1117 Washington Ave.

1117 Washington Ave. (Lot 5) is a multi-use commercial building that currently serves as an event venue doing business as the “Buffalo Rose”. The building also has a sub-leased photography studio located on the 2nd floor facing Washington St. The event venue is inter-connected to the Buffalo Rose Saloon via two main floor doorways. The structure occupying Lot 5 was erected in 1922 and was first as a garage / auto dealership. In 1930, it was converted into an indoor community swimming pool called “The Plunge” (see Image 1).

Over the years, the building has been used for various commercial purposes and is now utilized to host live events, primarily concerts. The building at 1117 Washington is a stout, 2-story, nearly rectangular building constructed of bricks manufactured in Golden. Based on recent masonry testing of the walls, it is thought to be in good structural condition.

In the early 1980s, the facade of the building facing Washington St. was completely covered by wood siding (Image 2). The interior of the facility has been severely neglected.

Streetcone is proposing to restore the exterior of the building on Washington to very closely resemble its elevation from 1930-1943 and to fully refurbish the interior of the facility (Image 3). The second-floor subleased space will be incorporated into the new venue floor plan during the remodel project. The facility will continue to be used for live events, but will be oriented much more toward weddings, family events, smaller live music performances, and corporate functions, ultimately serving as a multi-use live cultural events center for the Golden community.

A large roof deck patio over the venue to accommodate public and private events has been designed, but Streetcone is indefinitely deferring the permitting and construction of that area and related building infrastructure. However, as noted above, the construction of a venue roof deck would not impact the historical façade and would not necessitate further renovation of the interior at that point.
There have been continuously operating businesses on Lot 6 at the corner of Washington Ave. and 12th St. in downtown Golden since the City’s founding in the 1850s. The lot is now occupied by the Buffalo Rose bar and patio and the State 38 Saloon tasting room.

Over the past 160 years, the various buildings on Lot 6 have been deconstructed, modified, damaged, burned and eventually covered. Unfortunately, any original character of the buildings has been lost to time.

The new Buffalo Rose restaurant/bar will be located on the footprint currently occupied by the Buffalo Rose Saloon (including the 12th St. patio) and the State 38 Saloon tasting room. The new Buffalo Rose will be an independent, casual, large-format restaurant and bar, serving high-quality American and Latin American cuisine, craft beers and specialty cocktails. We are planning to build a new commercial kitchen and the facility will have several indoor and outdoor dining areas.

In developing concepts for the new Buffalo Rose restaurant architecture, the project team worked hard to identify opportunities to conserve original structures and to restore or rebuild the facades to be consistent with historical design. With heavy use of brick, wood and iron-- the very elements that built the city and currently define much of the downtown district--we envision structures that seamlessly reflect the heritage of the site and the city, while bringing a highly functional, contemporary building to downtown Golden.

Historical mindfulness and forward thinking design are the heart of the new Buffalo Rose, as we are hoping to invigorate a feature downtown intersection and showcase our city.
Project Timeline

Ownership is planning to start the remodel project in early October 2017. We are anticipating a 10-month project and we are targeting to have both facilities fully operational by summer 2018.
Historical Map of Subject Properties

Washington Avenue

Transcript Building
1870

Golden Plunge
1922

Buffalo Rose Saloon
1902

Iler Block
1871

Site Of
Haas Block
1881-2001

Possible
1859
Wall

Infill

Infill c. 1878

Infill c. 1886

Hoagland
Building
1933

12th Street

1881
Sioux
Wall
BUFFALO ROSE RENOVATION & ADDITION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
1119 WASHINGTON AVE. GOLDEN, CO 80401
SPANISH CERAMIC ROOF STYLE
EXISTING BRICK OR SIMILAR
TAN BRICK
WYOMING SNOW FENCE WOOD SIDING
PORTER'S ORIGINAL PAINTS – LIQUID IRON & INSTANT RUST FINISH OR SIMILAR
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PREWEATHERED GALVALUME STANDING SEAM

CORREGATED METAL SIDING

TAN BRICK

POWDER COATED STEEL PAINTED DARK BRONZE
BUFFALO ROSE RENOVATION & ADDITION
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- FACADE ARTICULATION
- VERTICAL SIGNAGE
- CERAMIC SPANISH TILE
- STANDING SEAM METAL AWNING
- GLAZED CORNER FEATURE ENTRY

- BRICK PILASTERS
- DARK PAINTED STEEL RAILING
- BRICK WAINSCOT | FULL BRICK | WOOD SIDING RELATIONSHIP
- STEEL INFILL PANELS
- FEATURE CORNER MATERIAL CHANGE
- FABRIC CANOPY

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