### **SECTION 30-902 Standards**

### a. The particular difficulty or peculiar hardship is not self-created by the petitioner;

*Response:* Walter E Smithe's particular hardship is not self-created and is due to the buildings unique architectural features as the building was originally a multi-tenant space, which has been updated to a single tenant occupancy.

The main entrance is located at the northwest corner of the property, identified on rendering site plan as location #6 and will not receive a wall sign above this specific entrance.

Walter E Smithe is requesting Signs # 1, 2 & 3 to most prominently signify that Walter E Smithe occupies the full building and no longer includes the former tenant Drexel Heritage.

Walter E Smithe is requesting Sign # 4 as they consider this elevation to be the primary business ID for southbound traffic.

With the proposed sign plan consisting of signs #1, 2, 3 & 4, Walter E Smithe is removing and not replacing existing signs referenced as #5 & 6.

## b. The granting of the variation shall not create a traffic hazard, a depreciation of nearby property values or otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety, morals and welfare

*Response:* The proposed sign package consisting of four (4) wall signs, one on each side of the building, will not create a traffic hazard, a depreciation of nearby property values or otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety, morals and welfare. The proposed signage locations seeks to allow Walter E Smithe visible signage on all four (4) elevations.

# c. The variation will serve to relieve the applicant from a difficulty attributable to the location, topography, circumstances on nearby properties or other peculiar hardship; and not merely serve to provide the application with a competitive advantage over similar businesses

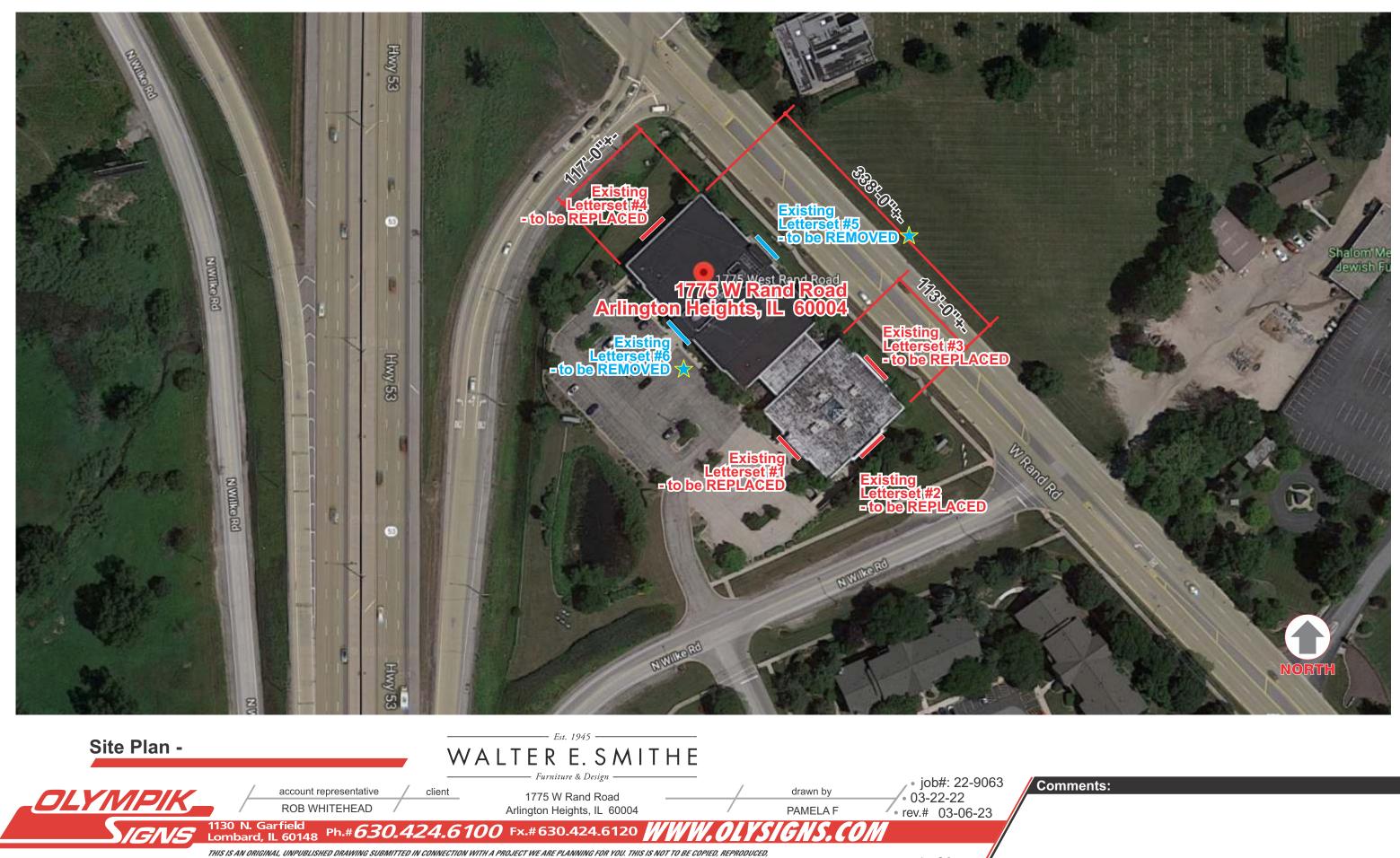
*Response:* Walter E. Smithe wants to improve their visual identity within the community so their business will continue to be successful in the Village of Arlington Heights and the proposed sign package is not to have a competitive advantage over similar businesses. The hardship has to do with the building elevations and the street frontages those elevations face.

### d. The variation will not later the essential character of the locality

*Response:* The sign will be in harmony and scale with the architecture of the building in this development & will be consistent with other large signs in the general vicinity. The sign will be constructed with the highest quality materials. The proposed signage seeks to maintain the stylistic approach Walter E. Smithe prides themselves on along with being consistent with the harmonious nature of the building along with the character of the locality.

### e. The applicants business cannot reasonably function under the standards of this Chapter

*Response:* The proposed sign locations seeks to allow Walter E. Smithe a visible sign on all four (4) elevations showing where this company is located within the Arlington Heights community. The signage will comply with all other applicable requirements of the Arlington Heights sign code. The property currently has six (6) wall signs, of which only four (4) will be replaced and the other two (2) signs will be removed but *not* replaced.



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# **Subject Property**



## **North Elevation – Existing**



## **South Elevation - Existing**



## **East Elevation - Existing**



## **West Elevation - Existing**



## **View from Route 53 traveling North**



**View from Route 53 traveling South** 





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### Comments:

# **Surrounding Context**



## View of Route 53 to the West



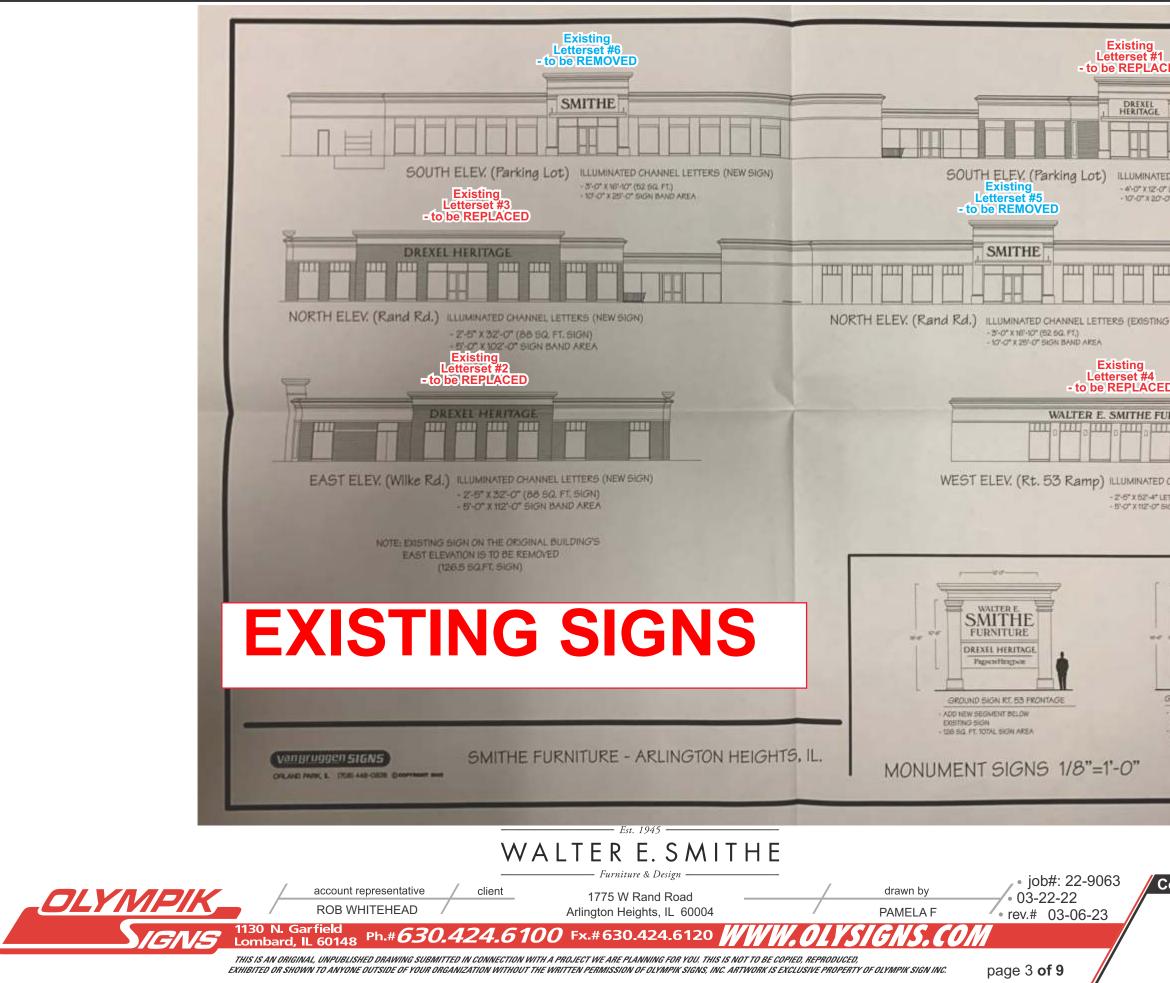
## View of Route 53 to the South



## **Property to the North (across Rand Road)**

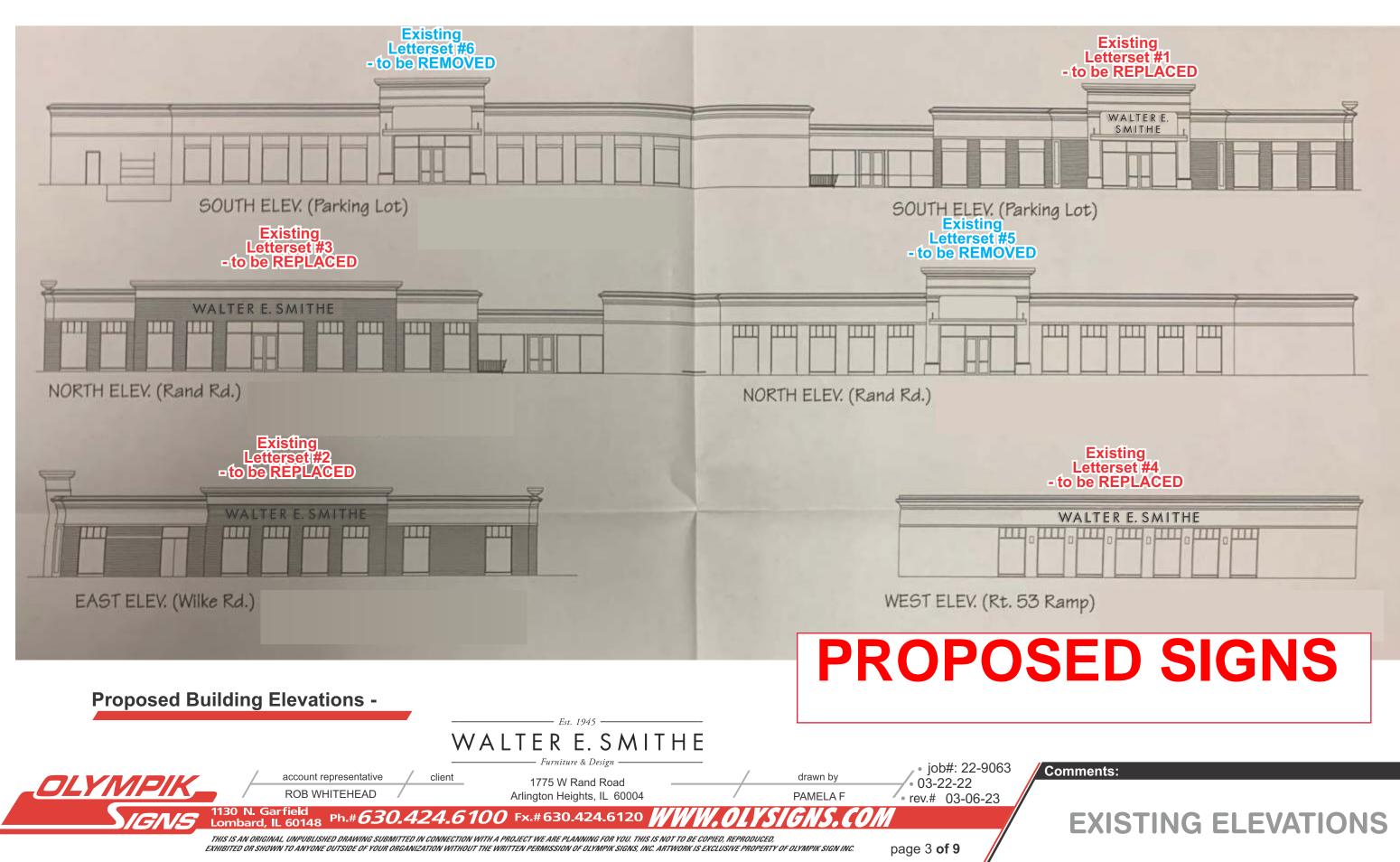


## Property to the East (across Wilke Road)



# **EXISTING ELEVATIONS**

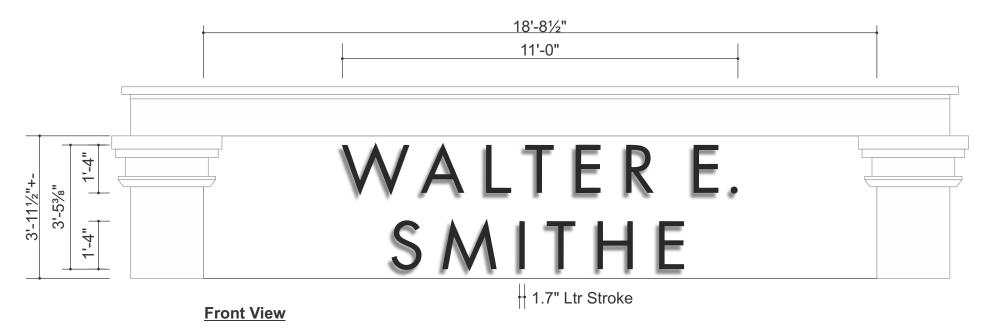
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## Southwest Elevation - Sign#1 - Before



### Halo-Lit Channel Letterset -

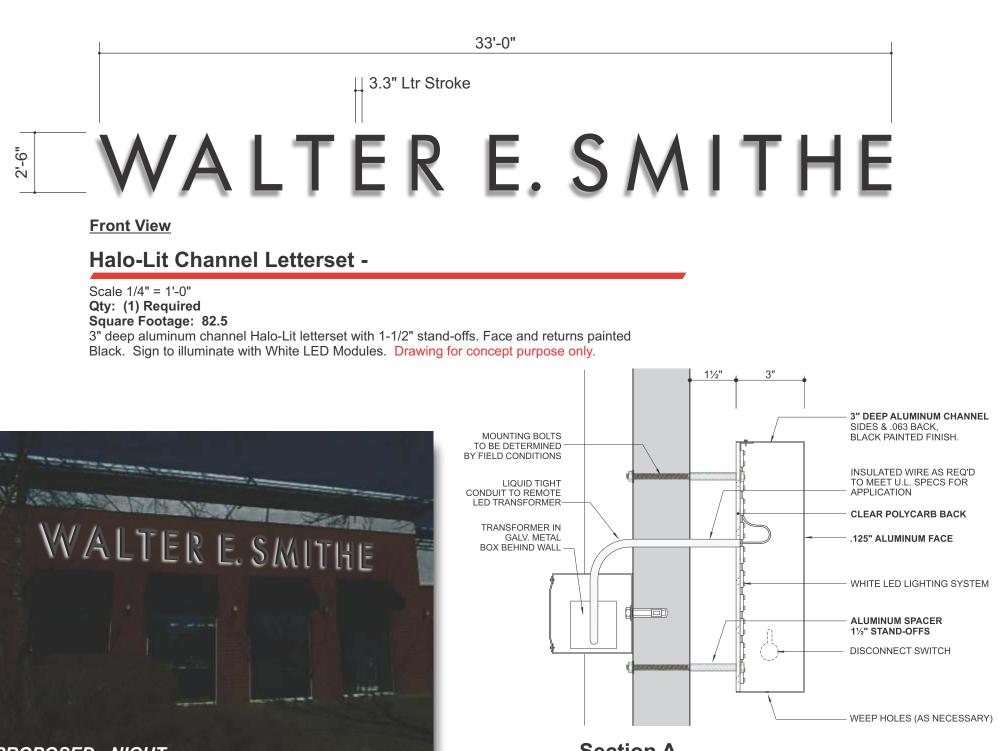
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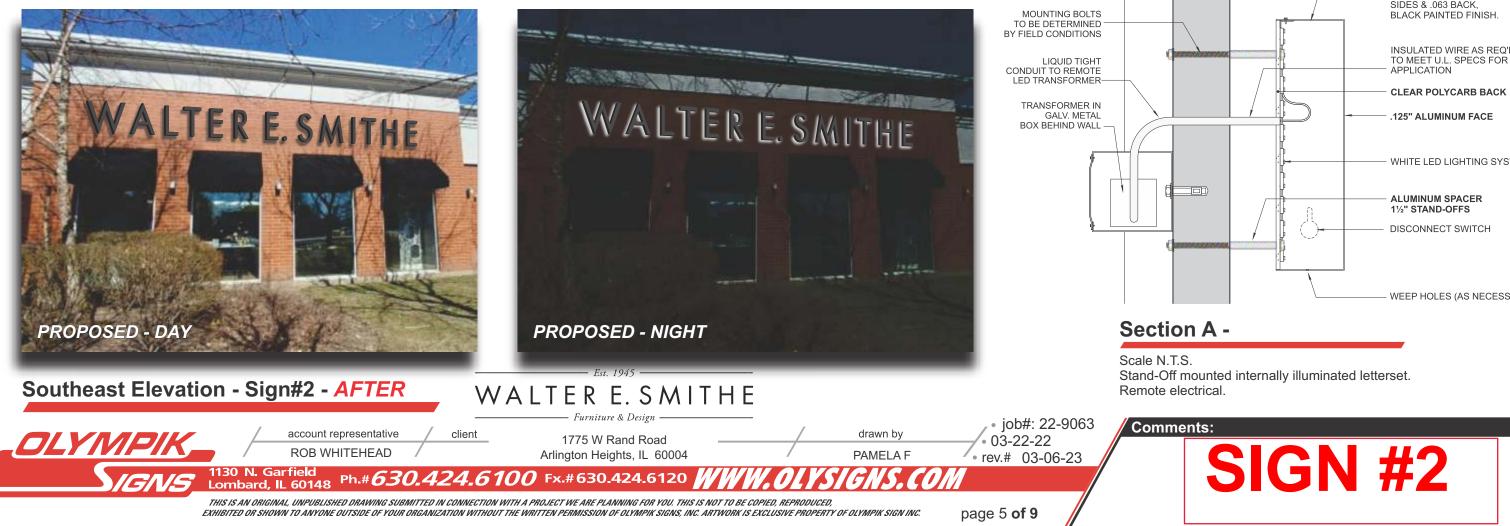




## Southeast Elevation - Sign#2 - Before

Existing Square Footage 88.0

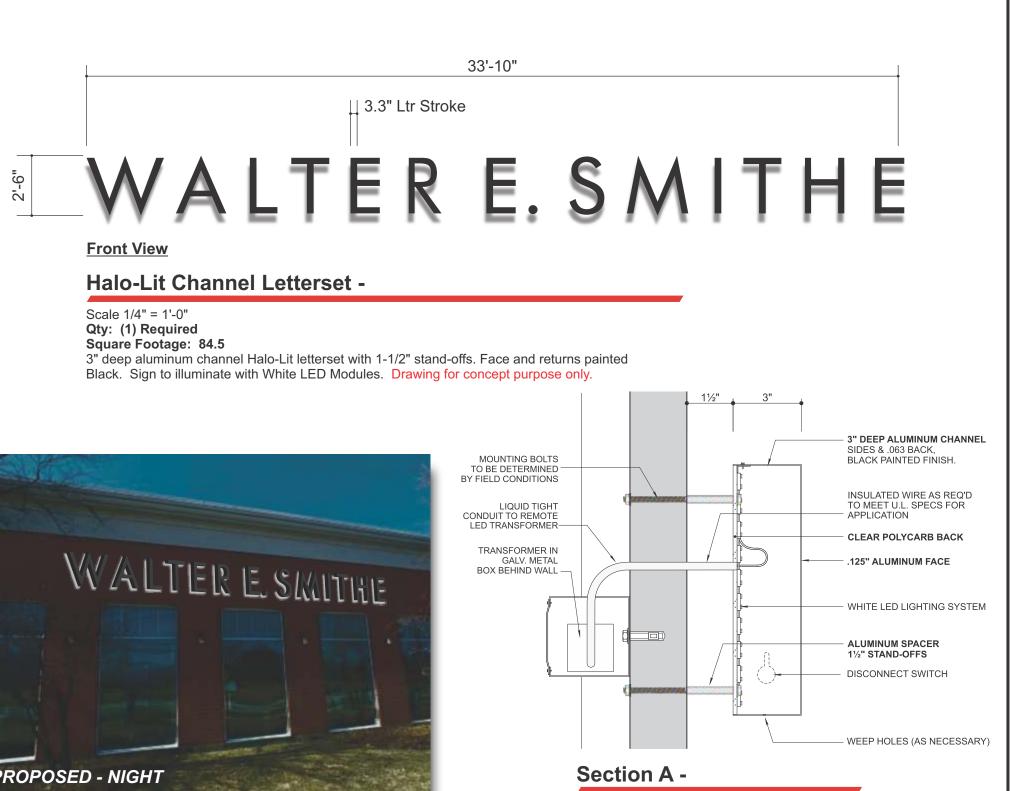


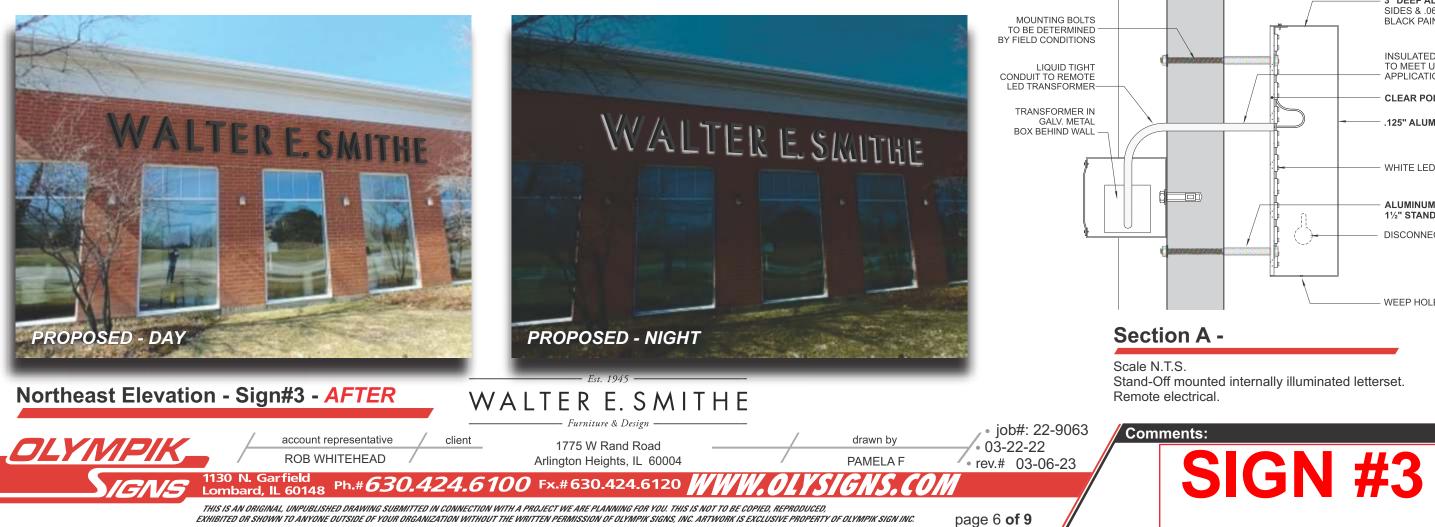




Northeast Elevation - Sign#3 - Before

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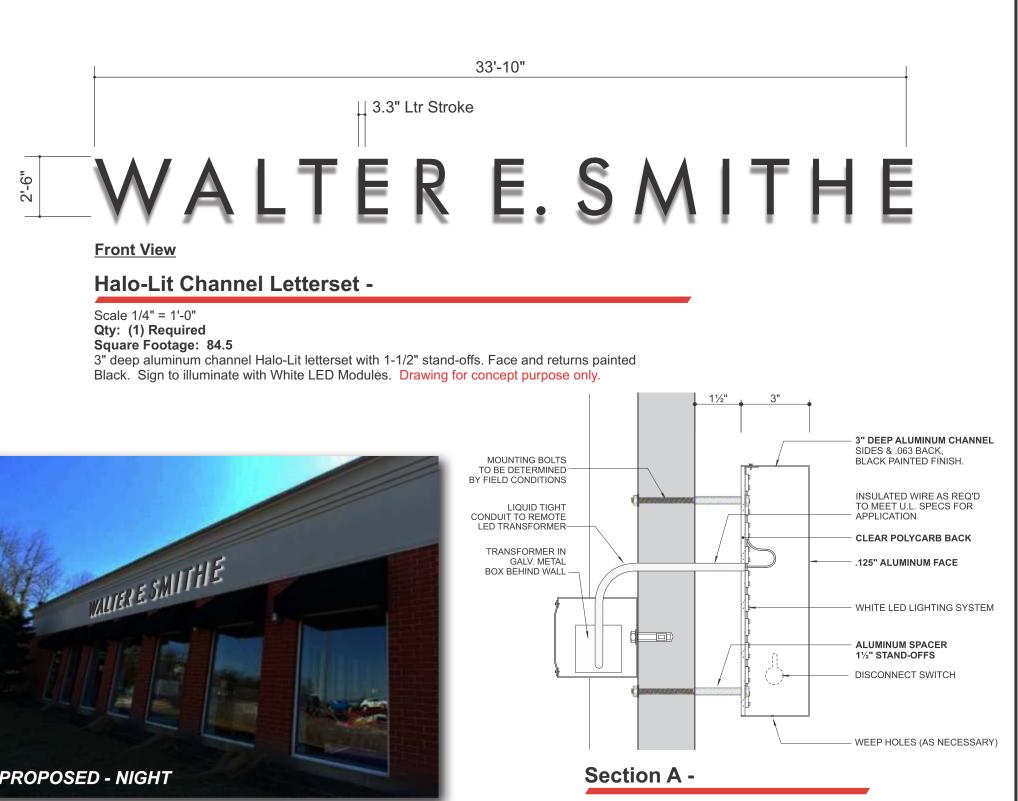






## Northwest Elevation - Sign#4 - Before

Existing Square Footage 126.5







## **Northwest Elevation - Sign#5 - Before**

Existing Square Footage 51.0



# **SIGN TO BE REMOVED**

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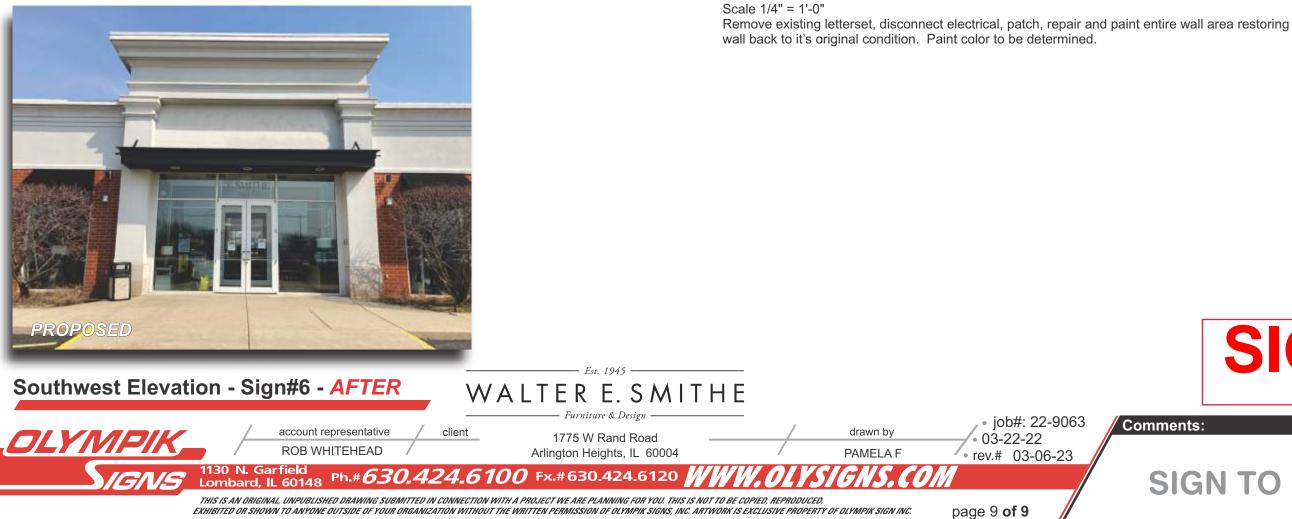


**REMOVE** Existing Channel Letterset -



## Southwest Elevation - Sign#6 - Before

Existing Square Footage 46.5



# **SIGN TO BE REMOVED**

Comments:



**REMOVE** Existing Channel Letterset -

### **Material List**

1. Petitioner Name: Rob Whitehead (Olympik Signs, Inc.)

### 2. Date: 12/6/22

- 3. *Project*: Walter E. Smithe Sign Variation
- 4. Location: 1775 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Signage: Aluminum internally illuminated channel letters with 1.5" stand-offs for reverse halo illumination. Sides and face of letters painted black. All detail is per Olympik Signs, Inc. sign rendering # 22-9063 dated 11-16-22.