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The Chauncey, 404 E. College St., opened this fall and unveiled a new FilmScene location with additional promises of a coffee shop, bowling alley, a restaurant, a hotel, condominiums and office space. Currently, the two levels of recreational space include the FilmScene cinemas at the atrium level and the bowling alley and restaurant, which occupy both the first and second levels. There are also two floors of office space, four floors of hotel rooms and seven floors of apartments. Monica Moen, co-founder of the Moen Group and owner of Fix Coffeehouse assisted in the composition of the building. Moen created the coffee house as a convenient luxury for the residents of the Chauncey. The coffee house was originally supposed to be a pop-up kiosk, but evolved into part of the second level. There are a lot of coffee shops in the area, so I felt the need to distinguish this coffee shop from others, Moen said. I'm realistic in the fact that I expected, because we're on the periphery of downtown, that most of our principals are probably going to visit the building for another purpose. Fix and The Chauncey will continue to develop when the bowling alley and restaurant are added in late January 2020, and Moen is excited to see how FilmScene will grow along. Andrew Sherburne and Andy Brodie, co-founders of FilmScene, said they were able to get FilmScene off the ground through group funding of online public donations. RELATED: FilmScene Chauncey pulls the curtain on the new building The new location in the Chauncey Building had to become the location of the non-profit organization since its inception in 2011. However, due to zoning complications and community objections to the building, FilmScene was placed in its original location within the Pedestrian Gallery. As previously reported by The Daily Iowan, The Chauncey costs a total of \$57 million. Bidding was made in 2013 and construction began in 2016. The community has always been very supportive of our piece of this building, and ultimately I think people will support the building as a whole, Sherburne said. I think it brings a lot of vibrancy to the center. The building not only benefits the Downtown District, but it also creates more visibility for FilmScene itself, Sherburne said. The corner of South Gilbert and East College Streets is a high-traffic area for vehicles and on foot, he said, which gives the nonprofit an advantage that the location in the Pedestrian Mall was unable to provide. Before, we were kind of tucked away and were still a secret to some people, but now it's very clear that we're here, Sherburne said. It helps new people find us, people who didn't know who we were or we were. Now they know there's something here and hopefully they come in to see it. RELATED: FilmScene prepares for in Chauncey building The Chauncey was built with walls of windows and modern architecture to catch the eye and expose what is going on inside of the building, said James Phelps, an architect at Rohrbach Associates who assisted in the design. We designed it to be an exciting experience, both of the mass of different areas and for the pedestrian, Phelps said. The first two stories at that location are occupied by FilmScene theaters, so we wanted them to be more sculptural and involved in viewing pedestrians and residents. While the modernity of the new building created a non-traditional approach to a cinema, he added, it was offset by the incorporated classical elements, such as the marquee light bulbs that are woven throughout the building. This was meant to resemble the old movie palaces of Iowa City and reflect the legacy of past cinema, he said. This is a very memorable, unique and striking architectural milestone and this will, hopefully, in some ways determine what people think of when they think of Iowa City, Sherburne said. It's such a unique space, and it represents the diversity of things that are downtown and the vibrancy. THE CHAUNCEYplanning + UrbanPlanning A fifteen-story mixed-use project includes a bowling alley, movie theater, hotel and apartments in this exciting project currently under construction in downtown Iowa City. The main entrance experience includes a drop-off consisting of granite pavers, steel bollards, and concrete planters. On the east side of the building is an outdoor amphitheatre-like seating and planting space that offers a seamless edge between building and Chauncey Swan Park. An additional part of the mixed use project was the renovation of the neighbouring Chauncey Swan Park. The programming for the space includes open markets, evening films, small group activity and passive seating areas. The park is planted with a variety of native and horticultural hybrids to maximize color, texture and maintenance, with a focus on reducing the use of water-dependent plants. Above the hotel's drop-off and Chauncey Park, a fifth-floor rooftop offering sweeping views of the historic downtown and University of Iowa Campus, the rooftop terrace on the fifth floor is accessible to hotel guests and available for scheduled events. The primary social space consists of custom shade pergolas with comfortable lounge furniture overlooking an artificial grass panel. The lawn panel offers a flexible space for impromptu yoga classes and the occasional wedding. Knitting the spaces together is a mix of concrete pedestal pavers, ipe tiles, and preformed roof boxes that help define focal points and walkways. FilmScene is located near I-80, Iowa Highway 1 and US Highway 6. If you're traveling on I-80, the Dubuque Street Exit (244) is the closest exit. Parking: at The Chauncey is connected to the Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp. There are several other downtown slopes within a short walk. Driveway parking is free for the first hour. A full map of the parking ramps in the centre is available here. Parking with data limit is free after 18:00 and all day on Sunday along all streets in the city centre. © 2015 FilmScene Built in collaboration with , Made with Sketch, GRL , and FilmScene. Even faced with some challenges, there was confidence in the ability to deliver. Partly because the owner of the building is someone they worked with before and knew they could work well together. Everyone involved was focused on the end user and that made for one of the most smoothly running projects I've seen in my 20 years, Carlson said. Rohrbach noted: Bryce and the responsiveness of the team is a great asset. When options are needed, we were given options as soon as possible. Consistency One of the most important factors at play in a mixed-use design like this is keeping a consistent look throughout. The design they went into within the chic, urban environment was a mix of steel and concrete for a modern, industrial look. And for the interior signage was subtle, and to keep it cohesive throughout, featured the same font and color scheme. Turnkey Our signage team was commissioned to design signage for the bowling alley, high-rise buildings and theatres. However, this project was not a typical situation. As a Design-Build philosophy was taken to a source signage for an efficient turn-key solution. From start to finish of manufacture to installation of each component with the process: Design, Approve, Price, Production, Installation. Functional wayfinding system With this project they also needed the functionality of a signage system for and through the hotel and shopping areas. They also had to create signage that would help people find specific theaters. And they had to keep the public away from the residential areas. Because tenants could easily turn into a mixed-use home, they had to be able to bring down signs as quickly and easily as possible. In the interior, this meant the use of paper inserts where necessary. Planning Ahead As with any signage project, one of the most important aspects is pre-planning. With so many stakeholders and parts of the overall project, the Chauncey project was well contrived and choreographed for all partners involved. And that would not have happened without planning, trust and the exceptional working relationships between all parties involved. To determine the stage, our teams had a seat at the planning table that kept everyone on the same page and focused on the same Concentrated. From coordination meetings to negotiations, our signage team was able to ask intelligent questions, such as how they would run the electric and how they would make specific requests. The ability to talk talk these considerations with contractors, architects, designers and the owner of the building creates efficiency and sets everyone up for success. Located in downtown Iowa City, on the 5th floor of the Chauncey building, Hotel Chauncey is a modern boutique hotel overlooking Iowa City. Our location is perfect for those visiting the University of Iowa. We are also a block away from the Iowa City pedestrian center for guests looking to shop or get a bite to eat. Our rooms Isaac Hamlet | Press Citizen Editors Note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the people and businesses operating in the Chauncey Building.It's a long road to the Chauncey building. Perhaps not in a literal sense as the structure is easily accessible on the eastern edge of downtown Iowa City, but erecting the edifice is a year-long journey. From shrinking from 20 floors to 15 to amassing grants and eventually breaking ground, the Chauncey is now not only built, but inhabited. We actually have two levels of recreational space, said Monica Moen, owner of Fix! and a member of the Moen Group that developed Iowa City's newest high-rise. We have FilmScene and we end up getting the restaurant and a two-level bowling alley. While details are still being finalised regarding the bowling alley and restaurant, these two entities will be managed by Hawkeye Hotels, which will also run Hotel Chauncey. (Originally) I was going to own the bowling alley and restaurant businesses, said developer and member of the Moen Group, Marc Moen. I will still own the property, but to be honest it was much more than I wanted to get involved with. So it just worked really great when they wanted to take over the restaurant and bowl. The 51-room hotel - set to occupy floors five to eight - is nearing completion as well, but the apartment buildings fill floors nine to 15 already tenants in place. This mix of businesses, residents and open space has created a unique ecosystem in the building, at least, for FilmScene There are residents (of) the top three floors that I see walking their dogs through the lobby, said Emily Salmonson, director of the cinema's operations. It's his own little neighborhood. FilmSceneThis week is the sixth anniversary of FilmScene; although it was only just over two months since they opened their doors at the Chauncey.The nonprofit cinema was the first thing to open in the building back in September. So far, the move has proved beneficial. It exceeded our expectations, Salmonson said. We were so busy getting so hands-on and trying to make each show run smoothly every day that we didn't notice how much traffic we had. We look at our numbers at the end of the last few months were like 'Wow, there's a lot of people coming out!' Tickets Tickets more than doubled from when the cinema only had its Pedestrian Mall location according to Salmonson. Another exciting point for staff is that attendance has remained strong at the PedMall, despite the new location. After a few technical problems in the first weeks in Chauncey, the team has started to find its base and is currently preparing for the first 35 mm film of the theater showing this December. But the most visual of FilmScene's last touches that will see the most for some time is the third screen. A more casual affair than the main theaters, this third screen, located on the second floor, seats about 35 people. Scheduled to be usable early next year, the plans for the screen mean it can be used for special events or rented out to private parties. With the rise of attendance that has come with Chauncey, potential attendees for such events continues to grow. It's really great to have members of the community that we've never met before just come and visit our space, Salmonson said. We have people coming in during the day and just wandering through the pods... It's just cool to get new faces in FilmScene. Fix! On the second floor, opposite FilmScene, is Fix!; a coffee shop that shouldn't have been there. I actually ordered a former closet to make that space, says owner Monica Moen. When we originally designed the building, we didn't expect there to be a coffee shop. When construction started, I started thinking about the residents in the building. Although the chauncey location will likely give the store an edge among coffee drinkers visiting or living in the building, there was still a desire to stand out from other Iowa City coffee shops. I am not only interested in design, but also interested in various (coffee) barrels, says Monica Moen. Behind the counter is a real consortium of these coffee barrels. Dozens of different designs are on the shelves, enough that the owner herself does not know exactly how many she has picked up for the café. Archi teapots, willow beacon and the rest are the result of three years of coffee-related research for the store. As Monica Moen describes, some people have a soft spot for chocolate. But they themselves can't help but fall in love with the designs of coffee pots, cups, plates and all related containers. One particular set - a Villeroy & Boch golf pattern - she fell in love with while visiting Poland years ago. After attending a service at a local synagogue the night before, she decided to skip a morning service; choose to stay at the hotel, write and get some caffeine. I asked for a cup of coffee and it came in this, she said, it of the Villeroy & Boch piece she had spelled after, but never had a reason to buy for now. Because it was the Sabbath, I took it as divine inspiration. Isaac Hamlet deals with art, entertainment and culture at the Reach him at [ihamlet@press-citizen.com](mailto:ihamlet@press-citizen.com) or (319)-688-4247, follow him on Twitter @IsaacHamlet @IsaacHamlet

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