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Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:42 PM
To: Costanzo, Kevin G. - PDR
Subject: Re: May 15th UDC Meeting - Agenda & Public Notice

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Dear Mr. Costanzo,

Please distribute my comment below to the UDC members regarding UDC 2025-11 Mayo Island Park on the May 15, 2025 agenda:

To: Members of the Urban Design Committee
Re: UDC 2025-11 Mayo Island Park

Dear UDC members,

I am overjoyed to see the wonderful plans for Mayo Island Park! This will be such a wonderful addition to the Richmond community, and I plan to regularly visit the park to enjoy the natural setting in the James River.

If I could please make two suggestions regarding the "Demolition Plan" of the existing facilities on the portion of the park on the east side of the Mayo Bridge:

DEMOLITION PLAN



1). Please consider saving some of the trees that are slated for removal under the Demolition Plan. Many of the trees are healthy and will provide much needed shade. The majority of the trees noted for removal are pin oaks, and there are two large holly trees, along with a couple of pear and crepe myrtle trees. The photographs below were taken of some of the trees that were marked on the plan for removal that should be maintained for shade:



Pin Oak



Pin Oak



Pear



Holly

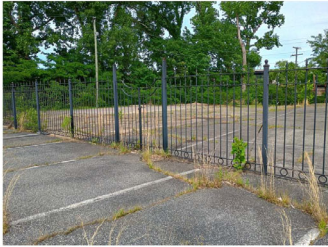


Pin Oak



Crepe Myrtle

2). Instead of demolishing and scrapping the iron fencing, please make available to another Richmond park facility the high quality 7'-9" tall iron fencing that is on the east side of Mayo Island. There is approximately 475 feet of the well-made iron fencing that includes pedestrian and vehicle gates. The fence is made of solid 1/2" vertical rods and 1-1/2" horizontal channel iron (not the hollow-core fencing that is now commonly found). The fencing includes 4" decorative finials and 5" decorative iron circles at the base. The steel posts are 3" x 3" square for the 8' fence panels and 6" x 6" for the vehicular gates. This durable solid iron fencing will be very desirable for use in another city park and should not be scrapped:



**Mayo Island iron fencing should
be available for another city park**

Thank you for your consideration of these two changes to the Demolition Plan to save the exiting healthy trees on site, and to make the quality iron fencing available off site for another park facility.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool
Richmond

On Fri, May 2, 2025 at 3:19 PM Costanzo, Kevin G. - PDR <Kevin.Costanzo@rva.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please find the posted agenda which references applications to be considered at the **May 15th, 2025**, meeting of the UDC.

This meeting will be held at **10:00am in person at City Hall** located at 900 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

The public may participate in-person, or through electronic communication using Microsoft Teams. Instructions on how to participate virtually will be posted to the agenda, which can be found at the following web address:

<https://tinyurl.com/4ce7nna8>

If you have questions about the proposals or about the UDC review process or would like to provide feedback on the listed projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you kindly,



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