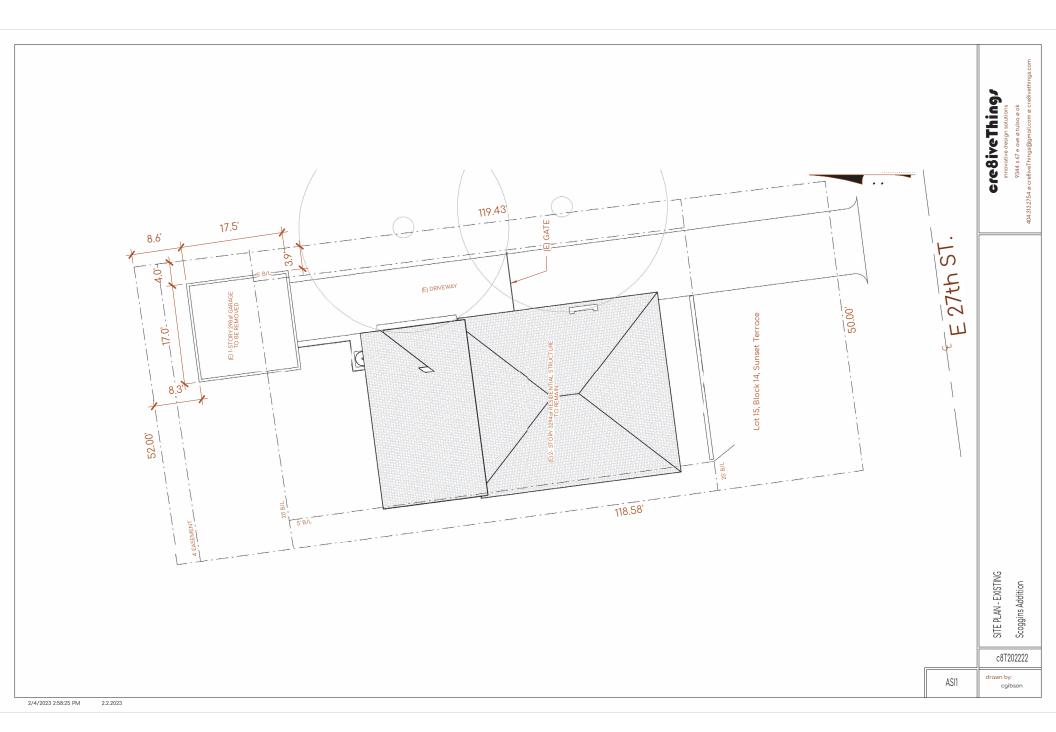


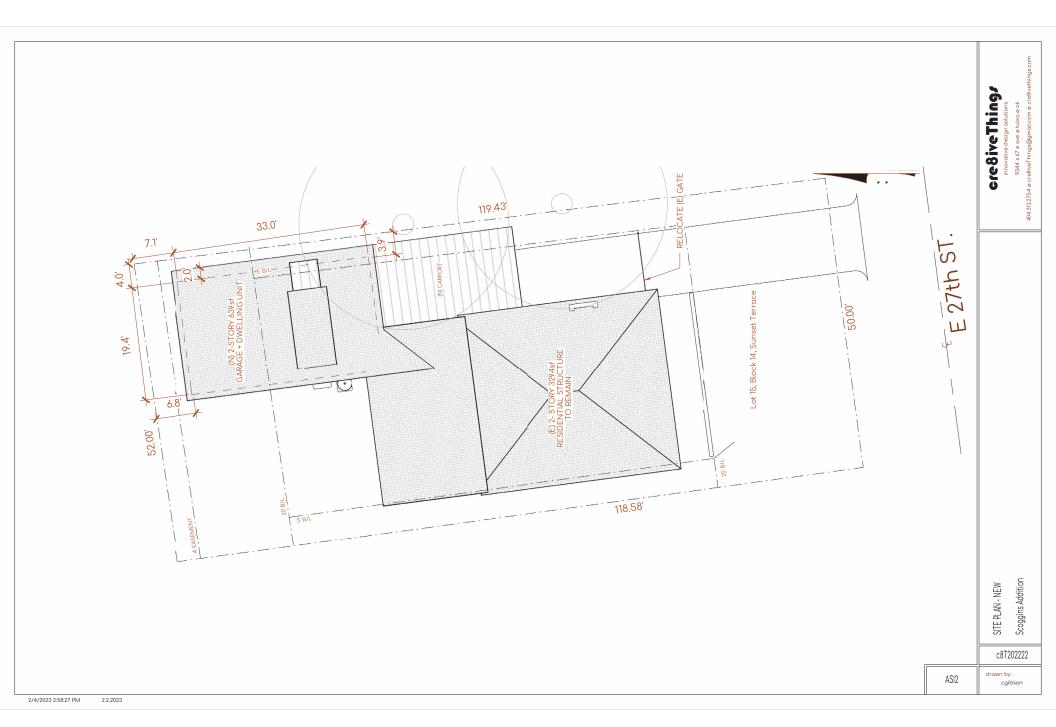
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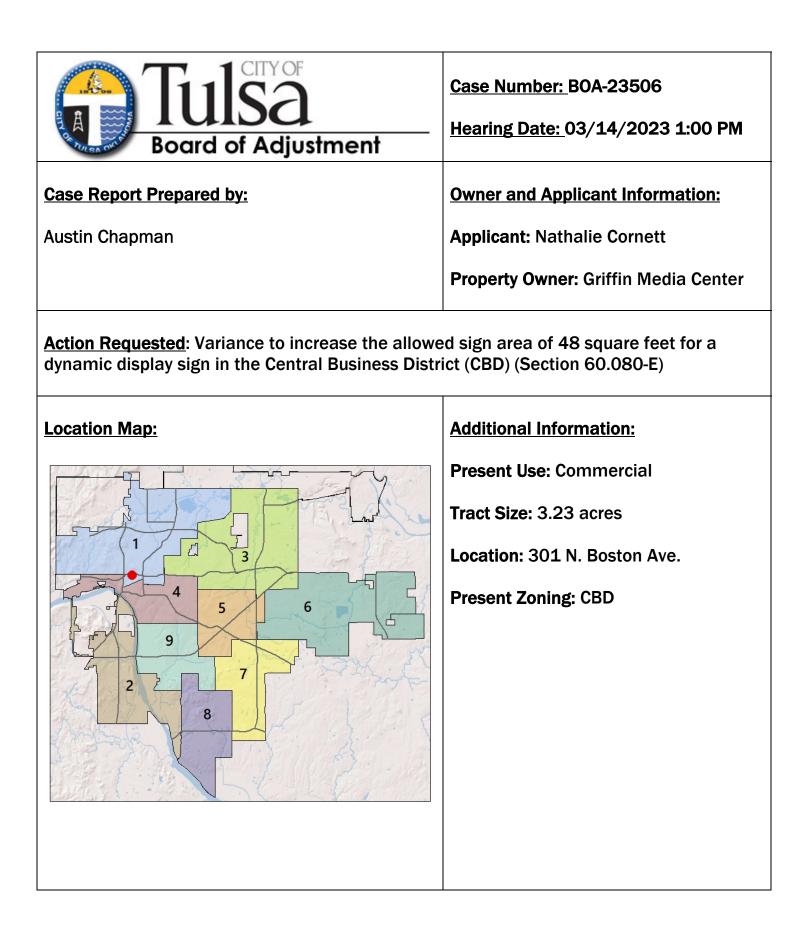
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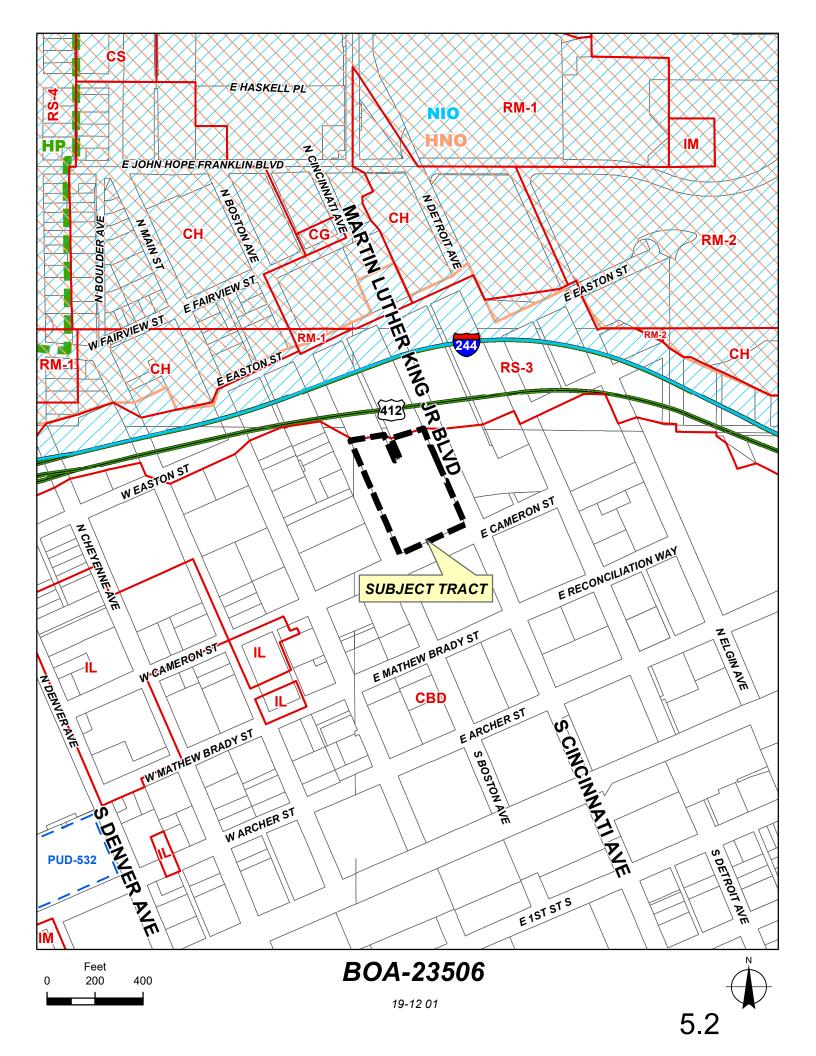


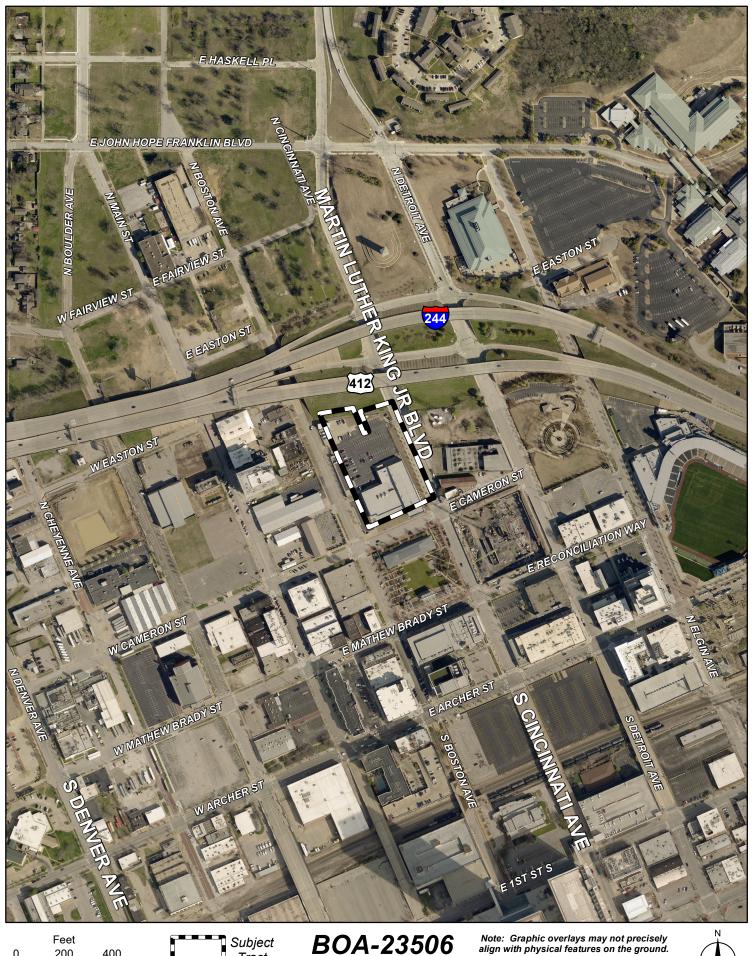












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# BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CASE REPORT

**STR:** 9201 **CD:** 1

HEARING DATE: 03/14/2023 1:00 PM

**APPLICANT:** Nathalie Cornett

**<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>**: Variance to increase the allowed sign area of 48 square feet for a dynamic display sign in the Central Business District (CBD) (Section 60.080-E)

LOCATION: 301 N. Boston Ave.

PRESENT USE: Commercial

TRACT SIZE: 140864.9 SQ FT

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** A tract of land that is Lots One (1) thru Seven (7), inclusive, Block Twenty (20), together with the alleyway running Northerly and Southerly in said Block 20 and the South Half of Davenport Street adjacent to said Block 20 on the Northerly boundary thereof, and a part of Lot One (1), all of Lot Two (2), and a part of Lot Three (3), Block Six (6), together with the alleyway running Northerly and Southerly in said Block 6 lying South of the Southerly right of way line of Interstate 244 and the North Half of Davenport Street adjacent to said Block 6 on the Southerly boundary thereof, all in the Original Town, now City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, according to the official plat thereof, said tract of land being described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly comer of Block 20; thence North 24°24'24" West along the Westerly line of Block 20 for 300.00 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Block 20; thence continuing North 24°24'24" West along a Northwesterly extension of said Block 20 for 60.00 feet to the Southwesterly comer of Lot 2, Block 6; thence continuing North 24°24'24" West along the Westerly lines of Lots 2 and 3, Block 6 for 152.90 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of Interstate 244; thence North 80°14'59" East along said Southerly right of way line for 310.09 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Lot 1, Block 6; thence South 24°24'24" East along said Easterly line for 74.50 feet to the Southeasterly comer of said Lot 1, Block 6; thence continuing South 24°24'24" East along said Block 6 for

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### **RELEVANT PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** None.

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The Tulsa Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as part of a "Downtown Neighborhood" and an "Area of Growth".

**Downtown Neighborhoods** are located outside but are tightly integrated with the Downtown Core. These areas are comprised of university and higher educational campuses and their attendant housing and retail districts, former warehousing and manufacturing areas that are evolving into areas where people both live and work, and medium- to high-rise mixed-use residential areas. Downtown Neighborhoods are primarily pedestrian-oriented and are well connected to the Downtown Core via local transit. They feature parks and open space, typically at the neighborhood scale.

The purpose of **Areas of Growth** is to direct the allocation of resources and channel growth to where it will be beneficial and can best improve access to jobs, housing, and services with fewer and shorter auto trips. Areas of Growth are parts of the city where general agreement exists that development or redevelopment is beneficial. As steps are taken to plan for, and, in some cases, develop or redevelop these areas, ensuring that existing residents will not be displaced is a high priority. A major goal is to increase economic activity in the area to benefit existing residents and businesses, and where necessary, provide the stimulus to redevelop.

ZONED: CBD

**STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP:** Please see exhibit statement provided in packet.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The applicant is requesting Variance to increase the allowed sign area of 48 square feet for a dynamic display sign in the Central Business District (CBD) (Section 60.080-E):

# 60.080-E Dynamic Displays on On-premise Wall, Projecting and Freestanding Signs

A maximum of one of the on-premise wall signs, projecting signs or freestanding signs allowed on a lot in a mixed-use, commercial or industrial zoning district may include a dynamic display. The dynamic display may not exceed the maximum sign area allowed for the respective sign type or 48 square feet, whichever is less. The sign area allowed for a dynamic display is not in addition to the maximum sign area allowed for a wall, projecting or freestanding sign, but rather is counted as part of the maximum area of the wall, projecting or freestanding sign. Only one, contiguous dynamic display is allowed on a wall, projecting or freestanding sign face. Off-premise outdoor advertising signs that incorporate a dynamic display are subject to the dynamic display regulations of <u>Section 60.100</u>.

### Facts staff finds favorable for variance request:

• None.

### Facts Staff find unfavorable for the variance request:

- The applicant has not provided any evidence that the size of the building placement was not a self-imposed hardship from the property owner or that the condition is unique among properties located in the Central Business District, many of which occupy entire city blocks.
- The applicant is requesting to increase the permitted size for a dynamic display sign from 48 square feet to 175 square feet which is more than 3 times the allowed size. Dynamic display signs have unique regulations apart from other signs and the code sets a hard maximum of 48 square feet.

**<u>SAMPLE MOTION:</u>** Move to \_\_\_\_\_ (approve/deny) a Variance to increase the allowed sign area of 48 square feet for a dynamic display sign in the Central Business District (CBD) (Section 60.080-E)

- Finding the hardship(s) to be\_\_\_\_\_.
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# Subject property



#### Exhibit "A"

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### Exhibit "B"

The Applicant requests a Variance of Section 60.080-E of the Tulsa Zoning Code (the "<u>Code</u>") to permit a dynamic display wall sign (the "<u>Sign</u>") with 175 square feet of display surface area in the CBD District on property located at 310 N. Boston Ave. (the "<u>Property</u>").

The Property is comprised of approximately 3.25 acres and is the location of the approximately 60,000 square foot Griffin Media building and Channel 6 News headquarters in Downtown Tulsa. To the south of the Property is the Guthrie Green, to the east is the Gypsy Coffee House, to the west is a surface parking lot, and to the north is the I-244 Expressway.

The Sign will be located on the south-facing wall of the building, which contains approximately 185 linear feet. The Code permits 3 square feet of wall signage per linear foot of the building wall to which a sign is attached. Accordingly, 555 square feet of wall signage is permitted by right on the subject building wall. However, the Code caps the permitted display surface area of dynamic displays to 48 square feet, *regardless of the size of the building wall*. In this case, of the permitted 555 SF of wall sign area permitted by right, *only 0.09%* is permitted to include a dynamic display.

The Property comprises an entire city block in the Central Business District and the Sign will be the appropriate size and scale to the building wall on which it is located. Due to the size of the Property and the size of the building wall which is unique to the Property, the 48 square foot limitation results in unnecessary hardship to the Property owner.

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#### Site Plan

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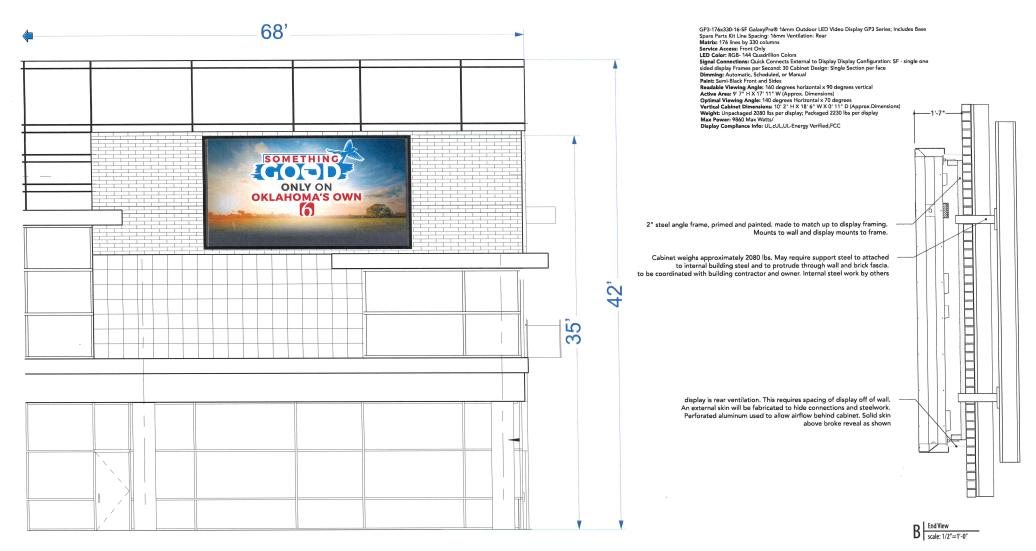
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