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PUBLIC HEARING DATE

October 27th, 2020

PROPERTY ADDRESS

2211 East Grace Street

DISTRICT

St. John's Church

APPLICANT

Richmond Hill



STAFF CONTACT

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Install pole mounted lights along a masonry wall.

PROJECT DETAILS

- The applicant requests approval to install three pole mounted lights along the rear brick wall surrounding Richmond Hill in the St. John's Church City Old and Historic District. The pole mounted lights will extend 10 feet above the existing brick wall and be down-lit.
- The applicant has indicated that the lights will be used to increase security on the site and deter vandalism to the existing historic masonry wall.
- Staff has confirmed that the pole mounted lights will be installed on Richmond Hill property, and designed to illuminate both sides of the brick wall, including the top.
- Staff has also confirmed that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities support the project.



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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

PREVIOUS REVIEWS

General repair of the existing brick wall surrounding the site was approved with conditions by the Commission in January 2020, which included repointing, new openings in the wall, a metal gate, and signage. Staff approved general repair and in-kind replacement for various buildings on the grounds in November 2019. A major renovation project on the property was approved by the Commission in 2002.

STAFF RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

- Details on lighting intensity and color be submitted for staff review.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Standards for
Site
Improvements,
Street Lighting,
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2. Contemporary lighting may be considered for use in those portions of a site that are not directly in the public view. In these cases, minimal designs that do not detract from the character of the district may be acceptable.

The proposed poles and mounted lights will be installed at the rear of the property along the existing brick wall. While visible from Taylor Hill Park, the lights will be minimally visible from E. Franklin Street. The lights will be a simple, contemporary design that will not detract from the character of the St. John's Church Old and Historic District or the Richmond Hill complex of buildings and site improvements. Staff recommends approval of the proposed light fixtures, with the condition that details on the lighting intensity and color be submitted for administrative approval.

It is the assessment of staff that, with the conditions above, the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Section 30-930.7 (b) and (c) of the City Code, as well as with the Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines, specifically the pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.

FIGURES



Figure 1. View from Taylor Hill Park



Figure 2. View from 23rd and E. Franklin Streets



Figure 3. View from E. Franklin Street



Figure 4. View from 22nd and E. Franklin Street