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CITY OF PROVIDENCE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE OR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Check Each Type Zoning Relief Sought:	Variance – Use *Variance – Dimensional*X Special Use Permit **
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Applicant: Courtland Club, Inc. E-mail js@courtlandclub.com	Address 51 Courtland Street, 1st Floor, Providence Zip Code 02909
Phone 401-227-9300	401-484-7150
Home/Office	Mobile (Cell)
Owner: Please see Exhibit A, attached hereto.	AddressZip Code
E-mail	
Phone Home/Office	Mobile (Cell)
Lessee: Courtland Club, Inc.	Address 51 Courtland Street, 1st Floor, Providence Zip Code 02909
E-mail js@courtlandclub.com	
Phone: 401-227-9300	401-484-7150
Home/Office	Mobile (Cell)
Does the proposal require review by any of the Downtown Design Review Comm I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Capital Center Commission Historic District Commission	nittee
1. Location of Property: 51 and 55 Cour Street Address	rtland Street, Providence, RI 02909
2. Zoning District(s): Special purpose or overlay district(s): N	//
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3a. Date owner purchased the Property:	51: December 30, 2014 55: September 24, 2020
3b. Month/year of lessee's occupancy:	10/2017

3.	Dimensions of ea						
	Lot # 51		depth <u>35</u>	Total area	3,060	sq. ft.	
	Lot # 55	Frontage 40'	depth 84'	Total area		sq. ft. Undeveloped	
	Lot#	Frontage	depth	Total area		sq. ft.	
4.	Size of each stru	cture located on the	e Property:				
	Principal Str	ructure: T	Cotal gross square	footage 1,28	38		
		print 1,288	Height	Floo	ors 2		
		tructure: Total gro print <u>N/A</u>	oss square footage Height <u>N//</u>	N/A Floo	ors N/A		
5.	Size of proposed Foot	structure(s): 7 print N/A	Cotal gross square Height N/A		ors N/A		
6a.	Existing Lot cov	erage: (include all b	uildings, decks, etc.	TBD			
6b.	Proposed Lot co	verage: (include nev	v construction) NA	39.4% Lot 59	<u> </u>		
7a.	Present Use of P Lot 51 - Commer	roperty (each lot/st roial; Lot 55 - Undeve	ructure): eloped				
7b.	. Legal Use of Property (each lot/structure) as recorded in Dept. of Inspection & Standards: Social Club and Dwelling						
8.	Proposed Use of Neighborhood Co	Property (each lot/ ommercial Establish	structure): ment				
9.	Number of Curi	rent Parking Spaces	6 spaces o	n Lot 55			
10.	Describe the pro						
	Lot 55: Outdoor	restaurant seating					
11.	Are there outsta	nding violations co	ncerning the Prope	erty under any o	of the foll	owing:	
		Zoning Ordinance					
		RI State Building Code					
	Prov	idence Housing Cod	e				
12.	List all Sections	of the Zoning Ord	linance from whic	h relief is soug	ht and d	escription of each	
	section:			_		-	
	2000.D.	Special Use Perm	it for Expansion of L	egal Pre-Existing	Nonconfor	ming Special Use	
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13. Explain the changes proposed for the Pr	operty.
Please see Exhibit A, attached hereto.	
	that members of the Zoning Board of Review and its staff in order to view the Property prior to any hearing on the
are true and accurate, and that providing a fa and/or civil penalties as provided by law, in	the statements herein and in any attachments or appendices lse statement in this application may be subject to criminal cluding prosecution under the State and Municipal False y responsible with their attorneys for any false statements.
Owner(s):	Applicant(s):
Jason Shechtman	Courtland Club Inc.
Type Name	Type Name
Signature	Signature
OFF Broadway Properties, LL	C
Type Name	Type Name
Signature	Signature

All requirements listed and described in the Instruction Sheet must be met or this application will not be considered complete.

APPENDIX B

APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

dentify the section(s) of the Ordinance that provides for the special use permit. Section 103.B.1; Section 1201 Use Table; Section 2000.D			
State all facts that demonstrate that the proposed special use will not substantially injure the use and enjoyment of neighboring property. As set forth in Exhibit A of the Application, the Property has historically been used as a social club with a restaurant component since			
before the effective date of the ordinance and has remained as such to current day. Accordingly, as the use will continue to be			
used as a social club with a restaurant component, the expansion of the use will not alter or substantially injure the use			
and enjoyment of the neighboring property. The existing use will remain the same and the expansion of the use will allow the community to enjoy an undeveloped lot.			
State all facts that demonstrate that the proposed special use will not significantly devalue neighboring property. As set forth above, the proposed use of a Neighborhood Commercial Establishment allows for a restaurant use. Lot 51 has been used as a social club, including a restaurant, since the effective date of the Ordinance. The Applicant now seeks to expand the use to lot 55. As the use remains the same as what is presently there, there will not be a significant devaluation of neighboring properties			
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IF THE APPLICANT IS AN EDUCATIONAL OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION, COMPLETE PAGE 10 BELOW

Courtland Club Inc. 51 & 55 Courtland Street, Providence

Application for Special Use Permit

Exhibit A

Ownership Background

• Lot 51:

o Owner Name: Off Broadway Properties LLC

Owner Address: 1080 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

o Owner E-mail: js@courtlandclub.com

o Owner Phone: 401-227-9300

• Lot 55:

Owner Name: Jason Shechtman

o Owner Address: 51 Courtland Street, Providence RI 02909

o Owner E-mail: JS@courtlandclub.com

o Owner phone: 401-227-9300

13. Explain the changes proposed for the Property.

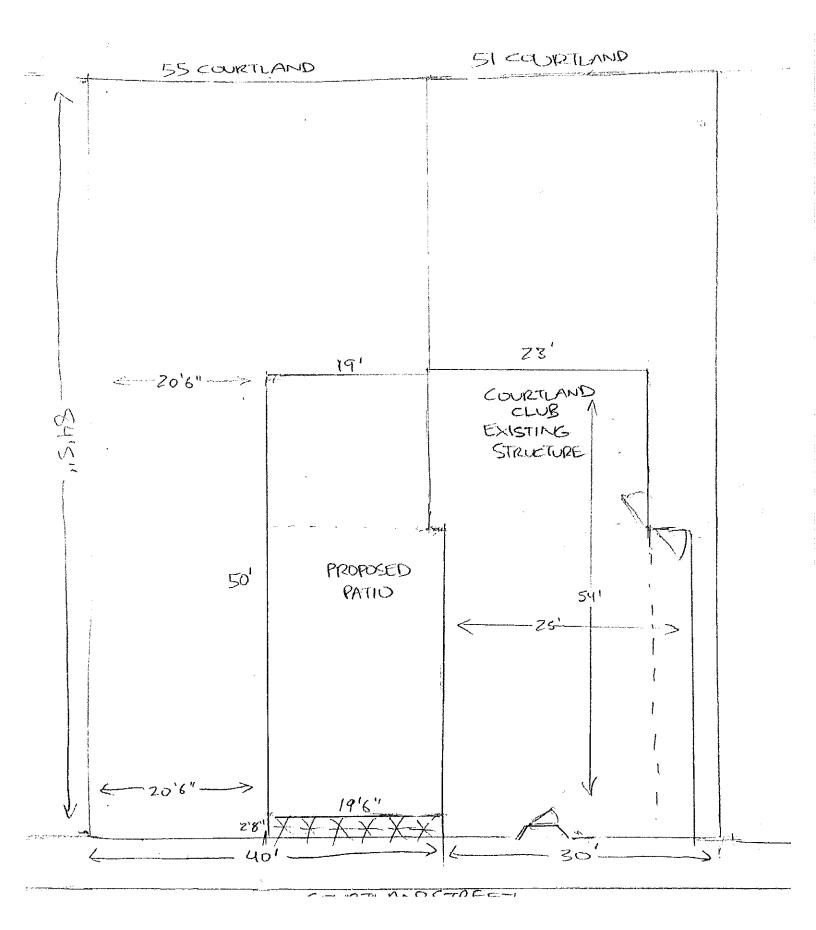
Courtland Club, Inc. (the "Applicant") is the tenant of the properties located at 51 and 55 Courtland Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Lot 51 consists of a commercial structure operated by the Courtland Club, a social club and restaurant. Lot 55 is an undeveloped parking lot abutting lot 51. Upon approval of the Special Use Permit, the Applicant will seek to merge the lots. As the Applicant will merge the two lots, the lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Property".

The Property currently sit within the Residential-3 District. Based on Department of Inspection and Standards permit history, it appears that the use of the property has always been a social club with a restaurant component since before the effective date of the Providence Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). Therefore, the Property is considered a pre-existing nonconforming use. It is the Applicant's position, however, that the Property is deemed a lawful Neighborhood Commercial Establishment use pursuant to the transition rules under Section 103.B.1 of the Ordinance. Section 103.B.1. states:

"If a structure or land is used in a manner that was classified as a permitted use prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, and now that use is classified as a special use as of the effective date of this Ordinance, that use is deemed a lawful special use. Any subsequent addition, enlargement, or expansion of that use shall conform to the procedural and substantive requirement of this Ordinance for special uses"

As the Property was used as a social club with a restaurant prior to the effective date of the Ordinance, and the NCE use is <u>now</u> permitted as a special use under the Ordinance, the Property would be considered a lawful special use.

Accordingly, as the Applicant now seeks to expand the special use to Lot 51, the Applicant seeks a special use permit pursuant to Section 2000.D. of the Ordinance.



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December 1, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

City of Providence Zoning and Building Board of Review 444 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02903

Attention: Alexis J. Thompson

Re: Courtland Club, Inc. (the "Applicant")

Dear Alexis:

In advance of the Zoning Board of Review hearing scheduled for December 9, 2020, please find attached Applicant's hearing materials as follows:

- (1) Revised site plan and photographs showing examples of the design inspiration for the proposed patio; and
- (2) Narrative of the history of social club and food/beverage service on 51 Courtland Street and related materials.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

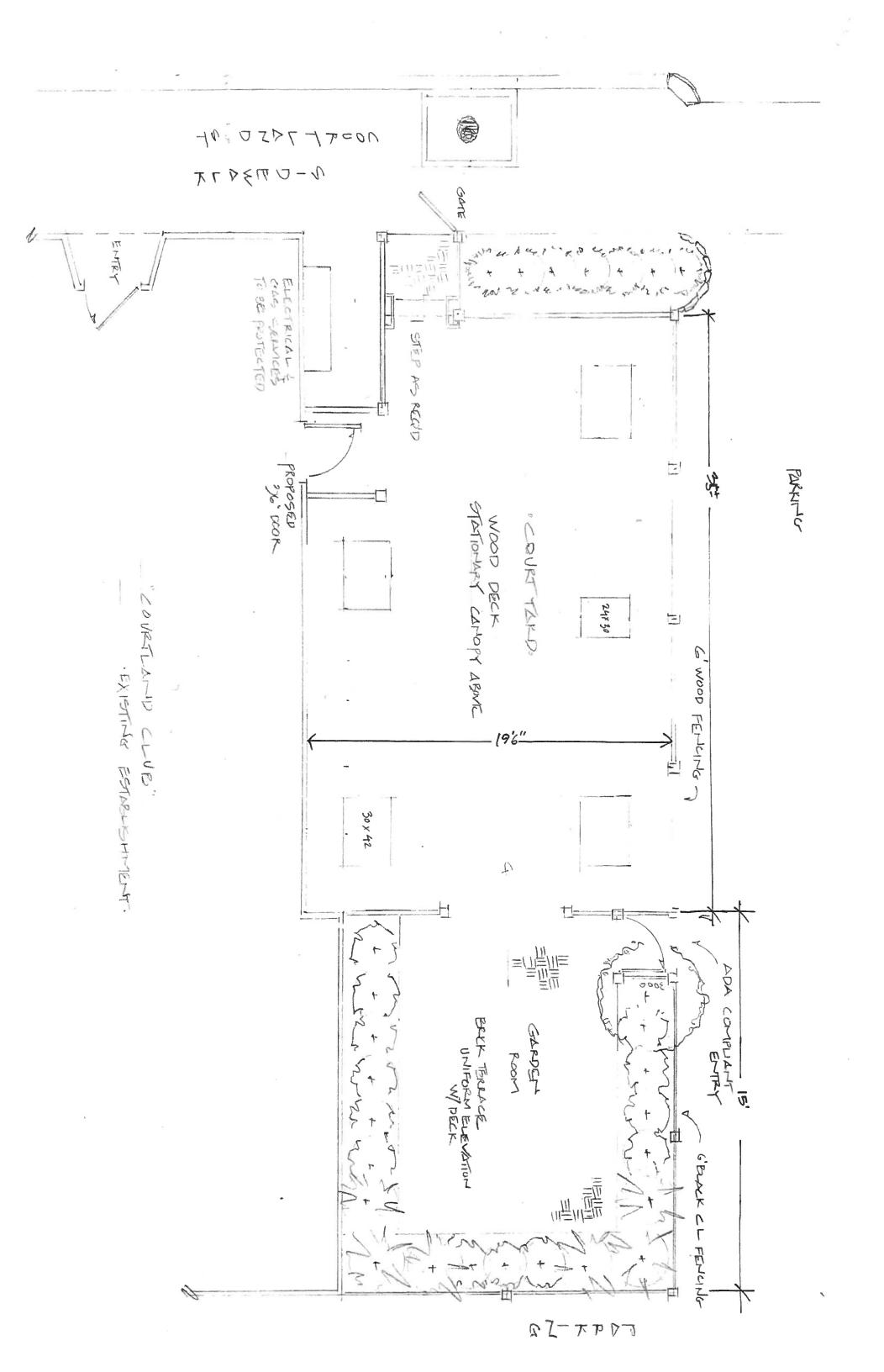
/s/ Christine DiBiase

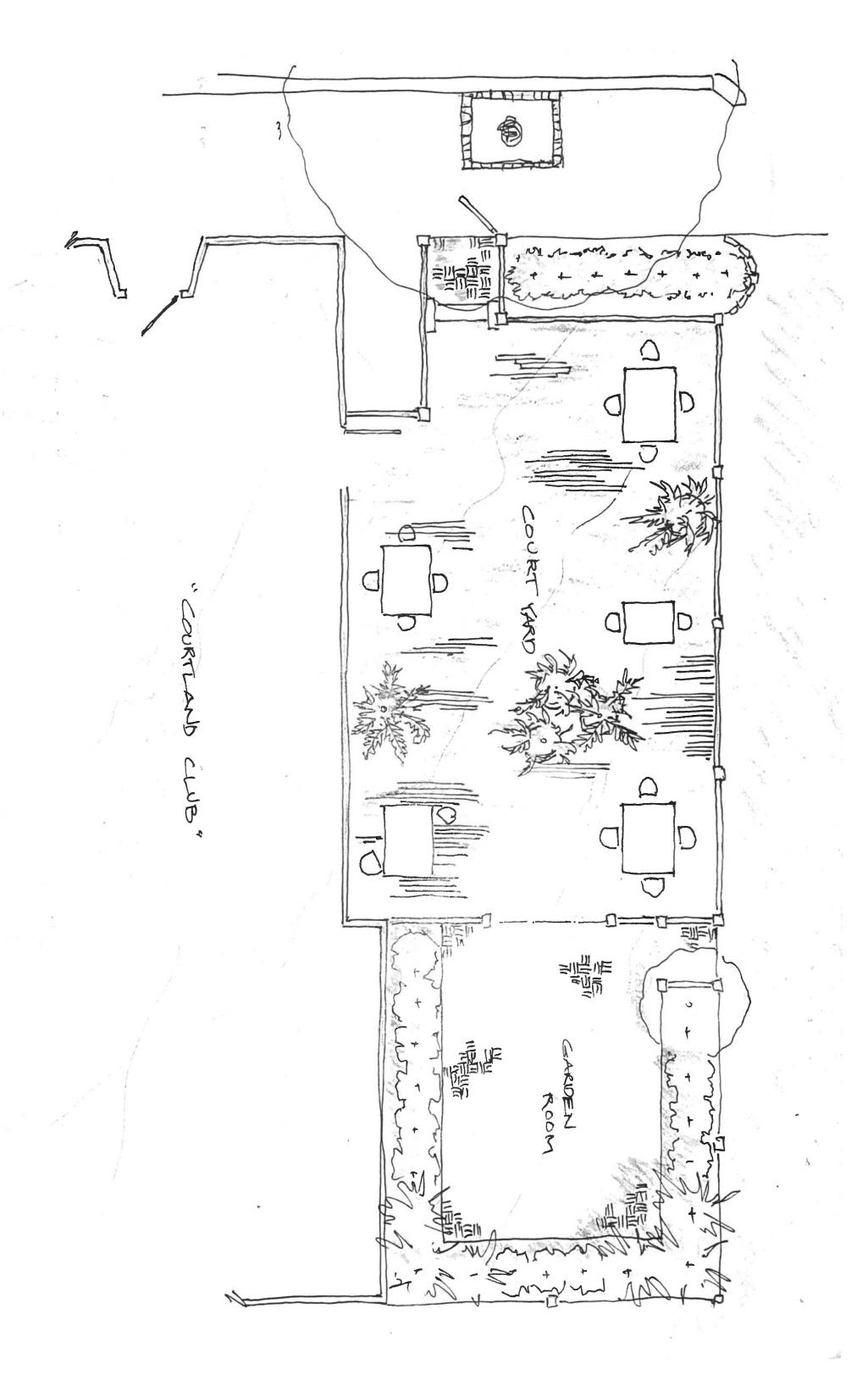
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Enclosures

cc: Jason Shechtman

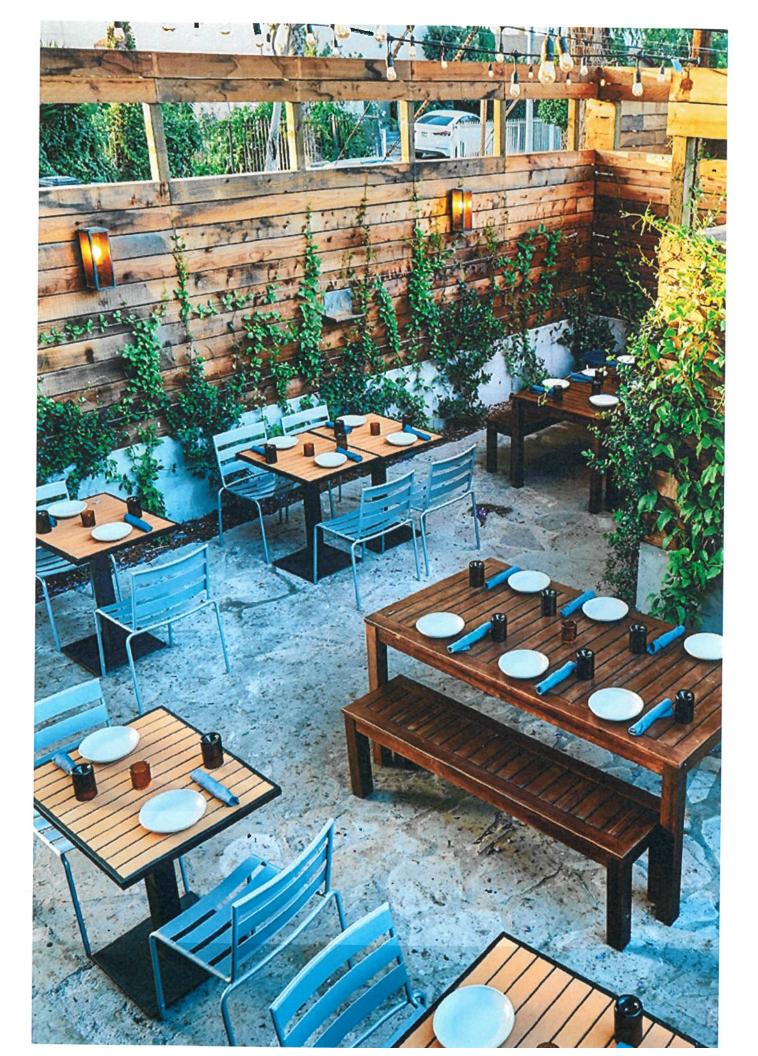
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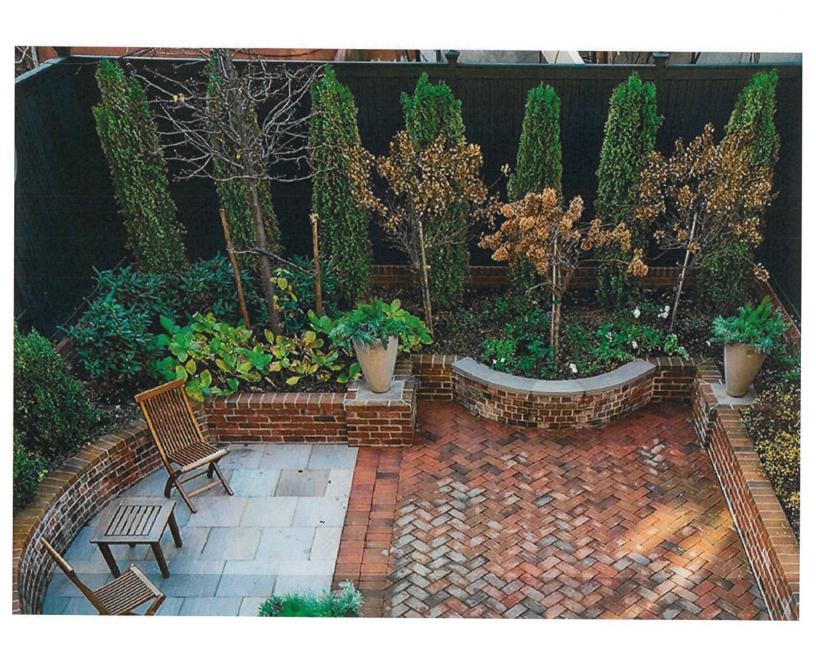




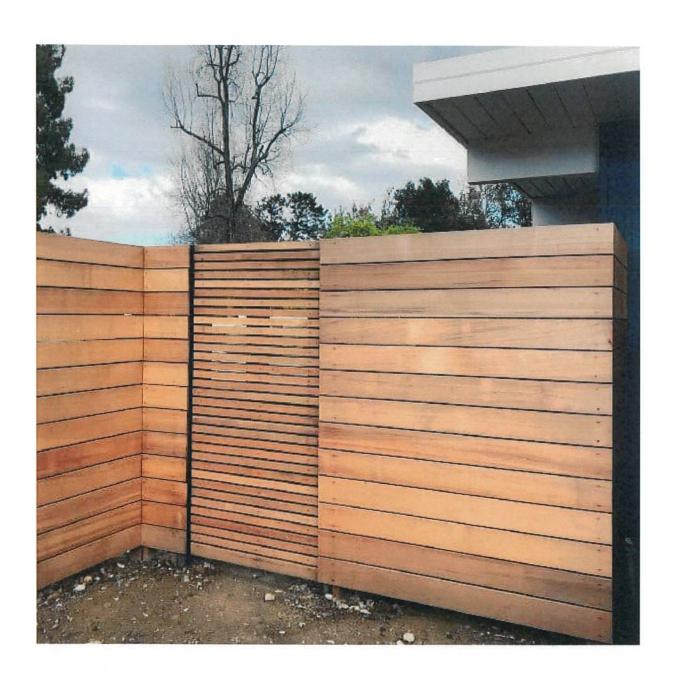
EXAMPLES OF PATIO DESIGN INSPIRATION











NARRATIVE

History of Club and Food/Beverage Service on

51 Courtland Street, Providence

Courtland Club is housed at 51 Courtland Street, a property that has always been used as a social club or food and beverage establishment, as documented in records on file with the City of Providence going back over 70 years.

The brick wall in the back of the space still has built-in baking ovens that date back to its food-service origins that go back to the 1920s. Directories housed at the RI State Archives detail that in 1928, RI's beloved Crugnale Bakery moved in, later followed by Parisi Bakery and Public Service Bakery Corp.

Chain of title acquired from the City of Providence Tax Assessor's office shows the building purchased by the social club Societa Maschile, Maria S.S. Incoronata di Puglia, Inc. in 1945. It was then bought by another social club, the San Bernardo Social Club of Rhode Island, in 1980. As evidenced in documents acquired from the Rhode Island State Archives, the former filed Articles of Association with the State in 1944 and the latter in 1950. A document found inside the Courtland Street building, and included in the following pages, points to a previous incarnation of SMSI having incorporated in 1909.

The current City of Providence Tax Assessment for the property identifies the building use as Indoor Club. Building Permits on file with the City from 1958, 1965 and 2006 all identify the structure as a "Club".

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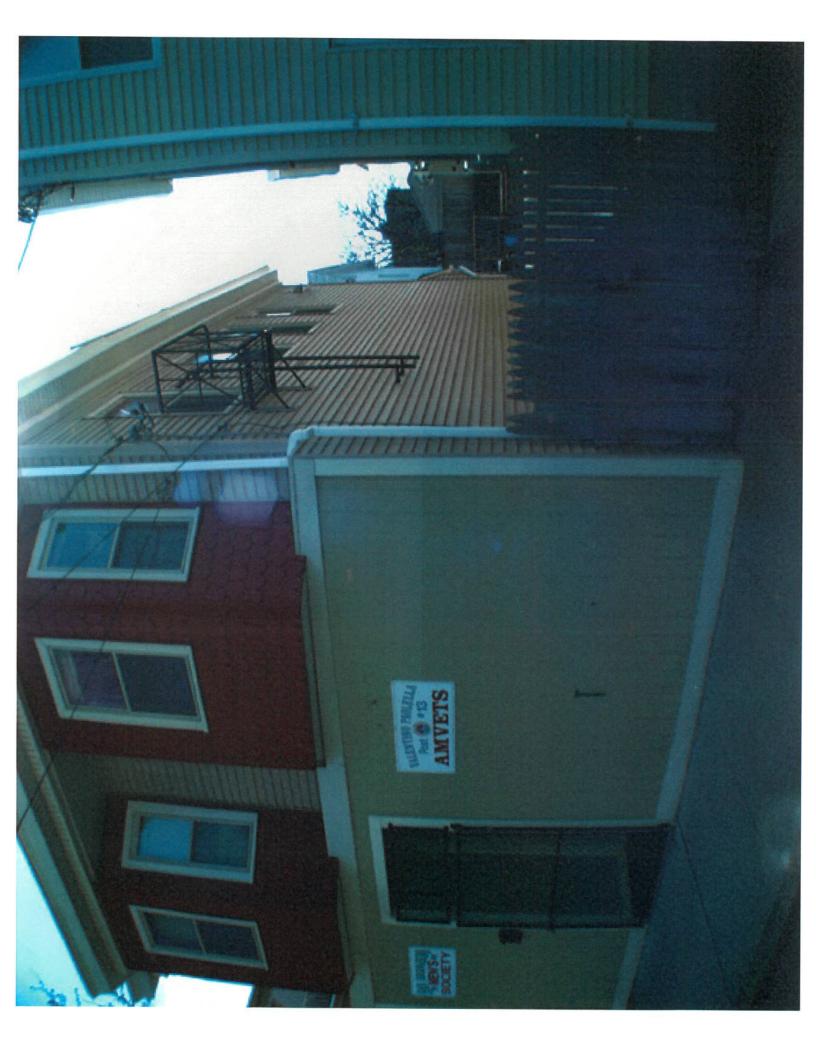


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Societa' di M. S. Maria SS. Incoronata di Puglia

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