

# CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

1231 'I' STREET, SUITE 200, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**APPLICANT** Sacramento Architectural Services, 1300 Ethan Way, #555, Sac., CA 95825  
**OWNER** John Banchemo, 601 University Avenue #285, Sac., CA 95825  
**PLANS BY** Sacramento Architectural Services, 1300 Ethan Way, #555, Sacramento, CA 95825  
**FILING DATE** 10/30/87 **ENVIR. DET.** Neg. Dec **REPORT BY** PW/vf  
**ASSESSOR'S-PCL. NO.** 250-0025-048,049

- APPLICATION:**
- A. Negative Declaration
  - B. Special Permit to allow the construction of a 16,992 sq. ft. warehouse/office building in the Light Industrial/Planned Unit Development (M-1)(S)-PUD zone and Norwood Tech PUD.
  - C. Variance to allow for off-site parking and maneuvering on adjacent parcel.

**LOCATION:** Northeast corner of Research Drive and Opportunity Street

**PROPOSAL:** The applicant is requesting the necessary entitlements to construct a 12,748 sq. ft. warehouse with 4,244 sq. ft. of office use in the Norwood Tech PUD.

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

1974 General Plan Designation:	Industrial
1984 North Sacramento Community Plan Designation:	Labor Intensive Light Industrial, Office Commercial
Existing Zoning of Site:	M-1S (PUD)
Existing Land Use and Zoning:	Vacant

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:	Setbacks:	Required	Provided
North: Interstate 80	Front:	25'	60'
South: County Social Welfare; M-1S PUD	Side(Int):	0'	28'
East : Vacant, Norwood Ave.; M-1S PUD	Side(Int):	0'	35'
West : Industrial; M-1S PUD	Rear:	0'	20'

Parking Required:	27 spaces
Parking Provided:	47 spaces
Property Dimensions:	Irregular
Property Area:	1.93± acres
Square Footage of Building:	4,244 sq. ft. office
	12,748 sq. ft. warehouse

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16,992 sq. ft. total

Height of Building:	21 ft.
Topography:	Flat
Street Improvements:	Existing
Utilities:	Existing
Exterior Building Materials:	Concrete tilt-up panel and cement plaster

Roof Material:	Cap Sheet Roofing
Color of Building:	Beige with contrasting accent bands
Total number of employees:	40 employees

PROJECT EVALUATION: Staff has the following comments regarding this proposal:

A. Land Use and Zoning

The subject site is a 1.93± vacant parcel located in the Light Industrial (M-1(S)) zone and the Norwood Tech PUD.

Surrounding land uses include the I-80 freeway to the north, the County Social Welfare building to the south, office/warehouse uses to the west, and vacant land and Norwood Avenue to the east. The General Plan and the 1984 North Sacramento Community Plan designate the site as Labor Intensive Light Industrial, office, commercial uses. The Norwood Tech Schematic Plan indicates one building for the site with another building on the vacant parcel adjacent to the east.

B. Project Proposal

The applicant proposes to construct a 16,992 sq. ft. Montgomery Wards's service and repair facility. 4,244 sq. ft. of the building will be used as office space for the company. The Norwood Tech PUD Guidelines encourage labor intensive uses, therefore, the service and repair facility is an appropriate land use for the site. The applicant is also requesting a variance for off-site parking and maneuvering on the adjacent parcel to the east.

C. Site Plan Design

1. Landscaping: The submitted landscape plan indicates a 25.5 ft. front landscaped setback consisting of an undulating berm with turf and evergreen trees. Along the north property line, which is adjacent to the I-80 freeway off-ramp, a five foot planter is proposed. This planter will consist of ground cover and coastal redwoods planter at 25 ft. intervals along the entire northern perimeter. The southern property line is proposed to have an eight foot planter with ground cover and white alder trees at 25 foot intervals. A five foot planter with ground cover and trees is also proposed for the area just to the south of the loading dock area on the south side of the building. No landscaping is indicated on the landscaping plans for the east property line. Along this eastern side, the parking encroaches onto the adjacent parcel. Sod is proposed for a four foot planter between the parking area and the building. The undeveloped area to the east of the subject site should be maintained in a weed free condition.

The Norwood Tech PUD Guidelines require a minimum 15 percent landscape coverage on any project proposed in the PUD. Boundary

landscaping is required on all interior property lines with a minimum of four feet on each property. Trees, equal in number to one tree per twenty-five lineal feet of each property line, shall be planted in the above defined areas in addition to required ground cover and shrub material. Staff finds that the submitted landscape plan meets all of the PUD requirements.

## 2. Parking

Parking requirement for offices are calculated on the basis of one space per 300 square feet of office area within the warehouse; for warehouses, two spaces for each three employees, but in no event less than one space for each 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area for the first 20,00 sq. ft. Based on the above, the parking required for this project is 27 spaces. The proposed site plan indicates a total of 47 parking spaces. However, ten of these spaces are off-site and twelve require off-site maneuvering space. The applicant is requesting a variance for the off-site parking and maneuvering and has indicated to staff that a reciprocal access easement including an agreement which allows parking has been obtained. Staff has no objections to the variance. The additional parking is beneficial and will encourage less parking of service vehicles along the street. Staff recommends the parking of any service vehicles be located along the east building elevation, so as to minimize the visual impacts from I-80.

## 3. Building Height and Setbacks

A minimum 25 ft. building setback from the street is required from the freeway and public streets. Building height is limited to 30 ft. The building, as indicated on submitted plans, meets these requirements.

## D. Building Design

The applicant proposes a concrete tilt-up panel and cement plaster building exterior with contrasting color accent bands. Storefront windows are proposed for the west and north elevations. Loading docks with metal roll-up doors are proposed for the south side of the building with wing walls to screen the loading area. Cap sheet roofing is proposed that will be concealed by parapets.

The project, as designed, does not meet the objective of the PUD, "to preserve and enhance the aesthetic values throughout the project."

The Design Review staff has reviewed the proposed elevations and has recommended the following modifications:

- on the north, east, and west elevations, brick veneer should be utilized as an exterior finish materials. This will greatly

enhance the aesthetic quality of the building and will make the building more compatible with the adjacent buildings to the west and south.

- window openings should be recessed along the north and west elevations to break up the flat building surface visible from the road ways.
- the projecting wing walls on the south side of the building should be extended in length to further screen the visual impacts of the loading area.
- trash enclosure structure should meet the trash enclosure guidelines.

E. Signage

A sign program has not been submitted with this application. The applicant has indicated that a signage proposal will be submitted separately. Any signs for the project shall conform to the PUD guidelines and the City Sign Ordinance.

F. Agency Review

The project was reviewed by the Traffic Engineering, Engineering, Fire Department, Building Inspections and Real Estate Division. The following comments were received:

- Engineering

1. Driveways are to close, combine access or remove one and redesign - 35 ft. maximum width;
2. Reciprocal access easements required with adjacent parcels.

- Traffic Engineering

1. Construct standard improvements consistent with existing improvements.
2. Parking stalls to be 18 feet in depth.
3. North driveway will be radial to the elbow.
4. Maximum driveway width is 35 feet.
5. Obtain an reciprocal access easement to include an agreement which allows for parking, or
6. Merge lots or adjust lot lines, or

7. Lot line cannot split driveways.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Environmental Coordinator has determined the project will not have a significant impact on the environment and has filed a negative declaration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Commission take the following actions:

- A. Ratify the Negative Declaration.
- B. Approve the Special Permit and Variance subject to conditions and based on Findings of Fact which follow:

Special Permit-Conditions

1. A minimum 15 percent landscape coverage shall be provided and other landscaping shall comply with the Norwood Tech PUD Guidelines.
2. A minimum 25 ft. building setback from both the street and freeway is required.
3. The undeveloped area to the east of the project shall be maintained in a weed free condition.
4. Trash enclosures shall meet the City's Trash Enclosure Guidelines.
5. Revised elevations shall be submitted to Planning Staff for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. Modifications shall include:
  - a. brick veneer shall be utilized on the north, east and west elevations;
  - b. window openings shall be recessed along the north and west elevations; and
  - c. the projecting wing walls on the south side of building screening the loading dock area shall be extended in length.
6. The driveways shall meet the requirements of the Traffic Engineering Division.
7. The applicant shall submit a reciprocal parking and access agreement to the Planning Director prior to approval of final inspection of the structures by the Building Division.

8. The applicant shall submit a signage program for the building for staff review prior to issuance of any sign permits.
9. The project shall comply with all requirements of the Norwood Tech PUD Guidelines.
10. Prior to final building inspection approval, the Planning Director shall inspect the project for compliance with all conditions of the special permit.

Special Permit-Findings of Fact

1. The special permit, as conditioned, is based upon sound principles of land use, in that:
  - a. the project provides adequate parking and landscaping; and
  - b. the project is compatible with surrounding industrial land uses.
2. The special permit, as conditioned, will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, nor result in the creation of a nuisance, in that the project complies with setback, lot coverage and other requirements of the Norwood Tech PUD.
3. The proposed project is consistent with the City's Discretionary Interim Land Use Policy, in that the site is designated for labor intensive, office, commercial and light industrial uses by the 1984 North Sacramento Community Plan, and the proposed warehouse use conforms with the plan designation and the Norwood Tech PUD Schematic Plan.

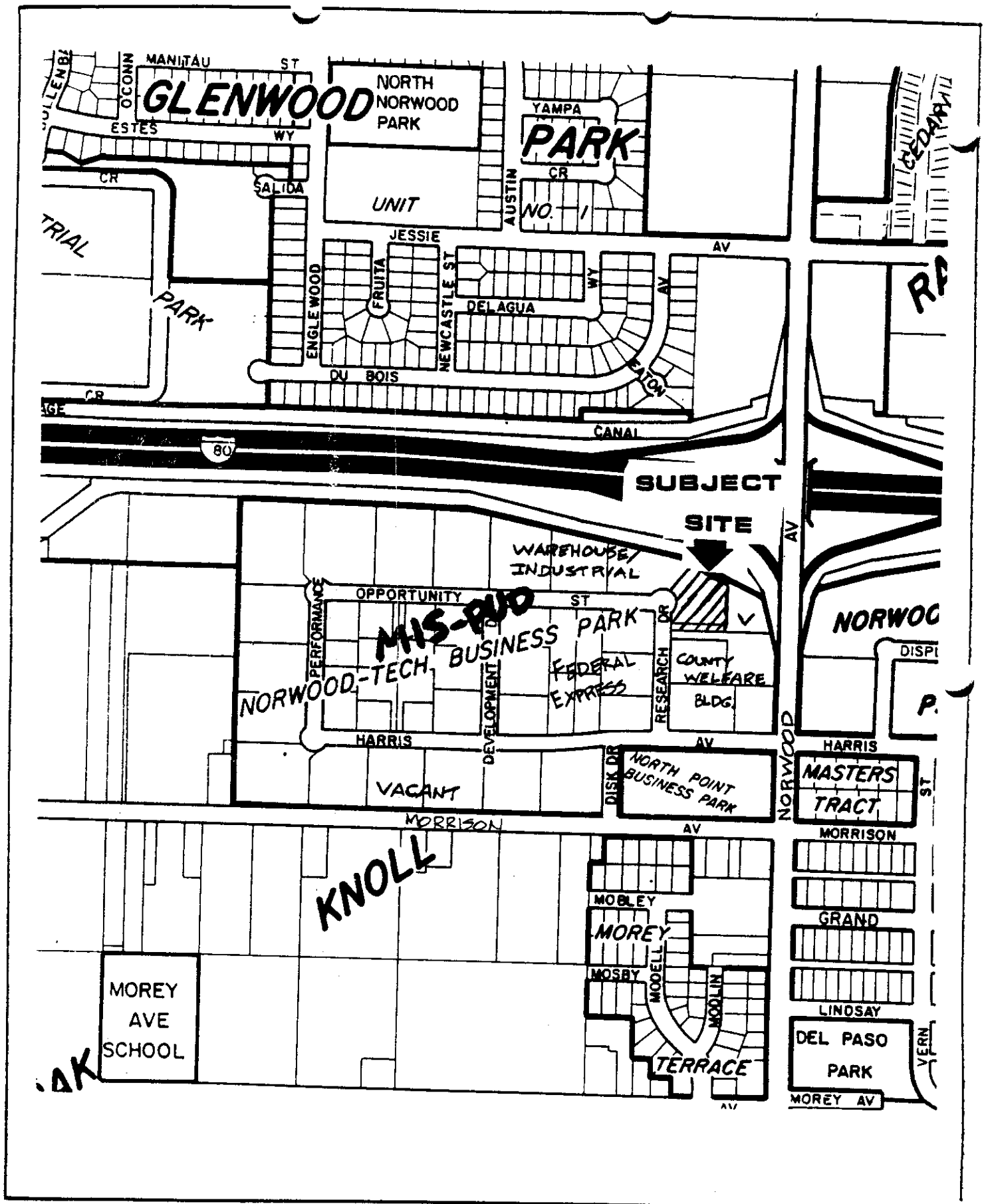
Variance - Conditions

1. The applicant shall comply with the 50 percent parking lot shading requirement.
2. The applicant shall submit a reciprocal parking and access agreement to the Planning Director prior to approval of final inspection of the structures by the Building Division.

Variance - Findings of Fact

1. Granting the variance will not be injurious to the public welfare nor to surrounding properties in that adequate off-site parking and vehicles maneuvering area has been provided and that the additional parking has been provided and that the additional parking will add to the quality of the PUD.

2. The project, as conditioned, does not constitute a special privilege to one individual property owner in that under similar circumstances, the variance to allow additional parking would be granted.
3. Granting the variance request does not constitute a use variance in that a warehouse use is allowed in the M-1(S)PUD zone.
4. The proposed project is consistent with the City's Discretionary Interim Land Use Policy in that the site is designated for labor intensive, office, commercial and light industrial uses by the 1984 North Sacramento Community Plan and the proposed warehouse use conforms with the plan designation and the Norwood Tech PUD Schematic Plan.



**VICINITY - LAND USE - ZONING**

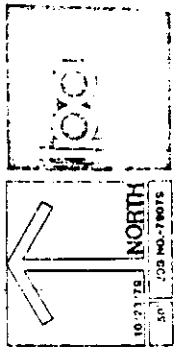
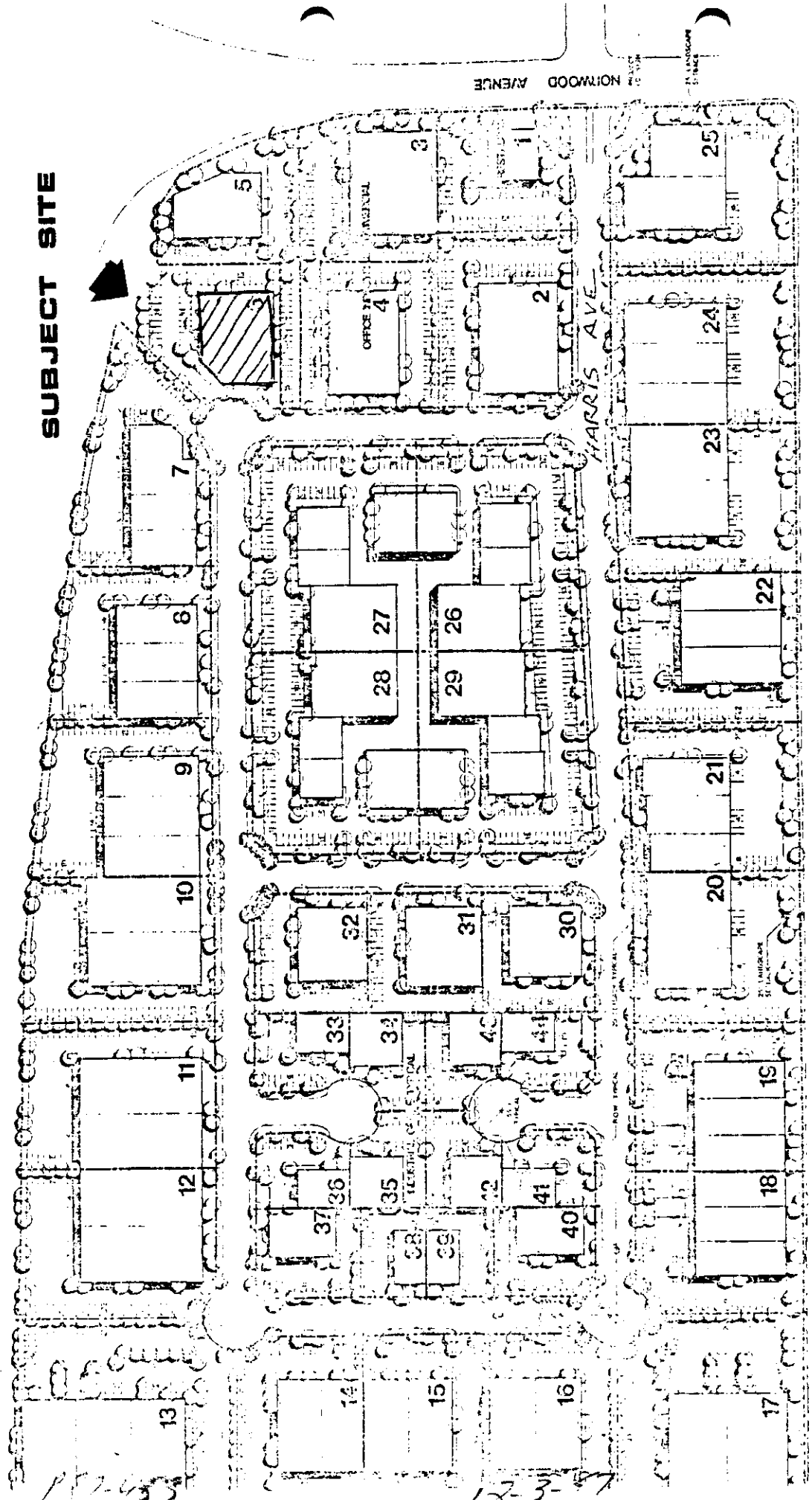
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**SUBJECT SITE**



**NORWOOD TECH BUSINESS PARK**  
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DEVELOPER: HATHAWAY / CHAMBERLAIN-BANCHERO

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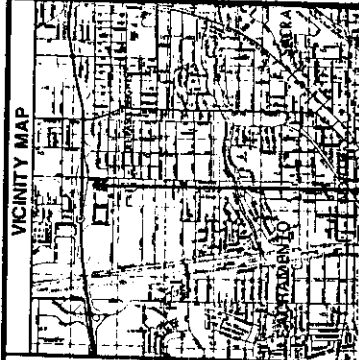
**SITE PLAN NOTES:**

1. ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE LOCATED AND DEPTH OF ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE VERIFIED BY A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
2. ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE PROTECTED AND KEPT OPEN AT ALL TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL PHASES.
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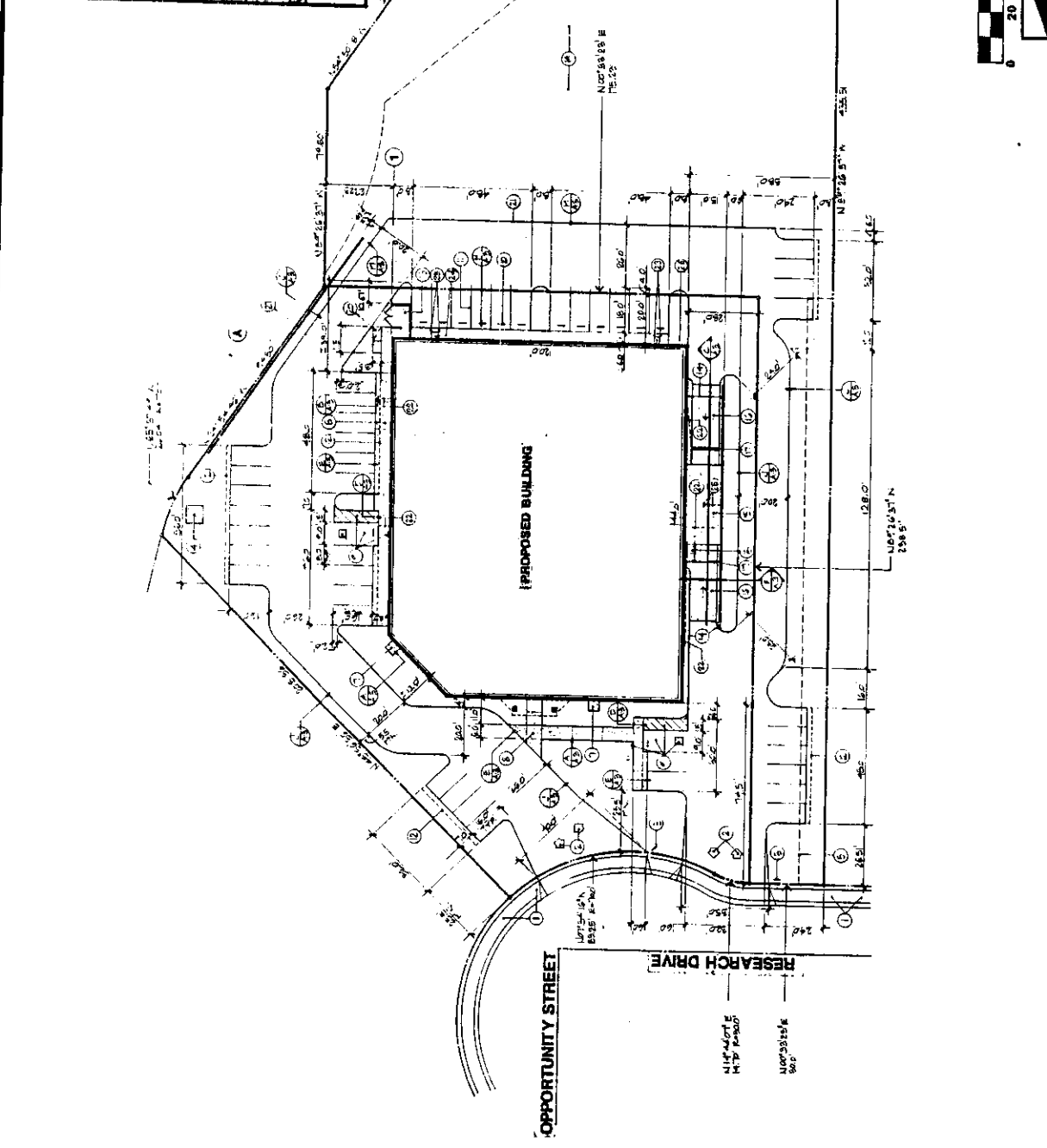
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**NORWOOD TECH BUS**  
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**EXHIBIT A  
 SITE PLAN**



**PROJECT SITE**



**SITE PLAN**

1"=20.0'

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- EXTERIOR ELEVATION NOTES**
1. COMPLETE SETTING, WALL, PANEL, WITH PAINT FINISH, TO BE DONE BY CONTRACTOR.
  2. ALL MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY ARCHITECT BEFORE INSTALLATION.
  3. FINISHES TO BE AS SPECIFIED ON DRAWINGS.
  4. CONTRACTOR TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS.
  5. ALL WORK TO BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITIONS OF THE BUILDING CODES AND ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.
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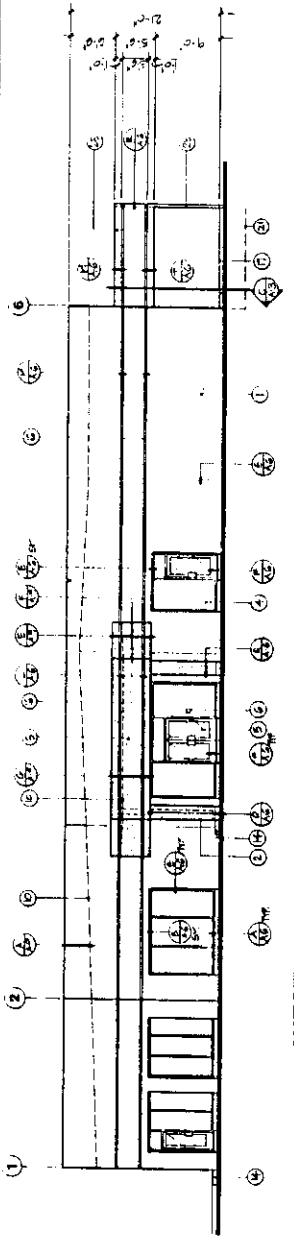
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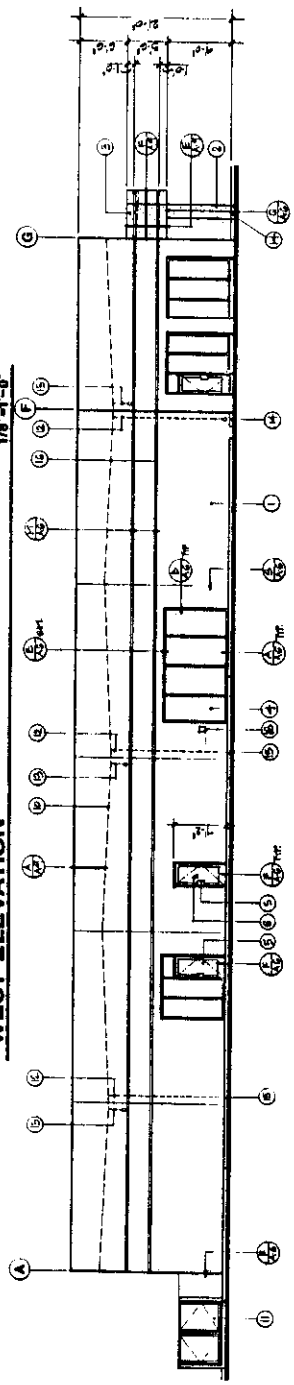
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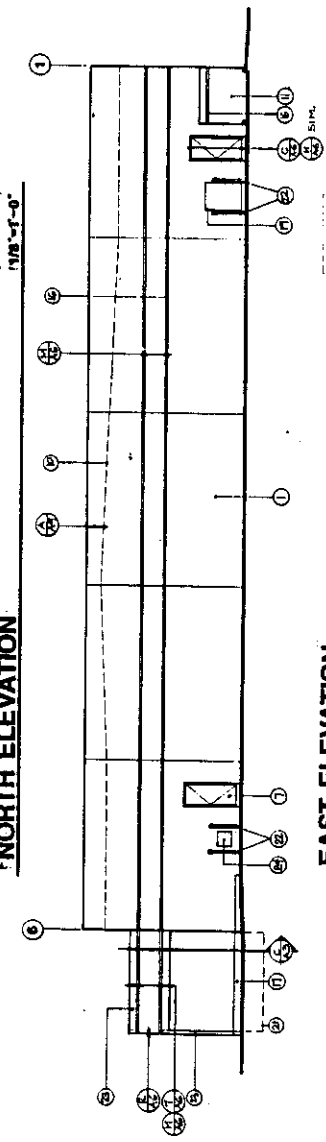
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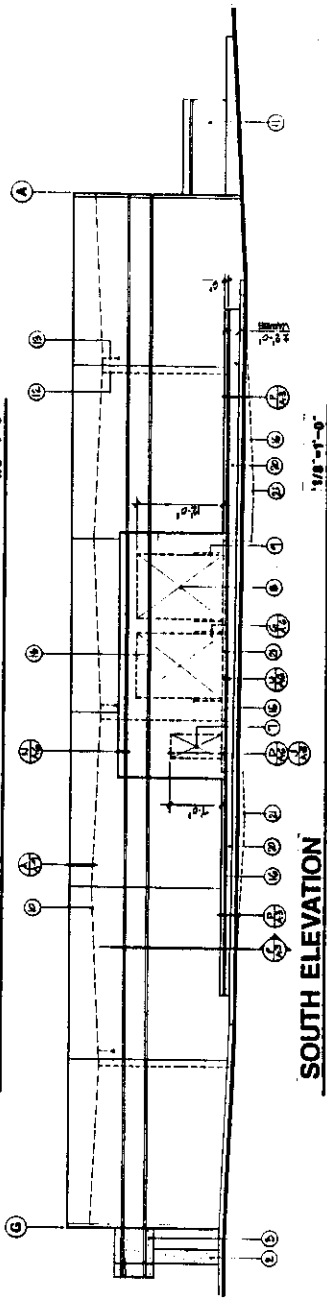
**WEST ELEVATION**



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## TRASH ENCLOSURE GUIDELINES

The walls of the trash enclosure structure shall be constructed of solid masonry material and the exterior surface finished in a manner compatible with the main structure(s).

The trash enclosure structure shall have heavy gauge metal gates and designed with cane bolts on the doors to secure the gates when in the open position. The hinges shall be sufficient in size, strength and number to adequately support the metal gates.

The trash enclosure facility shall be designed to allow walk-in access by janitors without having to open the main enclosure gates;

The walls shall be a minimum six feet in height, more if necessary for adequate screening.

The perimeter of the trash enclosure structure shall be screened with landscaping, including a combination of shrubs and/or climbing ever-green vines.

A concrete apron shall be constructed in front of the trash enclosure facility or at point of dumpster pickup by the waste removal truck. The location, size and orientation of the concrete apron shall depend on the design capacity of the trash enclosure facility (number of trash dumpsters provided) and the direction of the waste removal truck at the point of dumpster pickup;

The minimum dimensions of the concrete apron for a single, two cubic yard dumpster shall be: width 10 feet or width of enclosure facility; length 20 feet. Larger trash enclosure facilities shall require a larger concrete apron, subject to the approval of the City Building Inspections Division Building Technician (Plan Checker);

Paving material shall consist of 5" aggregate base rock and 6" portland cement paving.

A trellis structure covering the trash facility shall be constructed to screen these units from view from the upper floors of the office building.