## **DESIGN COMMISSION**

#### **Regular Meeting Agenda**

Council Chambers- Mercer Island City Hall

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# Wednesday, March 13, 2019

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

7:00 PM

#### **Design Commissioners**

Colin, Brandt, Vice Chair

Richard Erwin, Chair

Clair McPherson

**Anthony Perez** 

Tom Soeprono

Hui Tian

Suzanne Zahr

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from January 23, 2019

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Agenda Item #1: DSR18-0022

Public hearing related to the design review for a proposed exterior addition of an entry vestibule at the Mercer Island High School

Staff Contact: Andrew, Leon, Planner

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### Agenda Item #2: DSR18-0022

Design review and approval for a proposed exterior addition of an entry vestibule at the Mercer Island High School

Staff Contact: Andrew, Leon, Planner

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Planned Absences for Future Meetings Announcements & Communications Next Scheduled Meeting: March 27, 2019

#### **ADJOURN**

### **DESIGN COMMISSION**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**



#### Wednesday, January 23, 2019

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Richard Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Richard Erwin, Vice Chair Colin Brandt, Commissioners, Claire McPherson, Anthony Perez, Tom Soeprono, Hui Tian and Suzanne Zahr were present.

#### STAFF PRESENT

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner and Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney were present.

#### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the January 9, 2019. It was moved by Brandt; seconded by Perez to: **Approved the January 9, 2019 minutes**Passed 7-0

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### Agenda Item #1: Design Review DSR2018-018

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief presentation for the design review study session for a proposed new mixed-use building at the "King" and Mud Bay properties in Town Center.

Megan McKay, with Johnston Architects, gave a presentation on the proposed project.

The Commission review the proposed project and answered the applicant's questions.

The some of the Commission expressed concern regarding the corner on 77<sup>th</sup> at the through block connection regarding the height of the retail spaces.

The Commission expressed making sure that building façade on 78th is not too dark and to explore ways of lightening this side of the building.

The Commission requests that Johnston architects, provided some feedback regarding the commissions feedback.

#### PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Zhar will be absent February 13. Commissioner Perez will be absent February 27. Vice-Chair Brandt will be absent March 13.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next Design Commission meeting is on February 13, 2019 at 7:00PM.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm



# CITY OF MERCER ISLAND DESIGN COMMISSION STAFF REPORT DESIGN REVIEW – EXTERIOR MODIFICATION

Agenda Item: 1 March 13, 2019

Project: Mercer Island High School Vestibule

Description: A Design Commission design review for a proposed vestibule at the

entrance of the high school, located outside the Town Center.

Applicant: Brandy Fox of CPM Seattle

Site 9100 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street; Identified by King County Tax Parcel # 182405-

Addresses: 9005

Zoning Public Institution (PI)

District:

Exhibits: 1. Plan Set, dated received on January 14, 2019

2. Project Narrative, dated received on November 29, 2018

3. Aerial Photo and Materials Information, dated received on January 14, 2019

4. Development Application, dated received on November 30, 2018

#### 1. SUMMARY

The applicant previously participated in a Design Commission study session to review a proposed site development concept for a proposed addition to Mercer Island High School located in the Public Institution (PI) zone (DSR18-021). This current application is for formal review of the same project. The purpose of the addition is to create a vestibule at the entrance of the high school. The vestibule would improve security for the school during regular operating hours. The property currently contains Mercer Island High School and associated buildings and fields, the Mercer Island School District administration building, and the Crest Learning Center. The revisions made to the plans after the Design Commission study session are detailed in Exhibit 5. As the project is located in the PI zone, it must meet the criteria listed in MICC Section 19.12, Design Standards for Zones Outside Town Center.

#### 2. STAFF ANALYSIS AND CRITERIA FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to MICC 19.15.220(C)(1)(c)(i), the following development proposals shall require design commission review:

- ((a)) New buildings;
- ((b)) Any additions of gross floor area to an existing building(s);
- ((c)) Any alterations to an existing building that will result in a change of 50 percent, or more, of the exterior surface area;

((d)) Any alterations to a site, where the alteration will result in a change to the site design that affects more than 50 percent of the development proposal site; and

((e)) Any alterations to existing facades, where the building is identified by the city as an historic structure.

#### Staff Analysis:

The proposal involves the addition of 550 square feet of gross floor area to an existing building. Under MICC 19.15.220(C)(1)(c)(i)((b)), the proposal requires design commission review and approval.

#### MICC 19.12.010(D)(2) states:

Partial Application of Design Requirements: Minor Exterior Modification. The following design requirements shall apply when there is a minor exterior modification, as defined in MICC 19.16.010:

- a. MICC 19.12.030 pertaining to building design and visual interest;
- b. MICC 19.12.040(B)(5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (11) pertaining to landscape design and outdoor spaces: entrance landscaping; planting types; screen types and widths by use and location; perimeter landscape screens; surface parking lot planting; and general planting, irrigation and maintenance standards;
- c. MICC 19.12.050 pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian circulation;
- d. MICC 19.12.060 pertaining to screening of service and mechanical areas;
- e. MICC 19.12.070 pertaining to lighting;
- f. MICC 19.12.080 pertaining to signs;

The design requirements pertaining to structures shall be applied only to that portion of an existing structure that undergoes minor exterior modification and shall not require any portion of an existing structure that is otherwise not being worked on a part of the construction to be altered or modified.

#### MICC 19.12.030(B). Building Design and Visual Interest.

- **1. Scale, Form and Mass.** Scale, form, massing, building proportions, spacing of windows and doorways, roof silhouette, facade orientations, and style of architecture shall have a unified character and, as to commercial, regulated residential and regulated public facilities, recognize pedestrian needs.
  - a. Scale. Building scale should be proportional to other adjacent buildings, the street edge and, as to commercial, regulated residential and regulated public facilities, to the pedestrian environment.

#### Staff Findings:

The scale of the addition appears to be appropriate for the zone, to other adjacent buildings, to the street edge and the pedestrian environment.

b. Form and Mass. Building forms should not present visual mass or bulk impacts that are out of proportion to adjacent structures, or that appear from the public way or surrounding properties as having unmodulated visual bulk.

The addition will not present visual mass or bulk impacts that are out of proportion to adjacent structures, or that appear from the public way or surrounding properties as having unmodulated visual bulk.

#### 2. Building Facades - Visual Interest.

a. Facade Modulation. Building facade modulation shall break up the overall bulk and mass of the exterior of buildings and structures. Such modulation should always be addressed on the horizontal plane and the vertical plane. Large or massive buildings should integrate features along their facades that are visible from the public right-of-way, pedestrian routes and nearby structures to reduce the apparent building mass and achieve an architectural scale consonant with other nearby structures.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposal is for a one-story exterior addition for a vestibule at the entrance of the high school. Modulation is provided along the horizontal and vertical plane. The proposed building addition achieves an architectural scale with nearby structures.

- b. Modulation Guidelines.
  - i. Horizontal building facade modulation should occur at no less than every 50 feet of wall length. Forms of both vertical and horizontal building modulation may include, but are not limited to: facade indentations and extrusions; actual building separation; connecting atriums, courtyards and plazas; variable roof forms and overhangs; and decks and balconies.

#### Staff Findings:

No facades of the proposed addition exceed 50 feet in length. This section does not apply.

ii. Building facades visible from public ways and public spaces should be stepped back or projected forward at intervals to provide a minimum of 40 percent overall facade modulation.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposed addition is stepped forward from the adjacent walls of the building.

c. Ground Level Facades. Blank walls at the ground level that may be visible from a public view should be avoided. Ground level facades should create visual interest by utilizing features such as windows, wall

articulation, arcades, trellises or other plant features.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposal does not contain any blank walls. The proposed vestibule is completely fronted by glass doors.

d. Fenestration. Fenestration should be integrated in the overall building design and should provide variety in facade treatment.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The entire frontage of the proposed vestibule is composed of fenestration by windows and glass doors.

e. Horizontal Variation and Emphasis. Building facades should be made more visually interesting through the use of reveals, medallions, belt courses, decorative tile work, clerestory windows, or other design features. The scale of the detail should reflect the scale of the building.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The applicant is proposing a variety of materials to add visual interest, including textured concrete blocks, metal accent panels, and brick siding. The materials used for the addition will be similar to the materials used for the existing building.

f. Signs. Building design should allow space for a wall sign, consistent with the provisions of MICC 19.12.080, Signs, if it is anticipated that a wall sign would be used.

#### **Staff Findings:**

No signs are proposed. This section does not apply.

- **3. Building Articulation.** Design shall articulate building facades by use of variations of color, materials or patterns, or arrangement of facade elements that are proportional to the scale of the building. Architectural details that are used to articulate the structure may include reveals, battens, and other three-dimensional details that create shadow lines and break up the flat surfaces of the facade.
  - a. Tripartite Articulation. Tripartite building articulation (building top, middle, and base) should be used to create human scale and architectural interest.

The proposed vestibule is to be one story in height. Tripartite building articulation is achieved through the use of a variety of materials to separate the vestibule from the façade above.

b. Fenestration. Fenestration should be used in facades visible from public ways and public spaces visible from public ways for architectural interest and human scale. Windows should be articulated with treatments such as mullions or recesses and complementary articulation around doorways and balconies should be used.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposed vestibule is entirely fenestrated by way of glass doors and large windows.

c. Architectural Elements. The mass of long or large scale buildings should be made more visually interesting by incorporating architectural elements, such as arcades, balconies, bay windows, dormers, and/or columns.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The proposed vestibule create a pedestrian scale along the building façade with the use of modulation and fenestration. The proposed addition is a very small percentage of the mass of the building.

d. Upper Story Setback. Upper stories should be set back to reduce the apparent bulk of a building and promote human scale. When buildings are adjacent to single-family residential dwellings, upper story setbacks shall be provided from property lines.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposed vestibule is to be one story in height. As the proposal will not include upper stories, this criterion does not apply.

#### 4. Materials and Color.

a. Durable Building Exteriors. Building exteriors should be constructed from high quality and durable materials that will weather well and need minimal maintenance.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposal uses high quality and durable materials that will need minimal maintenance; concrete blocks, metal panels, and brick are proposed.

b. Consistency and Continuity of Design. Materials and colors generally should be used with consistency on all sides of a building.

#### Staff Findings:

As shown in Exhibits 1 and 3, the proposed materials and colors are consistent on all facades of the proposed addition and are consistent with the existing building.

c. Material and Color Variation. Color and materials should highlight architectural elements such as doors, windows, fascias, cornices, lintels, sills and changes in building planes. Variations in materials and colors should generally be limited to what is required for contrast or to accentuate architectural features.

#### **Staff Findings:**

Material and color variation are provided via metal panels and brick siding, and siding patterns. Fenestration also adds to the variation in materials on the addition's façades.

d. Concrete Walls. Concrete walls should be architecturally treated. The enhancement may include textured concrete such as exposed aggregate, sand blasting, stamping or color coating.

#### **Staff Findings:**

Concrete blocks are included in the list of materials, however they are not included in the latest iteration of the vestibule's design. Exhibit 3 shows that the concrete blocks would be both textured and smoothed to add variation to any façade that would use the blocks.

e. Bright Colors. Bright colors should be used only for trim and accents. Bright colors may be approved if the use is consistent with the building design and other design requirements. Fluorescent colors are prohibited.

#### **Staff Findings:**

Bright colors are not proposed, so this criterion does not apply.

#### 5. Building Entrances.

a. Architectural Features and Design. Special design attention should be given to the primary building entrance(s). A primary entrance should be consistent with overall building design, but made visually distinct from the rest of the building façade through architectural features. Examples include recessed entrances, entrances which roof forms that protrude from the building façade, and decorative awnings, canopies, porte-cocheres, and

covered walkways.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposed vestibule is to serve as the primary entrance to the building during school hours. The vestibule is proposed to have a lower roofline than that will project away from the rest of the building.

b. Entrance Connections. The primary entrance to a building should be easy to recognize and should be visible from the public way and/or connected to the public way with walkways. Landscaping should reinforce the importance of the entrance as a gathering place and create visual and physical connections to other portions of the site and to vehicular and pedestrian access points.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The proposed vestibule is visible from the nearest public way, SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, to which the vestibule is connected by a pedestrian walkway. The applicants are proposing to install new landscaping that will direct visitors to the vestibule and to create a gathering space near the entrance to the building.

#### 6. Rooflines.

a. Roofline Variation, Interest, and Detail. Roofline variation, interest, and detail shall be used to reduce perceived building height and mass and increase compatibility with smaller scale and/or residential development. Roofline variation, interest and detail may be achieved through use of roofline features such as dormers, stepped roofs, and gables that reinforce a modulation or articulation interval, incorporation of a variety of vertical dimensions, such as multiplaned and intersecting rooflines, or flat-roofed designs that include architectural details such as cornices and decorative facings.

#### Staff Findings:

The proposed vestibule will have a flat roof, which contrasts to the pitched roof of the existing building. The vestibule is also proposed to be one story in height, as compared to the higher roof of the existing building.

- b. Roofline Variation, Numeric Standard. Roof line variation shall occur on all multifamily structures with roof lines which exceed 50 feet in length, and on all commercial, office or public structures which exceed 70 feet in length. Roof line variation shall be achieved using one or more of the following methods:
  - i. Vertical off-set ridge or cornice line;

- ii. Horizontal off-set ridge or cornice line;
- iii. Variations of roof pitch between 5:12 and 12:12; or
- iv. Any other approved technique which achieves the intent of this section.

The proposed addition's roofline does not exceed 50 feet in length. Overall building roofline variation is enhanced by the flat roof of the proposed vestibule. The existing building has a combination of flat and pitched roof lines.

**7. All-Weather Features.** All-weather features at the sidewalk, courtyard or public gathering space areas of commercial and regulated public facilities, such as awnings, canopies, covered walkways, trellises, or covered patios, should be provided to make spending time outdoors feasible in all seasons.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The entrance to the proposed vestibule is provided weather protection by the overhang of the awning over the adjacent portion of the existing building.

**8.** Public Schools should respect privacy for adjacent residential properties by providing appropriate screening and placement of windows in buildings. Distance from residential property lines should also be considered when determining the appropriate amount of screening and the type and placement of windows.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The proposed vestibule is approximately 200 feet from the nearest residential property. There is existing vegetative screening between the proposed vestibule and the residential properties on the south side of SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. This criterion is met.

#### MICC 19.12.040(B). Landscape Design and Outdoor Spaces.

Standards. Any quantitative standards contained in MICC 19.12.040(B) that specify types of plant material, quantities, spacing, and planting area widths are not intended to dictate a rigid and formal landscape. The applicant should incorporate the quantitative standards into a quality landscape and planting design that meets the stated objectives and standards of this section.

**1. Outdoor Spaces.** Outdoor spaces should be designed at a human scale and include hardscape spaces, spaces created by plant materials and combinations of the two.

- a. Strategically placed and useable pedestrian areas such as courtyards, plazas, outdoor seating or other gathering places should be provided for commercial, regulated residential and public facilities.
- b. On-site recreation areas appropriate to the users should be provided for residential and public projects.
- c. The design of outdoor spaces should combine necessary site functions, such as storm water detention, with open space and visual interest areas.

The parcel on which the proposed vestibule is to be constructed contains various gathering spaces and sport fields. The vestibule will be connected to these gathering spaces and recreation areas by the existing system of pedestrian paths and walkways. The applicant is proposing to install new benches in the courtyard adjacent to the proposed vestibule, which will enhance the vicinity of the building's entrance as a gathering place.

**2. Entrance Landscaping.** For commercial and regulated public facilities, landscaping at entrances should frame an outdoor space near the entrance and reinforce this important building feature as a gathering place.

#### **Staff Findings:**

The proposal utilizes the existing landscaping, which includes mature trees, shrubs, and ground cover. A portion of the hard-surfaced landscape area near the proposed vestibule will be altered to install new benches and to create a walkway to the vestibule. Existing landscaping is found to be satisfactory for the proposed scope of work.

- **3. General Planting,** Irrigation and Maintenance Standards. The following standards apply to the planting requirements set forth above.
  - a. Coverage. Planting areas should be completely covered with trees, shrubs, mulched areas, and/or ground covers.
  - a. Berms and Landforms. Earth berms and landforms in combination with shrubs and trees may be used to achieve the initial planting height requirement.
  - b. Minimum Width. All planting areas should be a minimum of five feet in width. Planting areas should be wider wherever possible.
  - c. Sight Clearance. At intersections, plantings shall not create sight obstructions that may compromise pedestrian or traffic safety.
  - d. Planting Coverage. All required planting areas should extend to the ditch slope, curb line, street edge, or area of sidewalk.

- e. Curbs Required. Permanent curbs or structural barriers/dividers should enclose planting areas in vehicle use areas. Wheel stops should also be used to protect planting areas from damage due to cars overhanging the curb
- f. Plantings Near Utilities. Trees shall not be planted within eight feet of a water or sewer pipeline. Shrubs shall be at least four feet from hydrants. A full screen would be required to screen above-ground utilities from adjacent uses and public rights-of-way. Perimeter plantings shall be clustered in areas to screen structures, utility structures, loading areas, trash enclosures, storage areas and mechanical equipment. This paragraph shall not apply to utilities, structures, loading areas, enclosures or equipment unless the utility, structure, loading area, enclosure or equipment is being added as part of the regulated improvement being reviewed.
- g. Drainage. Planting areas shall be provided with adequate drainage.
- h. Maintenance Requirements. All required landscaping shall be maintained in good condition. Plant material should be cared for in a way that allows their natural form to be maintained, even when the plant reaches maturity. Performance guarantees to ensure maintenance or required landscaping may be required pursuant to MICC 19.01.060.

Mature landscaping already exists on the site. The proposed landscaping is found to be satisfactory for the proposed scope of work.

MICC 19.12.050(B). Vehicular and Pedestrian Circulation.

- 1. Pedestrian Circulation Characteristics
  - a. Pedestrian Improvements. All developments shall provide for pedestrian access including pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, and/or paths. Areas for sitting and gathering should be provided as an integral part of regulated public facilities, regulated residential and commercial building design. Pedestrian improvements should be separated from vehicular areas by physical barriers such as curbs or landscaping. This requirement for new parking lots with fewer than 20 spaces and for additions or remodels may be waived or modified where the applicant can demonstrate that these standards would reduce the amount of parking below what would be required for the site.
  - b. On-site Circulation for Regulated Public Facilities and Commercial Buildings. Proposed development should be linked to existing and planned walkways and trails. Entrances of all buildings should be linked to each other and to public ways and parking lots. Where possible and feasible, the pedestrian system shall connect to paths or sidewalks on neighboring properties.

The proposed vestibule is to be constructed near the existing entrance to Mercer Island High School. It will be connected to other existing buildings on the site via an existing system of paths and walkways. New landscaping is proposed near the vestibule that will include seating, enhancing the entrance as a meeting place.

#### MICC 19.12.070(B). Lighting.

- **1. Architectural Elements.** Lighting should be designed as an integral architectural element of the building and site.
- **2. Function and Security**. On-site lighting shall be sufficient for pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety. Building entrances should be well lit to provide inviting access and safety. Building-mounted lights and window lights should contribute to lighting of walkways in pedestrian areas.
- **3. Lighting Height.** Freestanding, parking area, and building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 16 feet in height, including any standard or base.
- **4. Shielding.** All exterior lighting fixtures shall be shielded or located to confine light spread within the site boundaries. Full cut-off fixtures should be used. The use of unshielded incandescent lighting fixtures less than 160 watts and any unshielded lighting less than 50 watts may be allowed. Parking area light fixtures shall be designed to confine emitted light to the parking area.

#### 5. Uplighting of Structures and Signs.

- a. Residential Zones. Structures in residential zones shall not be illuminated by uplighting. Limited uplighting of signs and plantings in residential zones may be approved provided there is no glare or spillover lighting off the site boundaries.
- b. Nonresidential Zones. Structures, signs, and plantings in nonresidential zones may be illuminated by uplighting, provided there is no glare or spillover lighting off the site boundaries.
- **6. Light Type.** Lighting should use low wattage color-corrected sodium light sources, which give more "natural" light. Metal halide, quartz, neon and mercury vapor lighting are prohibited in residential zones. High pressure sodium lights may only be used as street lights and must be fully shielded.

#### Staff Findings:

The applicant has proposed to install new bollard lighting in the landscaped area between the proposed vestibule and the nearby parking lot. Detailed information regarding the proposed lighting is provided in Exhibit 2.

In response to MICC 19.12.070(B)(1-6):

- 1. Downward-facing lighting will be integrated into the roof overhang at the new entrance.
- 2. The lighting will provide safe and inviting access to users.
- 3. The proposed bollard lighting will be less than 8 feet in height. No other pole-mounted lights are proposed.
- 4. All new exterior lighting fixtures are proposed to be fully shielded and will utilize full cut-off fixtures.
- 5. Uplighting is not proposed.
- 6. Low-wattage lighting is proposed.

#### MICC 19.12.080(B) Signs.

**Staff Findings:** 

Signage is not proposed. This section does not apply.

#### III. RECOMMENDATION

Based on the analysis and findings included herein, staff recommends to the Design Commission the following:

**Recommended Motion:** Move to grant Mercer Island School District design approval for the addition of a vestibule at the entrance of Mercer Island High School at 9100 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, as presented in Exhibit 1, subject to the following conditions.

**Alternative Recommended Motion:** Move to grant Mercer Island School District design approval for the addition of a vestibule at the entrance of Mercer Island High School at 9100 SE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, as presented in Exhibit 1, subject to the following conditions and further conditioned as follows [specify conditions].

#### IV. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. Per MICC 19.15.150(A), if the applicant has not submitted a complete application for all other required permits associated with this proposal within three years from the date of the notice of the design review decision, or within two years from the decision on appeal from the final design review decision, design review approval shall expire. The applicant is responsible for knowledge of the expiration date.
- 2. The proposal shall be constructed in substantial compliance with Exhibit 1.



# MERCER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL ENTRY

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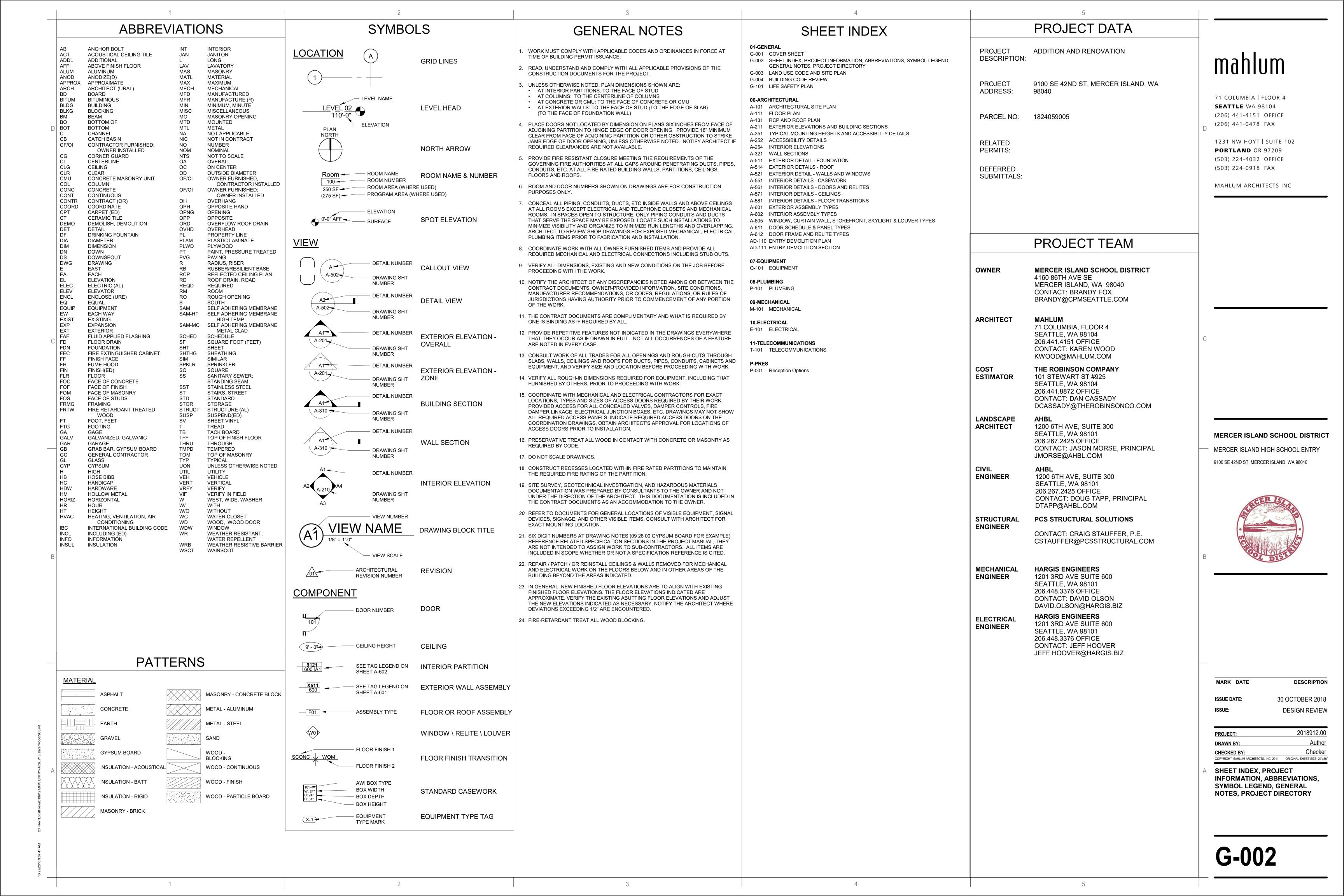
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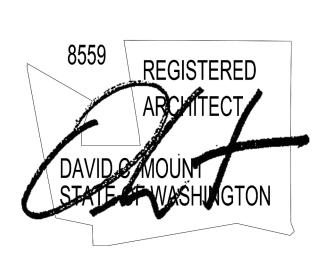




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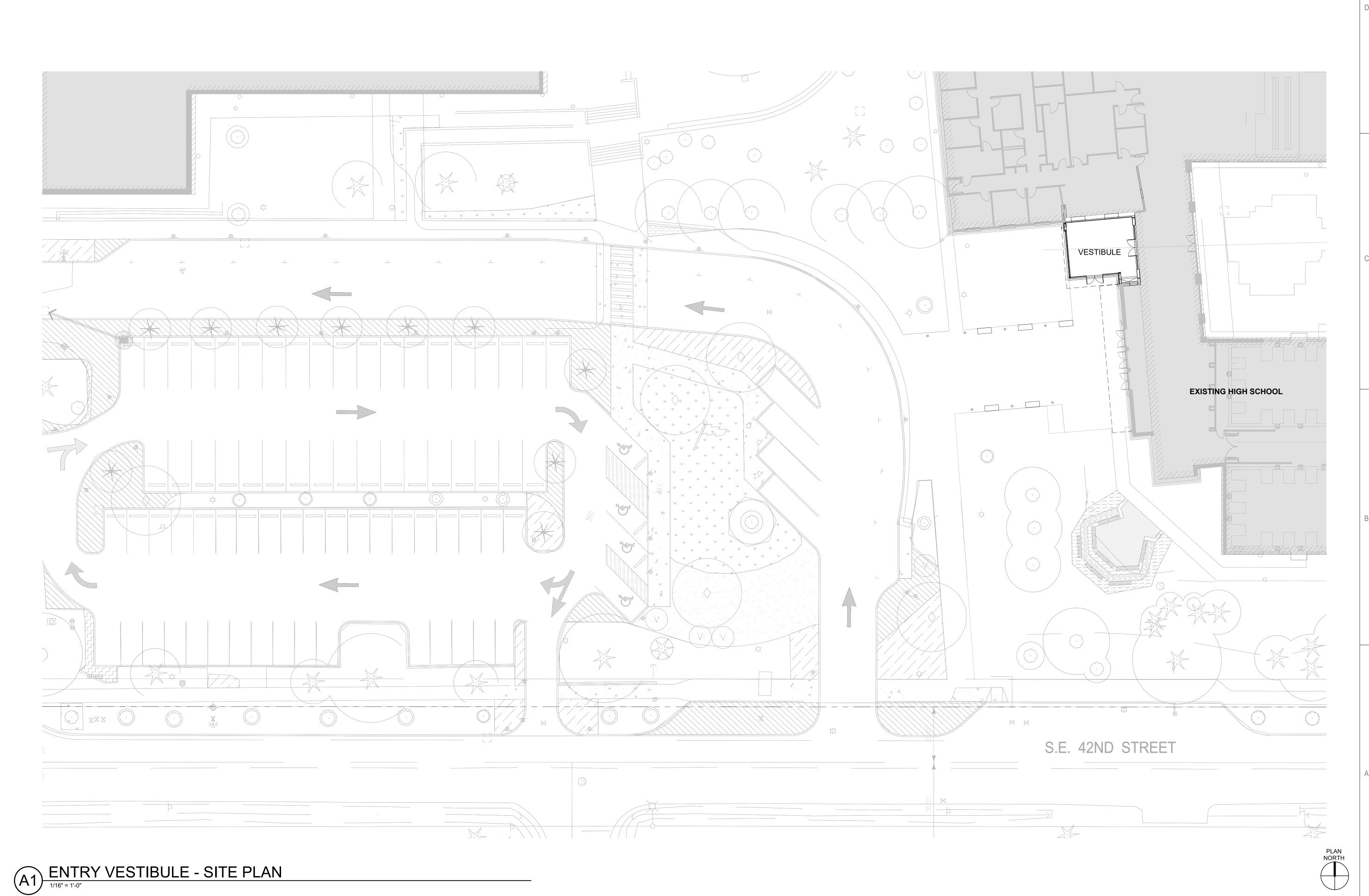
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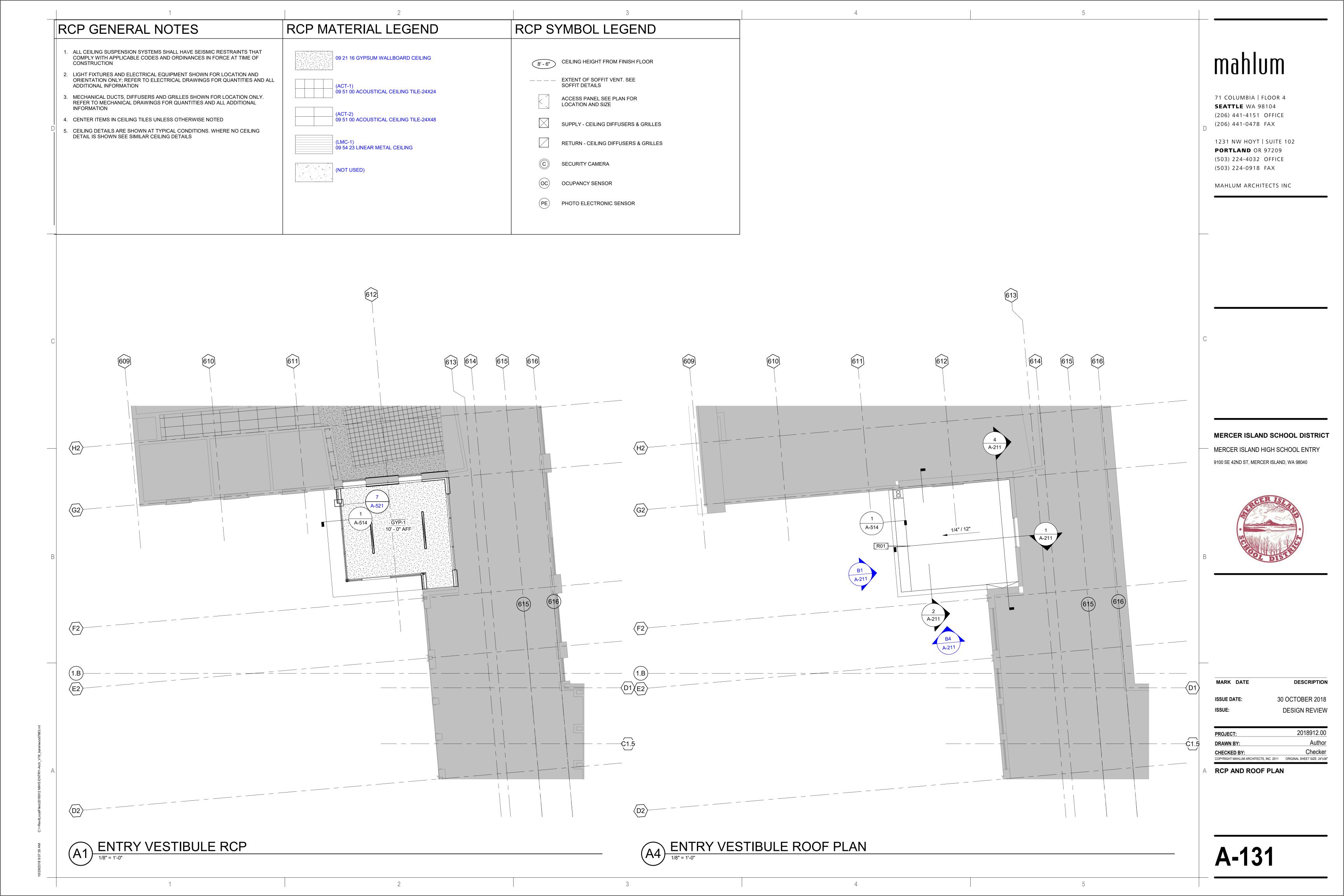
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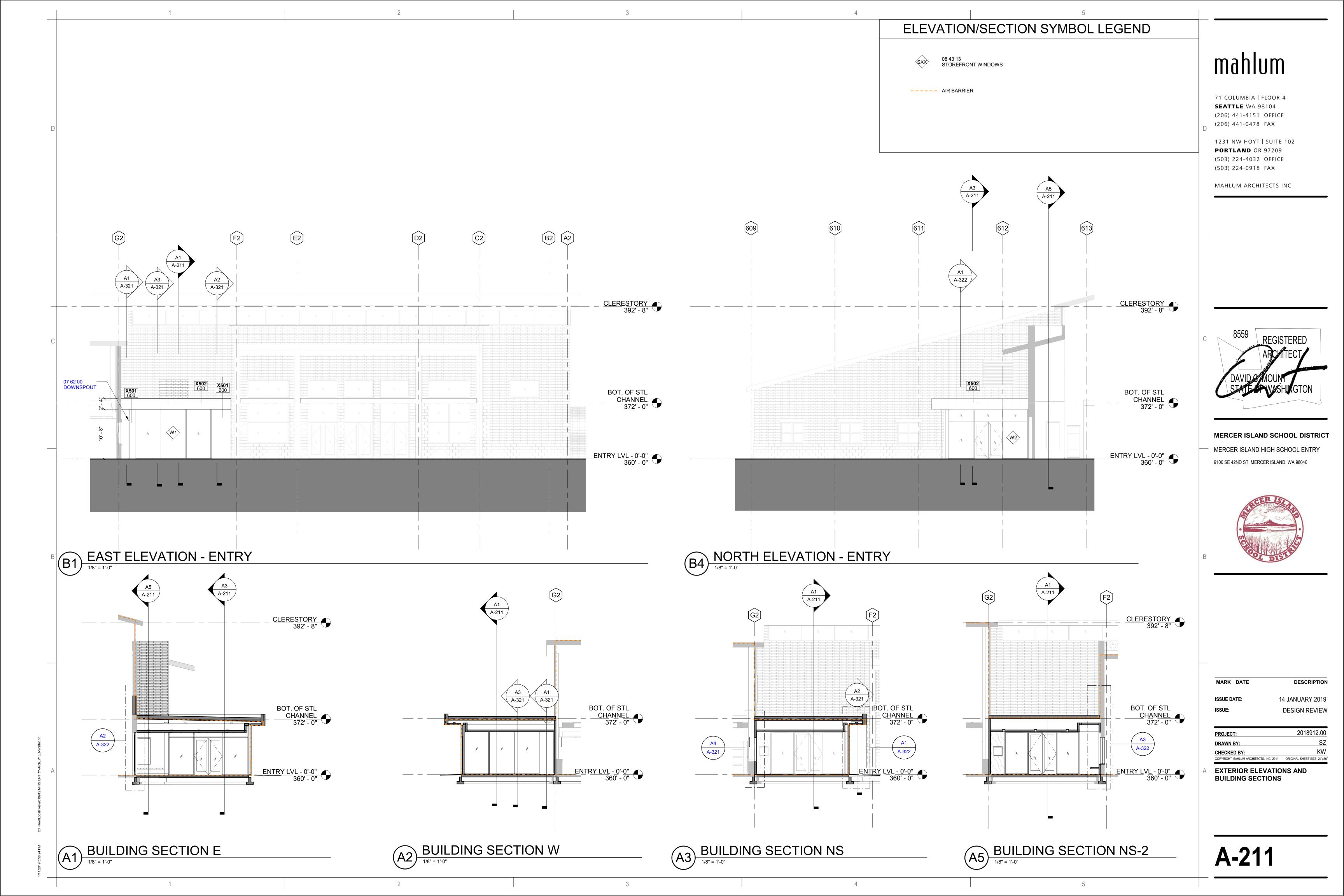
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MEMORANDUM

29 November 2018

To: Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner

City of Mercer Island Development Services Group

From: Karen Wood, Mahlum

Subject: **Design Review, Project Narrative** 

Project: Mercer Island High School – Vestibule Addition

#### **Project Description**

The Mercer Island High School Vestibule Addition will provide a new entry to the existing high school to meet the district's current standards for school safety and security. Designed to complement the existing school architecture, the addition will work with existing building materials and massing to create an inviting main entry that works with the existing pedestrian traffic patterns.

Strongly supported by the Mercer Island School District and by the Mercer Island community, the project will include a 550 SF addition, consisting of a vestibule with new transaction windows to the main office. The addition will serve as a single point of entry for all visitors to the school thereby increasing the level of supervision and security. All visitors will be required to check-in through the transaction windows at the new vestibule prior to being granted access to their destination in the school.

Mercer Island High School occupies a 43 acre site at the corner of Southeast 42nd Street and 92nd Avenue Southeast. The area is bound to the East and South by residential neighborhoods. The existing main entry is immediately adjacent to the main office and is accessed from the parking lot, parent drop-off loop, or sidewalk on the north side of 42° Street near the intersection of 90° Ave SE. It is possible the site will be fully occupied during some portion of the construction of the new entry vestibule. The construction work will be scheduled to minimize disruption to the existing school and vehicular traffic and to prioritize safety of building occupants.

The existing impervious surface area on the North Mercer Campus is 53%; the addition of the 550 square foot vestibule will not exceed the allowable impervious area of 63%. The project will convert a minimum of 50 square feet of existing impervious to landscape area or porous paving to minimize on-site impacts to stormwater. The final impervious area calculations will be provided with the Building Permit application.

The design of the entry addition draws on the vocabulary of two recent additions to the high school; the music addition from 2012 and the classroom additions from 2014. The exterior materials will match existing brick in color and texture providing both continuity and visual variation. To reduce bulk, the new entry is a lower volume, with large areas of glass, and a low flat overhanging roof to provide weather protection at the doors. The placement of the new entry vestibule respects the existing pedestrian movement patterns and becomes an identity feature to the community. The existing sidewalk that brings

visitors to the main entry will be refreshed with new pedestrian scale lighting, benches and bicycle parking. The area immediately adjacent to the new entry will be highlighted by a new planted zone with native, draught tolerant plantings.

#### **Response to Design Standards**

The project is considered a Minor exterior modification and is subject to design review per Mercer Island Municipal Code (MICC) 19.15.220.

The following describes the project proposal and how the project meets the applicable design objectives and standards established in the Mercer Island City Code 19.12, Design Standards for Zones Outside the Town Center. The narrative addresses the project's conformance with Partial Application of Design Requirements: Minor Exterior Modification 19.12.010 D2:

#### 19.12.030 BUILDING DESIGN AND VISUAL INTEREST

- B. Standards
- 1. Scale, Form and Mass The proposed addition is shorter than the existing building while still of a scale to signal a civic use and volume to support balanced natural daylight and clear views from through the vestibule to the main parking area. The building entry is removed from the street but transparent, and oriented toward the sidewalks and parent drop-off zone to facilitate way finding. Additionally, scale is provided in material changes, volume and plan changes, rhythmic fenestration, and varied rooflines.
- 2. Building Facades Visual Interest The proposed addition uses a similar language of materials and massing as the existing building and recent entry additions. The façade is modulated both horizontally and vertically to break up the overall bulk and mass of the exterior. The new entry façade projects out beyond the face of the existing entry doors providing additional modulation along the west façade. The proposal does not increase the length of un-modulated wall length on any elevation. Should the main entry be considered visible from the public way, the proposed project would serve to increase the overall percentage of façade modulation beyond the minimum 40% requirement. A roof overhang at the new entry also provides shadow lines for horizontal variation and emphasis. Additionally, the ground level facade creates visual interest by including windows, a variety of textures, surface articulation, and building projections.
- 3. Building Articulation Flat surfaces are broken up by brick patterning and metal panel accents in keeping with the language of the existing school. The entry vestibule expresses a top, middle and base. The base is a light brick veneer that aligns with the existing school base material. The middle section is predominantly glass that wraps around the building addition. 'Top' is identified by a thickened roof edge that picks up the light, panelized metal used to articulate lower flat roofs on recent additions to the high school. The prominent clerestory windows and a high atrium that define the existing main entry are maintained.
- 4. Materials and Color High quality and durable exterior materials are proposed, including a masonry base, steel and aluminum panel cladding, and aluminum storefront. These materials are used on all elevations. The proposed brick is drawn from the light smooth faced units interspersed in the existing CMU and brick base. The material transitions from the existing building to the addition will be broken up by light colored metal panel accents that reflect the painted steel elements articulating the existing school. Color shifts are minimized, but accentuate the fenestration, entry, doors and rooflines. No bright colors are proposed.

- 5. Building Entrances –The main entrance is visible from the main parking lot and parent drop-off lane; it is articulated with a deep canopy for sheltered arrival and distinguished by larger areas of glazing. The entrance is physically connected to the existing sidewalks providing access to the parking lot and sidewalk along 42- Street SE. The vestibule provides a supervised place to arrive and to wait for additional safety during school hours.
- 6. Rooflines The proposed addition steps down the roofline at the new vestibule to provide a lower, human-scaled entry, while still blending with the existing roofline.
- 7. Additional Standards for Buildings Containing Residential Units Not applicable.
- 8. Corporate Design Not applicable.
- 9. All-Weather Features A canopy is provided at the existing and proposed entry, where waiting is encouraged to happen.

#### 19.12.040 LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND OUTDOOR SPACES

- B. Standards
- 1. Landscape Area Not Applicable for Minor Exterior Modifications
- 2. Outdoor Spaces Not Applicable for Minor Exterior Modifications
- 3. Architectural Features Not Applicable for Minor Exterior Modifications
- 4. Minimum Landscape Area Requirements Not Applicable for Minor Exterior Modifications
- 5. Entrance Landscaping The landscape plan and building mass frames the entrances and provides both cover for all-weather occupancy and an extended landing to encourage use.
- 6. Planting Material, Types and Design Native or Northwest-adapted plants will be used for all open spaces. Additionally, the plants will be drought tolerant. The new plantings are selected to compliment both the existing site landscaping and native species. Ground cover will be used and spaced to achieve total coverage within three years of installation.
- 7. Perimeter Screen Types and Widths No modifications to existing landscape screening are proposed.
- 8. Perimeter Landscape Screens No modifications to existing landscape screening are proposed.
- 9. Surface Parking Lot Planting No modifications to existing surface parking or parking lot planting are proposed
- 10. Landscape Grading Standards Not Applicable for Minor Exterior Modifications
- 11. General Planting, Irrigation and Maintenance Standards This project will meet the required standards for coverage, minimum width, sight clearance, planting coverage, plantings near utilities, and drainage. The owner will provide maintenance as required by this standard.

#### 19.12.050 VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- B. Standards
- 1. Vehicular Circulation Characteristics No modifications to existing vehicular circulation are proposed. No new loading docks will be provided in this project.
- 2. Pedestrian Circulation Characteristics This project will provide pedestrian access and connection to all existing pathways, doors, public ways and parking lots. The existing parking lot and sidewalk are separated by a curb which will remain.

#### 19.12.060 SCREENING OF SERVICE AND MECHANICAL AREAS

- B. Standards
- 1. Accessory Buildings No outdoor storage building, new outdoor mechanical equipment or utility vaults are proposed.
- 2. Rooftop Mechanical Equipment and Appurtenances No new mechanical equipment or appurtenances are proposed as part of this project.
- 3. Meter and Mechanical Units No new meters or exterior ground-mounted mechanical units are planned.
- 4. On-Site Service Areas No new service areas or loading dock are proposed.
- 5. Garbage, Recycling Collection and Utility Areas No new garbage or utility areas are proposed.
- 6. Fence, trellis and Arbor Standards Not applicable.
- 7. Noise, Vapor, Heat or Fumes Noise from the addition will not exceed current levels of emission. Noise, vapor, heat and fumes from equipment will be mitigated.

#### 19.12.070 LIGHTING

- B. Standards
- 1. Architectural Elements Down lighting will be integrated into the overhang at the new entrances.
- 2. Function and Security On site lighting will be sufficient for pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicular safety. Pedestrian bollards and light from the adjacent windows will light the new building entrance.
- 3. Lighting Height New pedestrian bollards will be less than 8' tall, no other new pole lights are planned.
- 4. Shielding All new exterior lighting fixtures will be fully shielded with full cut-off. Existing lights will remain where undisturbed by the renovation.
- 5. Uplighting of Structures and Signs No uplighting proposed.
- 6. Light Type Requirements for light types (low wattage color-corrected sodium) will be met.

#### 19.12.080 SIGNS

- B. Standards
- 1. Freestanding Ground Signs Outside Residential Zones No new freestanding ground signs are proposed.
- 2. Wall Signs Outside Residential Zones Wall signs, if proposed or modified from existing, will meet the requirements of this section of the MICC.
- 3. Signs for Non-Single-Family-Dwelling Uses in Residential Zones Not applicable.
- 4. Signs for Licensed Practitioners or Service Operators in Residential Zones –Not applicable.
- 5. Parking Lot Signs No new signs proposed.
- 6. Directional Signs No new directional signs proposed.
- 7. Temporary Signs Requirements for temporary signs per MICC 19.06.020 will be met.

- 8. Street Numbers Requirements for street numbers no smaller than six inches in height to be installed on all buildings will be met, unless this condition is already satisfied by numbers on the existing school building. This project will comply with this standard as determined by the City.
- 9. Prohibited Signs No roof, projecting, window, inflated, internally lit, neon, flashing, moving, animated, off-premise, or vehicular signs are proposed. During the period of construction, temporary portable signs may be provided identifying contractor trailers, directional information and other necessary construction safety warnings. No vending machines will be visible from the public right-of-way.



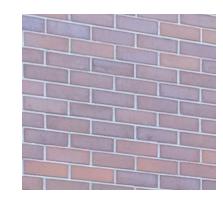






MUSIC ADDITION<br/>2012CLASSROOM ADDITION<br/>2014MAIN ENTRY<br/>1997 + 2019

### **MATERIALITY**



Smooth red brick



Smooth & textured red brick



Smooth light brick & split face CMU



Painted steel accent



Landscape



Bronze accent panels



Light accent panels















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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION  Received By:				
STREET ADDRESS/LOCATION		ZONE		
COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL #'S		PARCEL SIZE (SQ. FT.)		
PROPERTY OWNER (required)	ADDRESS (required)	ı	CELL/OFFICE (required)	
			E-MAIL (required)	
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DECLARATION: I HEREBY STATE THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY OR I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER(S) OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO REPRESENT THIS APPLICATION, AND THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ME IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.  11.29.2018  DATE  PROPOSED APPLICATION(S) AND CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL (PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NEEDED):				
ATTACH RESPONSE TO DECISION CRITERIA IF APPLICABLE				
CHECK TYPE OF LAND USE APPROVAL REQUES				
APPEALS	DEVIATIONS		WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES	
☐ Building (+cost of file preparation)	☐ Changes to Antenna require	ements	☐ Wireless Communications Facilities- 6409 Exemption	
☐ Code Interpretation ☐ Land use (+cost of verbatim transcript)	☐ Changes to Open Space ☐ Critical Areas Setback		☐ New Wireless Communications Facility	
☐ Right-of-Way Use	☐ Wet Season Construction M		VARIANCES (Plus Hearing Examiner Fee)	
CRITICAL AREAS	ENVIRONMENTAL REV		☐ Type 1**	
☐ Determination	☐ Checklist: Single Family Resi		☐ Type 2***	
☐ Reasonable Use Exception	☐ Checklist: Non-Single Family		OTHER LAND USE	
DESIGN REVIEW	☐ Environmental Impact State		☐ Accessory Dwelling Unit	
☐ Administrative Review	SHORELINE MANAG		☐ Code Interpretation Request	
☐ Design Review- <b>Major</b>	☐ Exemption		☐ Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA)	
☐ Design Review – <b>Minor</b>	☐ Semi-Private Recreation Tra		☐ Conditional Use (CUP)	
☐ Design Review – Study Session	☐ Semi-Private Recreation Tra		☐ Lot Line Revision/ Lot Consolidation	
SUBDIVISION SHORT PLAT	☐ Substantial Dev. Permit		☐ Noise Exception	
☐ Short Plat	SUBDIVISION LON		☐ Reclassification of Property (Rezoning)	
☐ Short Plat Amendment	☐ Long Plat		☐ ROW Encroachment Agreement (requires	
☐ Deviation of Acreage Limitation	☐ Subdivision Alteration to Ex		separate ROW Use Permit	
☐ Final Short Plat Approval	☐ Final Subdivision Review		☐ Zoning Code Text Amendment	
**Includes all variances of any type or purpose in all zones other than single family residential zone: B,C-O,PBZ,MF-2,MF-2L,MF-2L, MF-3,TC,P)				

\*\*\*Includes all variances of any type or purpose in single family residential zone: R-8.4, R-9.6, R-12, R-15)