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1. Project Address: <u>130 E Gilman</u> Project Title (if any): <u>Governor's</u> Ma	
 2. This is an application for (check all that apply to this UDC application): New Development Alteration to an Existing or Previously-Approved Development <u>A. Project Type:</u> Project in an Urban Design District* (public hearing-\$300 fee) Project in the Downtown Core District (DC) or Urban Mixed-Use District (UMX) (\$150 fee, Minor Exterior Alterations) Suburban Employment Center (SEC) or Campus Institutional District (CI) or Employment Campus District (EC) Planned Development (PD) General Development Plan (GDP) Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) Planned Multi-Use Site or Planned Residential Complex 	
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Governor's Mansion Inn

130 E Gilman St

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Overview

We propose to convert the former Governor's Mansion/Executive Residence at 130 E Gilman St to an 8-room hotel with an event space and café. The building was most recently used as the Knapp House, a graduate student residential scholarship program, and is being sold after being vacant for the past 4 years. It will be exciting to reopen the grand Victorian spaces on the first floor to the public. The building is registered as a national historic landmark and is the location for many significant developments in Madison's and Wisconsin's history.

We have over 4 years' experience operating the Mendota Lake House B&B in the historic Wm & Dora Collins House. Our business model focuses on exploring the historic nature of the building in its neighborhood, all while providing a range of room rates. We feel strongly that everyone should be able to enjoy our local historic buildings such as hipsters enjoying the local music scene to tourists from overseas travelling in the Midwest to scholars visiting the University of Wisconsin.

The current layout of the Governor's Mansion suits our proposed use well. Our collaboration with the Wisconsin State Historical Society will allow us to bring the building up to code and preserve the look and the feel of the former Governor's Mansion. We intend to decorate it as a house museum, celebrating its history including the birth of the Wisconsin Idea with Robert La Follette up to the Knapp House scholar program.

We have had our architect and many contractors through the building, giving us a thorough analysis of the process required to get to commercial building code. Even though many variances and a rezoning of the property will be required for any commercial use, we are comfortable we will achieve collaboration between the State Historical Society and City fire and building inspection. We expect to have the building open to the public again by May 2018.

Our proposal conforms to the City of Madison Downtown Plan. "Objective 7.1: Preserve historic buildings and groupings of buildings that contribute to the essential character of Downtown and its neighborhoods." Not only will important interior features of the house be maintained and restored, but the exterior and the surrounding landscape will be preserved.

Changes

Conversion to hotel

The layout for hotel accommodations is well defined on the second floor with 7 existing bedrooms. The eighth bedroom on the first floor will be accessible. 5 guest bathrooms will need to be added however all of the bathrooms will need updating. 2 additional restrooms will be added to accommodate events. Other remodeling includes changing the kitchen space for a café business and adding an accessible access on the west side of the building. We also hope to restore the historic porch which went from the front entrance on the southeast to the side entrance on the southwest.

Mechanicals

Structurally, the building is sound and has been well maintained by the University for the past 50 years and by the State for the previous 80. Our proposed commercial use will require some major mechanical changes. A sprinkler system and

zoned air conditioning will be installed throughout. The 125A electrical service will need updating and plumbing will be added for the new bathrooms.

Accessibility

A ramp will be built from the accessible parking on the west side of the building to allow access from the west entrance. This entrance may need to be changed in order to accommodate wheelchairs. From this point access can be made to the event space in the front of the building and to the accessible guest room in the rear.

Historic preservation – Interior

None of the key remaining architectural features will be changed. The kitchen/service area on the first floor will be completely remodeled; however the dining room, parlor and living room will be restored to their original use. On the second floor, 2 bedrooms will be slightly reconfigured to add bathrooms, and a short hallway will be moved to add 2 more. The grand staircase will be preserved.

On-site Parking

We will collaborate with the City on the addition of 7 car parking spaces to the existing 3 on site. There is an existing parking lot on the west side of the building and the east side has a driveway that leads to a basement entrance. The west parking lot will allow for accessible parking. We intend to install a 20 unit bike rack on the west side of the building. We have contacted Fiore Companies next door and they expressed a willingness to make their parking lot across E Gilman St available after business hours for events at the Governor's Mansion.

Café

Along with the kitchen remodel, we will be adding a small café to accommodate guests and the general public. The café space will be in the dining room, behind the parlor and living room. The café will serve non-alcoholic beverages and local bakery items and will be open from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm, seven days a week. Most café patrons will be expected to arrive on foot or bike. Patrons in cars will park in the street. In the summer months, We hope that café patrons will be able to enjoy the restored wrap-around porch on the south corner of the building.

Outdoor events

Landscaping will respect the historic use of the deep lot leading to Lake Mendota. We will be developing a patio area nearer to the house which can be used for entertaining and events. We will also have outdoor events with no amplified sound no more than 3 nights a week, lasting no later than 10:00 pm Friday-Saturday and 9:00 pm Sunday-Thursday. In the summer months we wish to provide Friday evening public "sunsets on the governor's terrace" with local musicians where wine and beer would be served. Hours would be from 6-10PM. Hotel guests as well as the general public would be invited to attend.

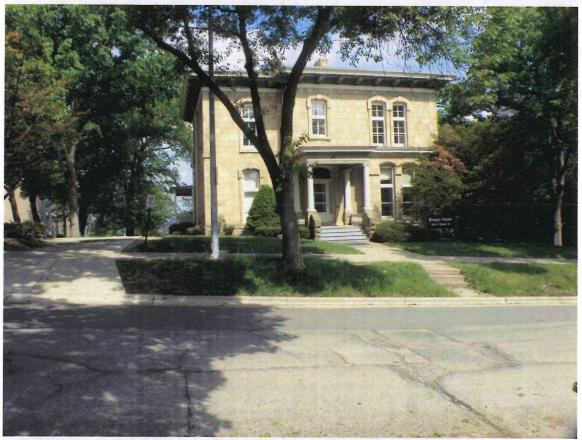
Longer term lodging

We expect to accommodate guests longer than 30 days in the slower winter months. Otherwise most rooms will be rented on a nightly basis with an average occupancy of 2 days.

Caretaker's quarters

Caretakers's quarters will be constructed in an exposed basement room. The room has an outside door and will be completely separated from the hotel and café operation.

Knapp House Graduate Center – Old Executive Residence 130 East Gilman Street Madison, Wisconsin



Front (southeast) elevation

Brief History

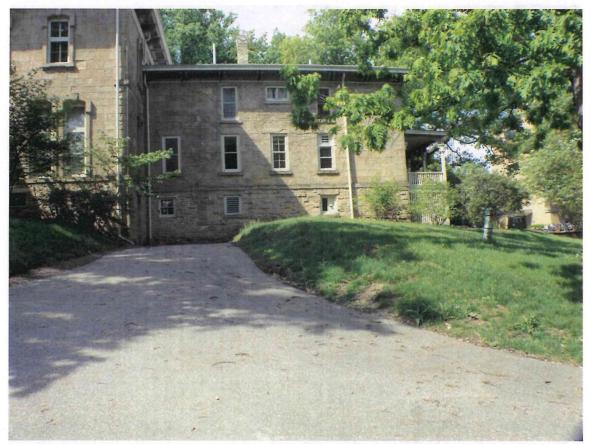
The existing Knapp House Graduate Center (aka Old Executive Residence) was originally built in 1855 by Julius T. White, and his wife Catherine, and was first known as the "White House" to local residents in Madison. Mr. White was a prominent local businessman and legislator. It was one of the first sandstone mansions in what would become known as Mansion Hill. White was a local art collector and had a leading role in the artistic and social life of Madison until his departure in 1857. White sold the house to George and Emeline Delaphine from whom he originally purchased the land. In 1868, they sold the house to J.G. Thorp and his white Amelia Chapman Thorp from Eau Claire, Wisconsin where they had compiled a fortune in the lumber industry. In 1883, the Thorps sold the mansion to Governor Jeremiah Rusk who lived there for two years. He then sold it to the State of Wisconsin for use as a permanent executive residence. All seventeen governors from 1885 to 1949 lived in the house and maintained its social standing and festive reputation in the community. In 1950, a new governor's mansion was purchased in Maple Bluff and the State sold the house to the University for \$60,000 using earnings from the Kemper K. Knapp endowment fund. Since that time the university has used the facility for graduate student housing as the Knapp Graduate Center. That program has recently been reorganized and move onto campus. The university is working with UW System, the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Historical Society to transfer the property.



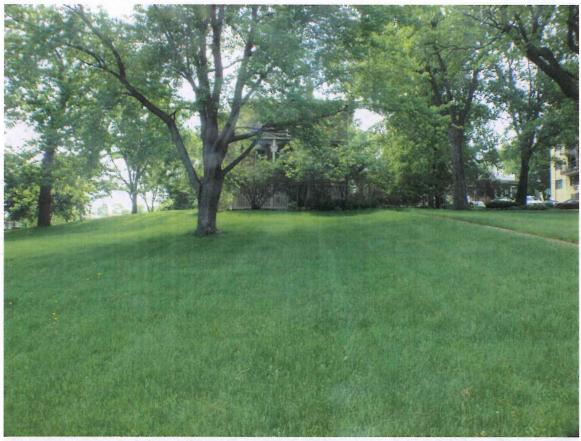
Front elevation from north



North elevation, left



North elevation, right



Northwest elevation (lakeside)



Adjacent apartment building to the southwest



UW Lifesaving / Lake Safety Station, view to the west & Lake Mendota



South elevation, left



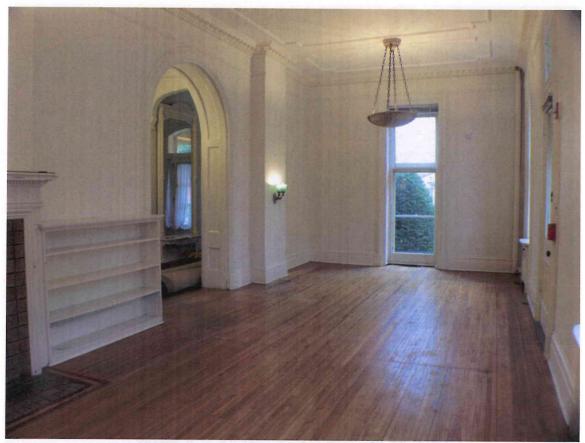
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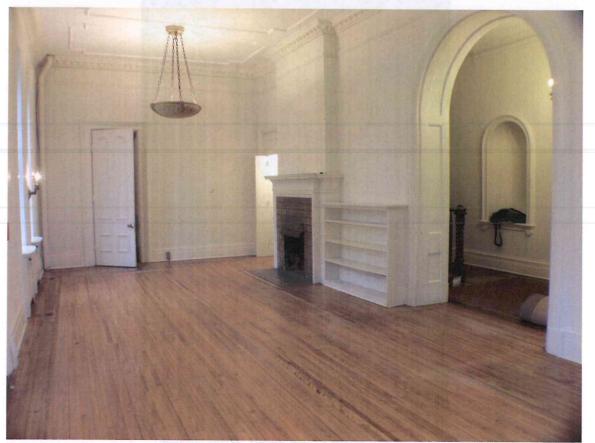
Interior, main entry foyer



Interior, main entry foyer looking back to main door



Interior, main dining room



Interior, main dining room



Interior, main living room



Interior, main living room, front alcove

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Interior, kitchen



Interior, kitchen

Contextual Photos



Office building to the north



Residential building, across the street to the northeast



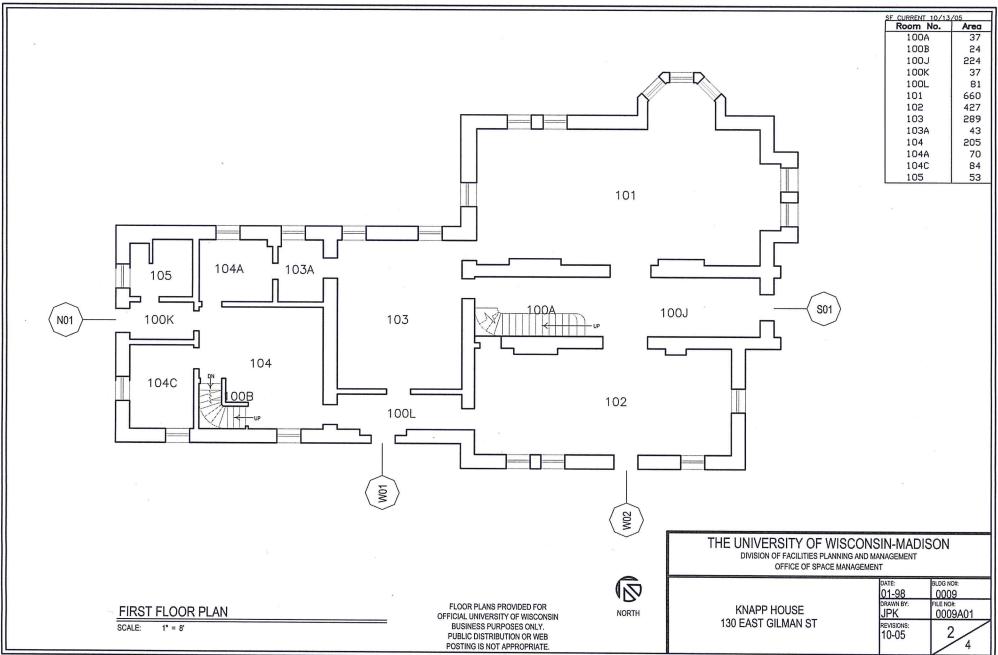
Residential building, across the street to the east



Residential buildings, across the street to the southeast



Residential apartment building to the south

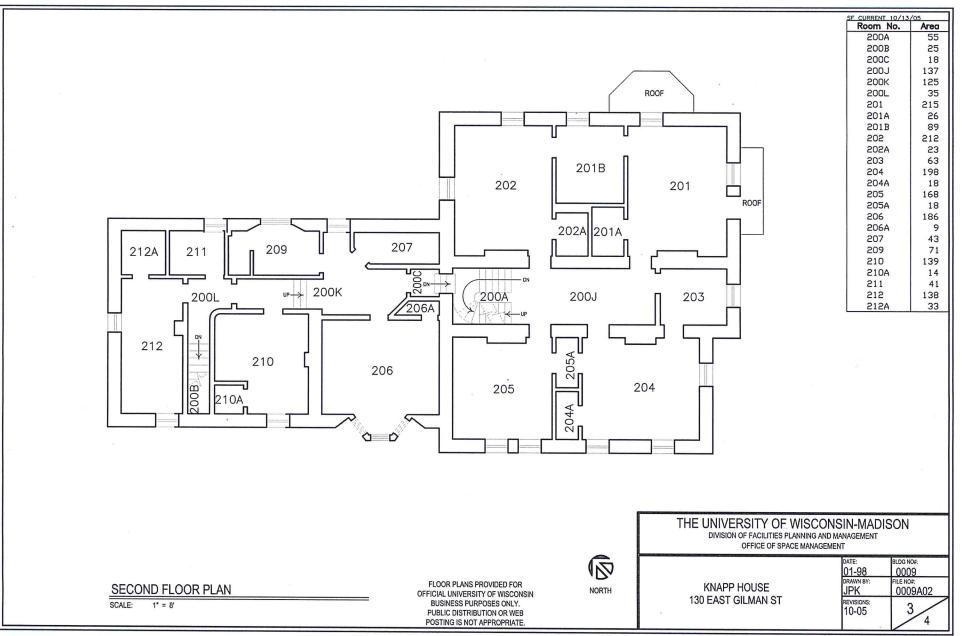


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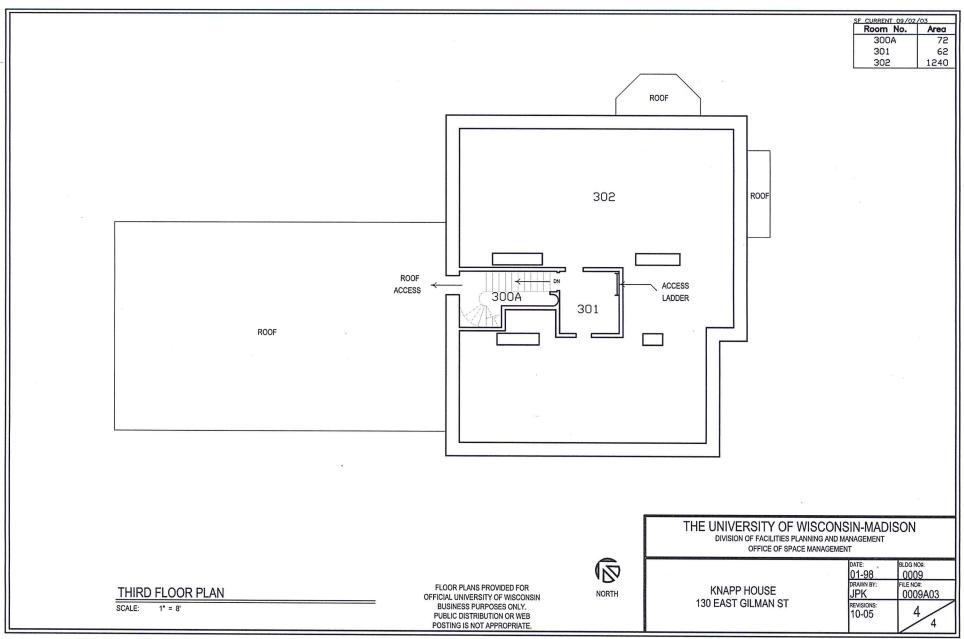
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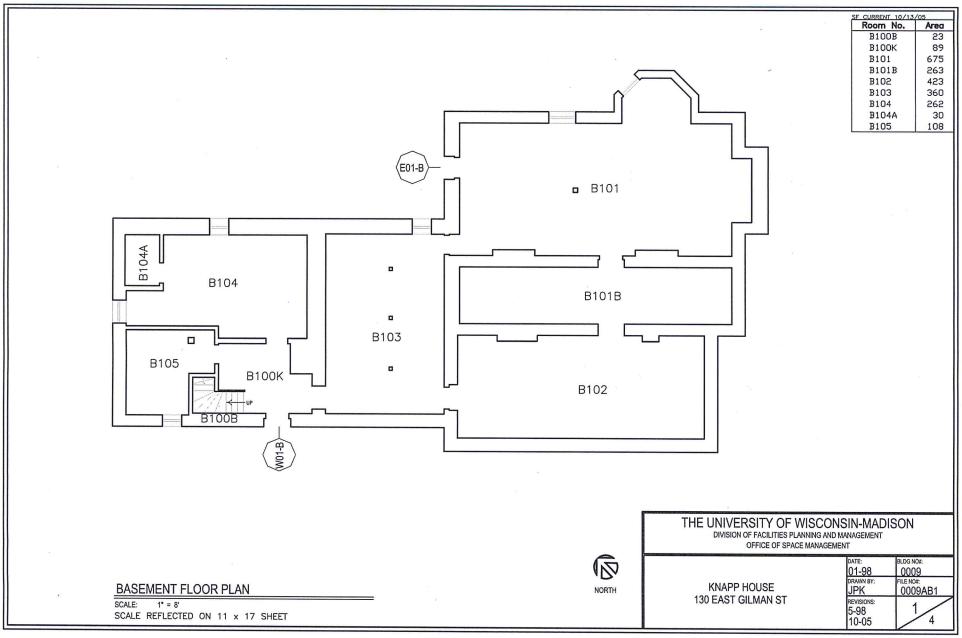
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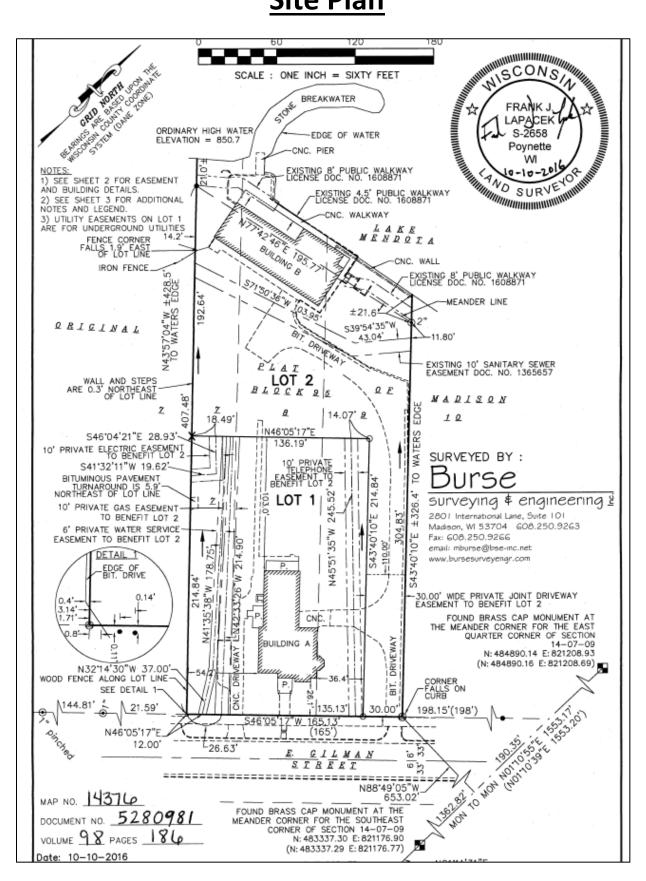


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Site Plan



Governor's Mansion – Parking

West driveway

We propose 4 parking spaces , including 1 handicap on the west side of the building. The parking will be concealed by landscaping along the sidewalk and the neighbor's fence on the west. This parking will also provide access for catered events.



East driveway

We propose 5 parking spaces, north and south of the existing driveway. The grade between the sidewalk and the parking will effectively hide the parking. All the area will be at the level of the house's basement, further concealing the parking from views from the house.



