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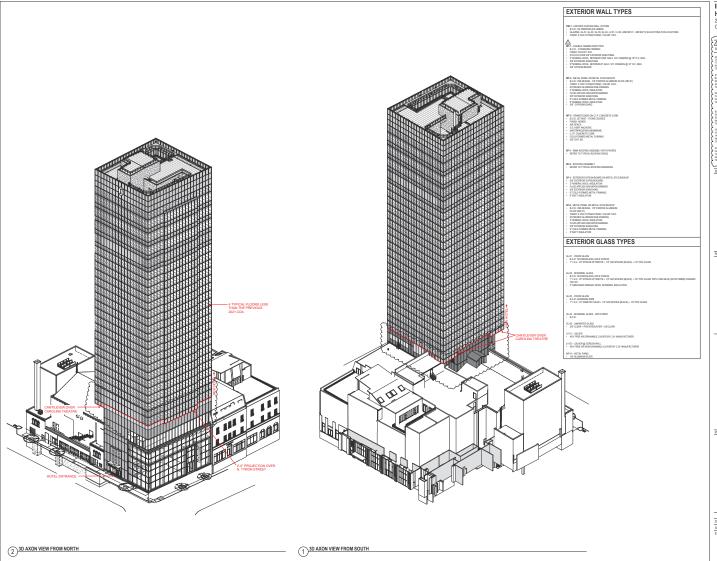
THE HLC STANDARDS

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. Alterations, new additions, and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Exhibit A

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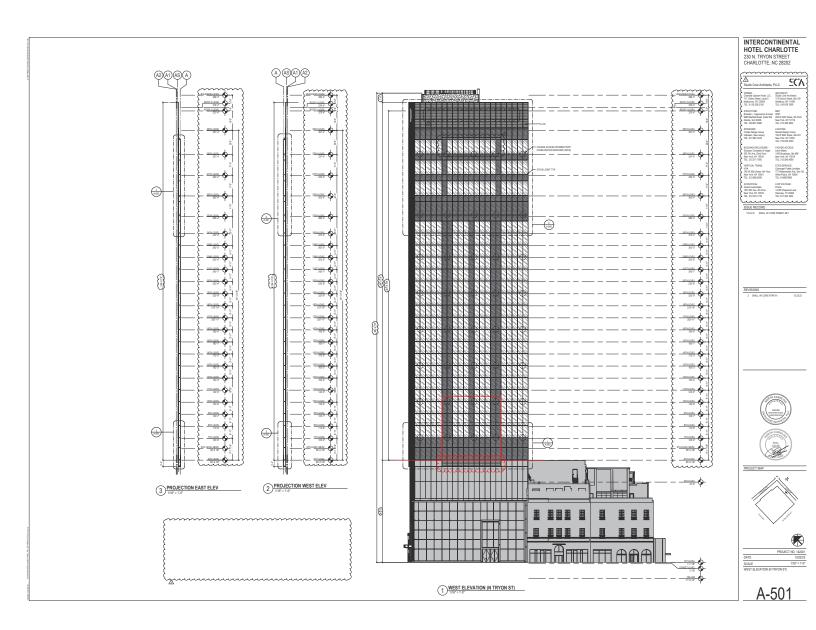
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CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 16-15b DATE ISSUED: 03/23/2021

ISSUED TO: Richard Grubbs

Foundation for The Carolinas

NAME OF LANDMARK: Carolina Theatre

ADDRESS OF LANDMARK: 230 N. Tryon Street

Charlotte, N.C.

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 08001110

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 220 N. Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28202

APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: 704 973-4503

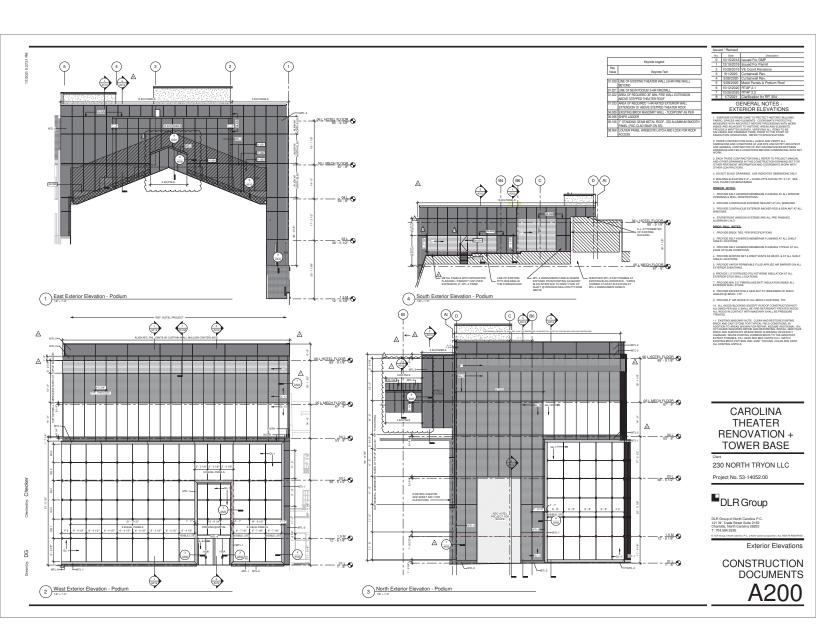
The Historic Landmarks Commission has reviewed the proposed activity and has found the following aspects to be in compliance with the <u>Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings</u> and, therefore, has found them to be appropriate:

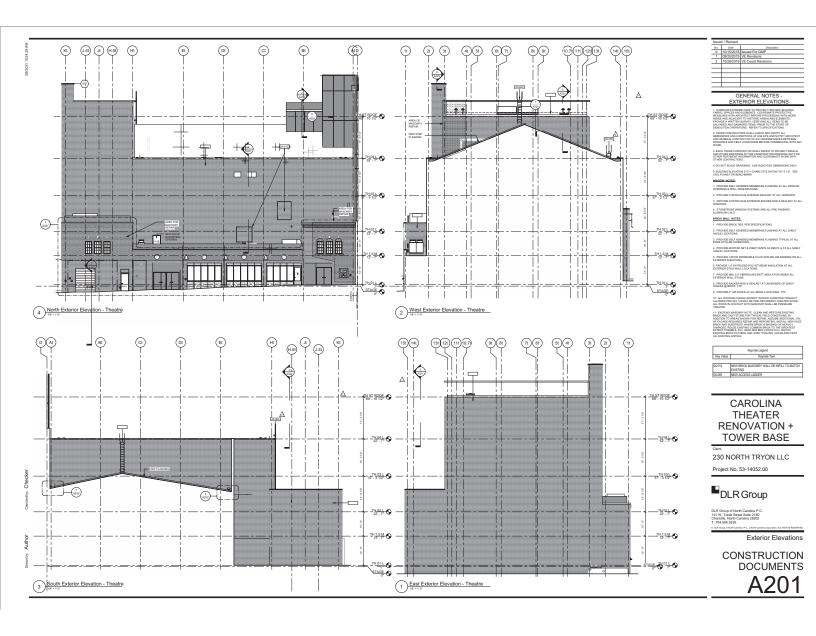
Revisions to plans approved in COA 16-15 as shown on attached plans.

This Certificate of Appropriateness is valid for a period of six (6) months from the date of issuance. Failure to procure a building or demolition permit with a sixmonth period will be considered as a failure to comply with this Certificate, and the Certificate will become invalid. If a building or demolition permit is not required, the approved activity must be completed within a six-month period from the date of issuance. This Certificate can be renewed by the Historic Landmarks Commission upon written request for the applicant with a valid reason for failure to comply with the six-month deadline. This Certificate in no way removes the responsibility of the owner of a structure in a local historic district to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Charlotte Historic District Commission.

Stewart Gray Senior Preservation Planner Charlotte-Mecklenburg Landmarks Commission.

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