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Here's what developers are planning at The Cherry Cricket site in Cherry Creek North



A look at The Cherry Cricket.
COURTESY THE CHERRY CRICKET



By Kate Tracy – Reporter , Denver Business Journal Sep 25, 2023 More than a year after it purchased The Cherry Cricket property, a development firm has unveiled its plans for the site at 2645 E. Second Ave. in Cherry Creek North. Spoiler alert: it's a new office building.

Denver-based Alpine Investments, along with Tryba Architects, submitted plans to the city on Sept. 21 proposing a seven- and eight-story office building between the Cherry Cricket and the Clayton Hotel & Members Club. The office would include three levels of below-grade parking and ground-floor retail space as well.

As Alpine Investments principals Churchill Bunn and David Pietsch III promised upon the purchase of the site with partners last June, The Cherry Cricket restaurant will remain. The adjacent businesses along Clayton Street — Cherry Creek Tailoring & Alterations and cocktail bar Forget Me Not — may not be as lucky, however.

On the 0.57-acre site, plans call for the demolition of the one-story portion in the rear of The Cherry Cricket building, as well as the demolition of the two-story portion that currently houses the tailor business and Forget Me Not. In its place, the developers want to build a mixed-use office and retail building, which would be partially seven stories and partially eight stories.

The Cherry Cricket's portion of the building along East Second Avenue will remain, with restrooms relocating from the rear portion that's proposed for demolition.

Alpine Investments and partners paid \$25.15 million for the property last June, purchasing it from Unico Properties, according to previous reporting. The restaurant, which serves hamburgers, beer and other fare, opened there in 1945; in addition to Cherry Creek and Ballpark, the business recently opened a third location in Littleton earlier this year. The restaurant owners of The Cherry Cricket in Cherry Creek North are Breckenridge-Wynkoop, LLC, also owners of Wynkoop Brewing Company.

Bunn and Chris Jedd with Alpine Investments did not return requests for comment. The developers, along with Revesco Properties, broke ground in March on a 12-story multifamily project in the Golden Triangle, and on a mixed-use project with 84 apartment homes along Tennyson Street in June.

Cherry Creek North has been a hot spot for developers proposing and building office projects lately.