



February 17, 2023

Ref: 36285.00

City of Richmond, Urban Design Committee
c/o Ray Roakes, UDC Secretary
900 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Greening Greater Fulton

Dear Mr. Roakes:

We have revised the Greening Greater Fulton plans to address the recommendations of the UDC as well as the review comments from DPW. We have addressed DPW comments and will send a response letter with our upcoming permit submittal. We hope these responses and attached plans will continue the Committee's support of the project. The comments have been addressed in the order in which there were received. The responses are as follows:

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The Conditions recommended to the Planning Commission:

1. The UDC recommends that the existing pedestrian scale lighting and other existing pedestrian furnishings within the project area be maintained and re-used with the proposed project.

Response: The existing, installed pedestrian and vehicular lighting will remain as-is. Refer to response 6 for additional lighting information. The existing trash receptacle will be removed, stored appropriately, and reinstalled near the same location as existing.

2. The UDC recommends that the Applicant revise plans to make minor adjustments to meet ADA requirements and widen the sidewalk width to 6ft in the northern half of the project area.

Response: Sidewalks on the northern half of the project are widened to six feet. Pedestrian routes effected on the southern half of the project meet ADA requirements. The pedestrian ramps within the project boundaries have been redesigned in response to DPW comments and to accommodate future sidewalk extension projects along National.

3. The UDC recommends that the Applicant revise plans to provide a large tree to act as a focal point adjacent to the public art plaza, to be approve by Staff.

Response: Placing a large tree at the public art space was studied and deemed infeasible. The only area near the plaza that might accommodate the tree is south of the plaza, opposite the rain garden. The location of underground utilities, especially storm drain, and future walks along National cannot accommodate the area needed to support a large tree.



4. The UDC recommends that the Applicant revise plans to list only native plant species to be used in plantings, to be approved by Staff.

Response: The plant palette is revised to list only native plant species.

5. The UDC recommends that the Applicant revise plans to provide enough space in the Public Art Plaza for future potential seating, to be approved by Staff.

Response: The plaza layout does not preclude future potential seating in proximity to the area. A potential location is identified on C3.00.

6. The UDC recommends that the Applicant revise plans to show adequate lighting for the Public Art Plaza, to be approved by Staff.

Response: A lighting plan is found on L6.00 showing sufficient lighting for the Public Art Plaza. This is achieved by relocating the streetlight foundation from the southern corner of National St. to the northern corner. The citizens have requested that the currently missing streetlight be replaced; this project will prepare the new pedestal for it's location into the area not currently covered by other existing streetlights.

Should you have any further comments or need additional information please do not hesitate to ask our office. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

VHB

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlene Harper".

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Attachments