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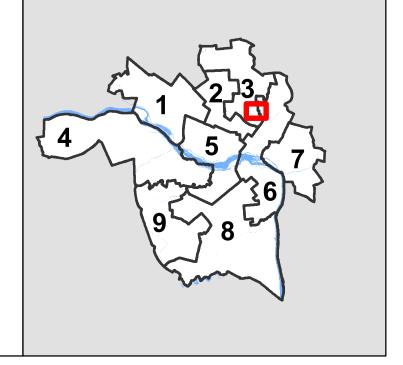
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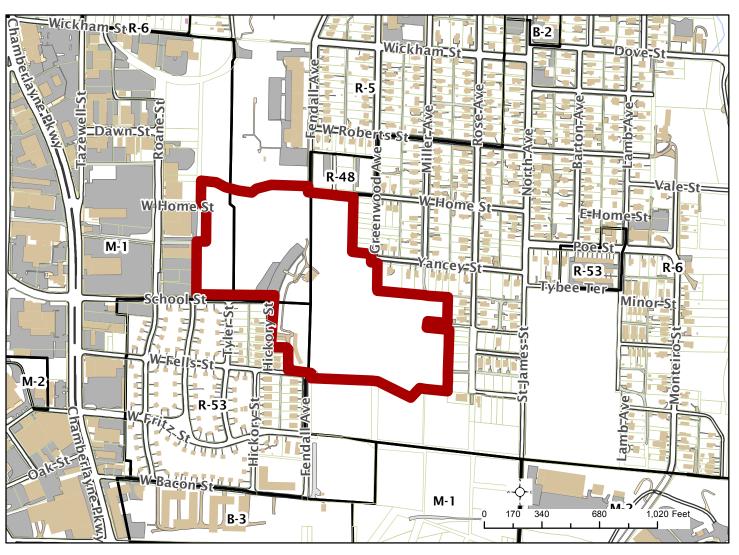
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PROPOSAL: Improvements to the Elson Redmond

Memorial Driving Range



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Application for URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE Review

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Application Type _X_ Addition/Alteration to Existing Structure New Construction Streetscape Site Amenity	Encroachment Master Plan Sign Other	Review Type Conceptual X Final		
Project Name: Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range				
Applicant Information (on all applications other than encroachments, a City agency r	epresentative must be the applicant)		
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Submittal Deadlines				

All applications and support materials must be filed no later than 21 days prior to the scheduled meeting of the Urban Design Committee (UDC). Please see the schedule on page 3 as actual deadlines are adjusted due to City holidays. Late or incomplete submissions will be deferred to the next meeting.

Filing

Applications can be mailed or delivered to the attention of "Urban Design Committee" at the address listed at the top of this page. It is important that the applicant discuss the proposal with appropriate City agencies, Zoning Administration staff, and area civic associations and residents prior to filing the application with the UDC.

UDC Background

The UDC is a ten member committee created by City Council in 1968 whose purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission on the design of projects on City property or right-of-way. The UDC provides advice of an aesthetic nature in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commission under Sections 17.05, 17.06 and 17.07 of the City Charter. The UDC also advises the Department of Public Works in regards to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.

APPLICATION FOR CITY OF RICHMOND (the "City") URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE REVIEW DETAILED NARRATIVE FOR FINAL REVIEW UDC NO. 2016-08

<u>Applicant</u>: The Department of Park, Recreation, and Community Facilities (the "Department")/The First Tee of Richmond & Chesterfield ("The First Tee")

<u>Project</u>: Renovations to Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range

<u>Location</u>: 400 School Street, Richmond, Virginia 23222

Project Background:

The First Tee is a youth development organization that uses the platform of golf to teach life skills and healthy habits to young people from all economic circumstances. Since its inception in the Richmond-area 17 years ago, The First Tee has established itself as a well-respected youth development organization serving over 75,000 children of all ages, races, backgrounds and abilities.

The First Tee leases from the City certain property located at 400 School Street, Richmond, Virginia 23222 for the operation of the Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range, which includes a six-hole par three course (the "Course" and collectively, the "Driving Range"). The First Tee and the City first entered into this long-term lease agreement in 2002, and the agreement has been subsequently renewed (collectively, the "Lease"). The First Tee operates the Driving Range for use by the public and for The First Tee's programs. As The First Tee seeks approval for the renovations to the Driving Range described herein, The First Tee is simultaneously working with The Department and the City Attorney's Office to extend the term of the Lease. If the renovations described herein are approved and if the Lease is renewed on acceptable terms, then The First Tee will construct the renovations at its cost and expense. The Driving Range abuts residential areas to the south, east, and northeast, an elementary school to the north, and a commercial area along Chamberlayne Avenue to the west.

Conceptual Review:

On February 17, 2016, the First Tee submitted its application for conceptual review of the Project by the Urban Design Committee (the "UDC"). On March 10, 2016, the UDC met and considered the First Tee's application. The UDC made certain recommendations for the Project, as discussed below, which were subsequently approved by the Planning Commission on their consent agenda at the March 21, 2016 meeting. The recommendations (in italics), and the First Tee's responses (in plain text), are set forth below.

- That the final plans show locations of site amenities, including fixed signage, benches, and lighting. These locations have been added to the plans. Please see page 7 of the Baskervill/Timmons Group plans.
- That the final plans include a landscape plan and schedule showing tree species, quantity, location, and size at the time of installation. Please see the Silvercore Landscape Plan and page 7 of the Baskervill/Timmons Group plans.

- That the park benches represent the contemporary design of the structure and surroundings. A more contemporary park bench has been selected. Please see page 8 of the Baskervill/Timmons Group plans.
- To consider installing rainwater containment systems for irrigation. Installation of an underground rainwater containment system would not be viable. As a former landfill, the Project site is subject to limitations on what can be placed underground and at what depth. Based on discussions with consultants, we do not believe that an underground system could be installed in compliance with regulations applicable for former landfill sites. These same concerns apply for a surface rainwater pond, in addition to the fact that the site is crowned, so it would be very difficult to install a rainwater pond with sufficiently fortified walls to contain the rainwater. Finally, based on discussions with consultants, we believe that installation of a rainwater containment system could increase the costs of the project by as much as 50%. As a result, we do not believe installation of a rainwater containment system is feasible for the Project.
- To consider alternate materials for the surface treatment for the proposed asphalt courtyard. The proposed asphalt surface has been replaced with Hanover Asphalt Block pavers. Please see page 11 of the Baskervill/Timmons Group plans. We believe this is a cost-efficient alternative that provides better aesthetics, but still allows for the necessary durability.
- That the final plans submit photographs and more in-depth drawings. Please see the Baskervill/Timmons Group plans.

We appreciate the UDC's comments, and we believe we have considered and responded to each as appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Project Purpose:

The First Tee plans to enhance the clubhouse at the Driving Range (the "Clubhouse") to include youth-centric facilities where the life skills and Nine Core Values of The First Tee can complement activity-based golf programs for kids and teens who may not previously have been exposed to the game of golf. In addition, upgrades to the Clubhouse will benefit the general public through an expanded pro shop, better accessibility, and more inviting facilities. The First Tee also would like to make significant improvements to the practice facilities and course in several ways, including: better turf conditions, upgraded bunkers, improved greens, more defined hitting targets, and additional routes and hitting directions on the courses.

The proposed renovations to the Clubhouse and the immediately surrounding area will include:

- Constructing a safe, innovative, First Tee branded learning environment in a portion of the Clubhouse.
- Creating a new space in the Clubhouse with an interactive classroom, golf simulator, and collaborative afterschool hangout space to engage youths and enable coaches and mentors to increase their impact.

- Building a welcoming public entrance to the Clubhouse that houses clean and accessible public restrooms, vending machines, self-pay and serve ball machine and a modest pro shop with gloves, balls, tees, etc.
- Converting a hitting bay into an outdoor patio, additional storage, and retail kiosk.
- Installing improved signage, benches, railings, and lighting to increase accessibility and comfort for visitors to the Driving Range.

The proposed renovations to the Driving Range (including the Course, but excluding the Clubhouse and the immediately surrounding area) will include:

- Re-establishing the turf as 419 Bermuda grass.
- Converting all putting surfaces to Champion Bermuda grass.
- Renovating bunkers.
- Installing 20 artificial tee boxes for all-weather use.
- Enlarging the chipping green.
- Adding landscaping for screening purposes.
- Adding a separate tee box.

Project Budget, Funding Sources, and Construction Program and Timing:

The First Tee estimates that the renovations to the Clubhouse will cost approximately \$600,000.00 and the renovations to the Driving Range (excluding the Clubhouse) will cost approximately \$500,000.00. The First Tee has obtained the funds for the renovations from donations from individuals, partnerships, and foundations. Construction on the renovations could begin after receipt of approval from the UDC and the Planning Commission for the improvements, together with approval and execution of a renewal to the Lease. The First Tee's proposed timeline for the renovations is set forth below:

- <u>June July 2016</u>: Phase One of the turf re-establishment and sustainability plan, which is estimated to take 8-10 weeks. This would include re-grassing of the Course and renovating the bunkering and the greens on the Course.
- <u>December 2016 February 2017</u>: Clubhouse renovations to be completed by Hourigan Construction.
- <u>June July 2017</u>: Phase Two of the turf re-establishment and sustainability plan, which is estimated to take 6-8 weeks. This would include re-grassing the Driving Range (excluding the Course) and tee, adding an artificial turf strip on the back of the main tee, and building a new tee on the south end of the hitting bay.

The First Tee seeks to renovate the Driving Range to enhance the youth-centric facilities where the life skills and Nine Core Values of The First Tee can complement activity-based golf programs for kids and teens who may not previously have been exposed to the game of golf. In addition, these improvements to the Driving Range will benefit the general public by providing significantly improved recreation facilities, providing a valuable benefit to the City and its residents.

Background on The First Tee:

The mission of The First Tee is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Young people do not automatically act with integrity or demonstrate sportsmanship. The acquisition of values is often a by-product of a series of complex processes that evolve from individual experiences. The First Tee Life Skills education programs teach participants a set of life skills to allow them to face challenges at home, school, and at play in a constructive manner. The goal is for participants to internalize the Nine Core Values at the heart of The First Tee's mission - Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy, and Judgment. As The First Tee continues to impact our participants through the First Tee Life Skills programs, the waterfall effect will positively influence the lives of Central Virginia's youth for generations to come.

The First Tee recently adopted a comprehensive three year strategic plan that directly supports our mission - to positively impact the lives of young people in the Richmond metropolitan area through educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. The plan seeks to maximize the quality and capacity of our Board, Staff, Programs and Facilities to help make a life-long impact on the youth of the Richmond metropolitan area.

The First Tee plans to:

- STRENGTHEN its Board of Directors and model leading practices in nonprofit board governance.
- PROMOTE its brand and programs throughout the Richmond metropolitan area, inspired by the spirit of our Founders.
- SUSTAIN its programs and impact through resource development and partnerships.
- ACHIEVE consistent delivery of high-quality program offerings while adhering to The First Tee Life & Golf Skills Curriculum.
- OPTIMIZE its operations for greater effectiveness, efficiency and impact.

One of the ways The First Tee can achieve its strategic vision is provide top-notch, high-quality learning environments and to ensure the proper upkeep and enhancement of facilities, equipment, and capital investments. As a result, The First Tee seeks to renovate the Clubhouse and the Driving Range as described in this application.

The First Tee's partnership with the City has been a success and serves the needs of both parties:

- For the City, the Driving Range provides a public golf facility and home for its own golf programs, at no cost to the City.
- For The First Tee, the Driving Range provides a location within the City for its youth-development programs.

Research study results confirm The First Tee Life Skills Education is having a lasting impact on youth who complete the training. Chesterfield children and parents were part of this national research study that reported the following:

- 76% of parents observed an increase in their child's confidence.
- 74% of parents observed positive changes in their child's acceptance of responsibility.
- 52% of parents reported that their child made better grades in school.
- 91% of children reported that they make healthy choices and defined the importance of physical, mental, emotional and social wellness.
- 78% of children cited examples of how they use skills learned at The First Tee to plan for the future.
- 100% of children used methods to manage negative thoughts and emotions in a number of life domains.

The following demographic information describes the children currently enrolled in the Life Skills Education program:

Gender		Ethnicity		Age Range	
Male	65%	African-American	63%	5-9	43%
Female	35%	Caucasian	27%	10-13	49%
		Asian-American	6%	14-17	8%
		Hispanic-American	3%		
		Other	1%		

First Tee of Richmond Facilities Improvements

404 School Street Richmond, VA

UDC Final Review April 14, 2016







existing site plan with proposed demolition





Existing trellis to be demolished.



Clubhouse to remain.

Existing small building to be demolished to accomodate new pedestrian entry.



Small building and site stairs to be demolished to accomodate new accessible ramp, stairs, and pedestrian entry



Trellis to be demolished

existing conditions





existing small building and existing trellis to be demolished



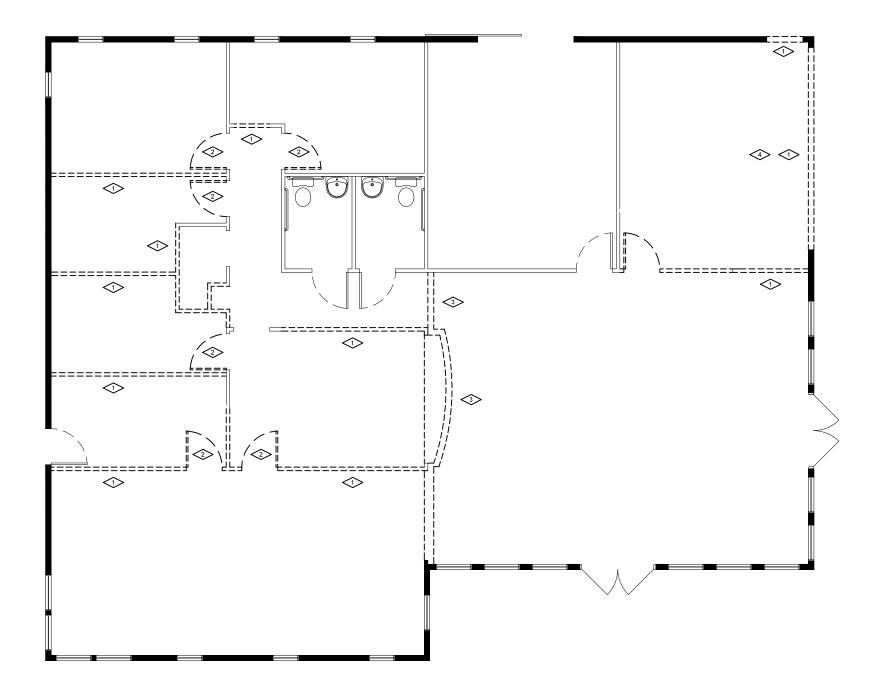












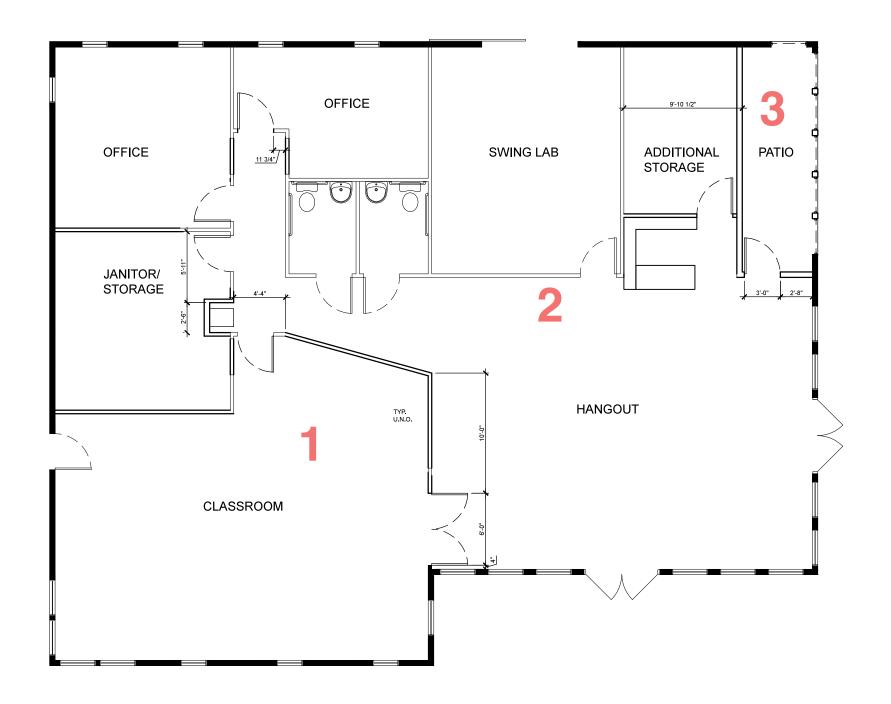
KEYED DEMOLITION NOTES

- REMOVE EXISTING WALL
- REMOVE EXISTING DOOR AND FRAME. RETAIN FOR REUSE/RELOCATION.
- REMOVE EXISTING SOFFIT, RETAIN LIGHTS FOR POTENTIAL RE-USE.
- 4 REMOVE EXISITING FINISHED FLOORING.

Clubhouse demolition plan







expand classroom & office space by relocating existing pro-shop and reconfiguring kitchen & supply rooms

dedicate wall space for first tee nine core values, associated imagery

reconfigure
hitting bay 2 into
outdoor patio,
additional storage,
& retail kiosk

Clubhouse renovation plan





reconfigure
large building
to accomodate
programs, public
and pro-shop
(see 1 - 3)

demolish smaller building and rethink entry courtyard

introduce site-unifying elements like signage, benches, railings & lighting

define entry with distinctive paving materials and beautiful shady trees!

proposed conceptual site plan

PLANT SCHEDULE QTY BOTANICAL NAME REMARKS COMMON NAME MINIMUM INSTALLED SIZE ROOT TIL GRE TILIA CORDATA 'GREENSPIRE' GREENSPIRE LITTLELEAF LINDEN 2.5" CAL. B&B SPECIMEN EXISTING BUILDING CONCRETE SIDEWALK - GROUND LIGHT - SEAT WALL GROUND LIGHT, TYP. OF (3) **GROUND LIGHT** - BENCH SEAT WALL - GROUND LIGHT GROUND LIGHT, TYP. EX. ASPHALT PAVING - GROUND LIGHT ASPHALT PAVERS BENCH-EX. ASPHALT PAVING BOLLARD LIGHT -TYP. OF (4) (•) (•) (•) (•) (• i (\bullet) TIL GRE(8)-**BOLLARD LIGHT** MULCHLINE - TYP. TYP. OF (10) AT (\bullet) STAIRS - ENTRY SIGN **CONCRETE STEPS** HANDRAIL · Baskervill **TIMMONS GROUP** YOUR VISION ACHIEVED THROUGH OURS.

entry signage

benches







BALANCETM BENCH

The **Balance Bench** is an elegant and durable public seating solution perfect for a wide range of environments. Bold and beautiful in form, the cantilever frame is constructed of rustproof solid cast aluminum. Seats are made from corrosion-resistant stainless steel. Available in backed and backless versions, the Balance Bench is ideal for transportation centers, campuses, municipal spaces or any setting where robust construction and superb design are priorities.

MATERIAL & CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

FRAME	SEAT	ARMRESTS	INSTALLATION	
Frame is made of solid cast aluminum with powdercoat finish.	Seats are formed from stainless steel sheet with 1.2" (30 mm) hexagonal perforations.	All benches have two armrests that are integral parts of the	Balance Benches must be surface mounted. Anchors and stainless steel mounting screws are included.	
 See the Forms+Surfaces Powdercoat Chart for details. Custom RAL colors are available for an 	 Seats come in two standard stainless steel finishes, Sandstone and Satin, or can be 	frame end castings.		
upcharge.	powdercoated.	OPTIONAL SEAT DIVIDERS	MAINTENANCE	
Due to the inherent nature of metal castings, gloss powdercoats are not offered for cast components. See the Forms+Surfaces Powdercoat Chart for details. Custom RAL colors are available for an upcharge.	One or two optional seat dividers per bench are available for an upcharge. Seat dividers are solid aluminum and are powdercoated to match the frame.	Metal surfaces can be cleaned as needed using a soft cloth or brush with warm water and a mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners.		

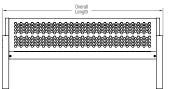
Sandstone is a High-Durability finish, designated by the "HD" logo below, and is manufactured in a process that creates a work-hardened surface with enhanced resistance to abrasion and wear.

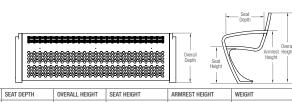




NOMINAL DIMENSIONS

MODELS





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75" (1905 mm)	23" (584 mm)	18" (457 mm)	32.9" (836 mm)	17.3" (439 mm)	24.7" (627 mm)	121.9 lbs (55.3 kg)
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*NOTE: Because different computers, monitors and printers render colors differently, actual colors will vary slightly from those shown here.

introduce site-unifying elements like signage, benches...





railings







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lighting











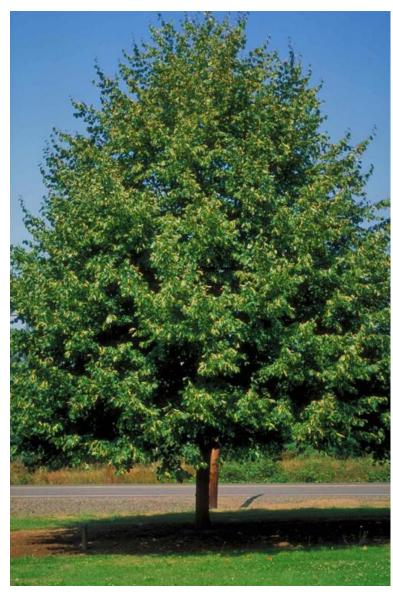








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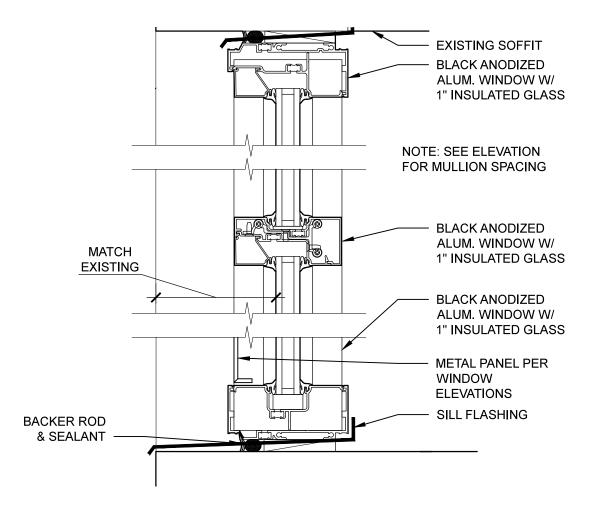




install energy efficient aluminum glazed window system











Renovated clubhouse and pedestrian entry





