

Banana Factory: Round 3 (8)

The Bethlehem Gadfly Uncategorized January 29, 2019

(8th in a series of posts on Banana Factory Expansion)

Nicole Radzievich, "Historic panel backs \$16 million cultural center concept at Banana Factory." Morning Call, January 28, 2019.

In this third appearance (January 28) before the Historical Conservation Commission, ArtsQuest asks for "buy in" that they are heading in the right direction for their Cultural Center proposal for the Banana Factory site. There are still some things that Zoning needs to approve, but ArtsQuest asks for approval that they are heading in the right direction and can move forward with their design. The only point of contention was the ArtsQuest continued plan to demolish the house on the property. Three commission members opposed that.

In this detailed ArtsQuest document prepared for the meeting, Gadfly particularly noted the information on the two plazas in the last section of the document.

[artsquest january 28](#)

Approval was given with a 5-3 vote. Sounds like the ArtsQuest plan for the Banana Factory site is over the hump. Smooth sailing from here on. Ultimate approval, of course, comes from City Council.

Historical officer Jeff Long (20 mins.)

AUDIO RECORDINGS UNAVAILABLE IN THIS ARCHIVE

- begins with detailed description of the property
- 6:25: evaluation of the proposal
- 7:45: summary of HCC commentary points from the previous HCC meeting
- 9:35: how the current plans respond to that commentary
- 13:26: goes building by building indicating what is appropriate and what not

Discussion (40 mins.)

- lots of conversation over specific details
- 3:48-8:30: CMs Traupman and Cornish argue to save the house from demolition
- 23:43-29:25: CM Silvoy makes a proposal to save the house, and CMs Starbuck, Roeder, and Traupman engage
- 19:15-21:50: discussion of a new indoor/outdoor area with canopy off the lobby (similar) to what is now at ArtsQuest



ArtsQuest South Bethlehem Cultural Arts Center **HC 01 Demolition Site Plan**

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1. Building A: The House - To Be Demolished
2. Building B: Infill - To Be Demolished
3. Building C: Theodoridis - To Be Retained
4. Building D: Barone Expansion - To Be Demolished
5. Building E: Garage - To Be Demolished
6. Building F: Auto Parts Store - To Be Retained

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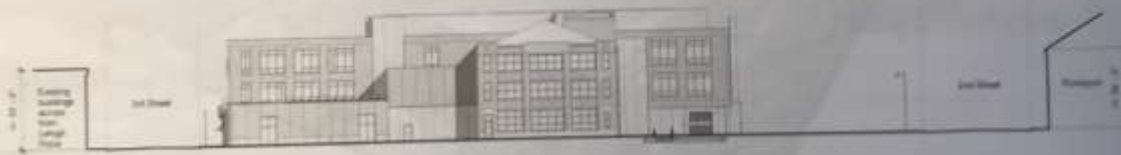
HC 03 Axonometric View - Proposed

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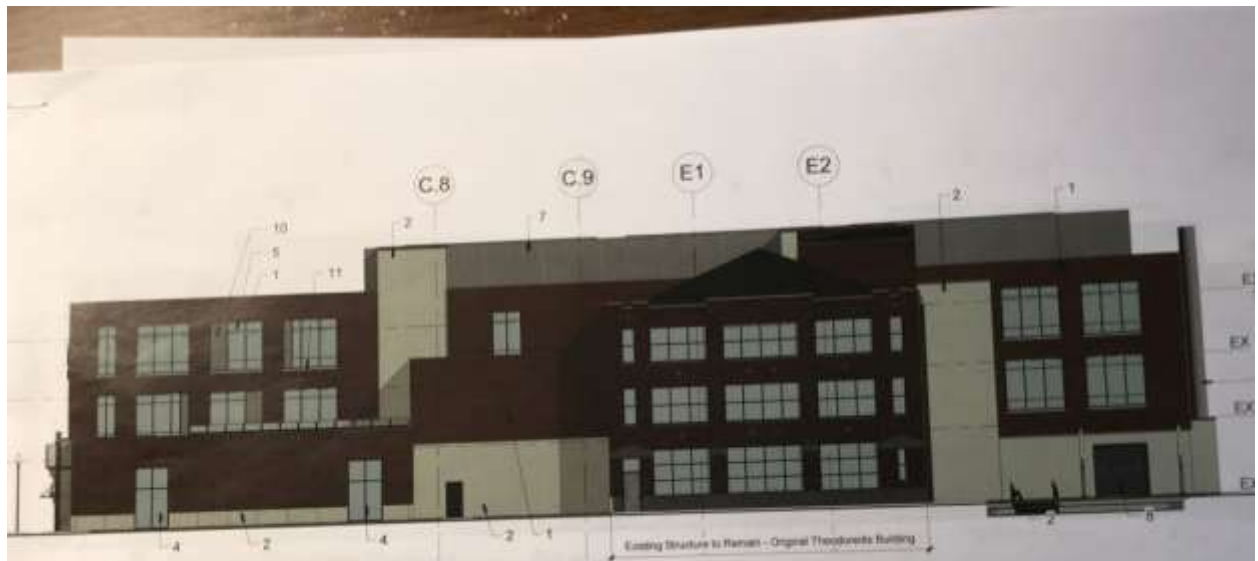
1 Contextual Elevation Facing South - 3rd Street
1" = 30'-0"



2 Contextual Elevation Facing East - Northampton Street
1" = 30'-0"

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HC 04 Context Elevations
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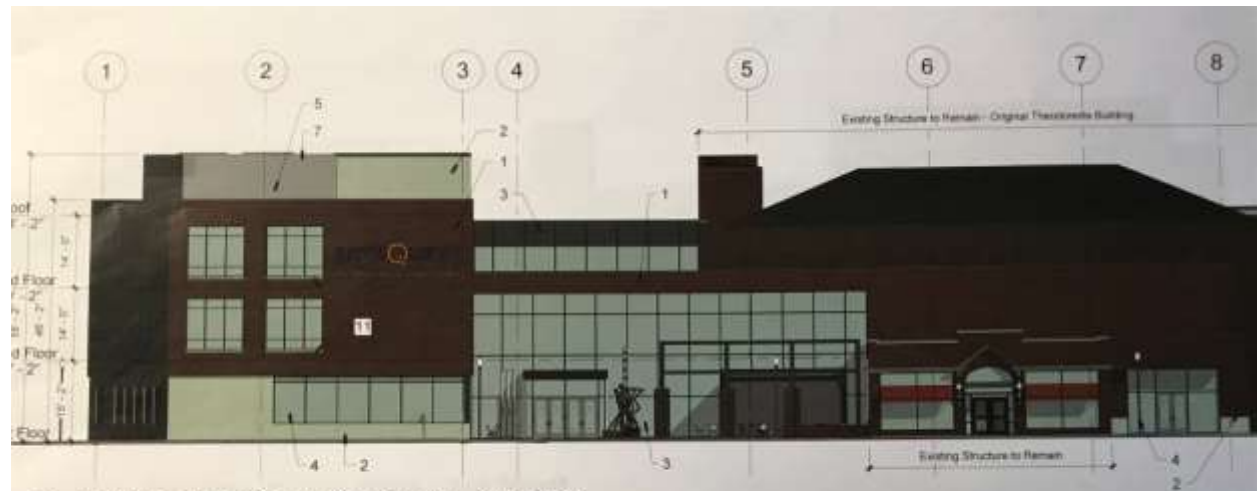
1 Building Elevation Facing East - Northampton Street 1/16" = 1'-0"

Exterior Material Legend

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| 1. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with broadcast finish | 8. Aluminum Skylight System with black painted finish |
| 2. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with natural finish | 9. Painted Metal Overhead Door |
| 3. Aluminum Curtainwall System with black painted finish | 10. Painted Insulated Metal Panel |
| 4. Aluminum Spandrel System with black painted finish | 11. Cast Stone Sill (natural precast concrete) |
| 5. Aluminum Window System with black painted finish | |

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HC 05 East Elevation
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1 Building Elevation Facing South - 3rd Street 1/16" = 1'-0"

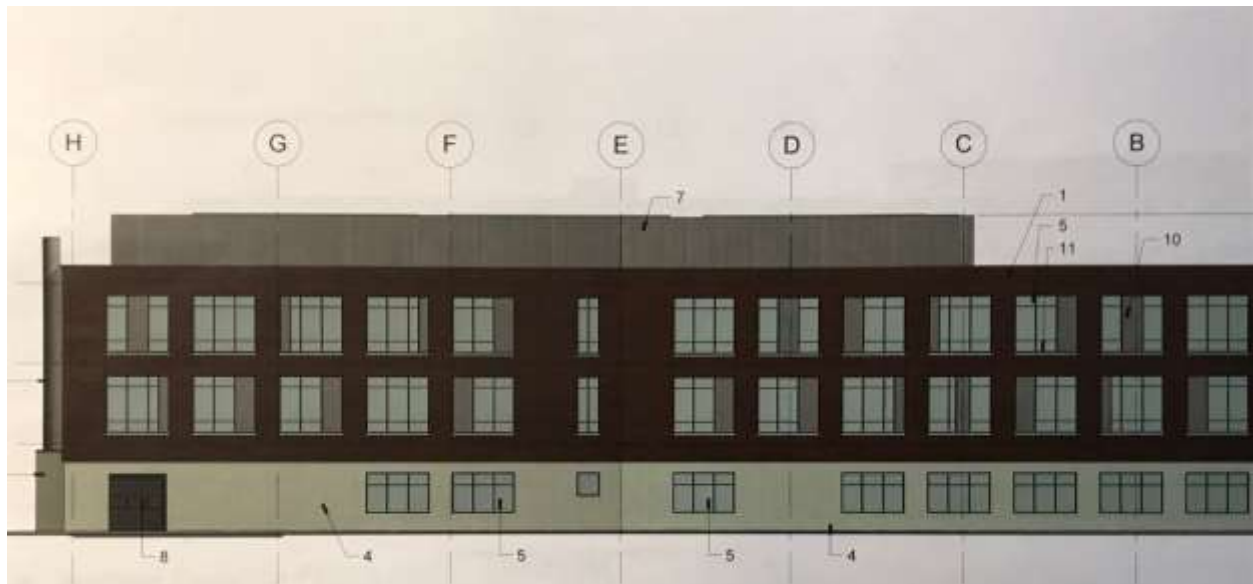
Exterior Material Legend

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| 1. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with brockface finish | 6. Aluminum Skylight System with black painted finish |
| 2. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with natural finish | 7. Painted Metal Panel Roofing Unit Screen |
| 3. Aluminum Curtainwall System with black painted finish | 8. Painted Metal Overhead Door |
| 4. Aluminum Storefront System with black painted finish | 9. Ventilation Exhaust Stack |
| 5. Aluminum Window System with black painted finish | 10. Painted Insulated Metal Panel |
| | 11. "Cast Stone" Sill (natural precast concrete) |

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HC 05.5 South Elevation

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1 Building Elevation Facing West 1/16" = 1'-0"

Exterior Material Legend

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| 1. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with brickface finish | 6. Aluminum Skylight System with black painted finish |
| 2. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with natural finish | 7. Painted Metal Panel Rooftop Unit Screen |
| 3. Aluminum Curtainwall System with black painted finish | 8. Painted Metal Overhead Door |
| 4. Aluminum Storefront System with black painted finish | 9. Ventilation Exhaust Stack |
| 5. Aluminum Window System with black painted finish | 10. Painted Insulated Metal Panel |
| | 11. Cast Stone Sill (natural precast concrete) |

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1 Building Elevation Facing North - 2nd Street 1/16" = 1'-0"

Exterior Material Legend

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| 1. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with brickface finish | 6. Aluminum Skylight System with black painted finish |
| 2. Precast Concrete Wall Panels with natural finish | 7. Painted Metal Panel Building Unit Screen |
| 3. Aluminum Curtness System with black painted finish | 8. Painted Metal Overhead Door |
| 4. Aluminum Storefront System with black painted finish | 9. Ventilation Exhaust Stack |
| 5. Aluminum Window System with black painted finish | 10. Painted Insulated Metal Panel |
| | 11. Cast Stone S&B (natural precast concrete) |

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HC 08 Exterior Perspective - 3rd Street West
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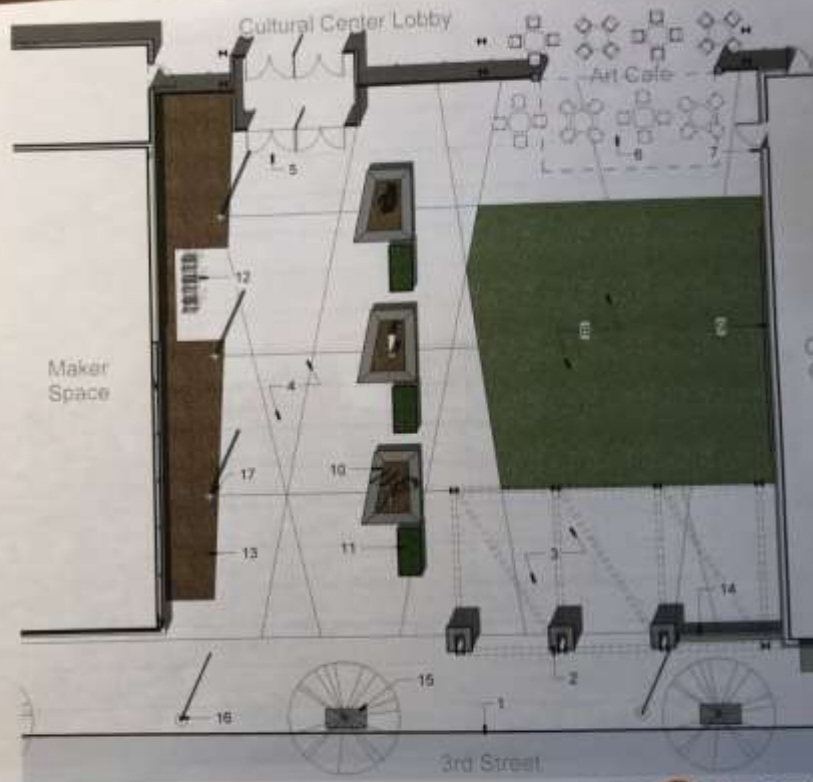
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HC 9 Exterior Perspective - 3rd Street East

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3rd St. Plaza Elements Key

1. 3rd Street curb line (matches existing)
2. Street edge trellis element
3. Multi-purpose paved area
4. Plaza walkway to main entrance
Cast in place concrete
5. Main entrance
6. Art Cafe - outdoor seating
Overhead door integrated into building to allow indoor-outdoor cafe seating area
7. Relocated 'historic' door surround
8. Leen area
9. Gallery/Projection area on exterior wall of Crayola Gallery
10. Raised area for large scale sculpture installation
Brick walls to match building with cast stone cap. top at seating height
11. Movable planter
12. Bike Rack
Southside standard (or by local artist)
13. Planting bed & area for outdoor sculpture display
14. Low brick wall to match building
15. South Bethlehem street tree in tree grate
16. South Bethlehem street light
17. Mast light



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HC10 3rd Street Plaza Plan

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HC 11 Exterior Perspective - 3rd Street Plaza
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HC 12 Exterior Perspective - 3rd Street Plaza

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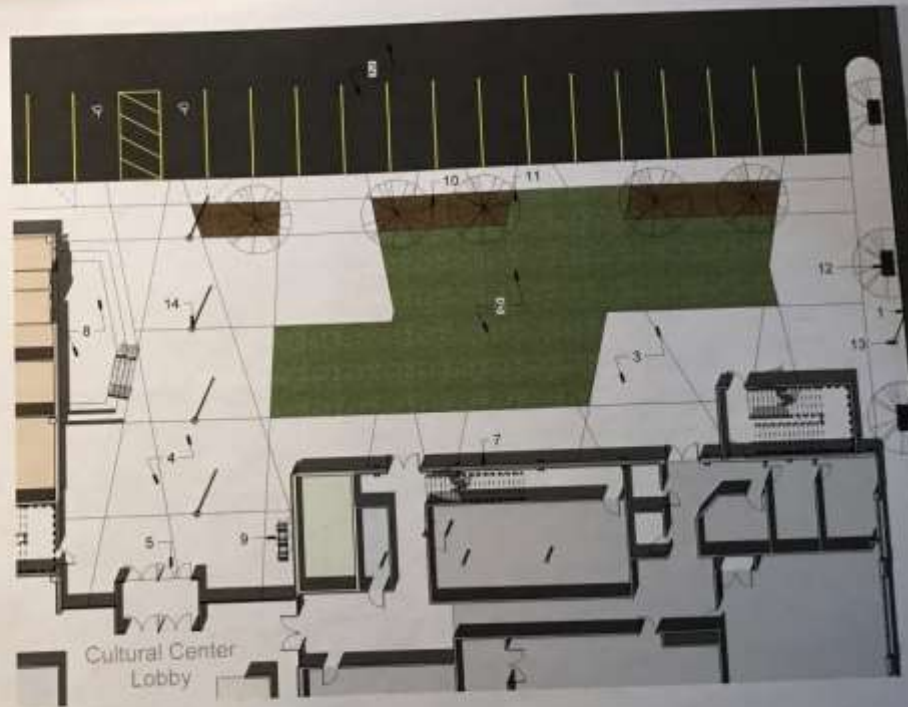
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HC 13 Exterior Perspective - 3rd Street Plaza

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2nd St. Plaza Elements Key

1. Northampton Street curb line (matches existing)
2. Proposed parking lot
Asphalt paving
3. Multi-purpose paved area
Cast in place concrete
4. Plaza walkway to main entrance
Cast in place concrete
5. Main entrance (Rear)
6. Lawn area
7. Gallery/Projection area on exterior wall of Theoporedis Building
8. Recessed area for glass hot shop viewing
Seating integrated into tiered surround, overhead door opens to hot shop
9. Bike Rack
Southeast standard (or by local artist)
10. Planting bed & area for outdoor sculpture display
11. Shade tree
12. South Bethlehem street tree in tree grate
13. South Bethlehem street light
14. Mast light



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HC 14 2nd Street Plaza Plan

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HC 15 Exterior Perspective - 2nd Street Plaza

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HC 16 Exterior Perspective - 2nd Street Plaza

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