



October 3, 2022

RE: Amended Plans  
UDC 2022-19  
Greening Richmond Public Libraries  
East End Branch Library  
1200 North 25th Street,  
Richmond, 23223

Urban Design Committee Members,

The plans for this project have been updated by the Applicant in response to comments received from the Department of Public Works (DPW), as of 10/03/2022.

The Applicant has removed the provision of pervious pavers in the parking area due to cost issues. The Applicant hopes to provide bio-swale stormwater facilities in the parking lot dependent on further funding. Small changes have been made to the layout of the bike share station and the width of sidewalk and stormwater facilities along the sidewalk has also been adjusted.

The Applicant has provided the remarks below in answer to questions from DPW and lists several changes to the plans.

## **1. ROW TRANSPORTATION**

(a): Sidewalks are too narrow? - SIDEWALK WIDTH HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 7' AND IS NOTED ON DRAWINGS.

(b): Concerns Regarding Bollards? - BOLLARDS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED

(c): River stone will be mortared in place? – YES

(d): Who maintains trash traps? – A THIRD PARTY LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR MAINTAINS ALL RPL PROPERTIES

(e): Confirm design for ADA ramp is up to date. – THIS WILL BE REPLACED IF DPU PROVIDES FUNDING, DECISION TBD. IN THE MEANTIME THERE WILL BE NO CONFLICT WITH EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONCRETE SO IT CAN BE REPLACED IN THE FUTURE.

(f): Does the tree at the corner meet sight triangle site requirements? - YES

(g): Bike Share Power Housing conflicts with walk area in sidewalk. - RELOCATED TO PROPOSED CONCRETE PAD OUTSIDE OF SIDEWALK

## **2. FORESTRY**

(a): Change Fringetrees to Wax Myrtles. - USING A LARGE, FAST GROWING EVERGREEN SHRUB CREATES MAINTENANCE ISSUES. FRINGETREES HAVE BEEN SUBSTITUTED WITH SWEETBAY MAGNOLIAS OR ELIMINATED.



(b): Minimum 10' tree protection zones. - THE EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN ARE PLANTED IN A 5' X 5' TREE WELL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME CONCRETE AROUND THEM IS BEING REMOVED THEREBY INCREASING SPACE FOR THE TREES. FINAL DRAWINGS WILL SPECIFY THAT CONSTRUCTION FENCING WILL ENCIRCLE THE 5' X 5' SPACES AND NO FOOT TRAFFIC OR STORAGE MAY OCCUR IN THAT SPACE.

Feel free to contact me if any questions arise, (804) 646-5467 and [raymond.roakes@grva.gov](mailto:raymond.roakes@grva.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Roakes", written in a cursive style.

Ray Roakes  
Planner/ Secretary to the Urban Design Committee