## **PLANNING AND ZONING CASE CHECKLIST** City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department

☐ TREESCAPE PLAN

385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

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### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department 385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087 PLANNING & ZONING CASE NO.



NOTE: THE APPLICATION IS NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTED BY THE CITY UNTIL THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND CITY ENGINEER HAVE SIGNED BELOW.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING:

CITY ENGINEER:

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Address	259 Ranch Trail		Address			
City, State & Zip	Rockwall, Texas 75032		City, State & Zip			
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# DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) CITY OF ROCKWALL, PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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John Shannon, Building Inspections

Ariana Hargrove, Fire Andy Hesser, Parks Andy Villarreal, Police

From: Planning & Zoning Department

Date: 8/16/2019

To assist the Planning Department in evaluating the attached request, we are sending it to you for your review and comments. Please return any comments and/or plan mark-ups to us within five (5) days. Internal staff will also be required to have all comments input into CRW no later than Friday, 08/23/2019. Planning staff will assemble all comments received in time for our regularly scheduled DRC meeting on 8/27/2019 at 2:00 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission work session will be held on 8/27/2019 at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend both meetings. If you have any questions, please contact us at (972) 771-7745.

Project Number: SP2019-031

Project Name: Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

Project Type: SITE PLAN

Applicant Name: R.D. MOORMAN, INC.

Owner Name: R.D. MOORMAN, INC.

**Project Description:** 

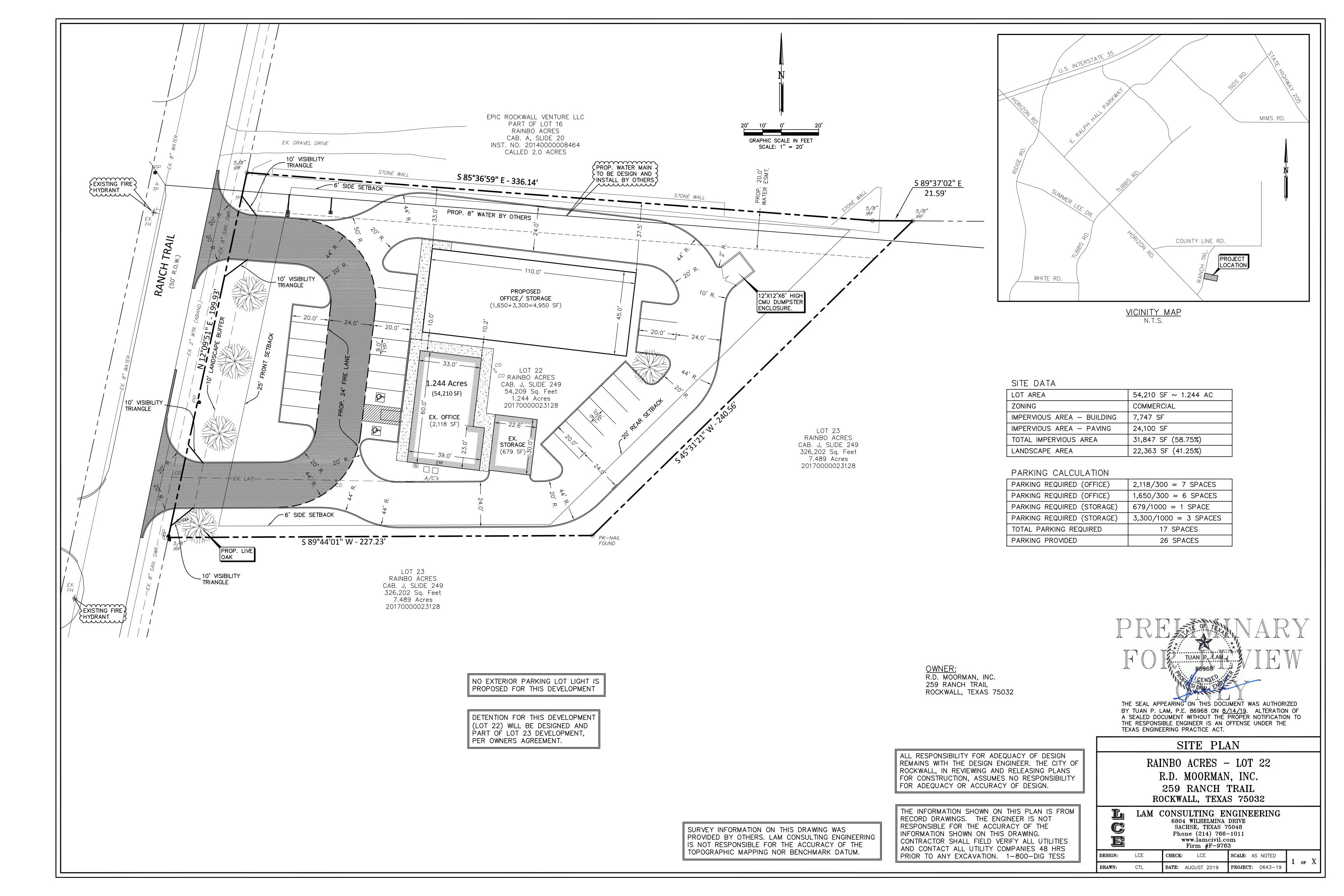


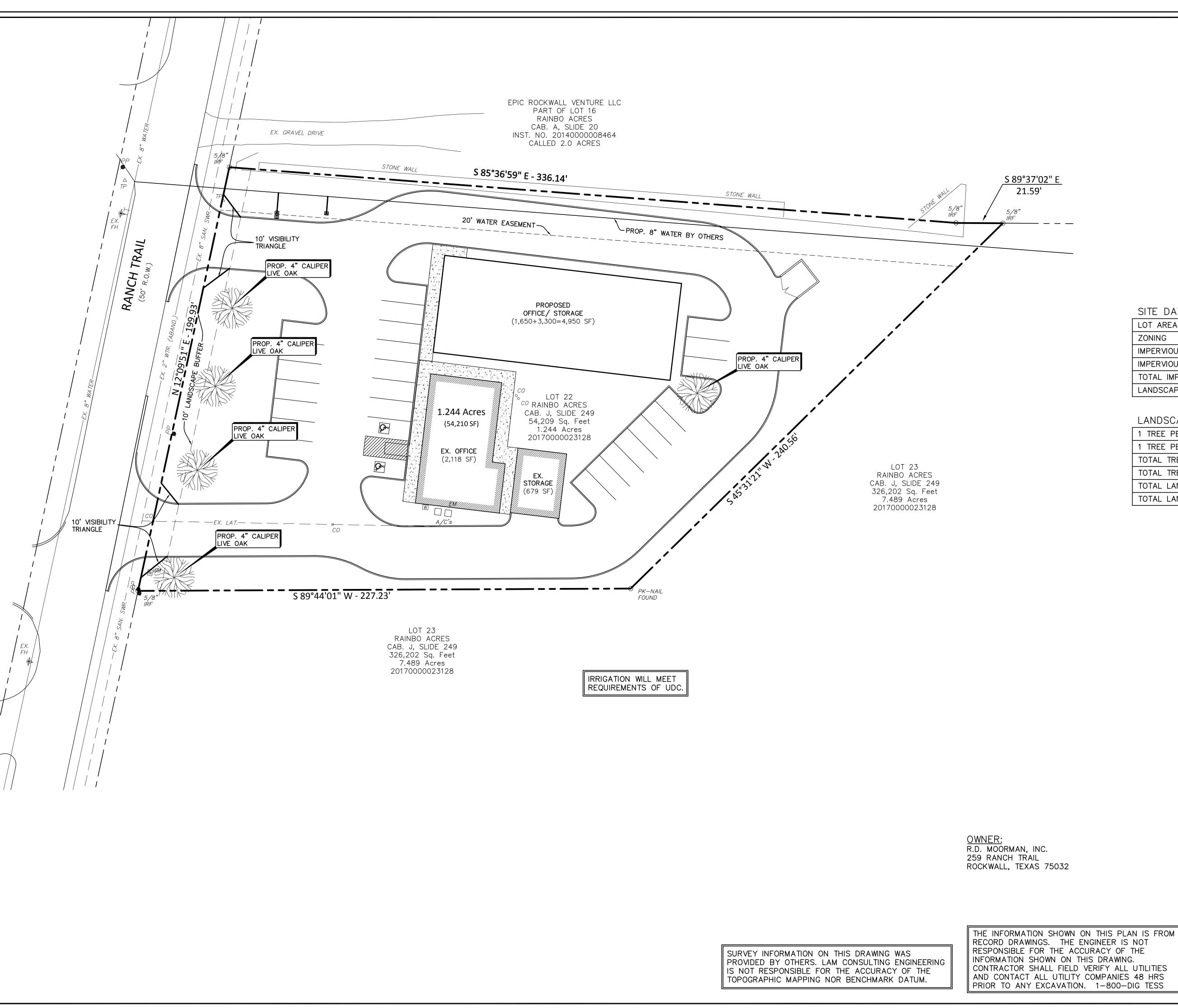


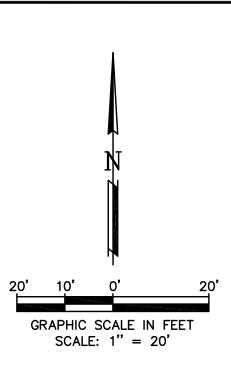
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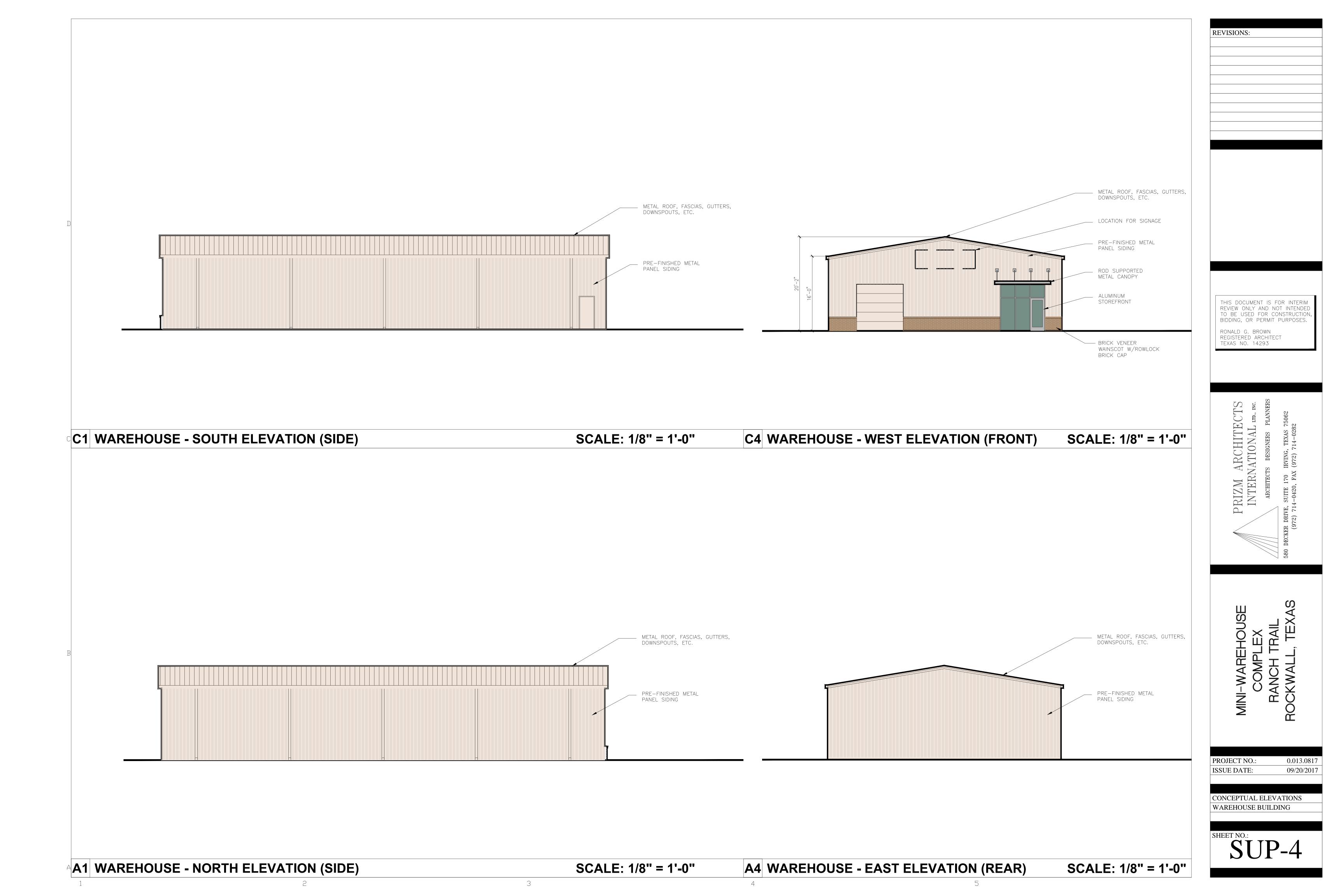
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### **City of Rockwall**



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8/16/2019

**Applied** 

Closed

**Expired** 

**Status** 

Zoning

**Approved** 

### **Project Plan Review History**

R.D. MOORMAN, INC.

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Project Number SP2019-031

Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

Type SITE PLAN

Subtype

**Project Name** 

Status Staff Review

Site Address City, State Zip

259 RANCH TRAIL ROCKWALL, TX 75032

Subdivision Tract Block Lot No Parcel No General Plan

Owner

Applicant

RAINBOW ACRES 22 22 4720-0000-0022-00-0R

Type of Review / Notes	Contact	Sent	Due	Received	Elapsed Status	Remarks
BUILDING	Russell McDowell	8/16/2019	8/23/2019	8/20/2019	4 APPROVED	
ENGINEERING	JEREMY WHITE	8/16/2019	8/23/2019	8/22/2019	6 COMMENTS	See Comments

(8/22/2019 1:17 PM JMW)

- 4% Engineering Fees
- Impact Fees
- Ranch Trail is a minor collector with 60' ROW and 41' back-to-back paving. Need to pave 6.5', given ROW=30' from centerline.
- Retaining walls 3' and over must be engineered
- All retaining walls to be rock or stone face. No smooth concrete walls.
- Minimum easement width is 20'. No structures in easements.
- Paving to be 3600psi (6.5 sack mix).
- No trees within 5' of utilities.
- Must show existing and proposed water and sewer lines
- Dumpster to drain to an oil/water separator prior to storm system if food or oil/grease product.
- Detention Required, Must detain for any additional impervious areas with construction.
- Do you plan on changing the water or sewer services? Impact fees will apply to up sizing the meter.

Label Driveway Spacing between driveways and existing driveways north and south on Ranch Trail. 100 ft spacing between driveways min required. Full Panel Concrete replacement on Ranch Trail for proposed utilities.

Sanitary Sewer Pro-Rata \$94.41 per acre

- Must meet all City Standards

FIRE Kevin Clark 8/16/2019 8/23/2019 8/22/2019 6 COMMENTS

Where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 400 feet from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, on-site fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official.

- a) Exceptions:
- i)For Group R-3 and Group U occupancies, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet.
- ii)For buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, the distance requirement shall be 600 feet.

Approved, unobstructed fire department access (fire lanes) shall be provided such that all portions of the exterior of the building shall be within 150-feet (as the hose lays) of a fire lane and/or other approved fire apparatus access roadway. The path of measurement shall be along a minimum of a ten feet (10') wide unobstructed pathway.

Exceptions: The fire code official is authorized to increase the dimension of 150 feet where:

- (1) The building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3.
- (2) Fire apparatus access roads cannot be installed because of location on property, topography, waterways, nonnegotiable grades or other similar conditions, and an approved alternative means of fire protection is provided.

GIS	Lance Singleton	8/16/2019 8/23/2019 8/22/2019	6 APPROVED		
PLANNING	Korey Brooks	8/16/2019 8/23/2019 8/23/2019	7 COMMENTS	Comments	

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SP2019-031; Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

Please address the following comments (M= Mandatory Comments; I = Informational Comments)

- I.1 This is a request by Ryan Moorman of R. D. Moorman, Inc. for the approval of a site plan for an office building on a 1.244-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 22, Rainbow Acres Addition, City or Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, addressed as 259 Ranch Trail.
- I.2 For questions or comments concerning this case please contact Korey Brooks in the Planning Department at (972) 772-6434 or email kbrooks@rockwall.com.

  M.3 For reference, include the case number (SP2019-031) in the lower right-hand corner of all pages on future submittals.
- 1.4 This project is subject to all requirements stipulated by the Unified Development Code (UDC).
- M.5 In order to constitute a complete submittal all applications are required to provide the following elements: [1] a site plan and [2] landscape/treescape plan. This submittal is complete.

M.6 Site Plan. Please make the following clarifications on the replat to ensure staff can properly review this project and convey all of the required elements to the City's boards and commissions:

- 1) Please note that that the existing metal building will need to be removed in order to construct the proposed building.
- 2) Please check with the Engineering Department to ensure that the proposed driveway meets the driveway spacing requirements.
- 3) Please note that all of the existing asphalt will need to be removed and replaced with concrete conforming to the Engineering Standards of Design in the Municipal Code of Ordinances.
- 4) Please provide pavement materials and thickness
- 5) In order to prevent trees from interfering with the overhead utilities, please provide accent trees in the landscape buffer adjacent to Ranch Trail Road and move the canopy trees to the interior.
- 6) Please note that outside storage is prohibited

M.7 Site Plan. No equipment screening shown. According to Subsection 1.05, Screening Standards, of Article V, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), utility equipment and air conditioning units shall be screened from view from any adjacent street or property utilizing plantings, berms, walls matching the main structure, or an architectural feature that is integral to the building's design. Please show and label how the mechanical equipment will be screened on the existing building and the proposed building.

M.8 Dumpster Enclosure. No detail of the dumpster enclosure was provided. According to Subsection 1.05, General Standards, of Article V, District Development Standards, of the UDC, trash and recycling enclosures shall be screened by a minimum six (6) foot tall, solid masonry dumpster enclosure that utilizes the same masonry materials as the primary building and incorporates an opaque, self-latching gate. Please provide the required detail.

M.9 Building Elevations. The building elevations do not meet the horizontal articulation requirements. According to Subsection 4.01, General Commercial District Standards, of Article V, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), facades shall have a maximum wall length of three (3) times the wal height or an exception to the articulation standards is required to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. According to Subsection 9.01 Exceptions to the General Standards, of Article XI, Zoning Related Applications of the Unified Development Code, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), in cases where an exception(s) are being requested, the applicant shall provide compensatory measures that directly offset the request exception. These may include –but not limited to – a masonry wainscot on all four [4] sides of the building, increased landscaping (i.e. additional canopy trees, accent trees, landscaping percentage, etc.). Additionally the Unified Development Code (UDC) requires the applicant to provide[1] a written appeal outlining the reasons for the exception, [2] the unique or extraordinary condition, and/or undue hardship created by the strict adherence to the technical requirements, and [3] the proposed compensatory measures as detailed above.

I.10 Please note that failure to address all comments provided by staff by 5:00 PM on September 4, 2019 will result in the automatic denial of the case on the grounds of an incomplete submittal. No refund will be given for cases that are denied due to an incomplete submittal, and a new application and fee will be required

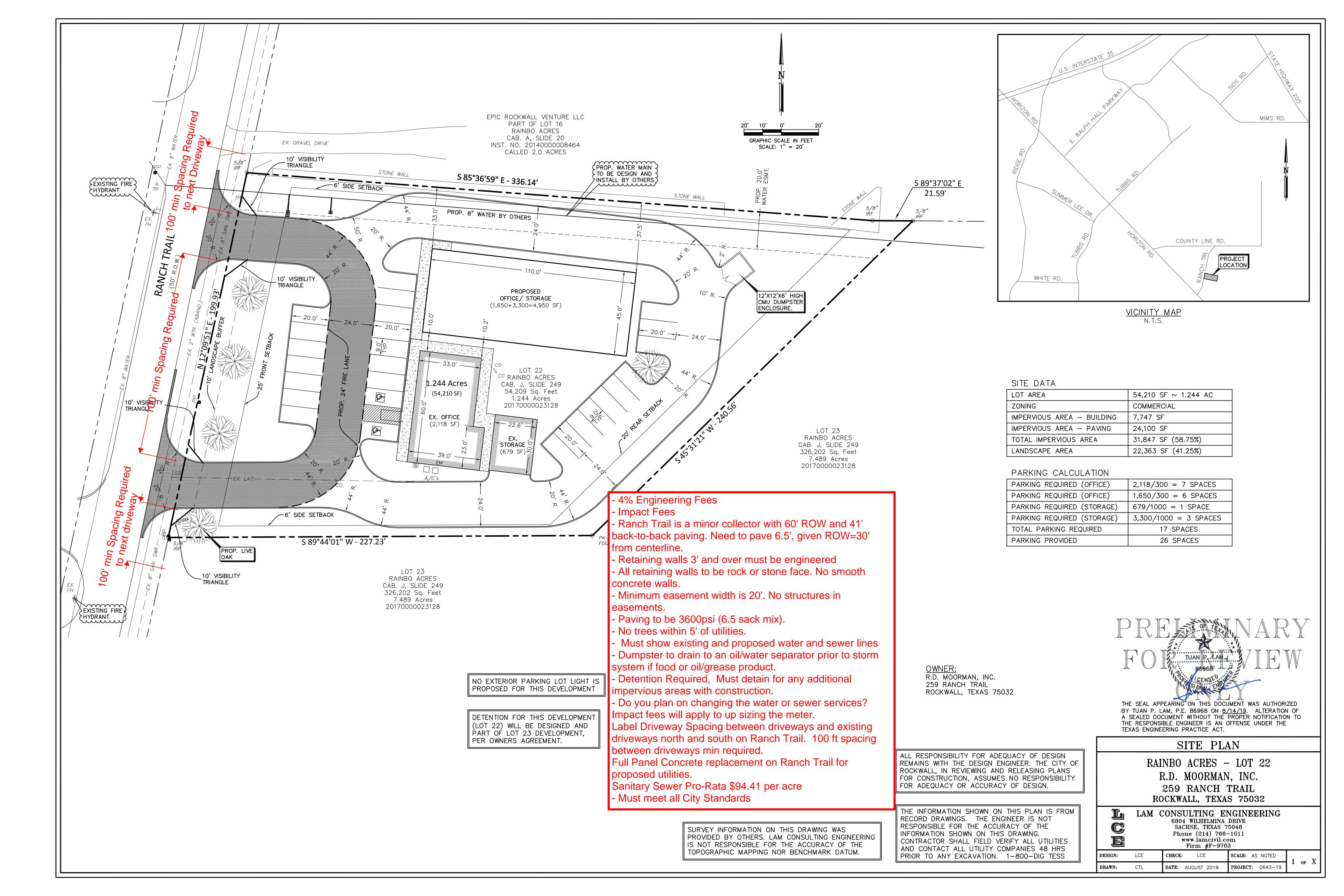
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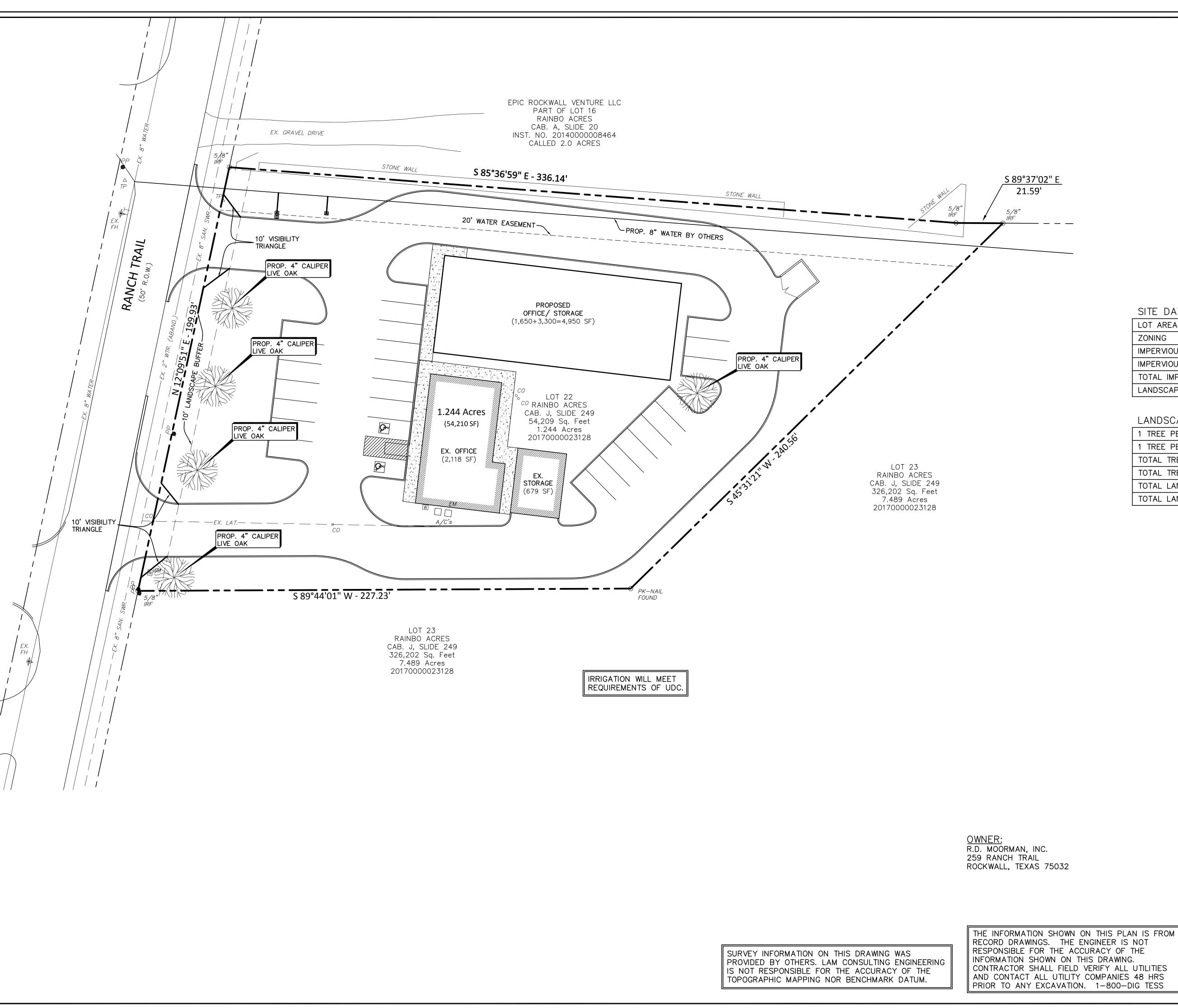
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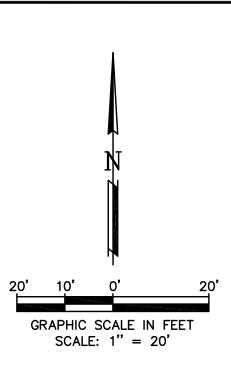
to resubmit the case.

I.11 Staff has identified the aforementioned items necessary to continue the submittal process. Please make these revisions and corrections, and provide any additional information that is requested. Revisions for this case will be due on September 4, 2019; The Planning & Zoning Meeting September 10, 2019.

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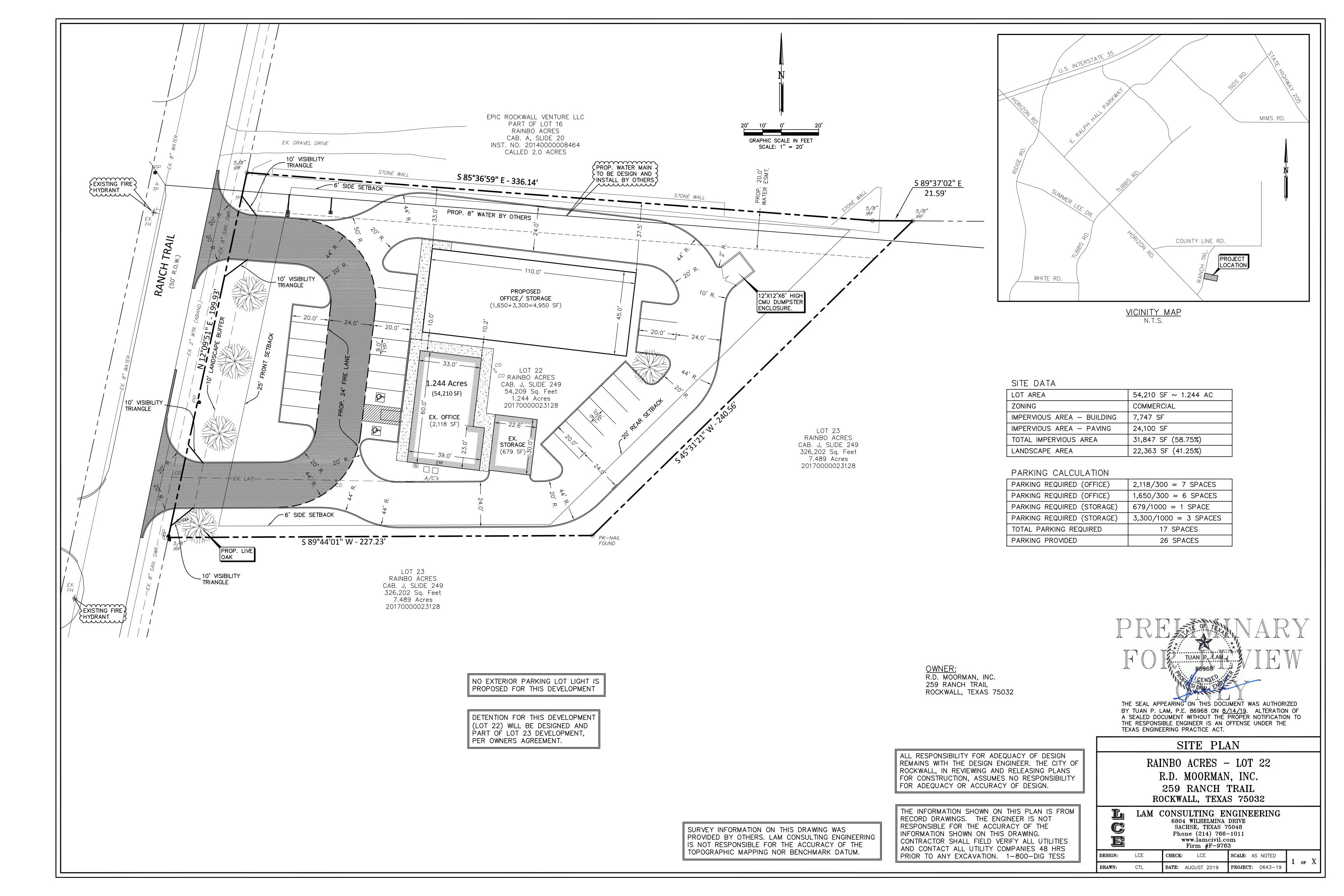


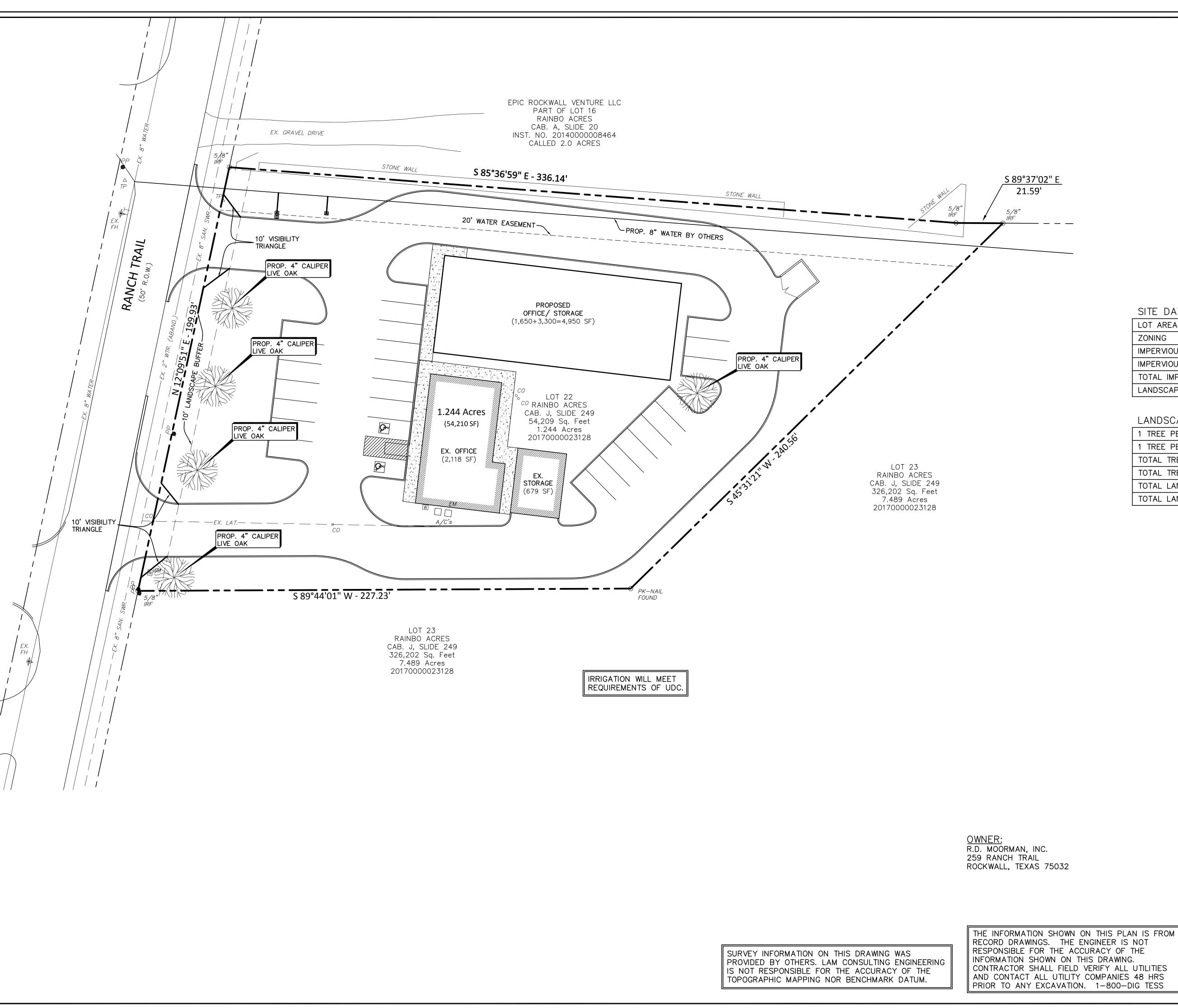


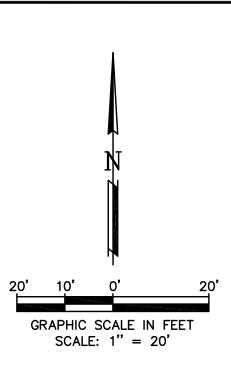
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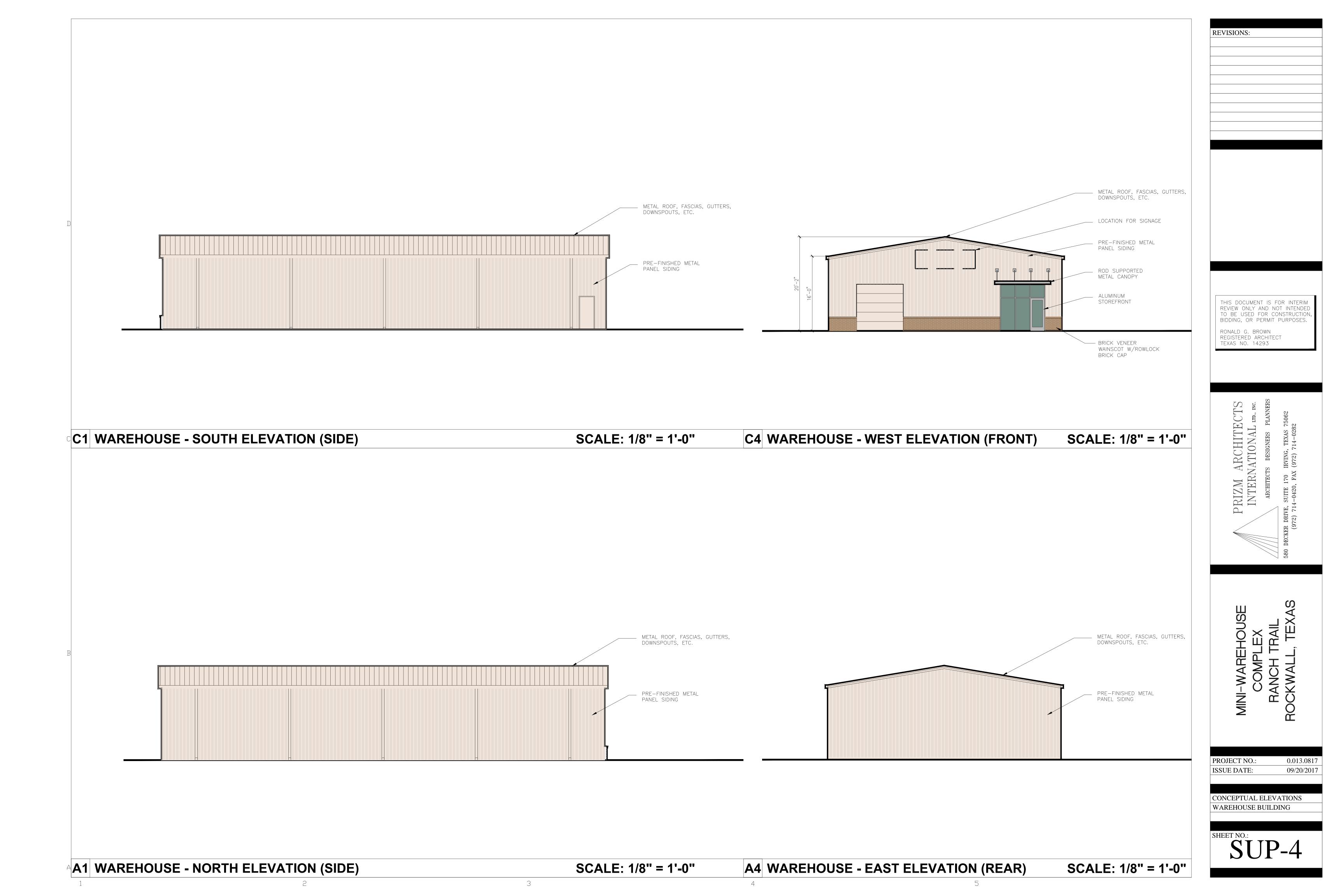
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**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission

DATE: September 10, 2019

**APPLICANT:** Ryan Moorman; R. D. Moorman, Inc.

CASE NUMBER: SP2019-031; Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

#### **SUMMARY**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject property was annexed in 2004 [Ordinance No. 04-34] and zoned Commercial (C) District. In 2017, the City Council approved a replat [Case No. P2017-050] to subdivide the subject property (i.e. Lots 22 and 23) from the adjacent property in order for it to be developed for the construction of a miniwarehouse facility on Lot 23. Currently situated on the subject property is a single-family home that has been converted into an office building. In addition, the subject property has a detached garage and a metal accessory building located behind the primary structure.

### **PURPOSE**

The applicant is requesting to construct a 4,950 SF metal office building in conjunction with and adjacent to the existing office building. The subject property is a 1.244-acre parcel of land that is zoned Commercial (C) District. According to the applicant, the purpose of the building is to provide additional office space and storage.

### ADJACENT LAND USES AND ACCESS

The subject property is located at 259 Ranch Trail. The land uses adjacent to the subject property are as follows:

North: Directly north of the subject property are several commercial structures. Beyond this is vacant tract of land adjacent to County Line Road. County Line Road is identified as a Minor Collector on the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. These areas are all zoned Commercial (C) District.

<u>South</u>: Directly south of the subject property several are commercial structures. Beyond this is vacant tract of land that is adjacent to FM-3097. FM-3097 is identified as a M4D (Major Collector, four [4] lane, divided roadway) on the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. These areas are zoned Commercial (C) District.

<u>East</u>: Directly east of the subject property is a 7.489-acre parcel of land where a mini-warehouse facility has been proposed to be constructed. This is followed by a 131.39-acre tract of vacant land (i.e. Tract 43-01 of the W. W. Ford Survey, Abstract No. 80 – commonly referred to as the Wallace Tract). These areas are zoned Commercial (C) and Agricultural (AG)

District. Beyond this are two (2) single-family residential subdivisions (*i.e. the Oaks of Buffalo Way and Willowcrest Estates Subdivisions*), which are zoned Single-Family Estates 1.5 (SFE-1.5) District.

West.

Directly west of the subject property is Ranch Trail, which is identified as a *Minor Collector* on the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. Beyond this are several commercial structures, that are zoned Commercial (C) District.

### **DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

According to Section 1.1, Land Use and Buildings, of Article IV, Permissible Uses, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), an office building is permitted by-right in a Commercial (C) District and no additional approvals are necessary with regard to the proposed land use. With the exception of the variances being requested the submitted site plan, landscape plan, treescape plan, and building elevations generally conform to the technical requirements contained within the UDC for a property located within a Commercial (C) District. A summary of the density and dimensional requirements for the subject property are as follows:

Ordinance Provisions	Zoning District Standards	Conformance to the Standards
Minimum Lot Area	10,000 SF	X=54,210 SF; In Conformance
Minimum Lot Frontage	60-Feet	X=200-Feet-In Conformance
Minimum Lot Depth	100-Feet	X=227-336-Feet; In Conformance
Minimum Front Yard Setback	15-Feet	X=15-Feet; In Conformance
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	10-Feet	X=10-Feet; In Conformance
Minimum Side Yard Setback	10-Feet	X=10-Feet; In Conformance
Maximum Building Height	60-Feet	X=16-Feet; In Conformance
Max Building/Lot Coverage	60%	X=14%; In Conformance
Minimum Number of Parking Spaces	17 Parking Spaces	X=26 Spaces; In Conformance
Minimum Landscaping Percentage	15%	X=41%; In Conformance
Maximum Impervious Coverage	85-90%	X=41%; In Conformance

The proposed office building will be approximately 4,950 SF, 16-feet in height, and be situated adjacent to the north façade of the existing office building. The structure will be constructed of metal and utilize a four (4) foot brick wainscot, storefront glass, and a roll-up door on the front façade. According to the applicant, the existing metal accessory building will be removed. Staff should note that most of the surrounding buildings are metal and this office building will be located directly in front of a proposed mini-warehouse facility that will consist of 575 units within 19 metal buildings.

### TREESCAPE PLAN

The submitted landscape plan identifies that there are no protected trees being removed from the site.

### **CONFORMANCE WITH THE CITY'S CODES**

According to Subsection 4.05, Commercial (C) District, of Section 4, Commercial Districts, Article V, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), the Commercial (C) District is a district "...intended to provide commercial land uses such as retail, large shopping centers, and restaurants. Commercial (C) Districts are generally situated in close proximity to an arterial or major collector that is capable of carrying the traffic generated by the land uses in the district..." In addition, these areas "...may require increased water, fire protection, and wastewater and drainage capacity. Since the Commercial (C) District is general in nature, development standards are less stringent as lower intensity districts such as Residential-Office (RO), Neighborhood Services (NS), and General Retail (GR) Districts..." In this case, the applicant's request appears to conform to the requirements of the Unified Development Code (UDC). Specifically, the subject property is adjacent to Ranch Trail

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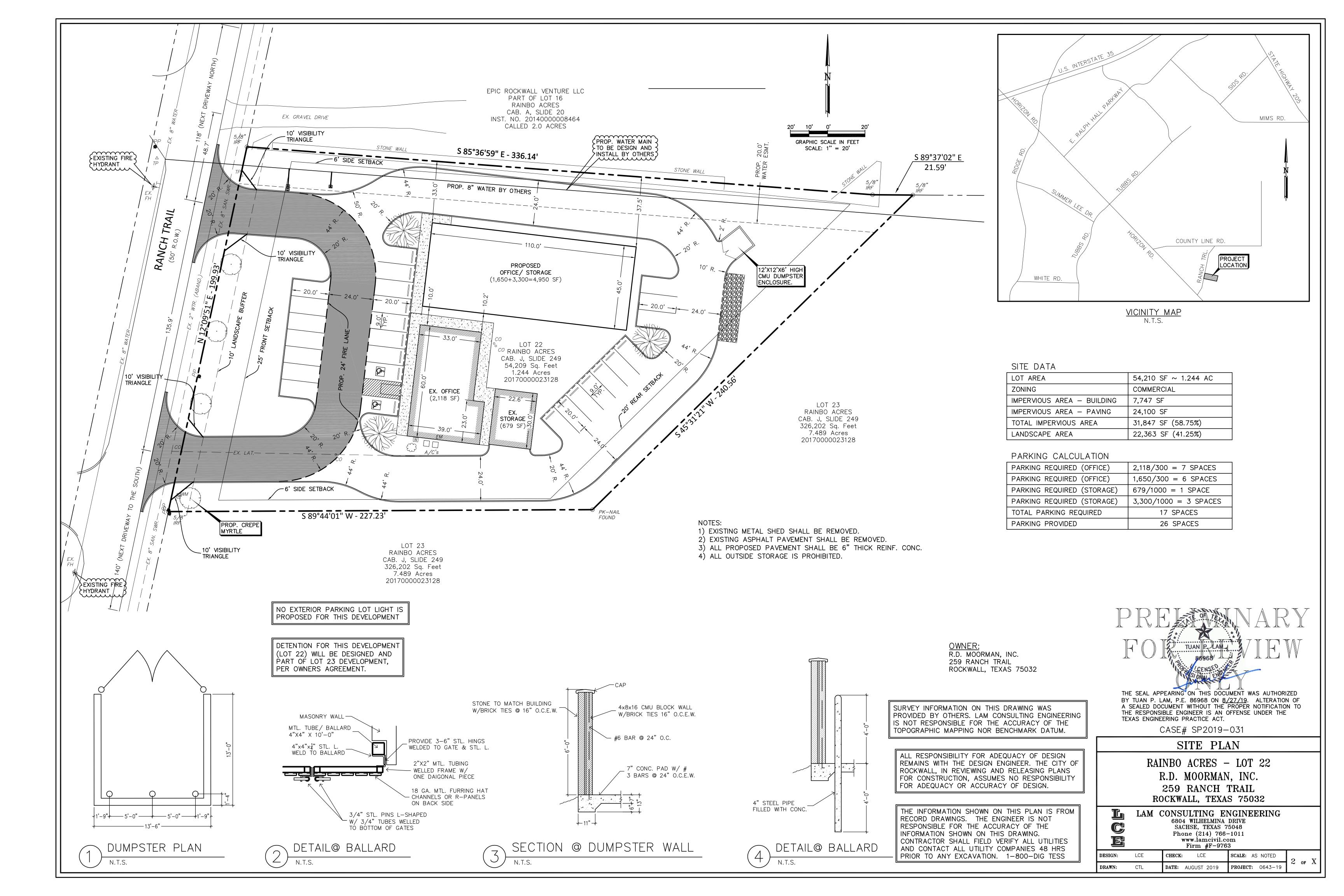


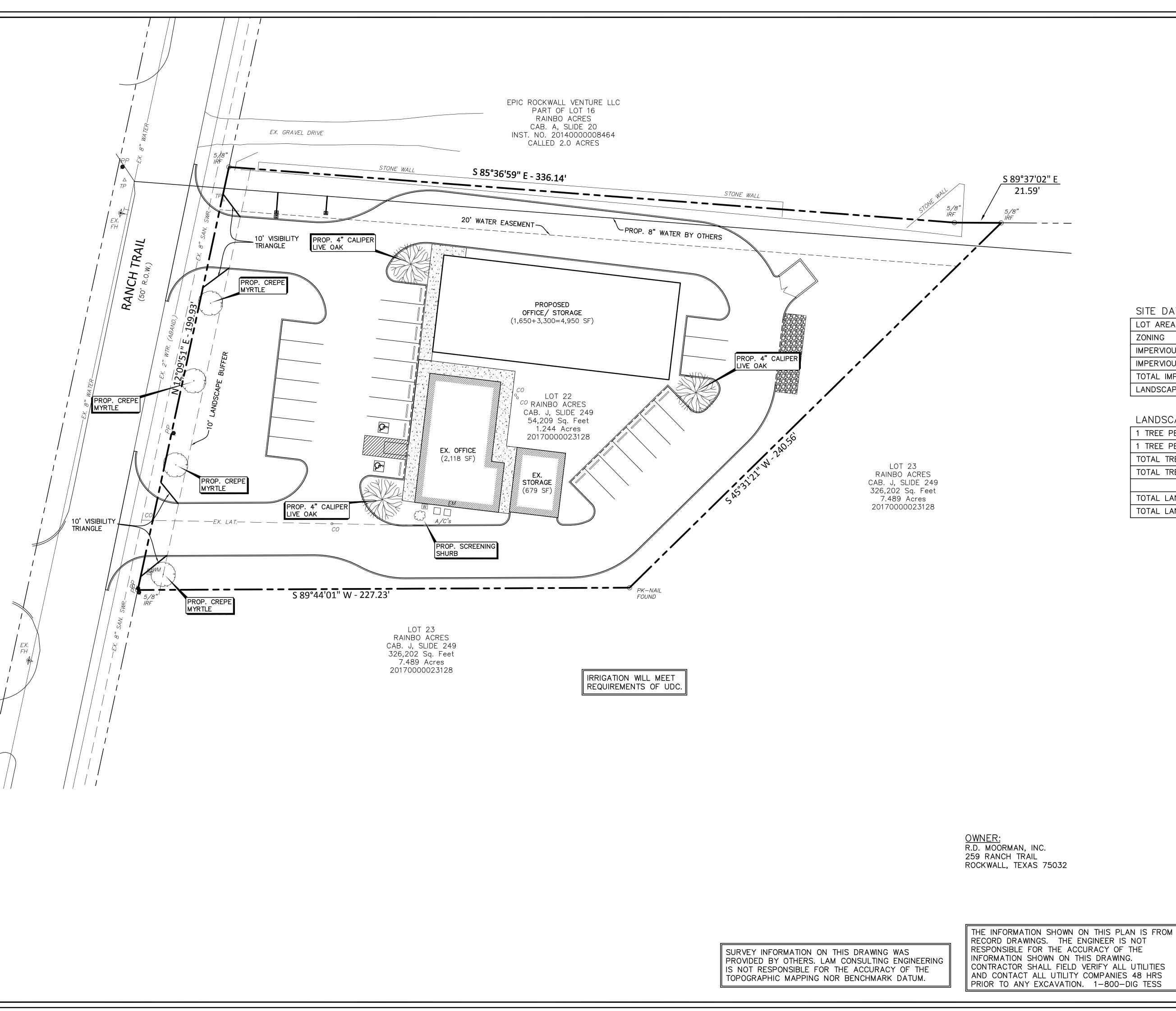


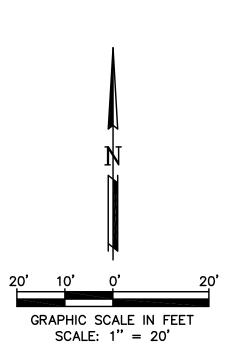
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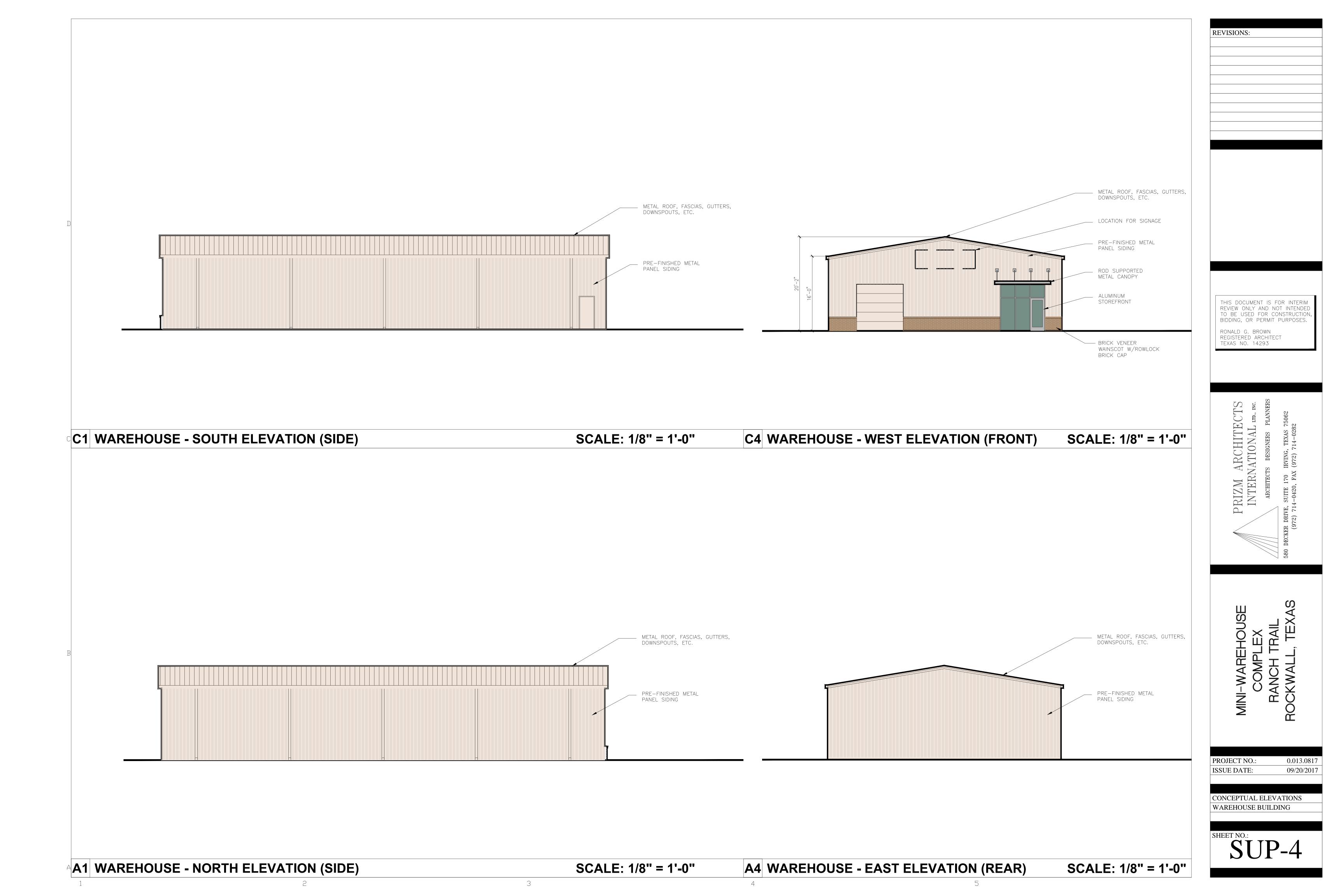
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TO: Mayor and City Council

CC: Rick Crowley, City Manager

Mary Smith, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Ryan Miller; Director of Planning and Zoning

DATE: October 7, 2019

**SUBJECT:** SP2019-031; Appeal for a Variance for 259 Ranch Trail

On August 16, 2019, the applicant Ryan Moorman of R. D. Moorman Inc. submitted an application requesting approval of a site plan converting an existing single-family home into an office building and proposing to construct a metal office/warehouse building on the subject property at 259 Ranch Trail. In conjunction with the site plan request, the applicant requested an exception to the building articulation requirements for the proposed metal office/warehouse building. Specifically, Subsection 4.01, General Commercial District Standards, of Article V, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code (UDC), states that the maximum wall length shall not exceed more than three (3) times the walls' height without a recess or projection of an architectural element. In this case, the maximum wall length permitted without a projection or off-set on the proposed metal/warehouse building would be ~48-feet. Based on the proposed building elevations submitted by the applicant the north and south facades show a wall length of 110-feet without a projection or off-set. According to Section 9.01, Exceptions to the General Standards, of Article XI, Zoning Related Applications, of the UDC, the Planning and Zoning Commission has the ability to grant an exception to the building articulation standards where [1] a unique or extraordinary condition exists or [2] where strict adherence to the technical requirements of the UDC would create an undue hardship. In cases where an exception is being requested the applicant is required to provide a letter to staff outlining [1] the reason for the exception being requested, [2] the unique or extraordinary condition that exists, and [3] the proposed compensatory measures (e.g. increased landscaping, masonry building materials in percentages equal to or greater than the surrounding properties, etc.). The applicant provided staff with a letter outlining the proposed compensatory measures (i.e. [1] the provision of a wainscot on the front of the building and [2] 41.25% landscape in lieu of the ten [10%] required); however, did not provide [1] the reason for the exception being requested or [2] the unique or extraordinary circumstance that exists. On September 10, 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the site plan, building elevations, and the applicant's letter and approved a motion to approve the site plan by a vote of 4-2, with Commissioners Womble and Welch dissenting and Commissioner Moeller absent; however, due to the lack of a supermajority vote (i.e. three-fourths of the members present) the exception to the building articulation standards was denied.

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## R.D. MOORMAN, INC.

September 30, 2019

Mr. Korey Brooks City of Rockwall, Senior Planner Planning and Zoning Department Coordinator 385 S. Goliad Rockwall, TX 75087

Re: 259 Ranch Trail, Rockwall, TX 75032

Dear Mr. Brooks:

We applied to Planning and Zoning for a site plan approval and a variance to the articulation standard. The site plan was approved but the variance was denied. We are appealing the denial based on the below statements.

Justification for appeal:

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We are currently providing wainscot on the front of the proposed building and providing 41.25% landscape, which only required (10%).

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Regards,

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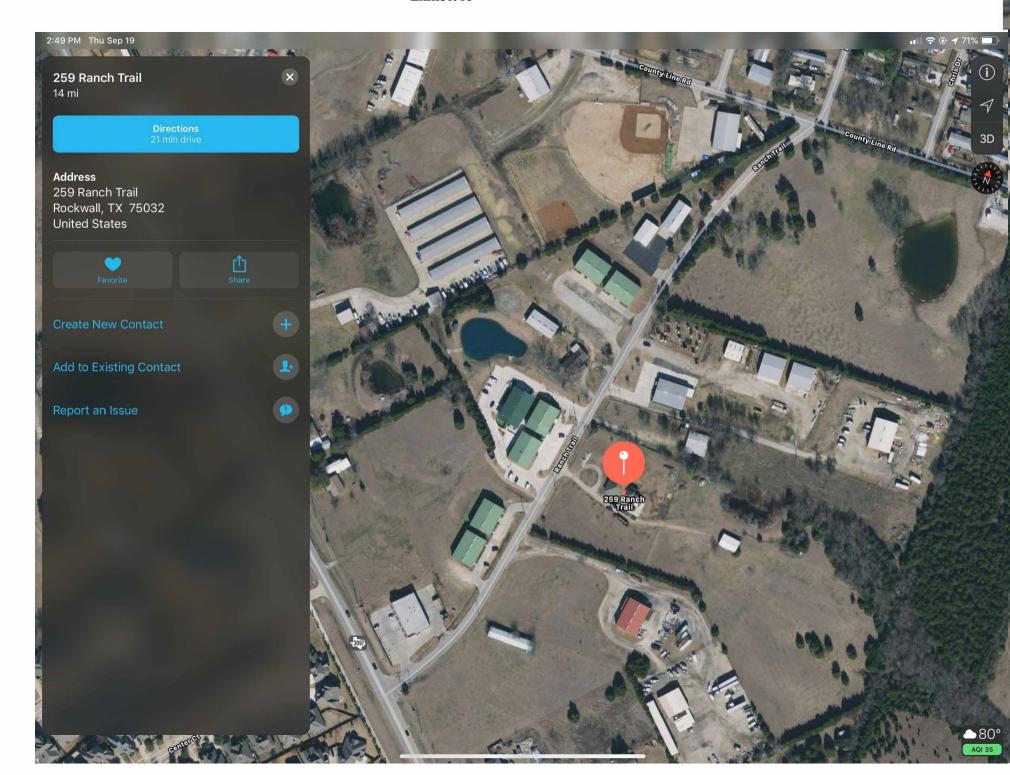
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**TO:** Planning and Zoning Commission

DATE: September 10, 2019

**APPLICANT:** Ryan Moorman; R. D. Moorman, Inc.

CASE NUMBER: SP2019-031; Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

#### **SUMMARY**

Discuss and consider a request by Ryan Moorman of R. D. Moorman, Inc. for the approval of a site plan for an office building on a 1.244-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 22, Rainbow Acres Addition, City or Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Commercial (C) District, addressed as 259 Ranch Trail, and take any action necessary.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject property was annexed in 2004 [Ordinance No. 04-34] and zoned Commercial (C) District. In 2017, the City Council approved a replat [Case No. P2017-050] to subdivide the subject property (i.e. Lots 22 and 23) from the adjacent property in order for it to be developed for the construction of a miniwarehouse facility on Lot 23. Currently situated on the subject property is a single-family home that has been converted into an office building. In addition, the subject property has a detached garage and a metal accessory building located behind the primary structure.

### **PURPOSE**

The applicant is requesting to construct a 4,950 SF metal office building in conjunction with and adjacent to the existing office building. The subject property is a 1.244-acre parcel of land that is zoned Commercial (C) District. According to the applicant, the purpose of the building is to provide additional office space and storage.

### ADJACENT LAND USES AND ACCESS

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West.

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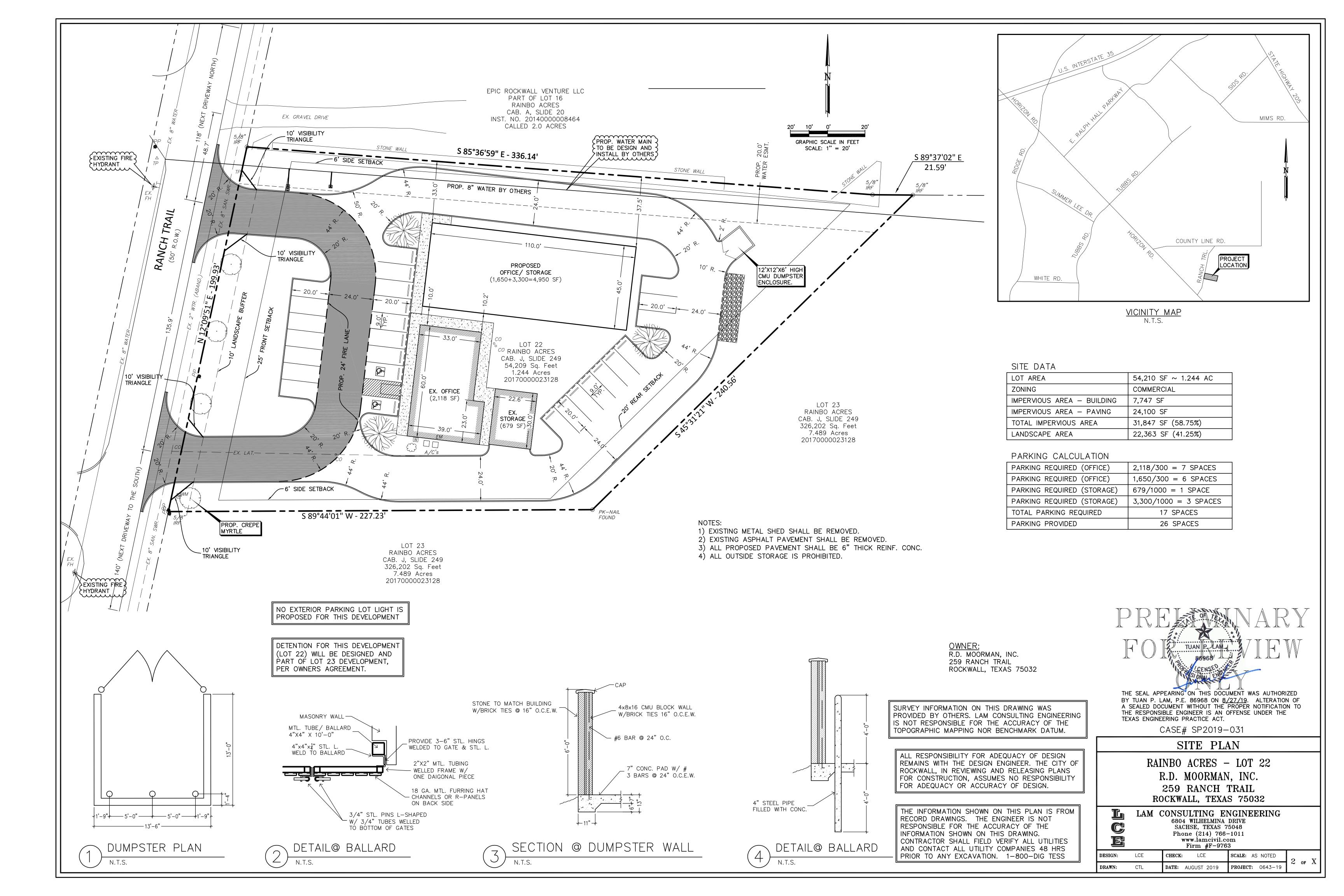


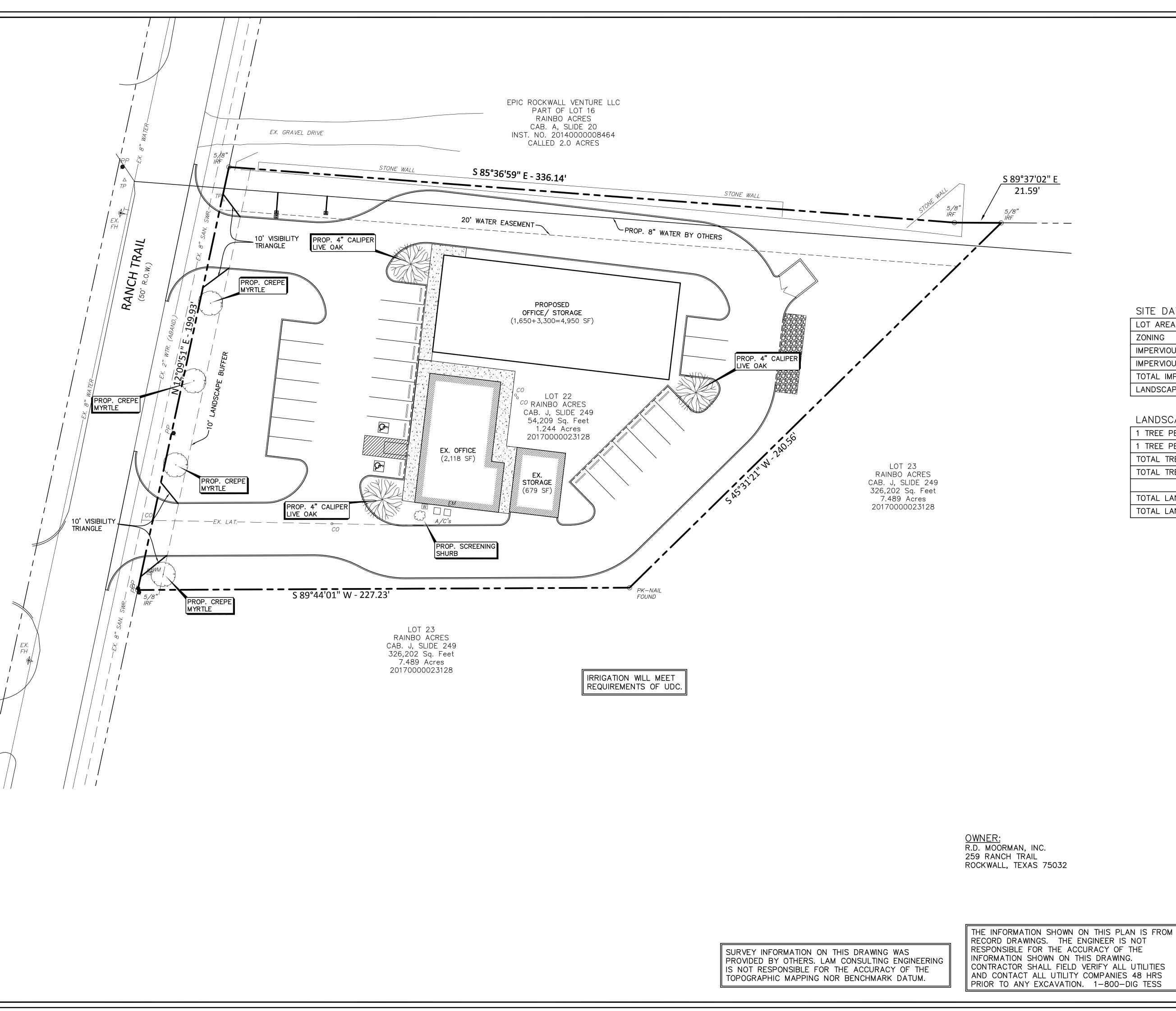


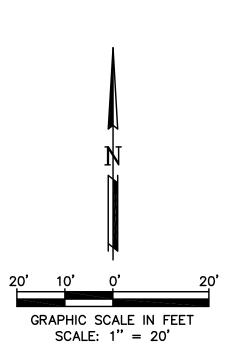
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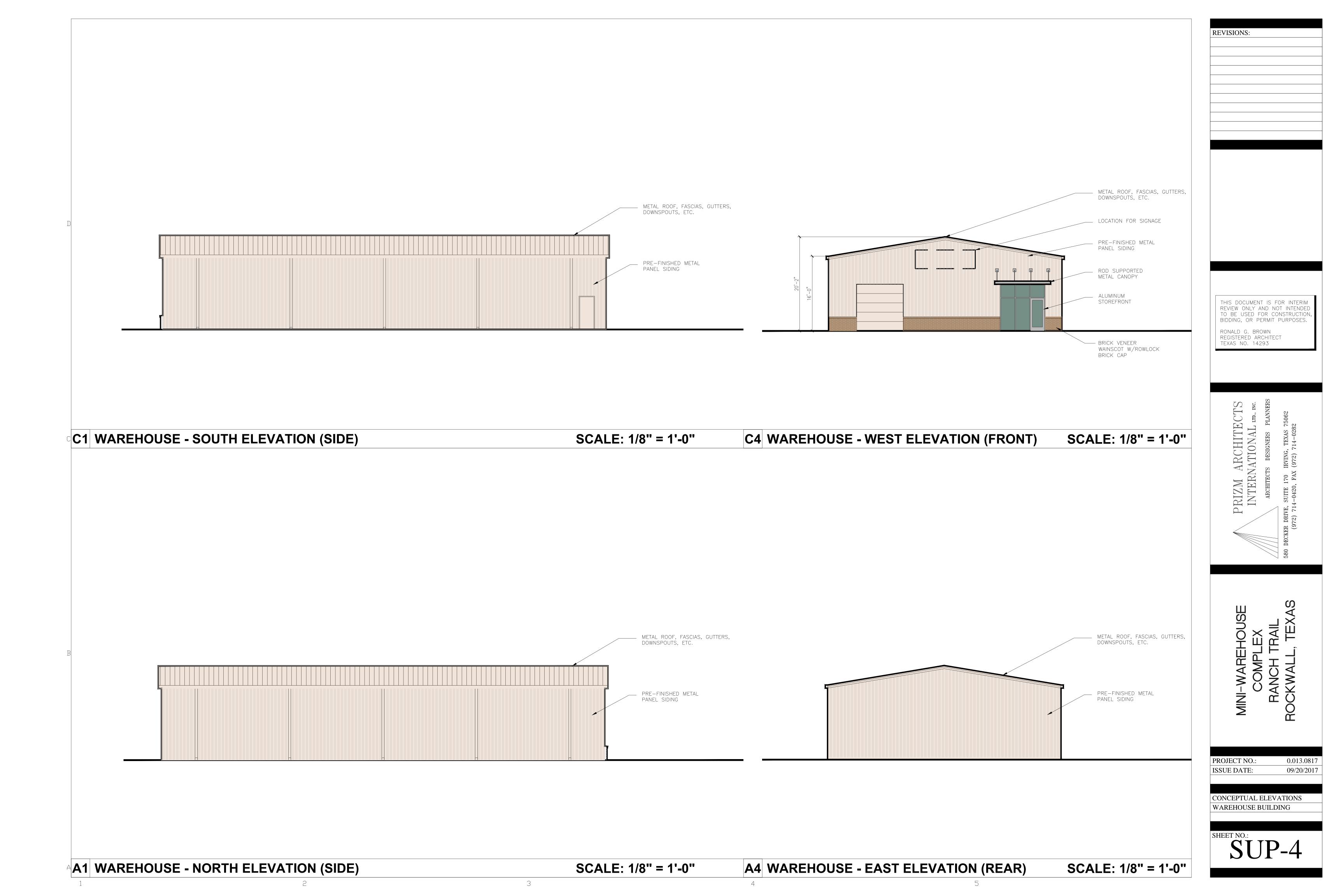
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October 2, 2019

ATTN: RYAN MOORMAN R.D. MOORMAN, INC. 259 RANCH TRAIL, Rockwall, TX 75032

RE: SITE PLAN (SP2019-031), Site Plan for 259 Ranch Trail

Dear Applicant:

This letter serves to notify you that the above referenced case that you submitted before the City of Rockwall was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on 09/10/2019. The following is a record of all recommendations, voting records and conditions of approval:

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

If the Planning and Zoning Commission chooses to recommend approval of the applicant's site plan then staff would propose the following conditions of approval:

- (1) The existing metal accessory building shall be removed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). This requirement is due to the change of use on the property and the non-conforming nature of the structure.
- (2) Any construction resulting from the approval of this site plan shall conform to the requirements set forth by the Unified Development Code (UDC), the International Building Code (IBC), the Rockwall Municipal Code of Ordinances, city adopted engineering and fire codes and with all other applicable regulatory requirements administered and/or enforced by the state and federal government.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On September 10, 2019, the Planning and Zoning Commission's motion to approve the site plan passed by a vote of 4-2 with Commissioners

For information about the procedures and required materials to file a plat, or for any other additional questions on this matter, please contact Planning staff at (972) 771-7745.

Sincerely,

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