

City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 7, 2022

10:00 AM

This meeting will be held in person at City Hall.

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Urban Design Committee

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

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present -- 7 - * Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, * Justin Doyle, * Eva Clarke, * Amelia Wehunt, * Jessie Gemmer, * Damon Pearson and * Charles Woodson
Absent -- 2 - * Andrea Quilici and * Committee Member Max Hepp-Buchanan

Approval of Minutes

Secretary's Report

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

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Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Application & Plans - Current July 2022](#)
[Application & Plans \(May 2022\)](#)
[Staff Report to UDC - May 2022](#)
[Staff Report to UDC - July 2022](#)

Planner Oliver provided a presentation.

Representatives of the Applicant provided further details and what adjustments had been made since the review from May 2022. The Applicant also discussed how community engagement was incorporated into the design. Three options of the tunnel were presented.

No Public Comment was received.

This Section 17.05 Review was approved with Staff's recommended conditions with the addition that "Lighting be provided within the pedestrian culvert" to "Lighting be provided within the pedestrian culvert. Additional details on lighting, finished, and art to be submitted to UDC with final review package."

Aye -- 6 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Justin Doyle, Eva Clarke, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson and Charles Woodson

Abstain -- 1 - Amelia Wehunt

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Attachments: [Application & Plans](#)
[400 N Robinson - Staff Report](#)

Planner Roakes provided a presentation.

Representative of the Applicant, Dave Johannas, provided further detail. He clarified that DPW requires that further sidewalk be constructed within the tree wells along the street.

Committee Member Woodson asked if the applicant has considered a parklet.

The Applicant stated the outdoor seating area was already existing and meets the needs of the applicant to a high degree.

Applicant Johannas expressed that the applicant desired something more permanent than a parklet.

Planner Roakes asked about the potential to include tree wells in the in filled area.

The Applicant was receptive to the idea of a tree well but expressed concern about heaving the sidewalk.

Joseph Davenport, DPW, pointed out that a small strip of grass could be a maintenance issue.

The applicant expressed desire to move forward with putting concrete in.

No Public Comment was received.

This Encroachment was approved with conditions recommended by Staff with the addition of "The plans shall be amended to show the grass strip located along the Stuart Avenue sidewalk be removed and paved to match the existing sidewalk." and the amendment of "The applicant shall explore the possibility of placing a new tree well in the existing grass area to be paved, contingent on all applicable City requirements and maintaining a minimum of five (5) foot walk space between any potential tree well and the outdoor seating encroachment subject of this application."

Aye -- 7 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Justin Doyle, Eva Clarke, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson and Charles Woodson

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Attachments: [UDC Report to CPC](#)
[Application and Plans](#)
[5000 Government - Staff Report](#)

Planner Roakes provided a presentation.

DPU Jenn Clarke, project applicant, gave further detail and included that DPU would handle maintenance of the permeable pavers and that Public Art to be discussed with the Public Art Commission. It was further stated that a significant amount of outreach was undertaken to the community. The community expressed that they do not want seating in this location, however there should be trash receptacles.

There was no public comment.

This Location, Character and Extent Item was approved.

Aye -- 7 - Committee Member Luigi Mignardi, Justin Doyle, Eva Clarke, Amelia Wehunt, Jessie Gemmer, Damon Pearson and Charles Woodson

OTHER BUSINESS

Planner Dandridge stated that updated Urban Design Guidelines document was officially posted to the website.

Adjournment