

Jack Lamb of Aslan Brewing Co. for the McBeath Building



Originally built in 1955 to house the McBeath Glass Company, this historic building located on the corner of N. Forest and E. Champion Streets features expansive window walls, interior metal beams and large open spaces that open out to an active area on the sidewalk.



When purchased by Aslan Brewing, the owners had a decision to make. They could either tear down the existing building and start from scratch or renovate and build upon the history inside. While the easy route was new construction, this path had the greatest environmental impact and overall waste. Despite the extra effort required, they decided to rehabilitate and renovate the existing structure.

Working with family and friends, the new owners spent nine months bringing new life to old materials, with stunning results. This decision saved tens of thousands of dollars from using green building techniques and minimized the impact on regional landfills through recycling old materials. The transformation of the building is not only visually impressive, but it has also brought vitality and activity to the area.

Aslan Brewing is honored for its adaptive use of a historic building, exterior and interior improvements and for bringing new vitality and activity to the sidewalk and street.



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