New Architecture on Alberta

Architect Erez Russo’s new building, currently being constructed on the corner of NW 22nd and Alberta St. is an example of what is important when designing for the Albina District.

OPENINGS:

In places where humans come into contact with the architecture, (such as windows and doors) Russo added warm colored wood to the colder steel and CMU facade. This allows for a clean, industrial look without making the building feel impersonal.

HUMAN SCALE:

With many of the buildings on Alberta St. being single or double story, Russo had to address issues of scale with his three-story high structure. The addition of an awning around the facade gives it a sense of human scale.

SURFACE:

Because Alberta St. has a history of being a rough neighborhood, Russo looked into ways to graffiti-proof the building. A hard concrete seal can be applied to the surface of the CMU or bricks to assist in clean up after an attack.