

BELLTOWN DENTAL

Seattle, Washington



PROGRAM

The owner requested a "Belltown Hip" dental office that doesn't feel like a dental office. Due to the budget, the equipment and casework had to be industry-standard premanufactured units.

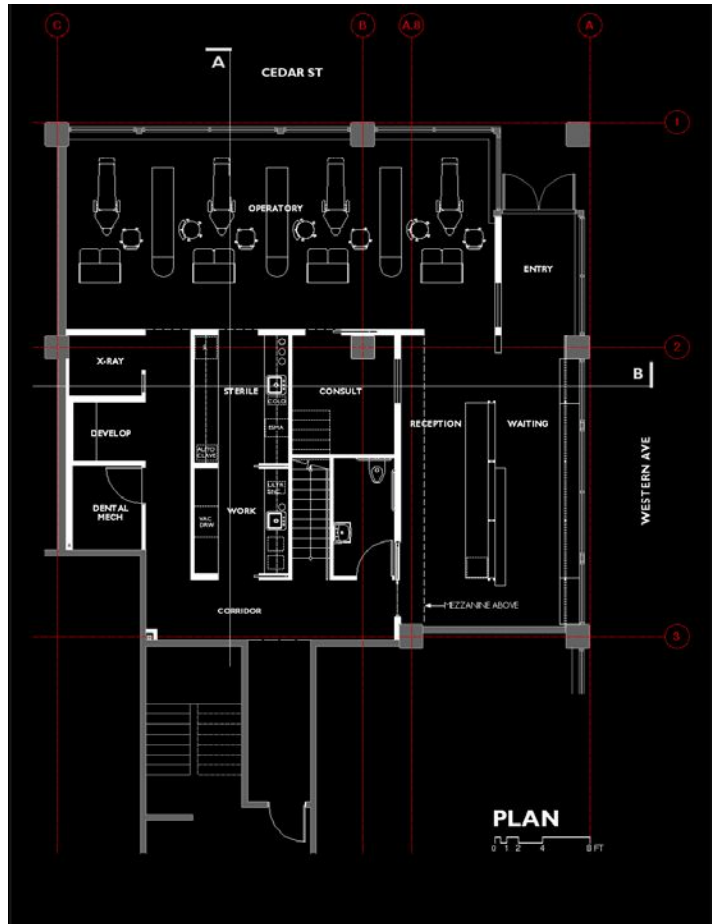
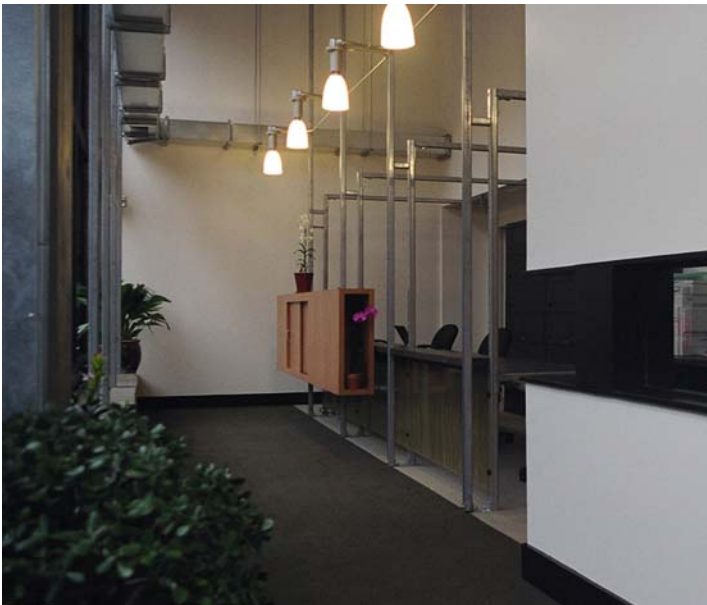
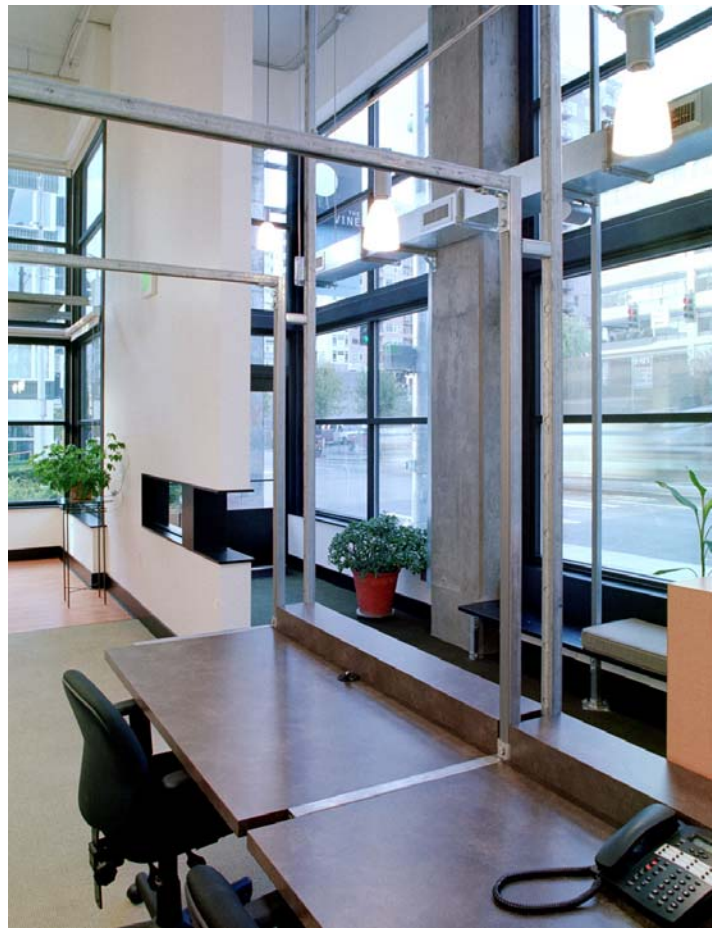
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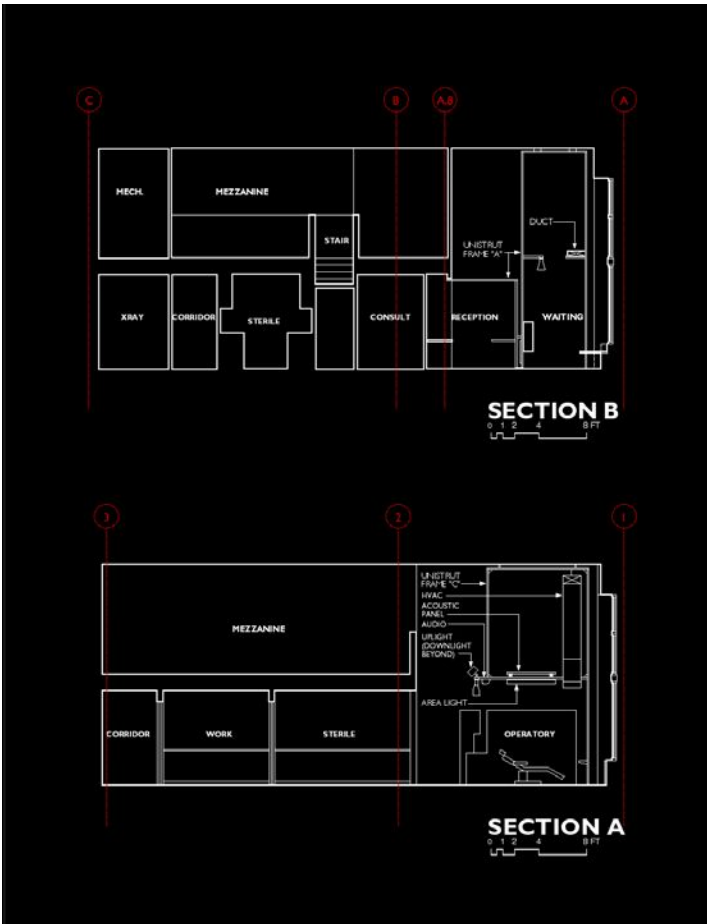
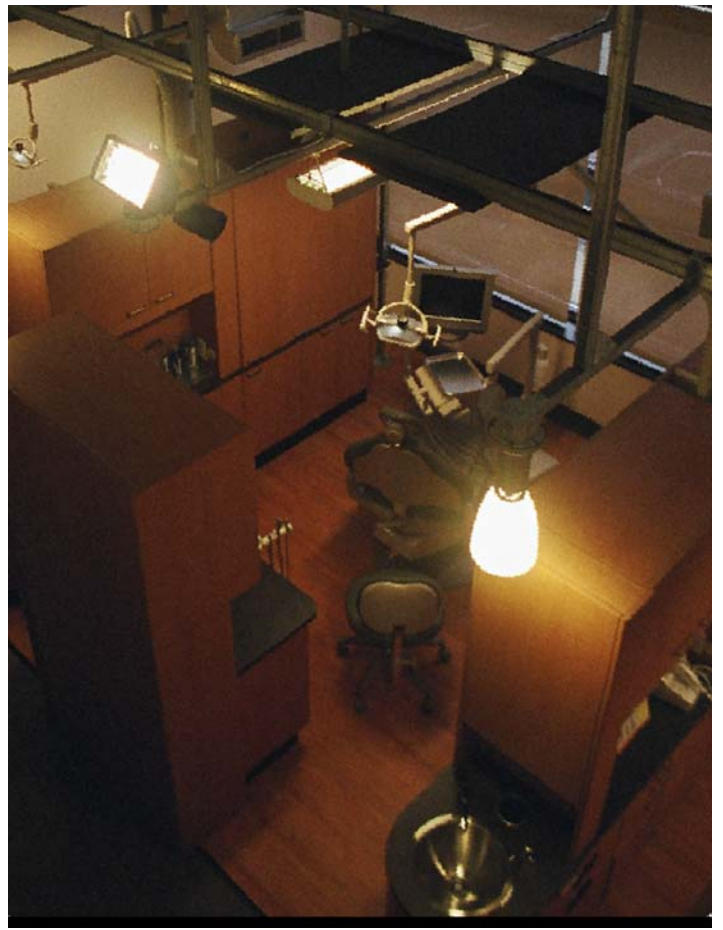
An urban 1789 ft² corner storefront space with 18'-6" high ceilings and an irregular column grid. The existing floor area was too small for the program requirements, while the ceiling height was too tall for the back-of-house uses.

SOLUTION

The basic solution involved maintaining the full height at the patient areas along the window walls while inserting a mezzanine in the interior corner. The construction cost per square foot of the 710 ft² mezzanine was significantly less than the purchase price of the raw space. Thus, the mezzanine proved financially effective and provided the owner with the required floor area for current use and future flexibility.

Given the tight budget and modular nature of the operatory casework, a kit-of-parts approach was used for the systems and finishes at the patient areas. Unistrut™ frames act as an armature for lighting, audio, and HVAC systems, as well as the reception desk and waiting area seating. At the treatment area, sound absorbing panels are attached to the frames above the chairs to soften the acoustics and to create a more intimate space for each operatory.





PUBLICATIONS

Project of the Month, AIA Seattle, December 2004

"New Belltown Office Breaks the Dental Mold" by Clair Enlow, Daily Journal of Commerce, 8 December 2004



