



Current view from the corner of University Blvd & Tyndall Ave

Project Description

The renovation and re-purposing of the 876 University Boulevard building into a new restaurant will mark the fourth phase of use for the 1911 structure. Designed initially as a single family residence in the early 1900's, the house then became a boarding home in the 30's, a clothing store in 1959 and will now enter a new phase in the 21st century to be a restaurant along the thriving Main Gate Square.

The design and approach for the new restaurant will preserve the authentic character of the existing building's exterior while simultaneously infusing the site and neighborhood with new life. The transition to a more public use of restaurant will continue the precedent established by neighboring properties that is further reinforced by the streetcar stop along University Boulevard that is literally steps away from the entry to the property.

The approach to the project is two-fold; bring back the existing building to its historic appearance while adding new elements, bathrooms and circulation to the south and shaded dining and upper deck area to the north.

A clear demarcation between the historic 1911 structure and the new 2015 design elements are thoughtfully articulated to follow the Secretary of Interior Historic Standards for Historic Rehabilitation. These new elements are differentiated from the old in plan, section, and elevation while allowing the integrity of the existing building to be the prominent architectural feature for the corner site.

The new additions and alterations are designed in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment will be unimpaired.

History of 876 University Boulevard, Tucson Arizona

The structure at 876 University was built in 1910 by Captain Hiram M. Powell and his wife Jane. Captain Powell was the head of the military department at the University of Arizona.

In 1915 Charles and Hattie Ferrin Soloman bought and moved into the house. Charles came from a pioneer family and was president of the Arizona National Bank. Hattie was one of four graduates from the University of Arizona class of 1898. Charles died in 1930 at 57. Hattie then turned the basement into a Better Woman shop called the Campus Lounge. She also converted the 2nd floor into a rooming house to college students and lived on the main floor. Hattie died in 1964.

Landmark Clothing, formerly the Franklin's Men Store, was opened in the building September 29th, 1959 and stayed in business till December 31, 2014. The property was purchased by Mort Edberg and the Ostroy trust in 1962 who recently sold the property to D&F Holdings LLC.

Transcribed from Mort Edberg, previous owner of 876 University

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