



"What's up Doc?"

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"OLD BUILDINGS – NEW CONCEPTS"

Current project: Fifth Element on Hennepin Avenue in Uptown



Beginning framing of second story addition

PROBLEM..

The owners of Fifth Element had a building that contained offices and retail space. It was small. People were cramped into a very small space and the business was growing.

The owners contacted EDS and asked them to help find a solution. They didn't want to move. They wanted to know the options in their present building.

SOLUTION:

EDS worked with architect, Philip Broussard of Architron, and added a second story to the existing building for office space and opened up the main floor for larger retail space.

The old roof was removed once the second story roof was on. After the roof was removed, a new floor was installed. Then the offices, kitchen area, conference room were framed and finished. The new offices have a glass front with an outdoor patio that overlooks Hennepin Avenue.

The design of the second story adds character to the building and community while.... **dramatically increasing the value of the property for the owner.**



Trusses added and view of inside with old roof



New floor being installed and old roof being removed



Second story enclosed with recessed glass front