

Brad Parberry of Parberry Inc. for the Swift Building/San Juan Apartments



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Originally built in 1927, this two-story masonry/wood building mixed use with lower level retail and the 19-room “Rockwood Hotel” on the second floor, located on Grand Avenue.

Spearheaded by Brad Parberry of Parberry’s, Inc., the project hired Zervas Architects to design the renovation of the 6,600 sq. ft. upper-story to convert hotel rooms to single occupant efficiency apartments for a total of eight new residential units (six single-bedroom studios and two two-bedroom units). Parberry worked with Zervas Architects on this project and converted the original structure to single occupancy efficiency apartments with community bathrooms and limited life and safety upgrades, with ensuite bathrooms and full kitchens.

The remodel included exposing brick and adding new interior walls, finishes, mechanical and electrical systems. The apartments also feature shared additional storage and laundry facilities, accessibility upgrades and a fire sprinkler system.

San Juan Apartments is honored for its interior renovations of historic upper-story hotel, creating eight residential units.



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