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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Urban Design Committee

Call to Order

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2025.024](#)

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Attachments: [09 11 2025 Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

Roll Call

Present -- 11 - * Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, * Amelia Wehunt, * Jessie Gemmer, * Damon Pearson, * Committee Member Timothy Hamnett, * Committee Member Keith Van Inwegen, * Committee Member Eva Clarke, * Committee Member Justin Doyle, * Committee Member Victor Mckenzie Jr., * Committee Member Conor O'Donnell and * Erik Bootsma

Approval of Minutes

A high level summary statement will be provided 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

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****REGULAR AGENDA**

[UDC 2025-27](#) UDC 2025-27 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent Review of the RPD Memorial Statue Plaza located at 1202 West Graham Road.

Attachments: [UDC 2025-27 Application](#)
[UDC 2025-27 Narrative](#)
[UDC 2025-27 Concept Plan Package](#)
[UDC 2025-27 - Staff Report](#)
[UDC 2025-27 - UDC Report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 9/16/2025.

UDC Recommends the following 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 the Applicant to revise plans to simplify the paving pattern .
6. UDC recommends the Applicant provide ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings across the internal drive aisle, including striping, ramps, and detectable warnings.
7. UDC recommend the Applicant explore opportunities for micro-mobility infrastructure, such as bicycle racks.
8. UDC recommends the Applicant to explore opportunity to front light the proposed statue.
9. UDC recommends the Applicant to explore the expansion of pedestrian space in front of statue.
10. UDC recommends the Applicant to consider lighting options for front lanterns specifically concerning style and scale.

[UDC 2025-28](#) UDC 2025-28 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent Review of the Police Equestrian Center located at 3910 Crestview Road.

Attachments: [UDC 2025-28 Application](#)
[UDC 2025-28 Narrative & Concept Plans](#)
[UDC 2025-28 - Staff Report](#)
[UDC 2025-28 - UDC report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with amendments to the Planning Commission due back on 9/16/2025.

UDC approved with the following recommendations:

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 storm water features, where appropriate, and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.
3. UDC recommends the Applicant explore opportunities for interpretive signage or 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 the Applicant ensure ADA-compliant pedestrian connections between parking, barns, and offices, and explore micro-mobility accommodations (e.g., bicycle racks) where appropriate.
6. UDC recommends the Applicant explore permeable paving alternatives in low-traffic parking or drive areas to reduce stormwater runoff impacts.
7. UDC recommends the Applicant provide details on site fencing types for FINAL review, avoiding chain link fencing visible from the street.
8. UDC recommends the Applicant to further evaluate potential building location(s) with an emphasis on minimizing adverse impacts to existing tree canopy coverage.
9. UDC recommends the Applicant to conduct public outreach, including community meetings and direct engagement with surrounding neighborhoods, to solicit and document community input.
10. UDC recommends the Applicant to provide updated renderings demonstrating the interaction of the final design with the public right-of-way and street-level façade.

[UDC 2025-29](#) UDC 2025-29 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent Review of Maury Street Streetscape Phase II.

Attachments: [UDC 2025-29 Application](#)
[UDC 2025-29 Narrative](#)
[UDC 2025-29 Application Package](#)
[UDC 2025-29 - Staff Report](#)
[UDC 2025-29 - UDC report to CPC](#)

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UDC recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Applicant to evaluate street tree spacing and select appropriate native species for inclusion in the final landscape plan submission.
2. Applicant to assess alternative material options for use at intersections.
3. Applicant to consider revising the 5th Street intersection crosswalk to be aligned perpendicular to the roadway rather than diagonal.
4. Applicant to study the feasibility of providing pedestrian crosswalks at all Maury Street intersections.
5. Applicant to consider providing additional raised crosswalks across Maury Street and across 7th Street.
7. Applicant to evaluate the removal of the left-hand turning lane.

[UDC 2025-30](#) UDC 2025-30 FINAL Location, Character, Extent review for the reconstruction of the bridge over CSX on Arthur Ashe Blvd., located between Norfolk Street and Boulevard West.

Attachments: [UDC 2025-30 Application](#)
[UDC 2025-30 Narrative](#)
[UDC 2025-30 Application Package](#)
[UDC 2025-30 - Staff Report](#)
[UDC 2025-30 - UDC report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval, with no conditions, to the Planning Commission due back on 9/16/2025.

[UDC 2025-31](#) UDC 2025-31 CONCEPT Location, Character, and Extent Review of the Broad Rock Creek Park Project, located at 2606 Lynhaven Avenue.

Attachments: [UDC 2025-31 Application](#)
[UDC 2025-31 Narrative](#)
[UDC 2025-31 Application Package](#)
[UDC 2025-31 - Staff Report](#)
[UDC 2025-31 - UDC report to CPC](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval to the Planning Commission due back on 9/16/2025.

UDC recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. UDC recommends that final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant, where applicable.
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OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment