

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2013 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1601 N. Milwaukee Ave. Milwaukee Avenue District Innovative Reuse by a National Retailer

Recipient: Walgreens

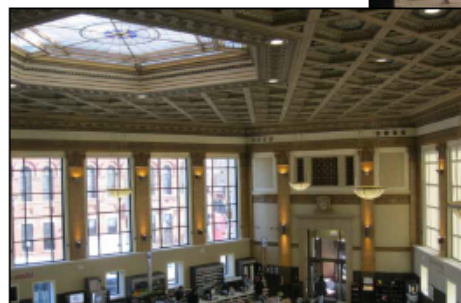
The former Noel State Bank Building, located at the six-corner intersection of Milwaukee, Damen, and North avenues, was built in 1919 and is located in the Milwaukee Avenue District. The limestone-clad building was used as a bank until recently and has a large former banking hall with a coffered ceiling and skylight (only the exterior is part of the significant historical and architectural features of the district). Prior to the current rehabilitation, the building had been vacant for about 2 years.

The scope of work included the replacement of non-historic tinted glass with clear glass within windows to allow greater visibility of the newly-installed retail store and the historic ceiling. A historic bronze revolving door drum was refurbished, and all of the decorative cast-iron entries were scraped, cleaned, and repainted. A non-historic ATM machine, located on the Damen elevation, was removed and replaced with new stone. The partially-painted façade was recoated in a color to match the original stone. The interior layout of the new Walgreens store was designed to keep the windows unobstructed and to highlight the historic interior volume of space, decorative features, and plaster ornament. The Milwaukee Avenue District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on April 9, 2008.

AFTER



BEFORE



City of Chicago
Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

Housing and Economic Development
Andrew J. Mooney, Commissioner