

# Urban Design Committee

## 2024 Review Summary

### **January**

UDC 2024-01 AMENDMENT TO FINAL Byrd Park Round House ADA renovation located at 621 Westover Rd – *Withdrawn*

UDC 2024-02 ENCROACHMENT - Permanent outdoor seating located at 2800 East Broad Street – *Recommended Approval*

### **February**

UDC 2024-05 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 13 East Broad Street (Proposed VPM Building) – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-07 CONCEPT Plan review for redesigned Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-06 - Delegate to Staff - Minor Plan of Development Recommendation for POD applications related to setbacks in instances of less than 1000 square ft. or less than 10ft in depth. – *Approved (Staff has not since received an applications that would qualify)*

### **March**

UDC 2024-09 FINAL Location, Character, Extent review for a redesigned Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue. – *Recommended Approval*

### **April**

UDC 2024-11 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of Fonticello Park restroom structure and splash pad, located at 2813 Bainbridge Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-12 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 501 Orleans Street – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-13 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for permanent outdoor seating located at 2101 West Main Street (Sidewalk Café) – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-14 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for proposed storage building at 1701 Fairfield Way – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-16 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for proposed outdoor classroom at Pine Camp Park, located at 4901 Old Brook Road – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-10 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review for the proposed James River Branch Trail segment running between Westover Hills Boulevard and North Hopkins Road. – *Recommended Approval*

## **May**

UDC 2024-23 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for a blade sign located at 1200 E. Cary Street – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-15 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for an overhead gateway sign establishing the entrance of the Carytown Commercial District, located on Cary Street between Thompson Street and Nansemond Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-19 CONCEPT Location, Character, Extent review of a proposed natural exploration and play area, located on Belle Isle. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-20 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries: Ginter Park Branch project, located at 1200 Westbrook Avenue. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-18 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of a renovation to the Byrd Park Round House to provide ADA circulation, located at 621 Westover Road. – *Withdrawn*

UDC 2024-21 Final Location, Character, and Extent review of landscape lighting along medians on East Broad Street, between 4th Street and 7th Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-22 Proposed Change to the UDC Operating Procedures regarding meeting minutes – *UDC APPROVED*

## **June**

UDC 2024-24 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 3200 West Moore Street – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-28 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed shared use path located between Crutchfield Street and West 42nd Street, located at 4200 Crutchfield St. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-30 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries: Ginter Park Branch project, located at 1200 Westbrook Avenue. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-21 Final Location, Character, and Extent review of landscape lighting along medians on East Broad Street, between 4th Street and 7th Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-25 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review for a proposed shared use path from Terminal Place, across Leigh Street, and terminating at Arthur Ashe Boulevard. - *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-26 CONCEPT AMENDMENT Location Character and Extent review of the proposed Whitcomb Community Park located at 2100 Sussex Street. - *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-27 FINAL Location Character and Extent review of Phase 1 of the proposed Whitcomb Community Park located at 2100 Sussex Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-31 Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed Fall Line Trail segment at Bryan Park, located at 4308 Hermitage Road. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-29 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of minor window and roof vent renovations at the Byrd Park Main Pump Station, located at 1708 Pump House Drive. – *Recommended Approval*

### **July**

UDC 2024-32 Review and Recommendation of the Diamond District Public Realm Design Standards. – *Positive Recommendation*

### **August**

UDC 2024-35 ENCROACHMENT - Permanent building sign extending into ROW located at 2920 West Cary Street. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-36 ENCROACHMENT - Expansion of permanent outdoor seating in the ROW located at 29 North 17th Street (17th Street Market) – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-38 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 2000 Semmes Avenue – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-39 FINAL AMENDMENT Location, Character, Extent review for Phase 1 of the remodeled Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue. – *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-37 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed Diamond District Stadium located at 3001 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard. – *Recommended Approval*

### **September**

NA

### **October**

NA

### **November**

UDC 2024-44 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for outdoor seating located at 3308 East Marshall Street - *Recommended Approval*

UDC 2024-40 CONCEPT location, character, and extent review of the proposed renovation of Westover Park, including construction of new features, located at 1301 Jahnke Road. – *Recommended Approval*

### **December**



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## Summary - Final Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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### Call to Order

[PDRPRES  
2023.088](#)

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**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [01 04 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban  
Design Committee](#)

### Roll Call

**Present --** 10 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Justin Doyle, \* Eva Clarke, \* Amelia  
Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles  
Woodson, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Samuel  
Young and \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese

**Absent --** 1 - \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett

### Approval of Minutes

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Meeting Minutes - December 07, 2023

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [12-07-23 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Clarke, seconded by Gemmer, that the Minutes for the  
December 2023 meeting be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### Secretary's Report

The positions for Chair and Vice Chair are required to be elected every year at the first  
meeting of the year.  
Current Chair Doyle and Vice Chair Clarke were re-elected, unopposed, with unanimous  
vote.

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

[UDC 2024-01](#) UDC 2024-01 AMENDMENT TO FINAL Byrd Park Round House ADA renovation located at 621 Westover Rd

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

This Location, Character and Extent Item was withdrawn.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

[UDC 2024-02](#) UDC 2024-02 ENCROACHMENT - Permanent outdoor seating located at 2800 East Broad Street

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-02 Application and Narrative](#)

[UDC 2024-02 Plans](#)

[UDC 2022-02 Staff Report](#)

This Encroachment was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 1/16/2024.

**Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

1) Applicant to amend plans to show that no gate be provided for outdoor seating enclosure, 5ft clear pedestrian path to the face of any obstruction as a 3D object and to a height of 6ft8in.

**Aye --** 10 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Justin Doyle, Eva Clarke, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young and Committee Member Mitchell Danese

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

[PDRPRES](#)  
[2023.089](#) UDC 2024-03 Amending application form to add public outreach and context for architecture

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC Application - 2024 DRAFT](#)

Committee approved alterations to the Application form as proposed by unanimous voice vote.

## **Adjournment**



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## Summary - Final Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, February 8, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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### Call to Order

- Present --** 8 - \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Samuel Young, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle
- Absent --** 3 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Amelia Wehunt and \* Jessie Gemmer

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**Attachments:** [02\\_08\\_2024\\_Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

### Roll Call

- Present --** 7 - \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Samuel Young, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese and \* Justin Doyle
- Absent --** 4 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer and \* Eva Clarke

### Approval of Minutes

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Roakes reported regarding items approved at the previous UDC meeting in January 2024.

Senior Manager Chen provided an update on a new team that was created with the Planning Department of which she was the manager, as well as other items.

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA

2. **UDC 2024-05** UDC 2024-05 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard

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Setback - 13 East Broad Street (Proposed VPM Building)

**Attachments:** UDC 2024-05 Application  
UDC 2024-05 Narrative  
UDC 2024-05 Site Plan  
UDC 2024-05 Staff Report

The Urban Design Committee voted to recommend approval to the Director of Planning and Development Review regarding item UDC 2024-05.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

3. [UDC 2024-07](#) UDC 2024-07 CONCEPT Plan review for redesigned Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-07 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-07 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-07 Concept Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-07 UDC Staff Report](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 2/20/2024 with the following conditions.

**Recommended Conditions:**

1. UDC recommends that final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant, where applicable.
2. UDC recommends inclusion of permeable hardscape materials and sustainable stormwater features, where appropriate, and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.
3. UDC recommends the inclusion of public art, where feasible.
4. UDC recommends that the re-use of existing materials onsite should be incorporated with the design plans, where feasible.
5. UDC recommends that the Applicant provide storage space for the community garden for FINAL application.
6. UDC recommends that the Applicant consider working with the Department of Public Works and Council Members to improve sidewalk along all frontages.
7. UDC recommends that the Applicant consider orientation of the sports field for FINAL Application.
8. UDC recommends that the Applicant provide a detail and street views from Maury Street and 15th Street for FINAL Application.

**Aye --** 8 - Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

5. [RES. UDC 2024-06](#) UDC 2024-06 - Delegate to Staff - Minor Plan of Development Recommendation for POD applications related to setbacks in instances of less than 1000 square ft. or less than 10ft in depth.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-06 Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution Setback Delegation](#)  
[Public Letter - Burger](#)  
[Public Letter - Woodson](#)  
[Public Letter - Poole](#)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

**Aye --** 7 - Damon Pearson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

**No --** 1 - Committee Member Charles Woodson

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

6. Discussion: Michael Webb, City of Richmond Urban Forester

City Forester Michael Webb provided a discuss to the Committee regarding efforts of the Forestry Division both ongoing and upcoming.

## **Adjournment**





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## Summary - Final Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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### Call to Order

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2024.015**

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**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

### Roll Call

**Present --** 9 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle

**Absent --** 2 - \* Amelia Wehunt and \* Committee Member Samuel Young

### Approval of Minutes

### Secretary's Report

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA

### REGULAR AGENDA

[UDC 2024-09](#) UDC 2024-09 FINAL Location, Character, Extent review for a redesigned Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue.

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-09 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-09 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-09 FINAL Plan \(Proposed\)](#)  
[UDC 2024-09 UDC Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit 1 - Previously Approved CONCEPT Plan](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Woodson, seconded by Committee Member Clarke, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission, due back on 3/19/2024.

The Urban Design Committee recommended the following conditions:

1. The UDC recommends that final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant, where applicable.
2. The UDC recommends inclusion of permeable hardscape materials and sustainable stormwater features, where appropriate, and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.
3. The UDC recommends the inclusion of public art, where feasible.
4. The UDC recommends that the re-use of existing materials onsite should be incorporated with the design plans, where feasible.
5. The UDC recommends the Applicant remove invasive and undesirable species in surrounding tree canopy areas with the purpose of increasing visibility into the park.

**Aye --** 9 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion: Marianne Pitts, Senior Deputy Director, PDR, Planning and Policy Division

## **Adjournment**



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## Summary - Final Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, April 4, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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### Call to Order

[PDRPRES  
2024.020](#)

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**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [04 04 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

### Roll Call

- Present --** 7 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle
- Absent --** 4 - \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and \* Committee Member Samuel Young

### Approval of Minutes

### Secretary's Report

Staff discussed a rework of how minutes are completed. The UDC provided feedback. Staff proposed to bring back to the UDC at the following meeting an agenda item with changes to the operating procedures.

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA

The UDC discussed pollinator plant maintenance relating to UDC 2024-11.  
The UDC discussed floor covering and seating relating to UDC 2024-16.  
The UDC discussed the provision of seating in front of a property that could be used for residential uses in the future relating to UDC 2024-13.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Hamnett seconded by Committee Member Mignardi that the Consent Agenda items be recommended for approval with Staff recommended conditions to the Planning Commission, due back on**

4/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0

[UDC 2024-11](#) UDC 2024-11 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of Fonticello Park restroom structure and splash pad, located at 2813 Bainbridge Street.

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-10 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-11 FINAL Plan Set](#)  
[UDC 2024-11 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-11 UDC report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval, with Staff recommended conditions, to the Planning Commission due back on 4/16/2024

[UDC 2024-12](#) UDC 2024-12 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 501 Orleans Street

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-12 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-12 Narrative](#)  
[v2 UDC 2024-12 site plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-12 Rendering](#)  
[UDC 2024-12 Staff Report](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Director of Planning and Development Review.

[UDC 2024-13](#) UDC 2024-13 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for permanent outdoor seating located at 2101 West Main Street (Sidewalk Cafe)

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-13 app-narrative-ownership letters](#)  
[UDC 2024-13 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-13 Staff Report](#)

This Section 17.05 Review was recommended for approval to the Department of Public Works.

[UDC 2024-14](#) UDC 2024-14 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for proposed storage building at 1701 Fairfield Way

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-14 App and Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-14 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-14 Architecture](#)  
[UDC 2024-14 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-14 UDC report to CPC](#)

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval, with Staff recommended conditions, to the Planning Commission due back on 4/16/2024**

**UDC 2024-16** UDC 2024-16 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for proposed outdoor classroom at Pine Camp Park, located at 4901 Old Brook Road

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-16 App and Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-16 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-14 UDC Report to CPC](#)

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Planning Commission due back on 4/16/2024**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**UDC 2024-10** UDC 2024-10 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review for the proposed James River Branch Trail segment running between Westover Hills Boulevard and North Hopkins Road.

**Patrons:** Urban Design Committee

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-10 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 CONCEPT Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 Location Map](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 Pedestrian Crossing Evaluation Memo](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-10 UDC Report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed feedback from the Applicant's public meeting. The Applicant stated the following as highlights: landscaping, safety at intersection and at night, and the provision of fixtures and amenities.

The UDC discussed broader connectivity to surrounding locations of interest for users, parking at off shoot areas, provisions for art, bike rack locations, trash separation from benches, provision of bike tool stands, removal of scrub to increase visibility, provision of trashcan fixtures that included a lid, and protection from tree roots cleaving the path surface. The UDC was concerned with tree removals.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Woodson, seconded by Committee Member Clarke, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission, due back on 4/16/2024.**

**Recommended Conditions:**

1. UDC recommends that outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant.
2. UDC recommends the Applicant show in the FINAL Plan, a minimum 5ft width for sidewalks crossing the proposed path at street crossings.
3. UDC recommends the Applicant show in the FINAL Plan, locations for future signage that labels for drivers the trail crossing, and for trail users the upcoming cross street.
4. UDC recommends the Applicant show in the FINAL Plan, space for future small scale landscaping, such as flower and shrubs, at intersections.
5. UDC recommends the Applicant provide in the FINAL application, a letter from the Department of Public Works stating an intent to repave and otherwise provide necessary minimum improvements to sections of the street where the path branches off.

**Aye --** 7 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

**OTHER BUSINESS**

At the request of the Department of Public Works, the UDC delegated its approval to a small committee (Members Clark and Mignardi) and Staff to approve the FINAL application for the James River Branch Trail.

The UDC expressed the need to see impacts to existing trees and grading plans, along with other items typically included in a FINAL application.

**Motion by Committee Member Clark, Seconded by Committee Member Danese.**

**The Motion Passed:**

**Aye - 7, No - 0, Abstain - 0**

Discussion: Laura Thomas, Director - Office of Sustainability

Public Arts Commission representative selection

**The Urban Design Committee selected Committee Member Woodson to represent the UDC at the Public Arts Commission.**

**Adjournment**

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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall**

## **Urban Design Committee**

## Call to Order

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2024.028](#)

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**Attachments:** [05 09 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

## Roll Call

**Present --** 11 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Samuel Young, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle

## Approval of Minutes

## Secretary's Report

The Chair discussed how Committee Members should represent themselves in media: Members should be clear any commentary was provided as a private citizen.

The Secretary reported on items from the previous meeting.

Update on Public Arts Commission Appointment

Planning Manager Chen provided an update on the Public Arts Committee representative from the UDC, stating the CPC is the electing body, and the CPC Chair determined that the representative election would take place after a new ordinance for PAC was adopted.

## Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

## CONSENT AGENDA

UDC 20024-18 and UDC 2024-21 was moved to the Regular Agenda.  
UDC 2024-15 was moved to the Consent Agenda.

Committee Member Wehunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

Committee Member Hamnett seconded.

The Committee unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, as amended.

[UDC 2024-23](#) UDC 2024-23 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for a blade sign located at 1200 E. Cary Street



**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-23 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-23 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-23 Survey](#)  
[UDC 2024-23 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-13 Staff Report](#)  
[CAR Approval Letter 1200 E Cary](#)

**This Section 17.05 Review was recommended for approval to the Department of Public Works.**

[UDC 2024-15](#) UDC 2024-15 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review for an overhead gateway sign establishing the entrance of the Carytown Commercial District, located on Cary Street between Thompson Street and Nansemond Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-15 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-15 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-15 Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-15 Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit 1 - Location and Photos](#)

**This item was approved on Consent Agenda - to be recommended for approval to the Planning Commission, due back on 5/21/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye --** 11 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

[UDC 2024-19](#) UDC 2024-19 CONCEPT Location, Character, Extent review of a proposed natural exploration and play area, located on Belle Isle.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-19 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-19 Site Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-19 Concept Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-19 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-19 CONCEPT Narrative REVISED](#)  
[Letter of Support - James River Park System](#)

The Committee discussed accessibility of ground materials and play spaces; dog safety and "no dog" signage; bicycle safety and separation; group seating spaces; planting choices; flooding issues; safety of natural material choices; safety of the bridge above; stormwater requirements with impervious surfaces, berm filling, and FEMA permitting; restroom and potable water access; trash receptacles; pet waste stations; and

interpretive signage.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Woodson, seconded by Committee Member Clarke, that this Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Planning Commission due back on 5/21/2024.**

**Aye --** 11 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

[UDC 2024-20](#) UDC 2024-20 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries: Ginter Park Branch project, located at 1200 Westbrook Avenue.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-20 CONCEPT Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2023-20 Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit 2 Public Questionnaire](#)

The Committee discussed pollinator friendly maintenance; street trees interfering with bike lanes; tree removal and recycling; comfort of seating fixtures; and stormwater infrastructure.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Clarke, seconded by Committee Member Pearson, that this Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 5/21/2024.**

**Recommended Conditions:**

**1. Applicant to work with GRTC to determine if the adjacent bus stop should be relocated or improved for the FINAL Application.**

**Aye --** 10 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese and Committee Member Eva Clarke

**Abstain --** 1 - Committee Member Justin Doyle

[UDC 2024-18](#) UDC 2024-18 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of a renovation to the Byrd Park Round House to provide ADA circulation, located at 621 Westover Road.

**Attachments:** [2024-18 UDC Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-18 Staff Report](#)

The Committee discussed ADA ramp locations; overall ADA accessibility; railing styles; and alternatives to the proposed ADA ramp with the purpose of reducing number of railings. The Committee generally agreed that the item was not an appropriate General Character for the historic structure - specifically the visual prevalence of railings on both the proposed ramp and deck area.

**UDC 2024-18 was withdrawn by the Applicant after the Committee held a hearing.**

[UDC 2024-21](#) UDC 2024-21 Final Location, Character, and Extent review of landscape lighting along medians on East Broad Street, between 4th Street and 7th Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-21 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Staff Report](#)

The Committee discussed the application not including enough information; proposed lighting including something to make it unique to Richmond; the landscaping; and the color of the lights. The Committee requested renderings of the final condition at the item's next hearing.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Woodson, seconded by Committee Member Young, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be approved. The motion tied by the following vote and was deferred to the next meeting according to the rules of procedure.**

**Aye --** 5 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese and Committee Member Justin Doyle

**No --** 5 - Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and Committee Member Eva Clarke

**Abstain --** 1 - Amelia Wehunt

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

[UDC 2024-22](#) UDC 2024-22 Proposed Change to the UDC Operating Procedures regarding meeting minutes

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-22 Staff Report](#)  
[Operating Procedures May 2024 DRAFT](#)

**This change to Operating Procedure was approved.**

**Aye --** 11 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

## **Adjournment**



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## Summary Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, June 6, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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1. [PDRPRES 2024.030](#) To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams, please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/3uw7zfwx> or dial \*67-804-316-9457 and enter ID: 262 491 162# Public comment will be requested in turn for each item on the agenda. Please stay on mute during other times to reduce background noise. If using a phone to access the meeting, you can use \*6 to mute and un-mute.

**Attachments:** [06\\_06\\_2024\\_Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

### Roll Call

- Present --** 6 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese
- Absent --** 5 - \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Samuel Young, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle

### Call to Order

The Chair and Vice Chair were not present at the meeting. Committee Member Woodson nominated Committee Member Mignardi to be temporary Chair. Committee Member Mignardi was unanimously elected to be temporary chair.

### Approval of Minutes

The UDC approved a new minutes approach at the previous meeting. This will be the first meeting that will utilize the new approach. Staff will read back a high level summary statement before voting on a final motion for each individual item. The summary statement will be transmitted to the Planning Commission along with the Motion outcome; and be recorded as minutes for the record.

### Secretary's Report

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Member Woodson motioned, and Committee Member Danese seconded, to move UDC 2024-29 to the Regular Agenda. The Committee voted unanimously to move the item to the Regular Agenda.

Committee Member Mignardi motioned, and Committee Member Van Inwegen seconded, approval of the amended Consent Agenda with Staff Recommendations. The Committee voted unanimously to approval..

2. [UDC 2024-24](#) UDC 2024-24 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 3200 West Moore Street

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-24 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-24 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-24 Landscape Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-24 Architectural Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-24 Staff Report](#)

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Director of Planning and Development Review.**

3. [UDC 2024-28](#) UDC 2024-28 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed shared use path located between Crutchfield Street and West 42nd Street, located at 4200 Crutchfield St.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-28 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 Existing Site](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 Site Details](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-28 UDC report to CPC](#)

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024**

5. [UDC 2024-30](#) UDC 2024-30 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries: Ginter Park Branch project, located at 1200 Westbrook Avenue.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-30 FINAL Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2023-30 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2023-30 UDC report to CPC](#)

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- [UDC 2024-21](#) UDC 2024-21 Final Location, Character, and Extent review of landscape lighting along medians on East Broad Street, between 4th Street and 7th Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-21 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Narrative REVISED](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Plans REVISED](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 Staff Report REVISED](#)  
[UDC 2024-21 UDC report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed landscaping, landscaping irrigation, and had concerns over the quality of the design.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

**Aye --** 3 - Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and Committee Member Mitchell Danese

**No --** 2 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi and Committee Member Timothy Hamnett

**Abstain --** 1 - Amelia Wehunt

6. [UDC 2024-25](#) UDC 2024-25 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent review for a proposed shared use path from Terminal Place, across Leigh Street, and terminating at Arthur Ashe Boulevard.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-25 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-25 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-25 Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-25 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-25 UDC report to CPC](#)  
[UDC 2024-25 Application Packet \(REVISED\)](#)

The UDC discussed the material of the path, lighting, public outreach, ROW acquisition, pet user comfort, and the layout of the parking lot.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

**The UDC recommends the following conditions:**

1. Outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant.
2. The Applicant show in the FINAL Plan, locations for future signage that labels for drivers the trail crossing, and for trail users the upcoming cross streets and points of interest.
3. The Applicant include some portion of existing rail items for the entire length of the path, including the Movieland Property, in the FINAL Plan.
4. The Applicant provide lighting throughout the length of the trail to anticipate night users.
5. FINAL Plans shall include seating and trash location(s) in the "Proto-Path" and "Movieland" sections, respectively.
6. Applicant to provide a non-paved shoulder to the proposed path, at time of FINAL application.

**Aye --** 6 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Amelia Wehunt, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and Committee Member Mitchell Danese

7. [UDC 2024-26](#) UDC 2024-26 CONCEPT AMENDMENT Location Character and Extent review of the proposed Whitcomb Community Park located at 2100 Sussex Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-26 App](#)  
[v2 UDC 2024-26 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-26 CONCEPT Application Packet REVISED](#)  
[UDC 2024-26 CONCEPT Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-26 UDC report to CPC](#)  
[Exhibit 1 PREVIOUS CONCEPT](#)

The UDC discussed community engagement, meadow location, and the football field.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

**The UDC recommended the following conditions of approval:**

- 1. Final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant.**
- 2. Inclusion of permeable hardscape materials where appropriate and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.**
- 3. The re-use of existing materials onsite should be incorporated with the design plans, where feasible.**
- 4. A maintenance plan be submitted during the Final UDC review phase to include landscaping, sustainability features, public spaces, and splash-pad.**
- 5. The Applicant incorporate public art, where feasible.**
- 6. The Applicant work with Staff to revise the location and design of crosswalks and curb cut/driveways to DPW standards in preparation for any Final Application that includes the splashpad or play area.**
- 7. That the Applicant work with GRTC Staff to evaluate moving adjacent bus stop locations in surrounding blocks to be relocated directly adjacent to the proposed park and to improve any potential bus stop locations to GRTC standards.**
- 8. Applicant to consider safety and visibility through the park area from the street in landscape plantings and maintenance.**

**Aye --** 5 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and Committee Member Mitchell Danese

**Abstain --** 1 - Amelia Wehunt

8. [UDC 2024-27](#) UDC 2024-27 FINAL Location Character and Extent review of Phase 1 of the proposed Whitcomb Community Park located at 2100 Sussex Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-27 App](#)  
[v2 UDC 2024-27 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-27 PHASE 1 Site Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-27 Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-27 FINAL Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-27 UDC report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed the benefits of the meadow and the adjacent brownfield.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

**The UDC recommended the following conditions of approval:**

- 1. That the Applicant work with GRTC Staff to evaluate moving adjacent bus stop locations in surrounding blocks to be relocated directly adjacent to the proposed park and to improve any potential bus stop locations to GRTC standards.**
- 2. Applicant to consider safety and visibility through the park area from the street in landscape plantings and maintenance.**

**Aye --** 5 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen and Committee Member Mitchell Danese

**Abstain --** 1 - Amelia Wehunt

9. [UDC 2024-31](#) UDC 2024-31 Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed Fall Line Trail segment at Bryan Park, located at 4308 Hermitage Road.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-31 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-31 Narrative](#)  
[Exhibit 1 - Layout](#)  
[UDC 2024-31 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-31 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-31 UDC report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed how existing park users will interact with the new trail, connections to Henrico County, larger scope of the FallLine Trail. The UDC had concerns over trail separation from existing paths and tree loss.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

**The UDC recommended the following conditions of approval:**

- 1. Applicant to revise plans to show the removal of currently proposed physical barrier fixtures where the trail runs on existing pathways within the park, to be approved by Staff.**
- 2. It is recommended to the Applicant that existing brick path sidings are not removed to the maximum extent possible.**
- 3. It is recommended to the Applicant that wayfinding signage be finalized to be provided at the corner of Hermitage Road and Bryan Park Avenue prior to issuance of any future FallLine Trail approvals.**
- 4. It is recommended to the Applicant that the installation of a pedestrian traffic signal, located at Hermitage Road and Bryan Park Avenue, be completed prior to issuance of any future FallLine Trail approvals.**
- 5. It is recommended the Applicant to show 11 trees have been planted within the park.**

4. [UDC 2024-29](#) UDC 2024-29 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of minor window and roof vent renovations at the Byrd Park Main Pump Station, located at 1708 Pump House Drive.



**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-29 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-29 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-29 Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-29 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-29 UDC report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed if the building was registered as historic (no), concerns over the louver design in the windows, and public outreach.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Planning Commission due back on 6/18/2024.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Adjournment**

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## Summary

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall**

**Urban Design Committee**

**Call to Order**

[PDRPRES  
2024.040](#)

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**Attachments:** [07 11 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

**Roll Call**

**Committee Member Eva Clark was voted to attend virtually, motioned by Committee Member Woodson and Seconded by Committee Member Van Inwegen.**

- Present --** 6 - \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle
- Absent --** 5 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett and \* Committee Member Samuel Young

**Approval of Minutes****Secretary's Report****Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda****CONSENT AGENDA****REGULAR AGENDA**

[PDRPRES  
2024.041](#)

UDC 2024-32 Review and Recommendation of the Diamond District Public Realm Design Standards.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-32 Staff Report](#)  
[Part 1 - FINALIZED Diamond District Public Realm Design Standards](#)  
[Part 2 - FINALIZED Diamond District Public Realm Design Standards](#)

**Committee voted to forward a positive recommendation to the Planning Commission with the following notes; motioned by Committee Member Woodson and seconded by Committee Member Van Inwegen.**

**UDC recommends that:**

- 1) Cycling safety and infrastructure continue to be emphasized in the Design Standards;**
- 2) Traffic calming measures be added to the Standards;**
- 3) Additional consideration be given to the street tree species list;**
- 4) Trash/Recycling/Composting bins design consider resistance to pests and any**

needed communication on what is appropriate to put in recycling and composting bins;

5) Additional consideration be given to bollard lighting being used for security purposes; and

6) Additional consideration be given to pavement in high heat settings, especially for users with pets.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Adjournment**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall**

### **Urban Design Committee**

## Call to Order

[PDRPRES  
2024.048](#)

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**Attachments:** [08 08 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

## Roll Call

**Present --** 10 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Samuel Young, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle

**Absent --** 1 - \* Amelia Wehunt

## Approval of Minutes

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## Secretary's Report

Scope of Review Reminder

17.07 General Location, Character, Extent Approval of public buildings, structures, streets, parks, etc.

- Items of a specific nature that are designed by professionals, such as engineers or architects, are not considered general.

17.05 UDC may make recommendations on the specific design of public structures, appurtenances, and street fixtures.

## Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The UDC discussed recommendations on planting species for UDC 2024-36 - 29 N 17th St., that the proposed sign located at 2920 W. Cary Street was missing a period after the A.B.C(.); and concern over the proposed plaza at 29 North 17th Street not being a plaza as required by the zoning code.

**A motion by Committee Member Clark, seconded by Committee Member Woodson, to approve the Consent Agenda with Staff recommendations was approved by unanimous "aye" vote by the Committee.**

[UDC 2024-35](#) UDC 2024-35 ENCROACHMENT - Permanent building sign extending

into ROW located at 2920 West Cary Street

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-35 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-35 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2022-35 Staff Report](#)

[UDC 2024-36](#) UDC 2024-36 ENCROACHMENT - Expansion of permanent outdoor seating in the ROW located at 29 North 17th Street (17th Street Market)

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-36 Application](#)  
[UDC 2024-36 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2022-36 Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit 1 - Site Photo - Current Existing](#)

[UDC 2024-38](#) UDC 2024-38 Plan of Development Recommendation for Front Yard Setback - 2000 Semmes Avenue

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-38 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-38 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-38 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-38 Staff Report](#)  
[Exhibit 1 - POD Architecture Plan Set](#)  
[Exhibit 2 - POD Landscape Plan Set](#)

[UDC 2024-39](#) UDC 2024-39 FINAL AMENDMENT Location, Character, Extent review for Phase 1 of the remodeled Blackwell Park located at 1400 Maury Avenue.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-39 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-39 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-39 Plans](#)  
[UDC 2024-39 Staff report to UDC](#)  
[UDC 2024-39 UDC report to CPC](#)  
[PREVIOUSLY APPROVED Concept Plan](#)  
[PREVIOUSLY APPROVED Phase 1 Plans](#)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

[UDC 2024-37](#) UDC 2024-37 FINAL Location, Character, and Extent review of the proposed Diamond District Stadium located at 3001 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-37 Application](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 Rendered Site Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 Architectural 3D Renderings](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 Architecture](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 Staff Report to UDC](#)  
[UDC 2024-37 UDC Report to CPC](#)

The UDC discussed planting species, shade for activity areas within the stadium, how parking will be facilitated, architectural quality as viewed from the future Festival Street – including the provision of fencing along that façade, accessibility for the children's play area, if the proposed architecture was unique within Richmond or among similarly situated baseball stadiums, architectural quality as viewed from the bridge on Arthur Ashe Boulevard (A.A. Blvd), materials used on the roof that are visible from the A.A. bridge, quality of materials visible from A.A. Blvd, lighting to break up facades, disappointment in City Staff that the project was brought before the UDC as a FINAL application rather than providing a CONCEPT review.

Public comment was provided with concern over the quality and uniqueness of the architectural design, playground design, accessibility, view from the highway.

**This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 8/20/2024.**

**The UDC Recommended the following Conditions of Approval:**

- 1. The UDC recommends that final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant.**
- 2. The UDC recommends inclusion of permeable hardscape materials and sustainable stormwater features, where appropriate, and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.**
- 3. The UDC recommends the applicant incorporate public art, where feasible.**
- 4. The UDC recommends that the Applicant explore additional brick proportions and detailing visible from Arthur Ashe Boulevard.**
- 5. The UDC recommends that the Applicant include additional shade and seating.**
- 6. The UDC supports consideration for solar power generation.**
- 7. The UDC recommends that the Applicant include for Planning Commission review, renderings of the view from Arthur Ashe Boulevard and the Arthur Ashe Boulevard Bridge, as well as renderings showing architecture during the night time.**
- 8. The UDC supports changes to the architectural façade that make it more iconic and monumental.**

**Aye --** 8 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Jessie Gemmer, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Samuel Young, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

**No --** 2 - Damon Pearson and Committee Member Timothy Hamnett

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion - Richmond Connects Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper



## Adjournment



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## Summary - Final Urban Design Committee

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Thursday, November 7, 2024

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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### Call to Order

[PDRPRES  
2024.061](#)

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**Attachments:** [11 07 2024 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

### Roll Call

**Present --** 9 - \* Amelia Wehunt, \* Jessie Gemmer, \* Damon Pearson, \* Committee Member Charles Woodson, \* Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, \* Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, \* Committee Member Mitchell Danese, \* Committee Member Eva Clarke and \* Committee Member Justin Doyle

**Absent --** 2 - \* Committee Member Luigi Mignardi and \* Committee Member Samuel Young

### Approval of Minutes

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### Secretary's Report

Scope of Review Reminder

17.07 General Location, Character, Extent Approval of public buildings, structures, streets, parks, etc.

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### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

### CONSENT AGENDA

[UDC 2024-44](#) UDC 2024-44 Section 17.05 Recommendation - Encroachment for outdoor seating located at 3308 East Marshall Street

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-44 App](#)  
[UDC 2024-44 Narrative](#)  
[UDC 2024-44 Site Plan](#)  
[UDC 2024-44 Seating Example](#)  
[UDC 2024-44 Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Clarke, seconded by Committee Member Pearson, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be recommended for approval to the Department of Public Works with Staff Recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye --** 9 - Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

[UDC 2024-40](#) UDC 2024-40 CONCEPT location, character, and extent review of the proposed renovation of Westover Park, including construction of new features, located at 1301 Jahnke Road.

**Attachments:** [UDC 2024-40 Application Packet](#)  
[UDC 2024-40 Staff Report](#)  
[UDC 2024-40 UDC Report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 11/19/2024.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

1. Final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant.
2. Inclusion of permeable hardscape materials where appropriate and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.
3. The re-use of existing materials onsite should be incorporated with the design plans, where feasible.
4. A maintenance plan be submitted during the Final UDC review phase to include landscaping, sustainability features, public spaces, and splash-pad.
5. The Applicant incorporate public art, where feasible.
6. Applicant to work with GRTC Staff to evaluate to collocate any bus stops with the entrance of the park and to improve any potential bus stop locations to GRTC standards.

**Aye --** 8 - Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson, Committee Member Charles Woodson, Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, Committee Member Mitchell Danese, Committee Member Eva Clarke and Committee Member Justin Doyle

**Abstain --** 1 - Amelia Wehunt

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## Adjournment