

MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK

VILLAGE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

4/17/2019

PRE-MEETING: (ROOM A106) 7:30 A.M.

REGULAR MEETING: (ROOM A108) 8:00 A.M.

CITY HALL, 56 CHURCH STREET, MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes: 3/20/2019, Regular Meeting
3. Case **V-19-08**: ALKMY – **17 Dexter Ave**, New Item
4. Next Meeting: 5/15/2019
5. Adjournment

Mike Cohn, Anchor Sign, Inc., 2200 Discher Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina, presented the request for two façade signs. Sign A has 24" tall, ½" deep, white routed letters on a green (PMS 370 Green) back panel that is flat. This sign requires a variance because it exceeds the 16" height limit for letters. Sign B has 9 ¾" tall letters, ½" deep, which meet size requirements. Both signs will have gooseneck lighting.

It is noted that the past tenant, Western, was granted a height variance when they applied for signage approval.

Mr. Cohn stated that they will repair any damage to the façade from the previous sign.

Mr. Grisham called for a motion.

Motion: Mrs. Elsas, motion to approve the sign application and size variance request as submitted.

Second: Mr. Barrett

Vote: Ayes: Grisham, Ritchie, Legg, Elsas, Barrett, Israel and Everette.

Nays: None

The application stands approved as submitted with a size variance for lettering.

4. Case V-19-04: Mon Ami - 30 Church Street

EXHIBIT 2

Aja Michel Powanda, applicant, presented her request for a window sign for Mon Ami. The requested lettering meets all requirements.

Mr. Grisham called for a motion.

Motion: Mrs. Ritchie, motion to approve the window sign request as submitted.

Second: Mr. Everette

Vote: Ayes: Grisham, Ritchie, Legg, Elsas, Barrett, Israel and Everette

Nays: None

The application stands approved as submitted.

5. Case V-19-05: Leadership Mountain Brook Project: Public Art – Piano Installations

Ann Inskeep, Megan Sumrall and Ella Lukens presented a city improvement project on behalf of Leadership Mountain Brook. The proposal includes the temporary (1-2 months) installment of painted pianos within the Villages.

- The pianos will be painted by children/teens in the Mountain Brook school system.
- Mason Music will provide the pianos and will maintain/tune them while installed.
- The group sought out locations that have a covering to protect the pianos. There will be three pianos, one placed in each of the three main villages. Proposed locations: Miss Dots and Smith's Hardware (Crestline Village); Little Hardware (English Village); and Vitola Fine Cigars, next to Mason Music (Mountain Brook Village).
- Property owners and businesses have given approval for the proposed placements, but do not accept responsibility for them or the transportation of them.

- The pianos should be installed in late April to early May, and will stay at the locations for 14 to 60 days, depending on the weather. The group will monitor the pianos at least weekly and will remove them should there be signs of deterioration.
- Exterior latex paint will be used so that the paint will not transfer to the sidewalk. The paint has been donated.
- Budget: \$500, sponsored in total.

There is some concern regarding liability for the City. Mr. Simmons will talk with the City attorney. Also, it is suggested that something be placed underneath the pianos to protect the sidewalk.

Mr. Grisham called for a motion.

Motion: Mr. Barrett, motion to approve the proposal as submitted, contingent upon consultation with the City attorney to determine the city's liability regarding this project.

Second: Mrs. Ritchie

Vote: Ayes: Grisham, Ritchie, Legg, Elsas, Barrett, Israel and Everette

Nays: None

6. Leadership Mountain Brook Project: "Welcome to Mountain Brook" Signs

Ferris Schwefler and Mary Frances Torbert presented the proposal for "Welcome to Mountain Brook" signs on behalf of Leadership Mountain Brook. The project was presented to the City Council prior to this meeting, and the Council recommended that they consult with the Village Design Review Committee.

Possible locations:

- Mountain Brook Parkway at Lakeshore Drive; entering English Village from Birmingham (Continental Bakery area); Overton Road off of Highway 280; Overton Road at Crosshaven Drive; Old Leeds Road entering from Irondale; Cherokee Road off of Highway 280. The City Council favored the Mountain Brook Parkway at Lakeshore and the English Village entering from Birmingham locations. Leadership Mountain Brook is open to other locations as well.
- Architectural Graphic and Design Specialties, Inc. designed three options: Option 1 has double pillars (\$12,470); Option 2 has a single pillar with a bracket (\$8,300); and Option 3 has a single pillar (\$3,500). The price listed is for two signs, and includes installation. The City Council favored Option 2.
- Some garden clubs have expressed an interest in helping to fund the signs and the landscaping around them.

Mr. Simmons said that the some of the Board of Landscape Design members expressed that the existing gateway at Mountain Brook Parkway is sufficient signage. Also, there is an older wooden sign on the Parkway that has been proposed for removal, but the side of the

road it is on is not in Mountain Brook; however, the opposite side of the road may be an option for a new sign.

Mrs. Elsas asked if the signs are double-sided. Miss Schwefler said that she believes that the proposed signs are one-sided. They have contacted the design company to see what the cost would be to have signage on both sides. Should a one-sided sign be chosen, some of the garden clubs that have offered to help could landscape around the signs to make them look nice on both sides.

Sam Gaston, City Manager, stated that one idea is to put the City Seal on the back side of the signs.

Mr. Simmons stated that several of the existing way-finding signs among the Villages had to be refurbished due to peeling issues. A second method of manufacturing the signs is available and is more durable. He suggested that it would be good to find out which method will be used at the quoted prices.

Mrs. Legg suggested eliminating the ‘welcome to’ wording from the signs and enlarging “Mountain Brook”. Other members expressed that they like the “welcome to” wording and that they have noticed that other cities are using it on their signs as well.

Mr. Grisham asked about funding for this project. There is funding through Leadership Mountain Brook, there is some funding set aside in the City’s budget, and garden clubs have expressed an interest as well.

Mr. Simmons will contact Mountain Brook Public Works Department to check clearances and sightlines to help determine the best locations for the signs.

The Committee recommends:

- General location of signs: (1) English Village on Cahaba Road, coming from Birmingham; (2) Mountain Brook Parkway and Cahaba Road intersection.
- Consider speed of vehicle traffic in regard to visibility/readability.
- Investigate the method that is used to construct the sign for durability.
- Explore the cost/feasibility of double-sided signs.
- Option 2, single-post with bracket design, is the recommended sign style.
- Should it be determined that the double-post sign (Option 1) is more appropriate for the Mountain Brook Parkway location, the Committee concurs.

Mr. Grisham called for a motion.

Motion: Mr. Barrett, motion to recommend to the City Council the following:

- Sign Option 2.
- General location of signs: (1) English Village on Cahaba Road, coming from Birmingham; (2) Mountain Brook Parkway and Cahaba Road intersection.

- Should it be determined that the double-post sign (Option 1) is more appropriate for the Mountain Brook Parkway location, the Committee concurs.

Second: Mrs. Ritchie

Vote: Ayes: Grisham, Ritchie, Legg, Elsas, Barrett, Israel and Everette

Nays: None

7. Case V-19-06: Leadership Mountain Brook Project: Public Art - Mural Project

Eric Cordover and Fraley Williams of Leadership Mountain Brook presented the mural project for the wall of Crestline Pharmacy, located at the corner of Hoyt Lane and Church Street. The wall faces Hoyt Lane. This property is managed by Hubbard Properties. The purpose of the mural is to incorporate color into the community and to provide an opportunity for community involvement. After presenting the idea to the City Council, the Council recommended that Leadership Mountain Brook meet with the Village Design Review Committee.

Specifics:

- The project will begin with a projector sketch onto the wall. It will be a paint-by-number format that will allow the community to participate.
- It is estimated that it will take two to three weeks to complete the project.
- The estimated cost is \$8,000. When the project was presented to the City Council recently, the estimated cost was approximately \$16,000, but that amount was reduced by choosing a more simple design.
- Artist Mary Grace Tracy, Mountain Brook and University of Montevallo graduate, will assist in the execution of the project.
- Two designs were presented.
- One idea to get the community involved is to have a sign-up sheet for a timeslot to paint. Also, senior students at MBHS could participate to obtain community service hours.

Mr. Grisham stated that this mural project was presented by a previous class in 2017. One recommendation at that time was that the artist selection should follow a process. A subcommittee of VDR was enabled, the Public Art Committee, to help facilitate such projects.

Comments from the Committee:

- It is important to get the community involved in the process from the beginning of the project, which will facilitate gaining community support/buy-in.
- An artist should be selected through the process of a public call for artists.
- More research is needed in regard to the scale of the mural. It is important to see the proposal in the context of its surroundings. Mr. Gaston suggested a design with a band around it rather than filling the entire space.
- Research long-term durability/lifespan of the painting; who will maintain? What are the budgetary implications after the project is completed? This could be a revolving project that younger students could look forward to participating in years later.

Mrs. Womack, Council liaison, stated that this project will be challenging in respect to attaining public support/buy-in. She commended the group for their work thus far and suggested that they use the VDR Committee as a resource going forward.

Mrs. Ritchie suggested that those involved in this project could meet with the Public Art Committee to discuss issues brought up at this meeting. An idea to consider: Place a smaller-size, temporary canvas at the location.

Committee Recommendation: The VDR Committee will work with Leadership Mountain Brook representatives to develop the public call for artists and other aspects of the project.

8. **Adjournment:** The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting stood adjourned at approximately 8:52 a.m.

Tammy Reid, Administrative Analyst



DESIGN REVIEW/ SIGN APPLICATION

City of Mountain Brook
Building, Planning, & Sustainability
56 Church St, Mountain Brook, AL 35213
(205) 802-3830 • Fax (205) 879-6913

Review by the Mountain Brook Village Design Review Committee is mandatory. Application and all supplemental documentation must be received no later than fourteen (14) business days prior to scheduled meeting to be placed on agenda. Applicants, owners, and/or tenants are strongly encouraged to appear before the Committee on behalf of their application.

1. Job Site Location:

Business Name: ALKMY

Address: 17 DEXTER AVE BIRMINGHAM AL 35213

2. Property Owner:

Name: ASHLEY SPOTSWOOD

Email: AW SPOTSWOOD@MAC.COM

Phone: 205 492-5017

3. Applicant:

Name: ASHLEY SPOTSWOOD

Mailing Address: 2749 ABINGDON RD

City/State/Zip: BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

Phone: 205 492-5017

Email: AW SPOTSWOOD@MAC.COM

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

4. Contractor Information:

Company Name: GIBBS CONSTRUCTION

Mailing Address: 3608 OAKDALE RD

City/State/Zip: BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

Phone: 205 503-3830

Bus. License No: 23366 201900926

(for the City of Mountain Brook)
Print Name: TED GIBBS + JASON ELGIN

Email: TED@GIBBS CONSTRUCTION.SERVICE

Office Use Only - Permits	
Permit No:	
Date Issued:	
Permitted Amount:	
Office Use Only - Design Review	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/ Conditions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Clerk:	
Date:	

Category of Construction		
<input type="checkbox"/> Awning	<input type="checkbox"/> Facade	<input type="checkbox"/> Window
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Roof
<input type="checkbox"/> Projecting	<input type="checkbox"/> Door	<input type="checkbox"/> Directional

Sign Information	
Job Description:	
Permit fees are based on the value of the work performed. Indicate the value (round to the nearest dollar) of all equipment, materials, labor, overhead, and the profit for the work indicated on this application. Valuation: \$ 750⁰⁰	

Number of Proposed Sign(s): 1

Existing Sign Information	
Please calculate the total square footage of all existing signs on site. Refer to our sign ordinance for categorical clarification.	

Square feet of Signs: 11.75 sq ft

Square feet of Incidental Signs:

Property Owner Signature	
This installation is being made on commercial property owned by me or a member of my immediate family.	
Signature:	<u>[Handwritten Signature]</u>

Is this property subject to a master sign plan, which has been approved by the Design Review Committee?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Applications may be obtained online at www.mtnbrook.org/bc-vdrc.

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17 DEXTER AVENUE

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35213

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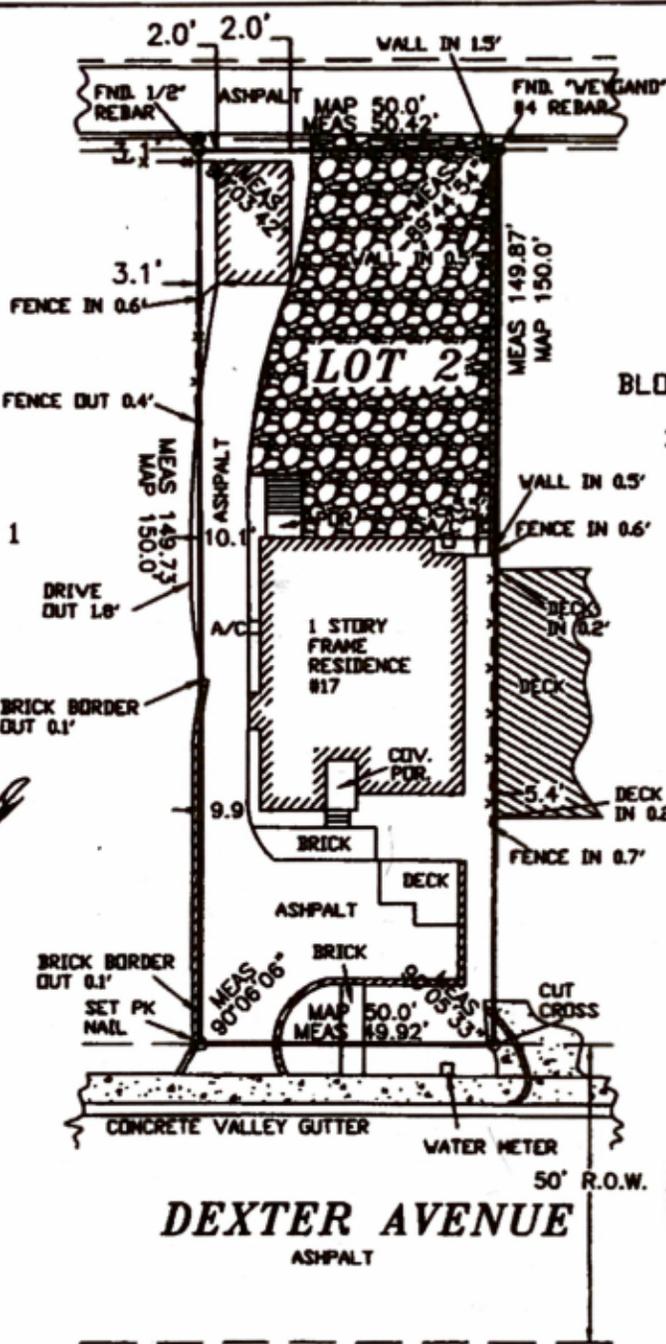


EXISTING NEIGHBORS



LEGEND

- ASP ASPHALT
- BLDG BUILDING
- CALC CALCULATED
- MEAS MEASURED
- CH CHORD
- LONG LONG CHORD
- Δ DEFLECTION
- ESMT EASEMENT
- HW HEADWALL
- MIN MINIMUM
- MBH MANHOLE
- OH OVERHANG
- POR PORCH
- R RADIUS
- R.O.W. RIGHT OF WAY
- SAN SANITARY
- STM STORM
- UTL UTILITY
- AC ACRES
- S.F. SQUARE FEET
- CL CENTERLINE
- A/C AIR CONDITIONER
- POLE
- X— ANCHOR
- X— FENCE
- X— OVERHEAD UTILITY WIRE
- PAVT PAVEMENT
- W/ WITH
- TAN TANGENT
- RES RESIDENCE
- oLGT LIGHT
- COV COVERED
- DECK
- CONCRETE
- WALL
- COLUMN
- GRAVEL



SCALE: 1"=30'
 STATE OF ALABAMA)
 (JEFFERSON COUNTY)

"Property Boundary Survey"

Ray Weygand, a Registered Land Surveyor, hereby certify to the purchaser of this property at this time, that I have surveyed Lot 2, Block 25, CRESTLINE HEIGHTS, as recorded in Map Volume 7, Page 18, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson County, Alabama. I hereby state that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, according to my survey of FEBRUARY 18, 2019. Survey invalid if not sealed in red.

Order No.: 2045
 Purchaser:
 Address: 17 DEXTER AVENUE

[Signature]
 Ray Weygand, Reg. L.S. #24973
 189 Osborn Road Homewood, AL 35208
 Phone: (205) 942-0088 Fax: (205) 942-0087
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Proposed renovations:

1. Signage

- Keep existing post from previous owner and replace center sign with updated sign from ALKMY. Sign to be painted wood with bronze lettering.
- (see page 8 for details)

2. Site Plan

- Remove 15 ft. of paving from driveway in front to create outdoor gathering area still allowing for three car parking in driveway.
- 36" picket fence to enclose gathering area.
- Move existing gas meter to right side of house.
- New plantings under new window on front elevation.
- Custom planters on either side of the entry door.
- (see page 9 for details)

3. Building

- Relocate entry door to current double hung windows on front elevation.
- Enclose the covered porch to enlarge the current sunroom.
- Replace front and side picture windows in the sunroom.
- Existing roof to remain.
- Paint the exterior Hardieplank and fireplace.
- Add deck off new entry.
- New lighting over entry door.
- (see page 10-13 for details)

SPECS:

Tables and Chairs: Elegant Earth 36" Bistro Table in French Wax and French Teak
Bistro Chair



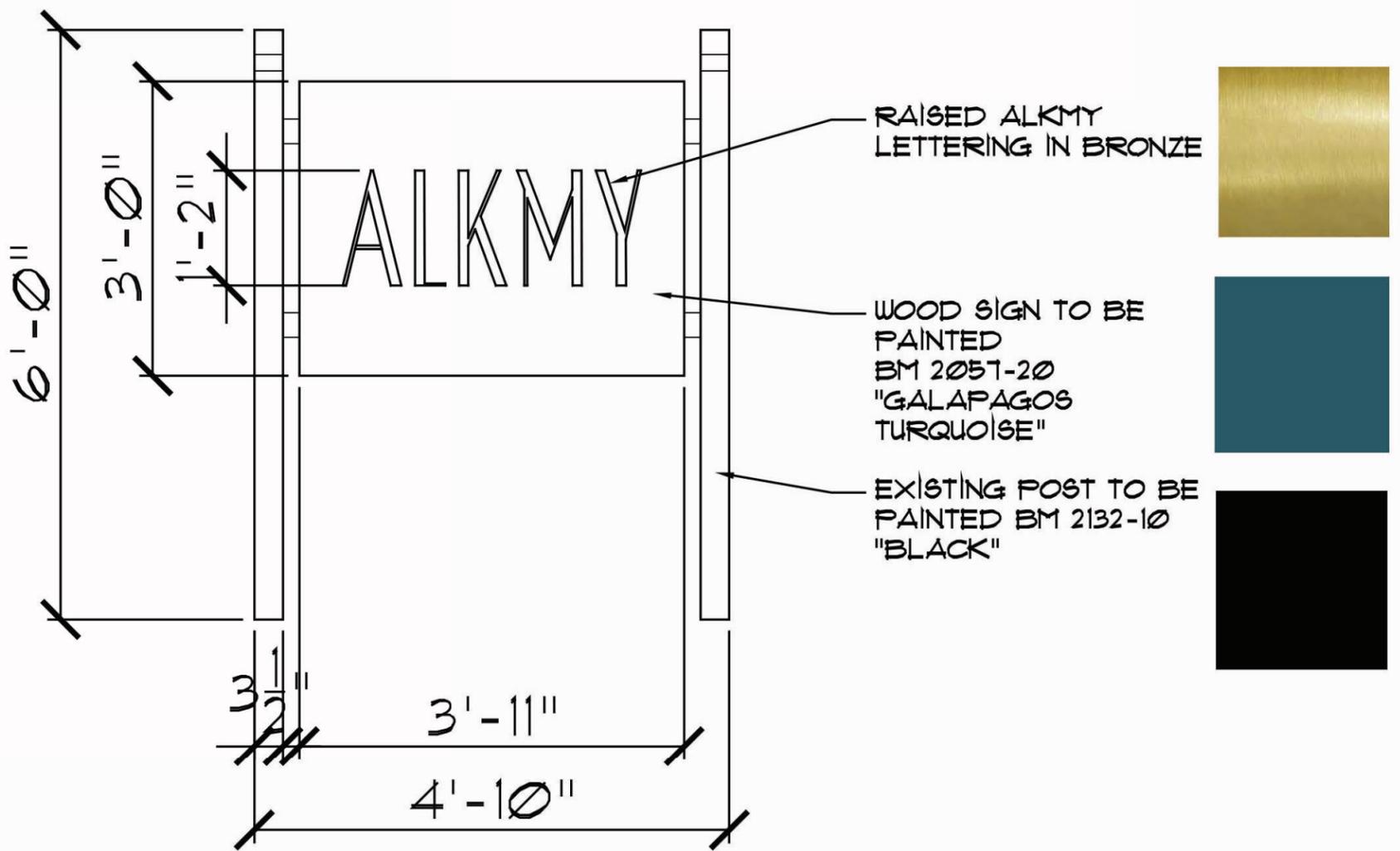
Lantern: Fine Art lamp 404381 Chateau Rustic Iron outdoor wall sconce

- Number of Bulbs: 1, Bulb Type: Medium LED Bulb Wattage: 60W



Front Door handle: Pullcast Jewelry Hardware – Hendrix TW5003 8 in.

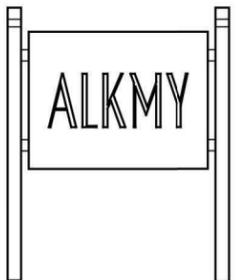
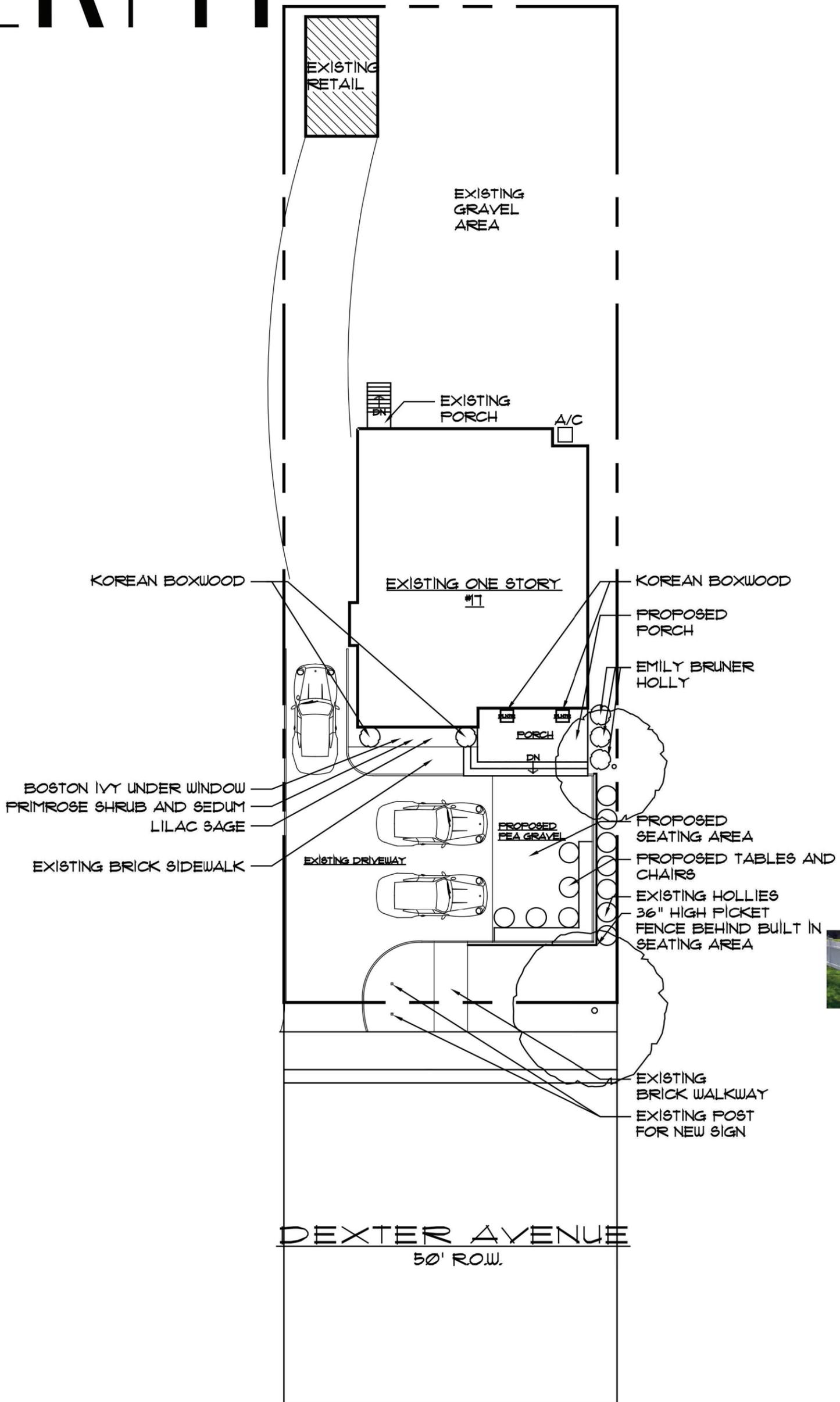




1 SIGN ELEVATION
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1 SITE PLAN

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1 FRONT ELEVATION
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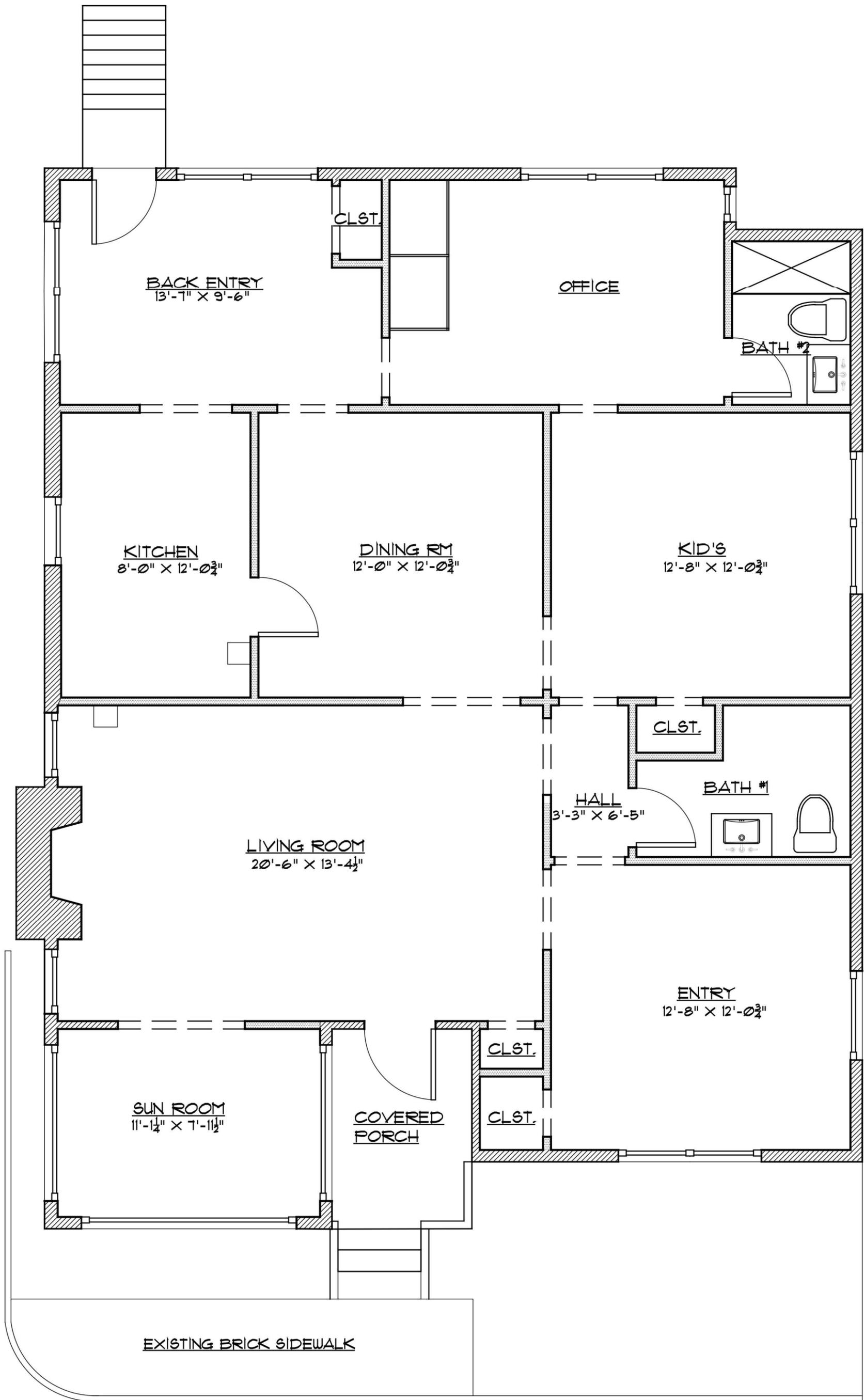


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TO BE PAINTED
BM 1004
"SNOWBOUND"

LINCOLN
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WINDOW TO
REPLACE
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PICTURE WINDOW

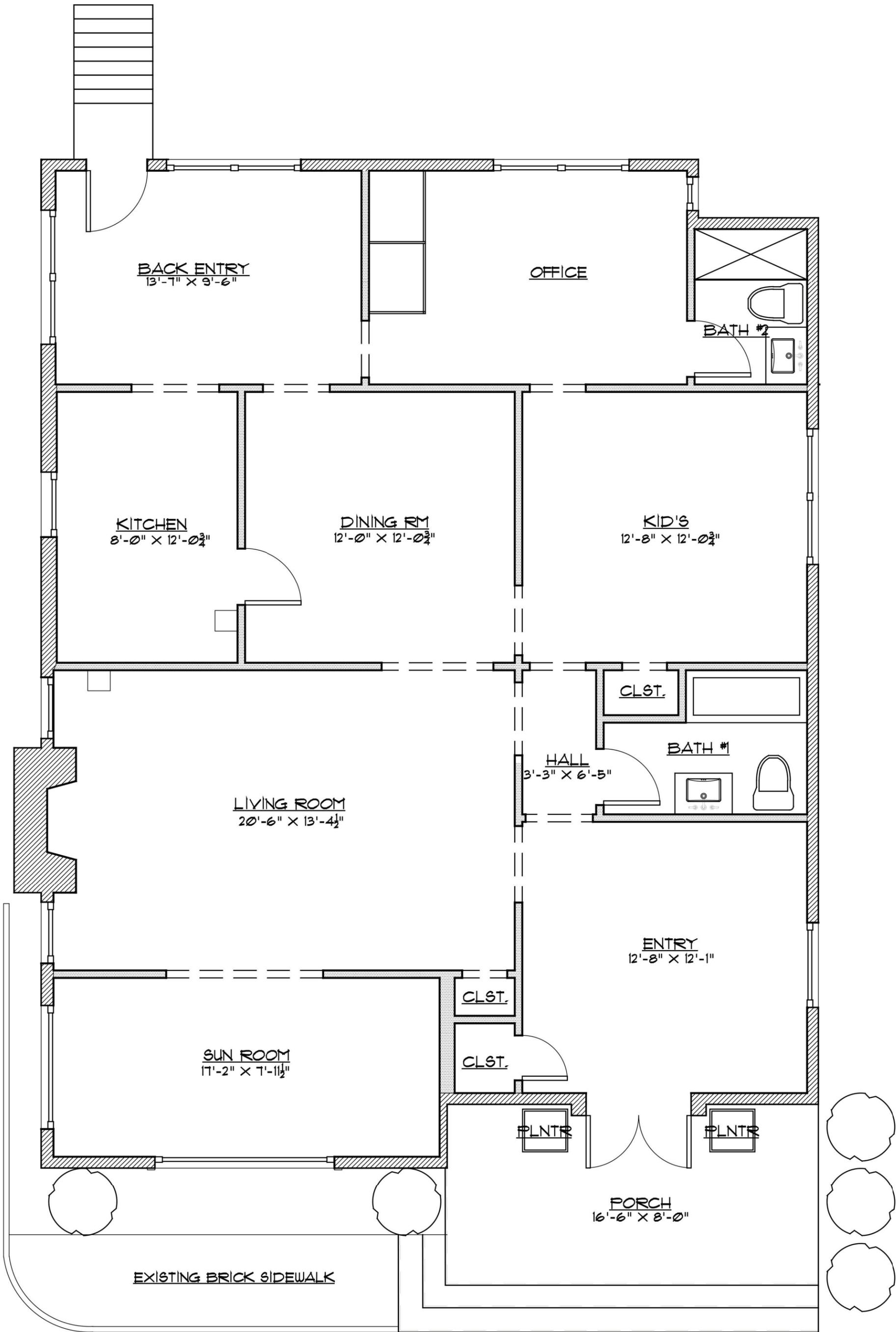
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1 **EXISTING PLAN**
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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2 PROPOSED PLAN
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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