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Application #: 27.0068 AB

Property: 1954 Commonwealth Avenue

We would like to request an Alteration to the Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Approval for the project at 1954 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton MA. We would like to request that the driveway retaining wall material be changed to a concrete wall that would be parged with mortar or stucco with score lines material rather than the approved river rock material that would match the existing 2' high retaining wall along Commonwealth Ave.

The driveway to the garage under the new building has an approximately 7% slope. The wall at the garage entrance will be approximately 12' high. We feel like the scale of the stone in the existing front retaining wall is too small for a wall this size and the cost of a stone wall to the garage would be prohibitive.

We met several times with the BPDA had extensive conversations regarding the material to be used on these walls. It was agreed that a simple mortar parged/stucco finish to match the building would be best.

In our June 9, 2026, Advisory Review Meeting and then again in the July 13, 2026, meeting we presented drawings and discussion that stated that we walls would be concrete with mortar/stucco, we never intended for the wall to be stone or stone veneer.

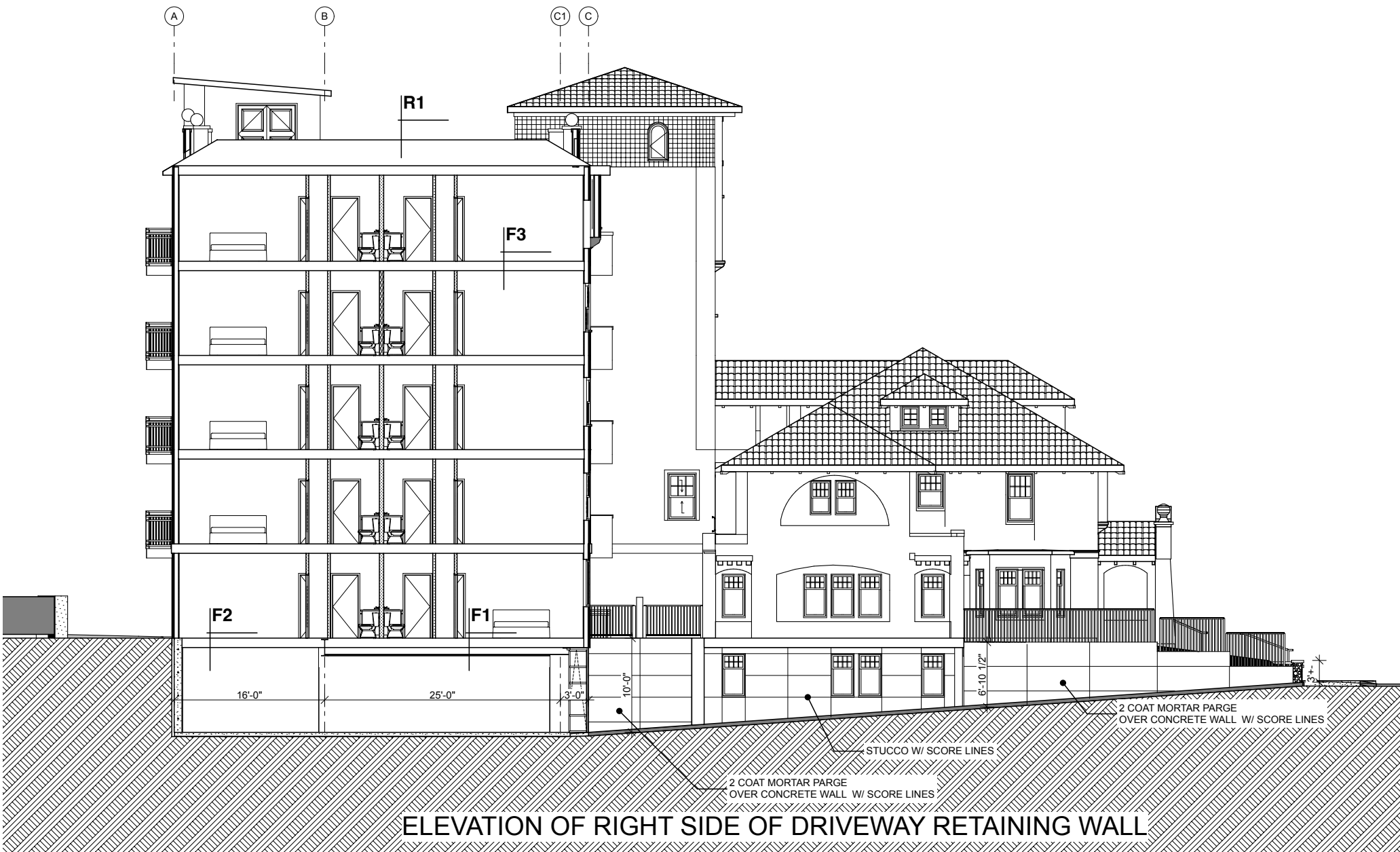
If you would like we could introduce stone piers on either side of the new driveway entrance, like the piers on either side of the existing front walkway, to punctuate the transition to a different wall material in the driveway. Please see the attached drawings and images of the existing stone wall along Commonwealth Avenue.

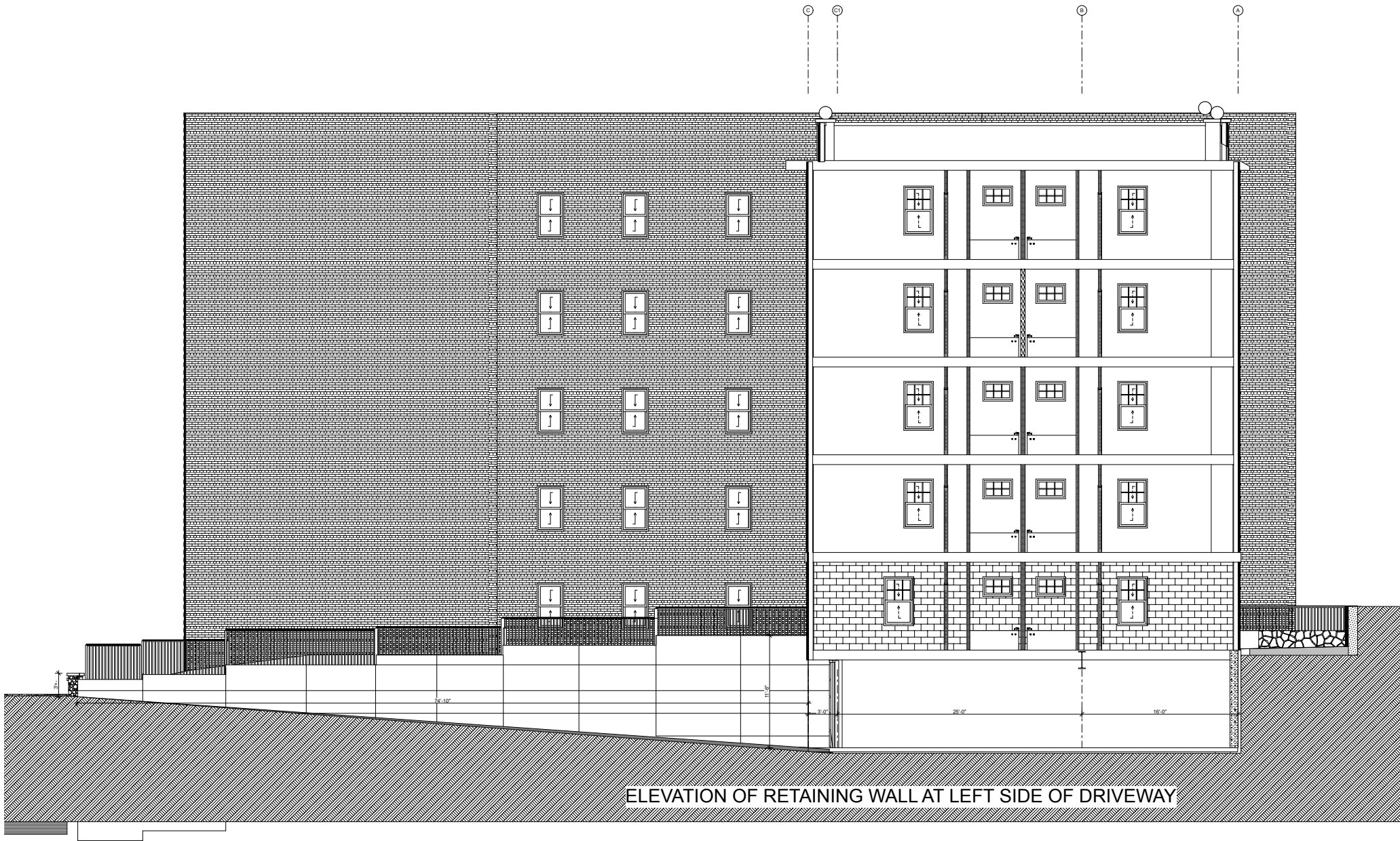
Thank you for your consideration.

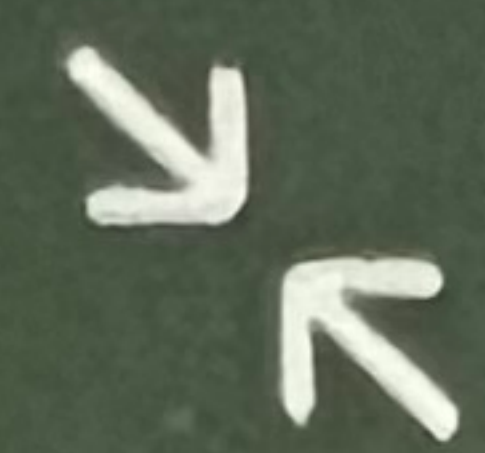
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