

# UPDATE VISIONS OF BELEN

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Pictured below is an existing building we featured several months ago. It is located on the northwest corner of First and Becker. The picture below is how it looked then.



The elevation sketch below illustrated the what we thought was the building's potential.



Since writing our article IN May of 2018, the building has sold and the photo below shows what the building now looks like. It was bought for the purpose of becoming an art gallery which is how it is being used to this day.



Notice the street improvements have also been made since the building was sold. These improvements were part of our Great Blocks Project. Phase I, improvements paid for by a Belen MainStreet Partnership grant. Phase II was just funded for \$1,700,000 in December of 2023. Phase II, will include street improvements on First Street from Becker Ave. north to the Reinken Ave. bridge (two and a half blocks).