ITEM: 5.A.(5)



Memorandum

November 12, 2015

TO:

South Bend Redevelopment Commission

FROM:

David Relos, Economic Resources

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 3318 - Cohn & Cohn / Unifirst Plans & Specs Approval

At the Commission's last meeting on October 29, an update was given of the October 27 annual Blackthorn Owners' Association meeting. At the Association's meeting, one agenda item was proposed changes to the Declaration of Protective Covenants & Restrictions and Development Guidelines. After discussion of the various items being changed, final changes were agreed upon with a unanimous vote of the owners present.

On July 30, 2015 the Commission approved an Agreement to Buy and Sell Real Estate with Cohn & Cohn Investments LLC, developer for Unifirst's new facility on a long vacant eastern lot within Blackthorn. At the Commission's October 29 meeting, Cohn's plans and specs for the new building were shared with the Commission and attached hereto.

Unifirst's current building is being listed for sale, leaving them a target date to be in their new facility of August 2016. This gives them approximately nine months to finalize plans and specs, go through the permitting process, and construct the building to accommodate their move. With this tight timeline and the length of time it could take for a final decision of the Blackthorn Design Review Committee, Cohn is seeking assurance their plans and specs will be approved before they spend tens of thousands of dollars finalizing them.

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 3318, allowing Cohn & Cohn to finalize the plans and specs for the development of this lot in to a new facility for Unifirst.

RESOLUTION NO. 3318

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING REVIEW OF PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN BLACKTHORN CORPORATE PARK BY COHN & COHN INVESTMENTS, LLC

WHEREAS, the South Bend Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), governing body of the South Bend Department of Redevelopment, exists and operates under the provisions of I.C. 36-7-14, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its public purposes under the Act, on July 30, 2015, the Commission entered into the Agreement To Buy And Sell Real Estate (the "Purchase Agreement") for the sale of certain real property (the "Property") within the Blackthorn Corporate Park ("Blackthorn") to Cohn & Cohn Investments, LLC (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of closing its purchase of the Property from the Commission, the Company has submitted to the Architectural and Review Committee (the "Committee") established under the Declaration of Protective Covenants & Restrictions of the Blackthorn Corporate Park (the "Declaration") its building design plans and specifications for its anticipated construction on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Company's plans and specifications attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Company Plans") are presently under review by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Commission amended the Declaration on November 12, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 3315; and

WHEREAS, under Section 5.5.8 of the amended Declaration, an applicant aggrieved by the Committee's decision concerning the applicant's plans and specifications for construction within Blackthorn may appeal to the Commission and seek the Commission's final determination concerning the approval of such plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to express its approval of the Company Plans, notwithstanding the result of any further review by the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Bend Redevelopment Commission as follows:

- 1. The Commission hereby approves the Company Plans attached hereto as Exhibit A and, in the event of an adverse decision on the Company Plans by the Committee, will resolve an appeal in the Company's favor.
- 2. This Resolution is limited to approval of the Company Plans and will not be construed to relieve the Company of any of its obligations under the amended Declaration, the Development Guidelines for Blackthorn Corporate Park, or applicable laws.

3. This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Commission.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the South Bend Redevelopment Commission held on November 12, 2015, at 1308 County-City Building, 227 West Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana 46601.

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT, by and through its governing body, the South Bend Redevelopment Commission

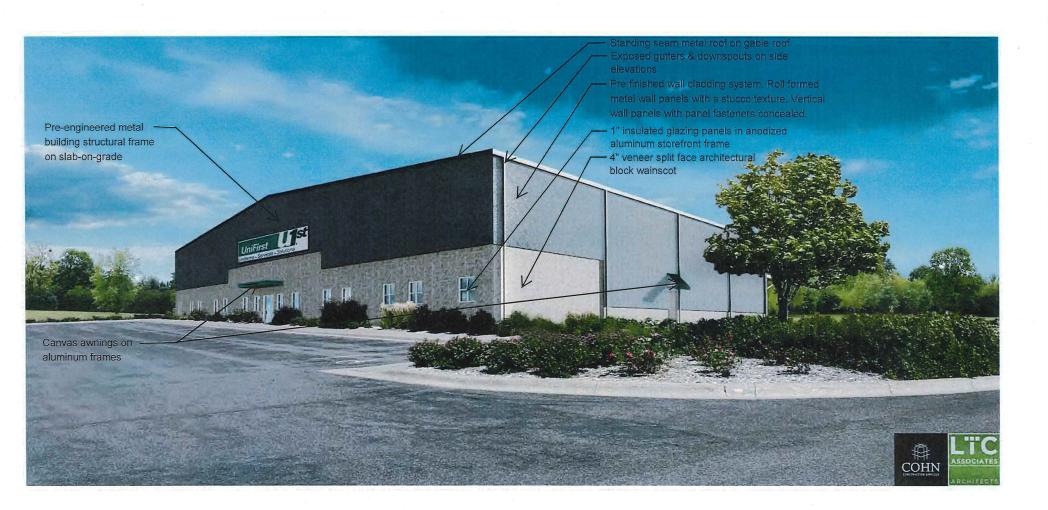
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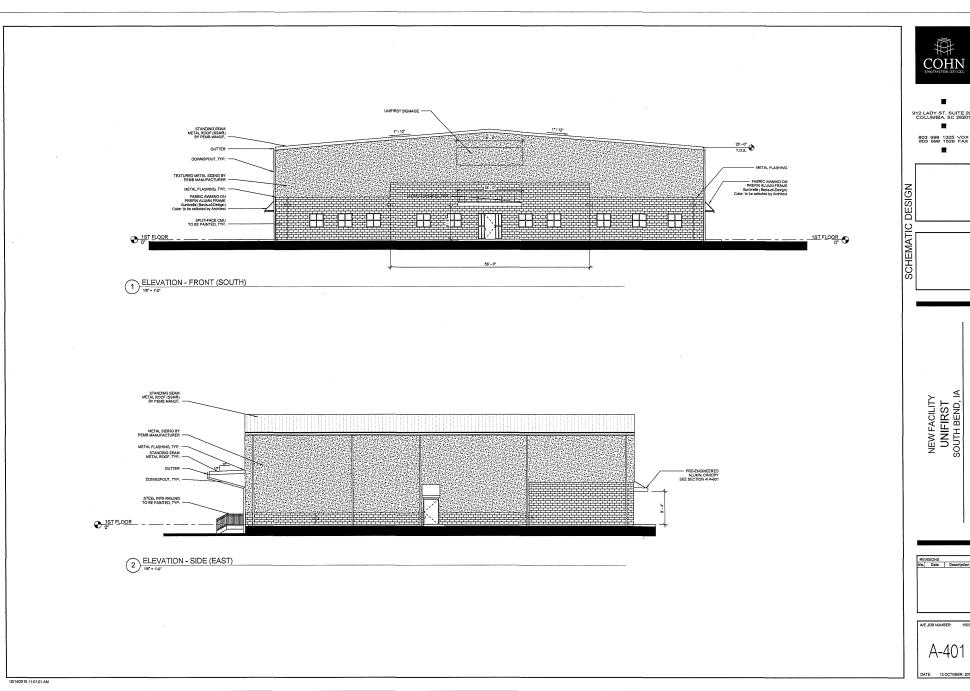
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EXHIBIT A

Company Plans

[See attached.]

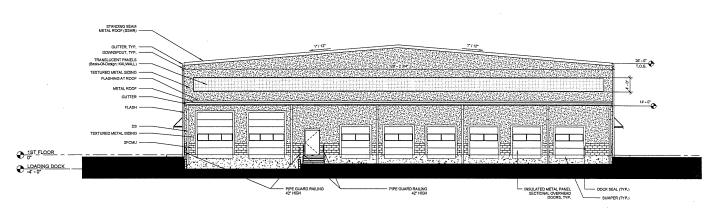




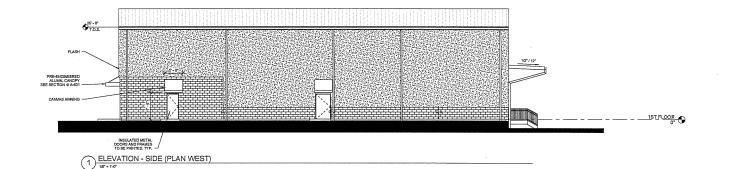
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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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2 ELEVATION - BACK (PLAN NORTH)





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DESIGN

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NEW FACILITY
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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

REMISIONS
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