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EXHIBITS: CITY LANDSCAPE

Richard Sheehan's paintings become ever more abstract. From landscapes where houses and highways were reduced to simple, painterly chunks of color, this gifted painter has continued to edit away eye-stopping details until the subject is stark and clear, with as much importance given to shadow as to form.

Sheehan's recent paintings are in the Alpha Gallery, 121 Newbury St., through March 8.

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