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The Woodley



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Executive Summary

The Wardman West Residential project or The Woodley is an 8-story; 212-unit luxury apartment building located in Woodley Park, Washington, DC with two sub-grade parking garage levels. The 421,000 GSF building was joint venture between JBG Companies and CIM Group. JBG Companies, headquartered in Chevy Chase, MD owns over \$10 million in assets and has built over 23.6 million SF of office, residential, hotel and retail space in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. As one of DC's top investors, owners, and developers, JBG had a mission to build an apartment building with a classic design with modern accents. They opted for maxed out floor plans with larger room sizes and classic open layouts, rather than the typical trend of smaller, more efficient residences in the DC area. This was a challenging proposal for the architect Cooper Carry with their design having to maintain the historical integrity of the Marriot Wardman Park Tower built in 1918. High quality was of the upmost importance for JBG with an early 2014 opening pushing the schedule. The overall cost of the project was not as much of a concern with the large contingency awarded to Clark Construction the general contractor. The Woodley also had a LEED Silver certification requirement as part of its design and construction scope.

The Woodley's delivery method was unique in the fact that it was a negotiated GMP bid at approximately \$85 million between Clark Construction and JBG Companies. This allowed Clark to procure many repeat subcontractors helping to build relationships for future work. An interesting aspect of the project's delivery method is the use of Third Party Exterior Skin Consultants by both Clark and the architect Cooper Carry to maintain checks and balances during construction, due to JBG holding very stringent quality control requirements for the buildings very intricate and expensive façade.

The project was staffed with a typical managerial breakdown with a Clark project executive overseeing the entire project, internally and externally, and a senior project Manager overseeing all on-site operations with management team of one project manager, one project engineer and

an entry level office engineer. Typical to many Clark projects the project manager and project engineer divided up responsibility between exterior and interior trades, as well as MEP coordination. The unique aspect of The Woodley project was the breakdown of its field employees, with a very experienced construction executive heading up all field operations and managing a team of one superintendent and two assistant superintendents. Furthermore, responsibilities for exterior and interior construction were divided equally between the four field employees with the two most senior superintendents managing over the two assistant superintendents. There were also two owner representatives involved throughout the entirety of construction, one handling construction management issues and the other overseeing financial requirements.

Located in the heart of Northwest Washington, DC only a block away from the Woodley Park/Zoo Metro Station, The Woodley's site is accessed by Woodley Road off of the 2700th block of Connecticut Avenue. The existing conditions result in a very compact site with a boundary converging close to the existing 10 - story Marriot Wardman Hotel. A temporary site road was built to access the site's East, North and West staging areas allowing for material deliveries and limited on-site traffic and parking. The site's only gate was located across from Woodley Road's intersection with 27th Street; this made deliveries a key scheduling and logistical challenge with large trucks and tractor trailers needing to park along Woodley Road, often interfering with pedestrian traffic feeding in and out of the existing Woodley Park Hotel Complex.

The Woodley's site required demolition of an existing multi-story parking garage and the pavement of its surrounding parking lot. The sites existing conditions also called for the removal several retaining walls, elevated concrete walks, service gates and booths, vegetation and underground utility lines. Materials removed during demolition were predominantly concrete and asphalt pavement. Asbestos abatement was performed for the existing parking garage and contracted out to ACM Services, Inc. by JBG Companies. Sitting on cast-in-place spread footings the building's structure is made up entirely of cast-in-place concrete columns and post tensioned concrete slabs. Plywood formwork was primarily used throughout the below and above-grade structures construction with all formwork being designed per ACI 301, ACI 117 and ACI 347.

Two mechanical penthouses sit atop The Woodley's roof level servicing the buildings Cooling and Heating Water-to-Air System. The smaller north penthouse houses one of the two 25,000 CFM MUAU's which services half of the buildings water source heat pumps sized from 200 to 1500 CFM in corridors and apartment units. Located in the south penthouse is the other MUAU servicing corridor and unit water source heat pumps and a 2,450 GPM Cooling Tower. There are also two 270 GPM gas boilers in each penthouses servicing the two MUAU's and WSHP's. Additionally, another noteworthy feature is that the fire suppression system utilizes CPVC for piping, an increasingly more common material being used for residential projects in place of traditional copper piping. The buildings main electrical service feed comes from PEPCO by three main duct banks with 4 #750AL 4" C feeders which is stepped down into three 208/120V main switchboards, with two sized at 2500A feeding 3000A main busses and the other at 4000A feeding a 4000A main bus. From these three main busses 36 panel boards sized at either 100A or 225A feed the building's apartment units' and other spaces' panel boards.

The exterior façade of the building requires extremely intricate masonry construction calling for three main veneer materials: brick, cast stone and limestone. The prefabricated cast stone and limestone pieces are anchored with engineered stone anchors adhesively attached to rigid insulation between sill joints. The brick is anchored with masonry tiebacks 16" OC vertically and horizontally, with a 4" pintel tying the brick veneer to the sheathing through elf drilling fastened tie back plates. Two forms of scaffolding were utilized for masonry construction of the building's exterior façade. Swing stage scaffolding was used on the south elevation due to a lack of ground staging area and the remaining North, East and West elevations using FRACO Climbing Work Platforms, allowing for a drastic reduction in scaffold installation time, in turn accelerating the already slow paced exterior masonry schedule. Excavation of the building's spread footings and two sub-grade parking levels required a soldier pile & lagging support system for its pit.

An interesting aspect of The Woodley project was that it was actually bid out in two phases. Phase 1 being the demolition of the existing parking garage and lot along with the construction of a pedestrian tunnel connecting to the existing Marriot Wardman hotel. Phase 2 was the actual construction of the residential building starting in early June of 2011 and needing with substantial completion by early March of 2014. It is worth noting that the masonry activities to construct the exterior skin of the building was a continually lagging activity that was a critical path activity due to interior finishes being dependent on the building being water and air tight. The total cost for The Woodley's construction was budgeted at \$88,083,000 or \$209.22 per square foot. This total cost includes all sitework and excavation as well as the construction of the two sub-grade parking garage levels and mezzanine fitness center. When compared to a combined square foot estimate for an 8-24 story apartment building and underground parking garage, the actual cost per square foot was significantly higher than the resulting RSMMeans 2013 estimate at \$163.55/SF. The most logical explanation for this difference in cost is the

assumed lower cost per square foot for enclosure by RSMeans, where \$3.46/SF resulted compared to the actual \$36.34/SF., considering The Woodley's expensive brick, limestone and cast stone façade.

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Client Information



JBG Companies

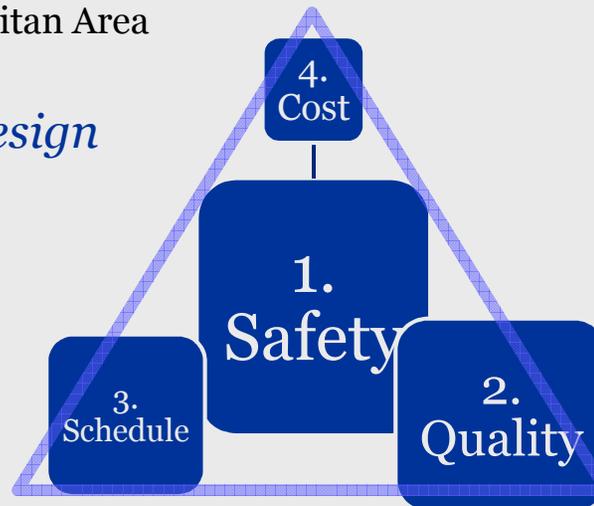
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- Investor, owner, developer and manager of real estate properties since 1960
- Over **\$10 billion** in assets and **23.6 million SF** of office, residential, hotel and retail in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

Mission – A classic design with modern accents



CIM Group

- Headquarters – Los Angeles, CA
- Real Estate and Infrastructure Investment Firm since 1994

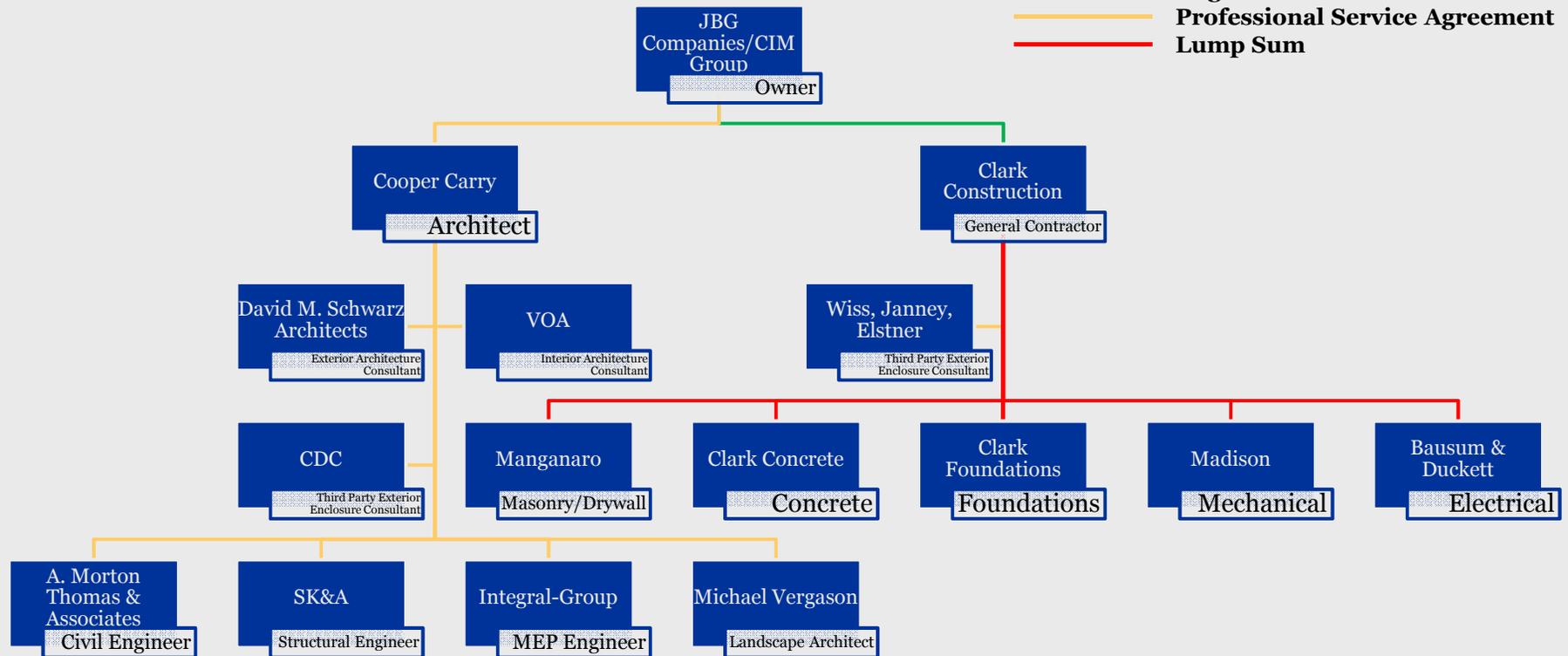


Marriot Wardman Park Hotel Tower - 1918

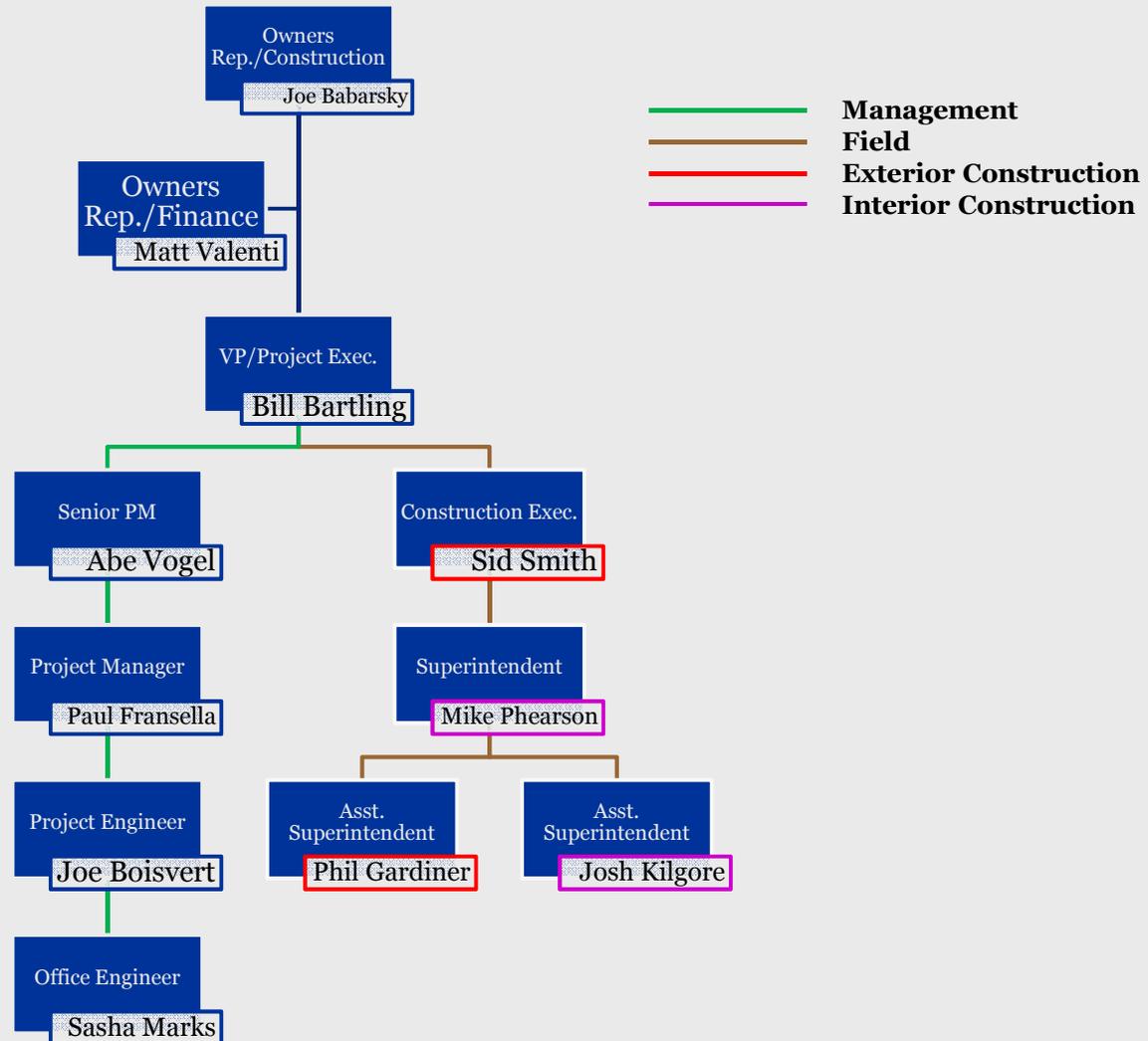
Project Delivery System

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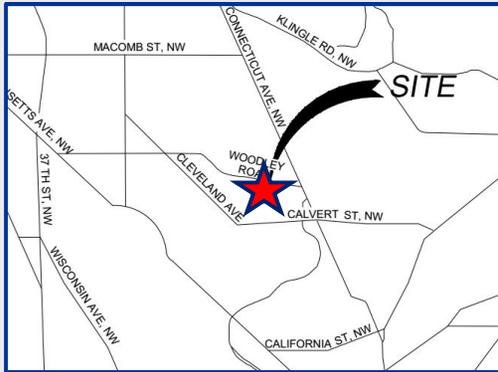
- Negotiated GMP
- Professional Service Agreement
- Lump Sum



Staffing Plan



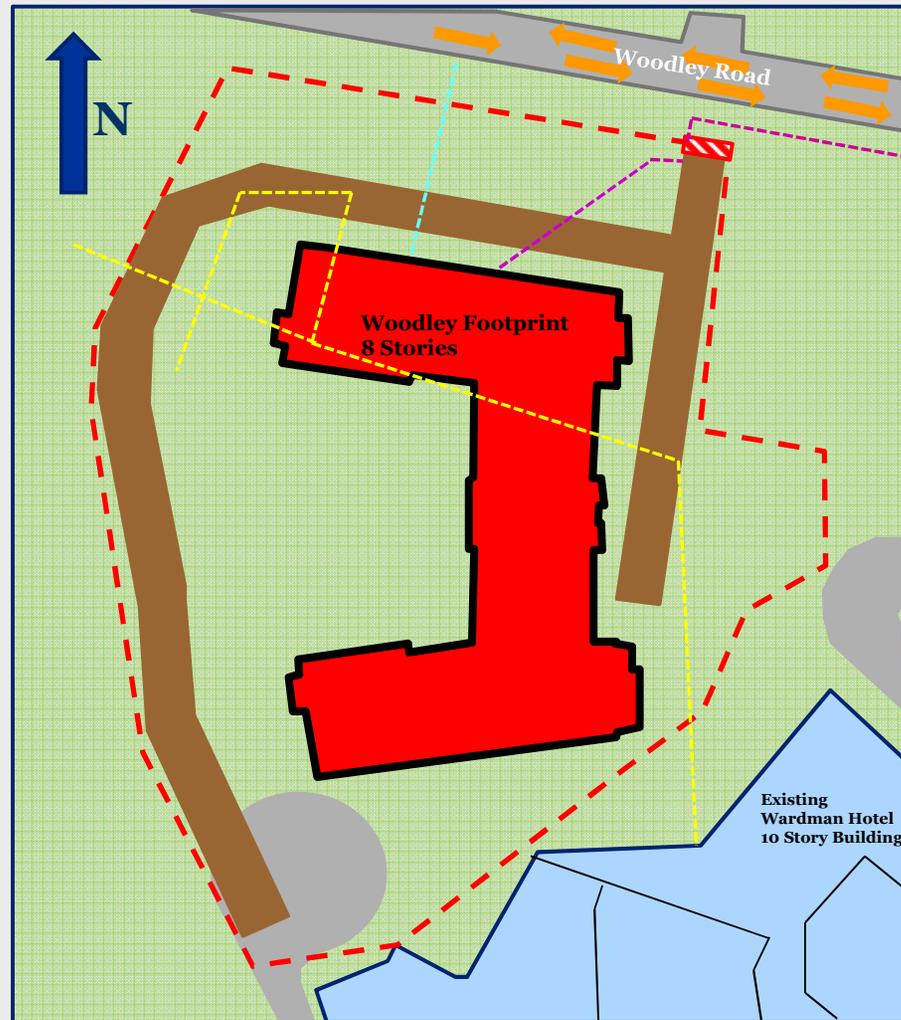
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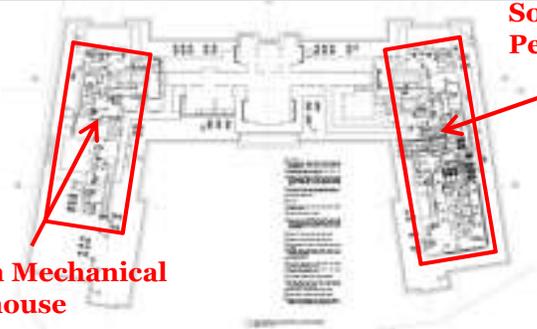
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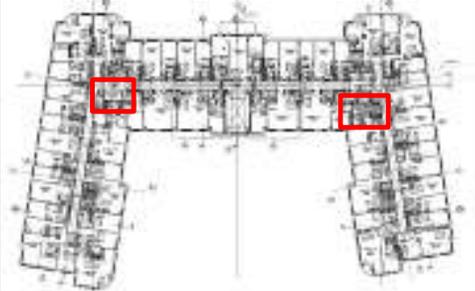
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Site Fence/Boundary	
Site Gate	
Temporary Road	
Underground Electric Line	
Storm drain Line	
Sanitary Sewer Line	



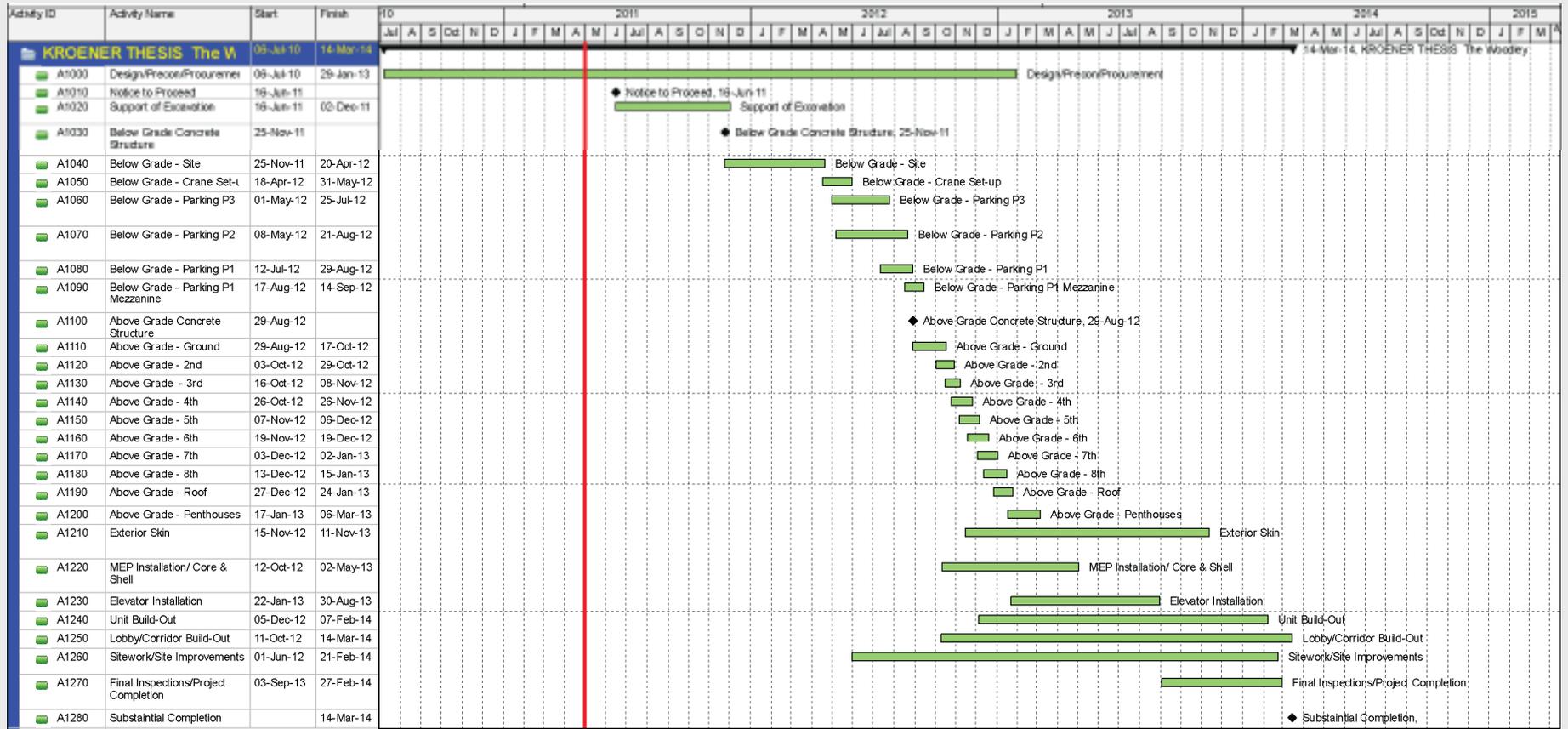
Building Systems Summary

Scope	Specs	
<p>Demolition (Phase 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Story Parking Garage and Lot • Asbestos Abatement & Removal • Retaining walls, elevated concrete walks, and underground utilities 	  <p>Multi Story Parking Garage Parking Lot</p>
<p>Cast in Place Concrete</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plywood Formwork and Other Materials per ACI 301, ACI 117, ACI 347 • Unbound Post-tensioned Concrete Slabs 	 
<p>Mechanical System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water to Air System • 2 Roof-top Mechanical Penthouses • 2 MUAU's at 25,000 CFM • Cooling Tower at 2,450 GPM • 2 Boilers at 270 GPM • Individual WSHP's for all 212 Units and Spaces • CPVC Fire Suppression Piping 	 <p>North Mechanical Penthouse</p> <p>South Mechanical Penthouse</p>

Building Systems Summary

Scope	Specs	
Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three 208/120V main switchboards, (2) at 2500 A and one at 4000A• 36 Panel boards at 100A and 225A• Serviced by PEPCO	
Masonry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brick , Limestone and Cast stone Exterior Skin• Engineered Stone Anchors and Masonry tiebacks• Swing Scaffolding and FRACO Mast Climbing Work Platforms	 
Support of Excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soldier Piles & Lagging	

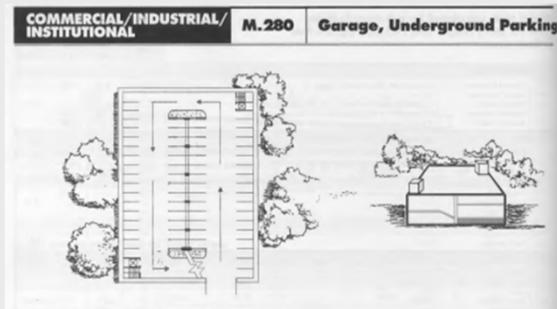
Project Schedule Summary



Project Cost Evaluation



Sq. Foot
\$163.55/SF



Actual
\$209.22/SF

Square Foot Estimate			
Item	Cost	Cost/SF	SF
Apartment, 8-24 Story	\$59,494,470.00	\$206.22	288,500
Underground Parking	\$9,339,000.00	\$70.75	132,000
Total SF Cost	\$68,854,550.00	\$163.55	421,000
Building Systems			
Structure	\$11,413,310.00	\$27.11	421,000
Mechanical	\$15,732,770.00	\$37.37	421,000
Electrical	\$4,921,490.00	\$11.69	421,000
Enclosure	\$1,456,660.00	\$3.46	421,000

Project Cost Breakdown		
Item	Cost	Cost/SF
Construction Cost	\$80,916,000	\$192.20
Total Project Cost	\$88,083,000	\$209.22
Building Systems		
Structure	\$11,065,000	\$26.28
Mechanical	\$9,947,000	\$23.63
Electrical	\$6,740,000	\$16.01
Enclosure	\$15,297,000	\$36.34

Questions?

