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Meeting Minutes - Draft Urban Design Committee

Thursday, November 6, 2014

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Call to Order

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Ms. Andrea Almond, Mr. Doug Cole, Mr. Vaughn Garland, Vice Chair Bryan Green, Ms. Giles Harnsberger, Ms. Claire Shirley and Mr. Robert Smith

Absent: 3 - Mr. Chris Arias, Ms. Andrea Levine and Chair Jill Nolt

Staff Present

Mr. Jeff Eastman, PDR

Ms. Tara Ross, PDR

Mr. Jim Hill, PDR

Others Present

Mr. Tom Flynn, Dept. of Public Works

Mr. Brian McPeters, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Mr. Lacy Salomone, Dept. of Public Works

Mr. Don Summers, Dept. of Public Works

Mr. Dennis Craig, 3north Architects

Mr. William Friday, Richmond Police Department

Mr. Frank Hancock, Timmons Group

Mr. Rich Satmaria, Timmons Group

Mr. David Krzemien, Dept. of Emergency Communications

Mr. Tom Nolan, Dept. of Emergency Communications

Ms. Clare Novak, Network Building & Construction

Ms. Jennifer Mullen, Roth Doner Jackson LLC

Mr. Fred Hughes, Altaris Technology Partners LLC

Ms. Emily Thomason

Mr. Nicholas Smith

Mr. Will Sanford

Approval of Minutes

ID 14-044 Regular Meeting of October 9, 2014

Attachments: [Regular Meeting of October 9, 2014](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Harnsberger, seconded by Mr. Cole, that the minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Almond, Cole, Green, Harnsberger and Smith

Abstain: 2 - Garland and Shirley

Secretary's Report

Mr. Eastman stated that at their October 20th meeting, the Planning Commission approved the conceptual Hickory Hill athletic field, the final Mary Munford traffic calming, the final Brookland Park Blvd streetscape, the final Low Line, the final Bike Racks and the final Lee Monument circle modifications on the consent agenda with UDC recommendations. Mr. Eastman stated that the RPD K-9 facility was approved on the regular agenda with UDC recommendations and the recommendation that the architect explore options to break up the scale of the proposed metal siding along the south elevation while being mindful of the project's budget.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

There were no continuances or deletions.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Shirley, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Consent Agenda items be recommended for approval to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Almond, Cole, Garland, Green, Harnsberger, Shirley and Smith

- UDC No. 2014-30(2)** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of a roundabout at the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Grayland Avenue and the Interstate 195 off-ramp

Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Location Map](#)
[Application & Plans](#)

This Location, Character and Extent item was recommended for final approval with the following condition:

- That the sidewalks from S. Cherry Street to S. Harrison Street be cleaned up and re-established as part of the roundabout installation project.

The item was forwarded to the City Planning Commission for their meeting on November 17, 2014.

- UDC No. 2014-34(2)** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of a facility for the Richmond Police Department K-9 Division, 500 Forest Lawn Drive

Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Location Map](#)
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Mr. Cole inquired if the applicant had addressed the concerns of the UDC and Planning Commission and Mr. Eastman stated that the building itself hasn't changed but there was vegetative screening put in to break up the southern façade. Mr. Eastman stated that when you approach the building there is a fence and a couple of storage buildings that are right up against the lot line. Mr. Eastman stated that there is not a lot of space between the new building and lot line and when you approach it you don't see that elevation. Mr. Eastman stated that he felt like the screening was enough to take care of that and stated that with the screening and vegetation it breaks up the façade. Mr. Cole inquired about the sky lights and Mr. Eastman stated that 2 skylights have been added over the locker rooms.

Mr. Smith inquired if the wall mounted light fixtures could be shielded and also inquired if the color temperature on the exterior lights could be lowered to 3000k from the specified 5000k.

Mr. Dennis Craig with 3north Architects stated that the reason they used that specific wall mounted light is to provide light on the training field because there are times when they train at night. Mr. Smith inquired if there was anything else that could do that. Mr. Craig stated that they don't want to flood the place with light but they need enough light to show up on the field at night. Mr. Smith inquired about the color temperature and stated that bringing the light down to 3000k would be helpful at night time and will be easier on the eyes and Mr. Craig stated that will be fine.

Ms. Almond recused herself from consideration of this item.

This Location, Character and Extent item was recommended for final approval with the following condition:

- That the color temperature on the exterior light fixtures be lowered to 3000k.

The item was forwarded to the City Planning Commission for their meeting on November 17, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 3. UDC No. 2014-39** Conceptual Location, Character and Extent Review of a telecommunications monopole at Fire Station #25, 8800 Huguenot Road

Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)

[Staff Report to UDC](#)

[Location Map](#)

[Application & Plans](#)

Ms. Jennifer Mullen with Roth, Doner and Jackson, on behalf of Verizon Wireless (the developer of the new tower) gave a brief presentation on the project that included simulated photos of the tower's visibility from neighboring areas. Ms. Mullen stated that Verizon is going to pay for the construction of the new tower, the demolition of the two existing towers as well as the permitting process. Ms. Mullen stated that also alleviates the need for the City to build another pole based on this system and this location. Ms. Mullen stated that they did meet with the Bluffs residents and that one of their questions was what that light might look like if they were able to see it. Ms. Mullen stated that it is a patent light so it is white during the day and red at night and it is equivalent to a 30 watt bulb viewed from the ground from about 1500 feet.

Ms. Shirley inquired what the concerns of the Bluff neighborhood were and Ms. Mullen stated that they were concerned about visibility but their view does not change from the

existing. Ms. Mullen stated that there was some discussion about the light and the design of it being horizontal as opposed to being directed downward as well as the 30 watt viewshed was very helpful to them.

Mr. Green inquired if the light has to be on all the time or is it just a night light and Mr. David Krzemien, Operation Manger for the City Department of Emergency Communications stated that during the day they will have the normal white light which is an FAA requirement to have that light visible for aircrafts and at night time they will have the red light.

Mr. Green stated that it is a great project and that they are reducing the visual clutter and the visual impact for the public.

A motion was made by Ms. Harnsberger, seconded by Mr. Garland, that this Location, Character and Extent item be recommended for conceptual approval as submitted. The item was forwarded to the City Planning Commission for their meeting on November 17, 2014.

Aye: 7 - Almond, Cole, Garland, Green, Harnsberger, Shirley and Smith

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Mr. Green adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.