

# Memorandum

**Planning Division** 

**Community & Economic Development Department** 

**To:** Historic Landmark Commission

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Re: Petition 470-07-15 Huntington Park Condominiums New Construction -

A request by Derrick Whetton to build a new 45 unit residential condominium building located at approximately 540 East 500 South in the Central City Historic District. The proposed development is located on four parcels and contains approximately 0.79 acres. The property is in an R-O Residential Office Zoning District and an RMF-35 Moderate Density Multi-Family Residential Zoning District located in City Council District Four represented by

Luke Garrott

On March 5, 2008 the Historic Landmark Commission reviewed the above mentioned petition. At that meeting, the HLC referred the matter to the Architectural Committee to review the overall design of the proposed building, specifically to review the following:

- The design of elevation finishes
- The glazing details
- The design of the recessed portion of the front façade
- Parking alternatives
- Clear examples of railing and other architectural details.

The committee reviewed the above items and the applicant made alterations to the design of the structure based on the comments received from the Architectural Committee. At the applicant's request, the Architectural Committee met a second time after the plans had been updated. Based on the review of the Architectural Committee, the applicants have made the following changes to their plans:

• The parking ramp has been split, with the vehicular ingress (entrance) to the underground parking structure located in the center of the property. The vehicular egress (exit) is located on the east side of the property, where there is an existing and shared driveway. The ingress is approximately twelve feet wide. The egress would be located where there is an existing driveway and a shared access easement with the property to the east.

- The front façade has been redesigned. The redesign includes adding balconies to the center portion
  of the structure and pushing the balconies on the two end portions of the structure towards the edges
  of the facades. The previous design had the balconies located in the middle section of the east and
  west wings of the front façade.
- The building materials on the front façade have been altered to include a stone base and a modified cornice on the top of the building.
- The front yard has been redesigned so that it has a plaza type of feel.

The step back of the fourth floor of the proposed structure has been removed in this rendition. This does increase the height at the street level. The proposed structure is approximately forty nine (49) feet tall. The structure would be the tallest structure on the block face. The next tallest structure is approximately forty five (45) feet tall. Design Guideline 11.5 recommends subdividing larger masses into smaller modules that are similar in size to buildings seen traditionally. In past meetings, the applicant has provided information on the dimensions of other multi-family structures on the block face. The front façade of the proposed structure has been divided into three modules that are similar in dimension to the existing multi family structures on the block. The east and west elevations of the structure have been subdivided into smaller modules as well. The result is that the overall scale and mass of the structure has been reduced so that it is similar to other multi-family structures on the block.

The modifications have not changed Planning staff's analysis of the project as stated in the March 5, 2008 Staff Report (attached). The proposed changes are consistent with the standards as indicated in the that Staff Report.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation of staff in the March 5, 2008 Staff Report included two conditions of approval: that the access to the site be redesigned so that it is ADA compliant and that the window profiles be consistent with the applicable design guidelines. Due to the redesign of the front façade and the front yard, the access appears to be compliant with ADA requirements. The windows must still be consistent with the applicable design guidelines.

Based on the attached drawings and the analysis found in the March 5, 2008 Staff Report, staff recommends approval of the proposed project with the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant comply with all City requirements through the demolition and construction process;
- 2. That the applicant perform a photographic survey of the existing building prior to demolition that is consistent with the Historic Landmark Commission s policies and procedures;
- 3. That the window profiles be consistent with the applicable design guidelines.

#### Attachments:

- A. March 5, 2008 Staff Report
- B. March 5, 2008 Historic Landmark Commission minutes
- C. Building Plans

Attachment A

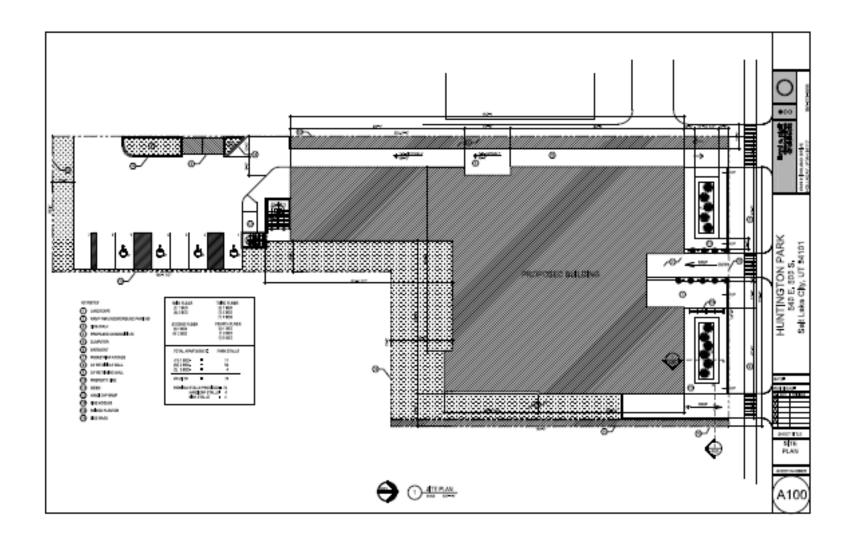
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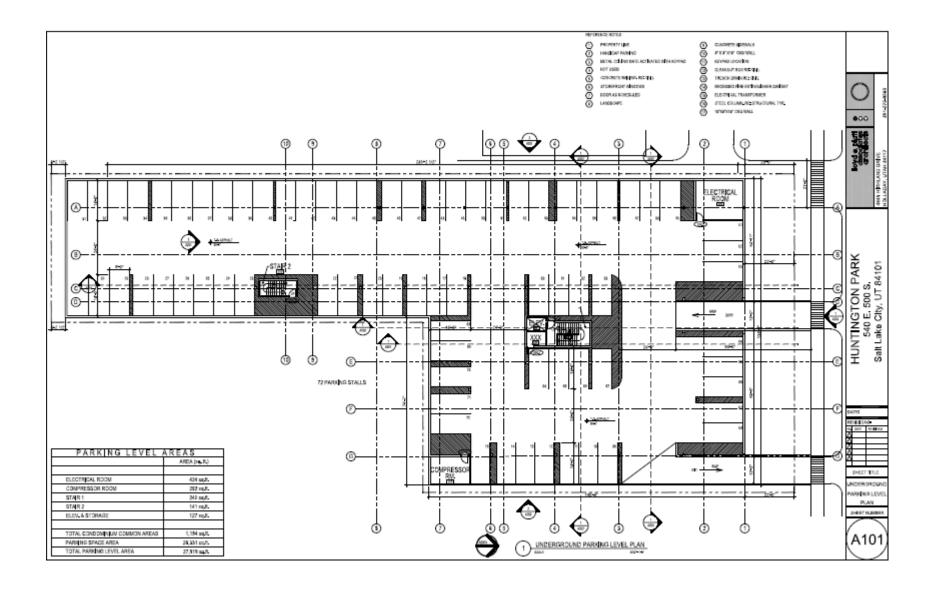
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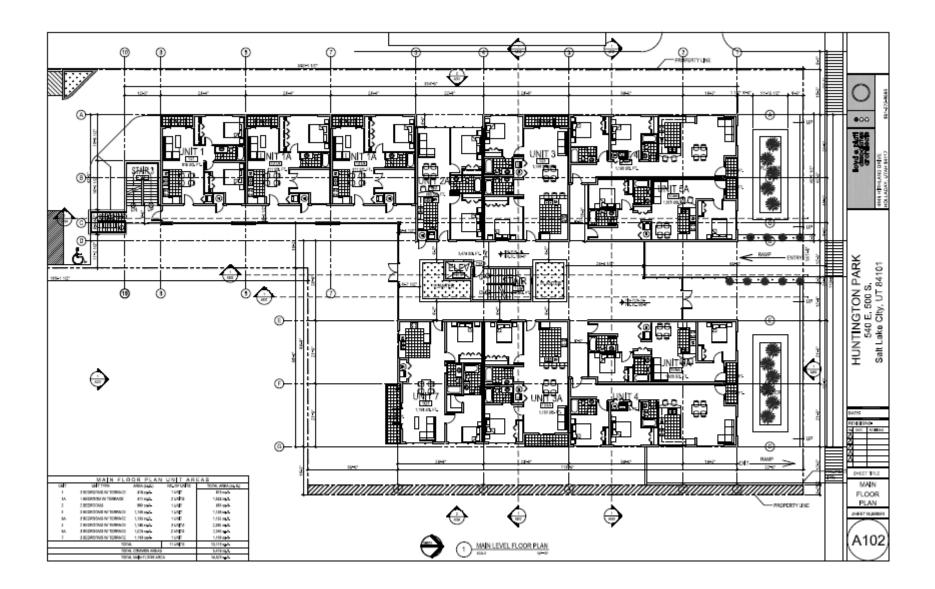
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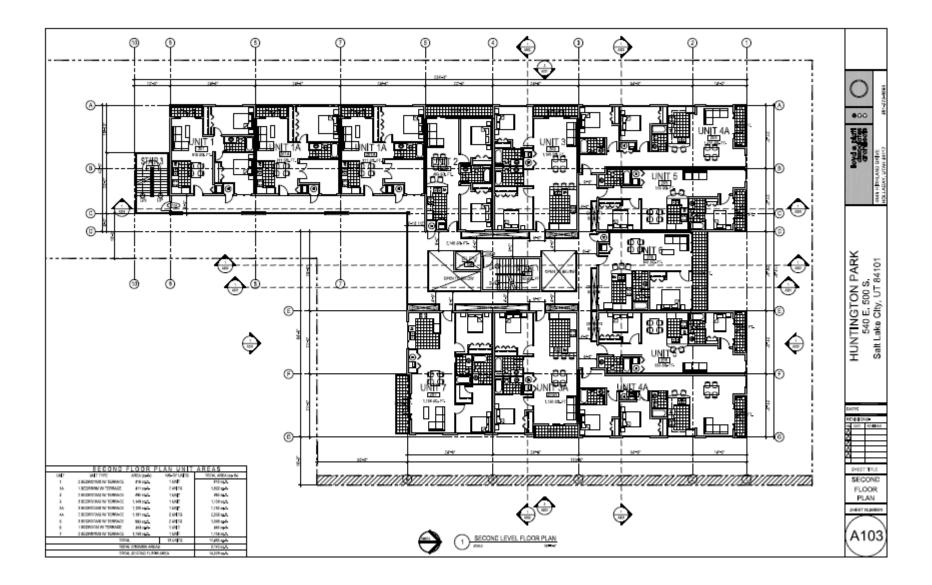
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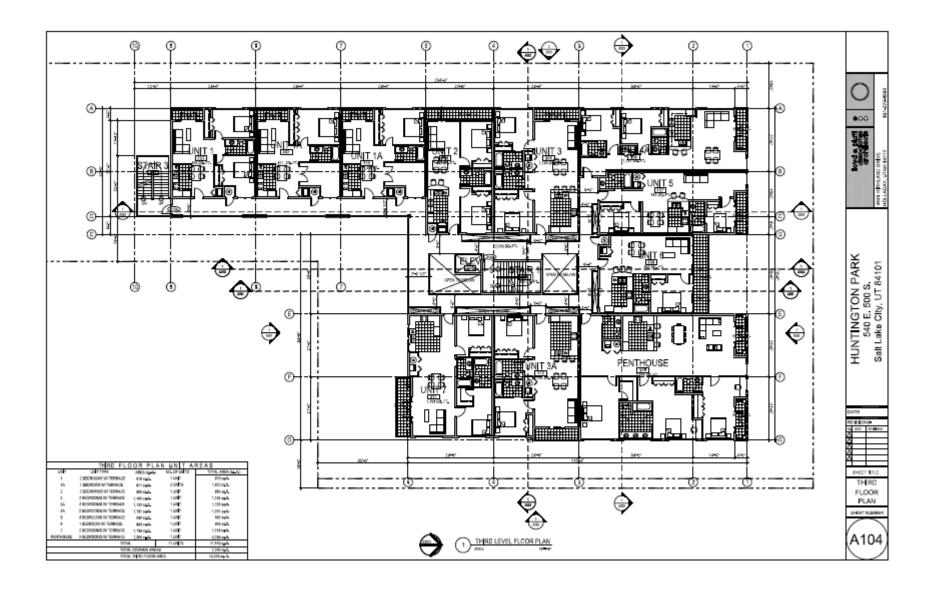
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Building Plans

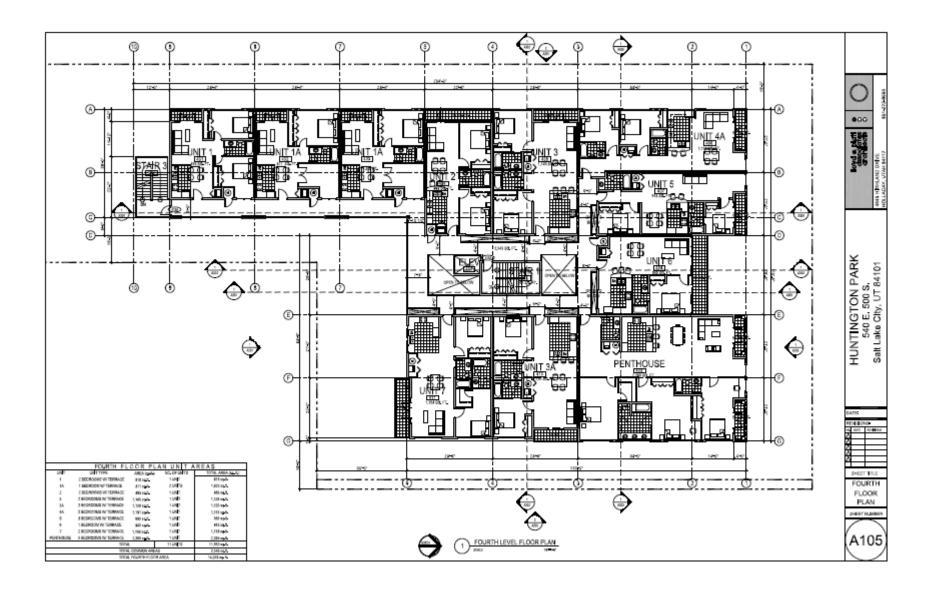


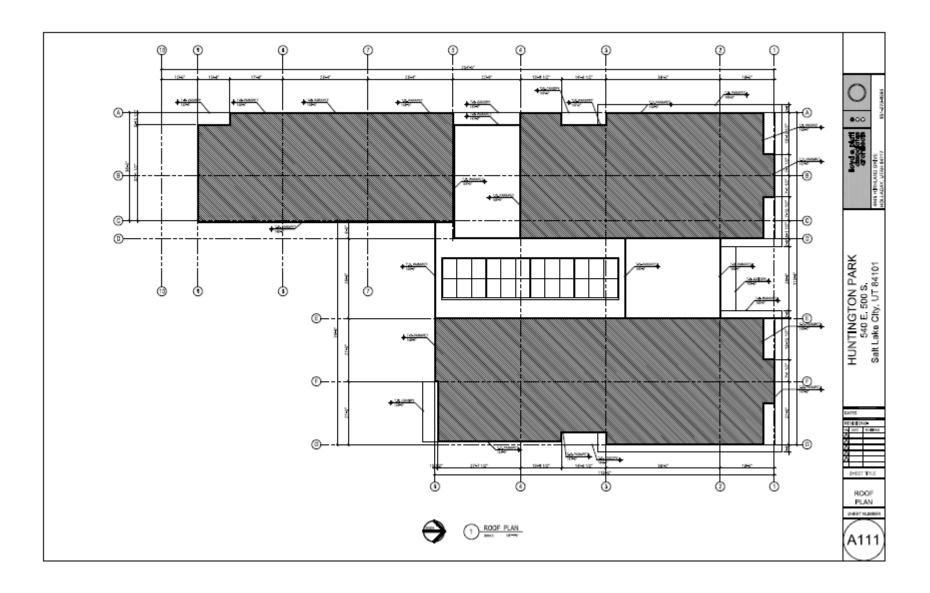


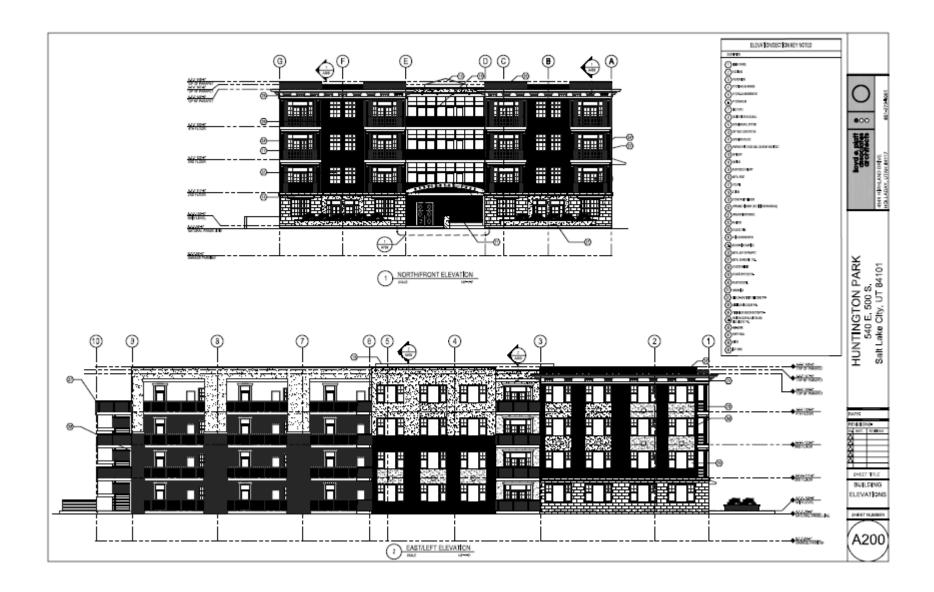


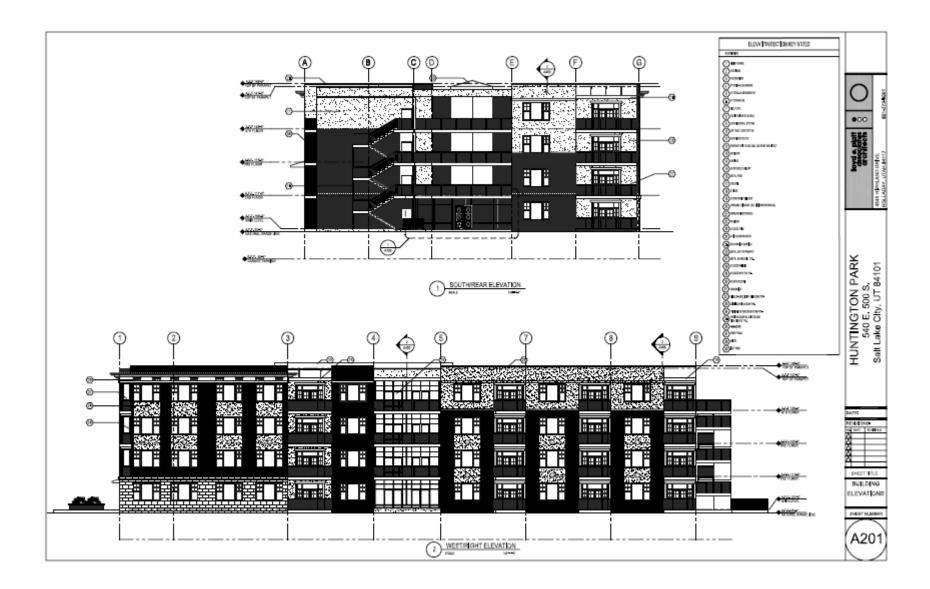


















street front elevation



### Huntington Park



north elevation



### Huntington Park



west elevation



#### Huntington Park



east elevation



Huntington Park



south elevation



## Huntington Park