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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Urban Design Committee

Call to Order

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Attachments: [01_15_2026_Public Access and Participation Instructions - Urban Design Committee](#)

Roll Call

Present -- 9 - * 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 and * Committee Member Conor O'Donnell
Absent -- 2 - * Committee Member Victor Mckenzie Jr. 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 2026-01 UDC 2026-01 CONCEPT Location, Character, Extent review of the proposed replacement of Mayo Bridge, located between Manchester Road and Dock Street.

Attachments:

- [UDC 2026-01 App](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 Narrative](#)
- [00 UDC 2026-01 Concept Site Plan](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 Perspective Rendering](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 Bridge Abutment Rendering](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 Bridge Segment Sketches](#)
- [Exhibit 1 - VDOT Presentation REVISED](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 - Staff Report](#)
- [UDC 2026-01 - UDC report to CPC](#)
- [Public Comment 1](#)
- [Public Comment 2](#)
- [Public Comment 3](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was recommended for approval with conditions to the Planning Commission due back on 1/20/2026.

Recommended Conditions:

1. Revise plans, for FINAL application, to show details of how pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle lanes connect both north and south of the bridge to existing transportation networks and to the adjacent Richmond Slave Trail. Revise plans to incorporate low height, high contrast visible barriers for protected bike lanes for FINAL review.
2. Revise plans to incorporate sidewalk of the same width on both sides of the bridge for FINAL review.
3. Provide a rendered elevation of the cross section of the bridge at FINAL review.
4. Provide updated plans for the Mayo Island Park at FINAL review.
5. Provide an updated community survey at FINAL review.
6. Explore final details on outdoor lighting be sensitive to light pollution or dark-skies compliant, where applicable.
7. Explore inclusion of permeable hardscape materials and sustainable stormwater features, where appropriate, and as suggested by the Urban Design Guidelines.
8. Explore the inclusion of public art, where feasible.
9. Explore spacing lighting fixtures in such a way that they are incorporated into the architectural design.
10. Explore making railing more permeable to allow for visibility of the river.
11. Explore the use of plantings on the bridge.
12. Explore adding additional safety measures to the pedestrian crossings on the island.

OTHER BUSINESS

Urban Design Guidelines Update - Schedule

Items of Interest:

- Richmond 300 Master Plan
- City Sustainability Guidelines
- City Better Streets Manual
- Universal Access

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Schedule:

February	– Organization, Introduction and LCE
March	– Master Plan Items
April	– Sustainability Guidelines
May	– Transportation
June	
August	– Public Facilities
September	- Planning versus emergency response
October	– Character
November	– Finalize

Adjournment