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Subject: BAR Action - September 15, 2015 - Garrett Street/Ridge Street Bridge

September 23, 2015

Carrie Rainey; City of Charlottesville 610 E Market Street Charlottesville, VA 22902

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 15-09-09 Garrett Street/Ridge Street Bridge Carrie Rainey, Applicant/City of Charlottesville, Owner Landscape and Hardscape Improvement

Dear Applicant,

The above referenced project was discussed before a meeting of the City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review (BAR) on September 15, 2015. The following action was taken:

The BAR approved the stair and sidewalk plan (8-0), with the landscaping plan and grading to come back to the BAR for approval. They also requested an investigation into a lower fence (5 feet versus 8 feet) with an accurate depiction of that height on the drawing.

Please submit the additional information for BAR review.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Joy Scala, AICP Preservation and Design Planner

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CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW STAFF REPORT September 15, 2015



Certificate of Appropriateness Application

BAR 15-09-09
Garrett Street/Ridge Street Bridge
Carrie Rainey, Applicant/City of Charlottesville, Owner
Landscape and Hardscape Improvement

Background

The property owners at 204 Ridge Street previously requested that the public stairs be closed between Ridge Street and Garrett Street due to a trespassing problem they were experiencing. Instead, a staff recommendation was made to PLACE and to City Council to improve the stairs to make the area more open, and less inviting to unwanted activities.

Application

The existing pedestrian stairs connecting the western end of Garrett Street with Ridge Street was identified in the Strategic Investment Area (SIA) Plan adopted by the City in 2013 as a connection in need of improvement. The stair's design and orientation, the proximity of the railroad, and the presence of overgrown vegetation creates an uncomfortable condition for both pedestrians using the stairs and adjacent land owners. Council directed staff to pursue re-orienting the stairs and providing a new, low-maintenance design for the open area surrounding the stairs to discourage loitering and maximize visibility while creating a pleasing environment. The design presented has been modified to overcome utility conflicts and limited funding availability for continued maintenance of any proposed vegetation.

Criteria and Guidelines

Review Criteria Generally

Sec. 34-284(b) of the City Code states that,

In considering a particular application the BAR shall approve the application unless it finds:

- (1) That the proposal does not meet specific standards set forth within this division or applicable provisions of the Design Guidelines established by the board pursuant to Sec.34-288(6); and
- (2) The proposal is incompatible with the historic, cultural or architectural character of the district in which the property is located or the protected property that is the subject of the application.

Pertinent Standards for Review of Construction and Alterations include:

- (1) Whether the material, texture, color, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable design control district;
- (2) The harmony of the proposed change in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances, windows, awnings, exterior stairs and signs;
- (3) The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation set forth within the Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R. §67.7(b)), as may be relevant;
- (4) The effect of the proposed change on the historic district neighborhood;

- (5) The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls and walks;
- (6) Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures;
- (8) Any applicable provisions of the City's Design Guidelines.

Pertinent Design Review Guidelines - Public Design & Improvements

A. Introduction

Public spaces define the spatial organization of the City, forming the basis for social, cultural, and economic interaction. The Downtown Pedestrian Mall is the centerpiece of the community. Charlottesville's historic parks, trails, boulevards, cemeteries, playgrounds, and other open spaces help balance the desired urban density and promote healthy living and quality of life. Public spaces accommodate multiple functions and provide social venues. The historic uses and organization of public spaces represent a timeline of cultural practices and values of the community. Significant features should be identified and respected when changes are proposed. New public spaces and improvements should reflect contemporary design principles and values.

Charlottesville has a rich history of public improvements, which include public buildings, bridges, streetscape landscaping and lighting, street furniture, monuments, public art, fountains, and signage. Many of these improvements have been made within the historic districts, and there will be the opportunity to create additional such amenities in future years. All changes or improvements require BAR review and approval, and should be compatible with the general architectural features and character of an area or district. Repairs and maintenance should match original materials and design, and should be accomplished in a historically appropriate manner.

All public improvements should reflect the quality and attention to detail and craftsmanship of the overall historic districts' character.

B. Plazas, Parks & Open Spaces

- 1) Maintain existing spaces and important site features for continued public use.consistent with the original design intent,
- 2) Maintain significant elements in a historic landscape: grave markers, structures, landforms, landscaping, circulation patterns, boundaries, and site walls.
- Design new spaces to reinforce streetscape and pedestrian goals for the district. These areas
 offer the opportunity to provide visual focal points and public gathering spaces for the
 districts.
- 4) New landscaping should be historically and regionally appropriate, indigenous when possible, and scaled for the proposed location and intended use.
- 5) Exterior furniture and site accessories should be compatible with the overall character of the park or open space.
- 6) Repairs and maintenance work should match original materials and design, and should be accomplished in a historically appropriate manner.
- 7) Avoid demolishing historic buildings to create open spaces and parks.

C. Public Buildings and Structures

- 1) Public buildings should follow design guidelines for new construction.
- 2) New structures, including bridges, should reflect contemporary design principles.

D. Streets, Walks, & Curbs

- 1) Retain historic paving or curbing.
- 2) If any historic paving or curbing is uncovered in future public projects, consider reusing it or parts of it in the new project.

- 3) Make street paving consistent throughout districts.
- 4) When widening existing streets provide sidewalks, street trees, and other elements that maintain the street wall and emphasize the human scale.
- 5) Limit paved areas to streets, driveways and pedestrian areas.
- 6) Consider using some type of distinctive crosswalks at key intersections or crossings.
- 7) Avoid faux techniques or appearances in materials, such as stamped asphalt or concrete.
- 8) When sidewalks must be repaired, match adjacent materials in design, color, texture, and tooling.
- 9) Avoid variation in sidewalk and curb materials.
- 10) When sidewalks need replacement, use a paving unit, such as brick or concrete with a tooled or saw cut joint that relates to the scale of the districts.
- 11) Avoid excessive curb cuts for vehicular access across pedestrian ways.
- 12) Where curb cuts are necessary, they should be consistent with other curb cuts in the area.mark
- 13) Do not block sidewalks with street furniture elements.
- 14) Remove obsolete signs and poles.

E. Street Trees & Plantings

- 1) Maintain existing plantings in public rights of way.
- 2) Replace damaged or missing street trees with appropriate species. New street trees should be planted in appropriate locations. Consult the City-approved plant list.
- 3) Install plantings in areas like medians, divider strips, and traffic islands.
- 4) Locate planters so that they do not block sidewalks.

F. Lighting

- 1) In pedestrian areas, use smaller-scaled light fixtures that do not create a glare.
- 2) Light fixtures can vary according to district or sub-area and can be in traditional or contemporary styles.
- 3) Provide adequate lighting at critical areas of pedestrian/vehicular conflict, such as parking lots, alleys, and crosswalks.
- 4) Limit the number of styles of light fixtures and light sources used in each district except in cases of varying sub-areas or distinctive areas, such as bridges.
- 5) Light color and intensity should be consistent throughout a general area or subarea of a historic district. Use similar lamping (bulb type) and/or wattage to maintain a consistent quality of light.
- 6) Provide street lighting fixtures with flat lenses that are shielded and directed down to the site in order to reduce glare and prevent uplighting.

Recommendations and Discussion

Staff recommends the proposed plan,

Suggested Motion

Having considered the standards set forth within the City Code, including City Design Guidelines for Public Design and Improvements, I move to find that the proposed new stair and landscaping improvements satisfy the BAR's criteria and are compatible with this property and other properties in the Ridge Street ADC district, and that the BAR approves the proposal as submitted (or with the following modifications...).



Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Certificate of Appropriateness

Please Return To: City of Charlottesville

Department of Neighborhood Development Services

P.O. Box 911, City Hall Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Telephone (434) 970-3130 Fax (434) 970-3359

Please submit ten (10) copies of application form and all attachments.

For a new construction project, please include \$375 application fee. For all other projects requiring BAR approval, please include \$125 application fee. For projects that require only administrative approval, please include \$100 administrative fee. Make checks payable to the City of Charlottesville.

The BAR meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Deadline for submittals is Tuesday 3 weeks prior to next BAR meeting by 3:30 p.m.

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Garrett Street stairs description

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Let me know if I need to add more ©

Carrie Rainey, RLA

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Area of Study:

The west end of Garrett Street and Ridge Street specifically the pedestrian path that connects to a stairway to the sidewalk of Ridge.







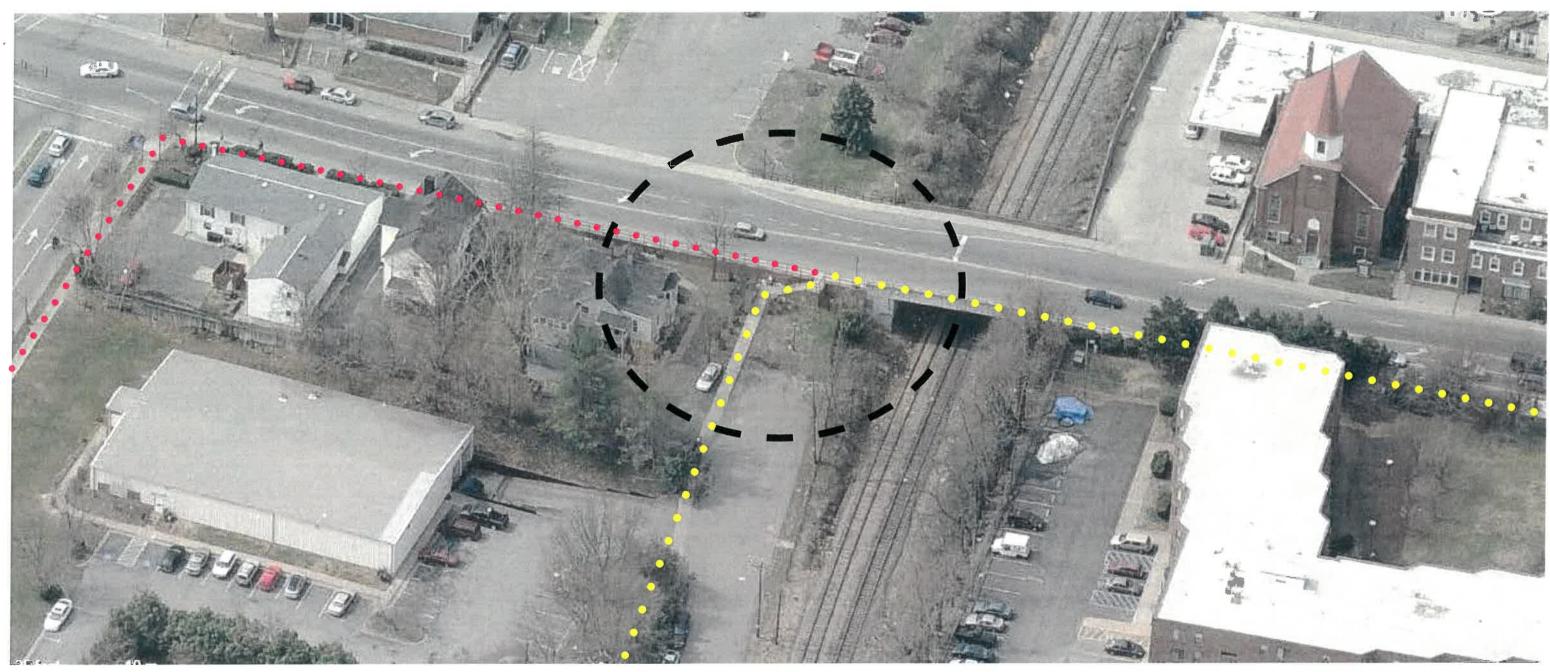
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Primary Pedestrian Route

Secondary Pedestrian Route

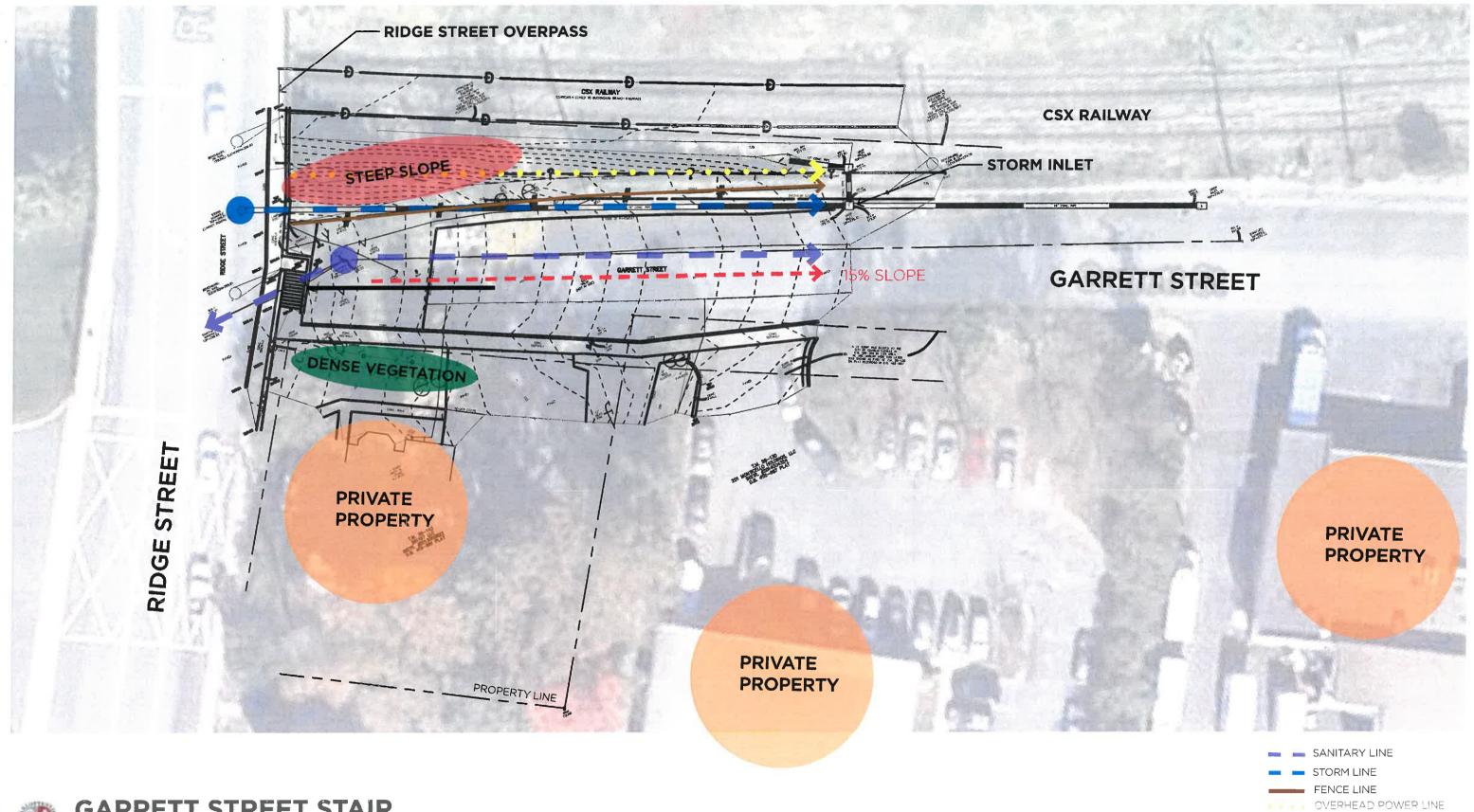
Project Understanding:

The City of Charlottesville is planning to make improvements to the current configuration of the stair and pedestrian way, which connects Garrett Street to Ridge Street. The stair allows pedestrians to traverse grade change. This configuration needs improvements to allow for greater visibility and safety for the area. Our goal is to provide an improved pedestrian connection that maintains high visibility, safe passage, and becomes an attractive place while providing appropriate separation from public and private property and railroad area.

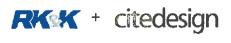


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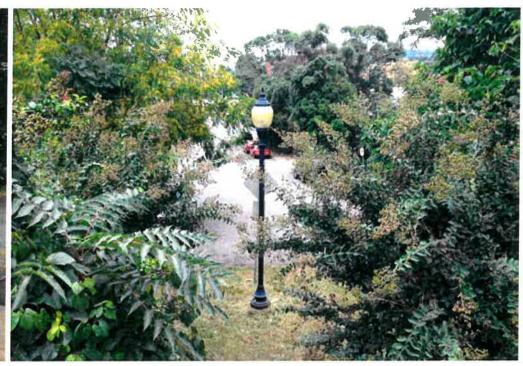












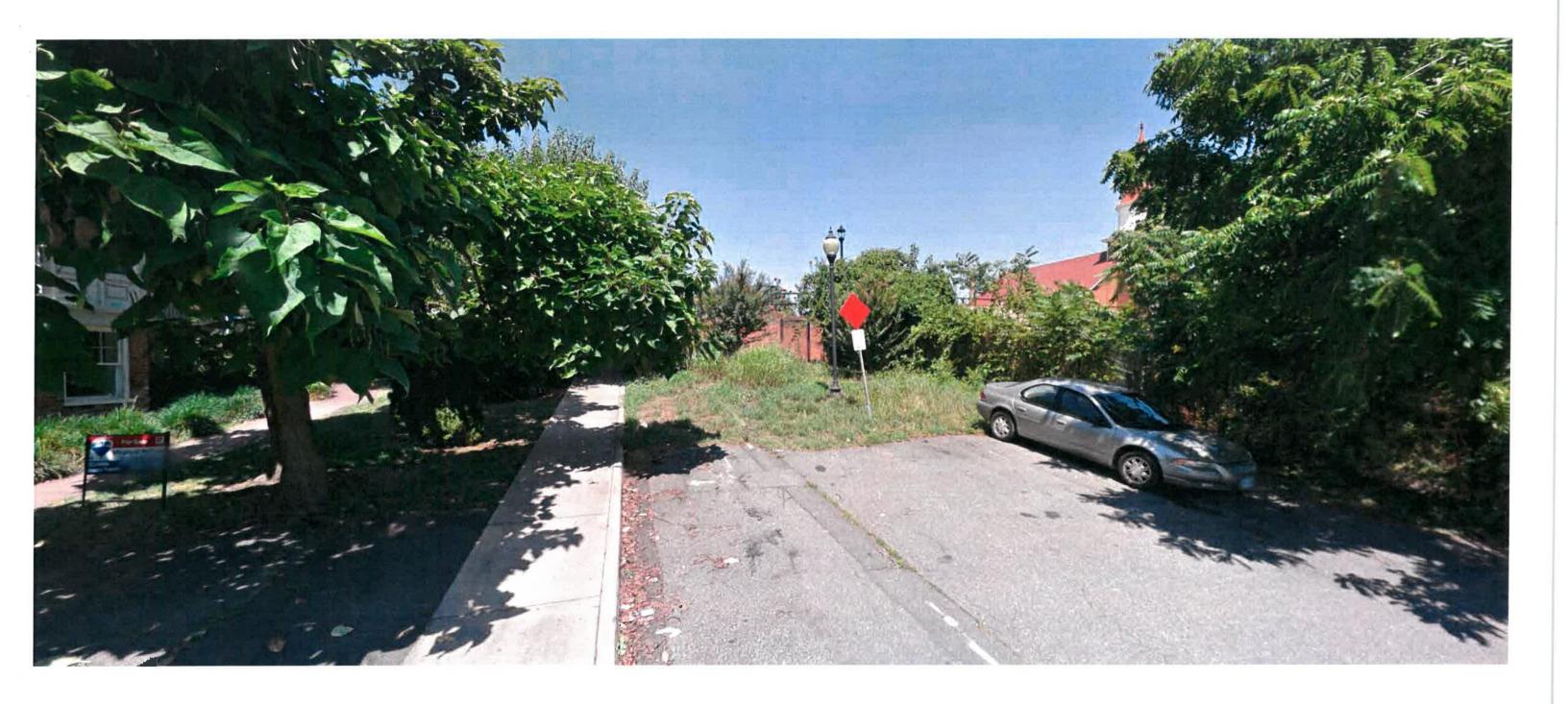


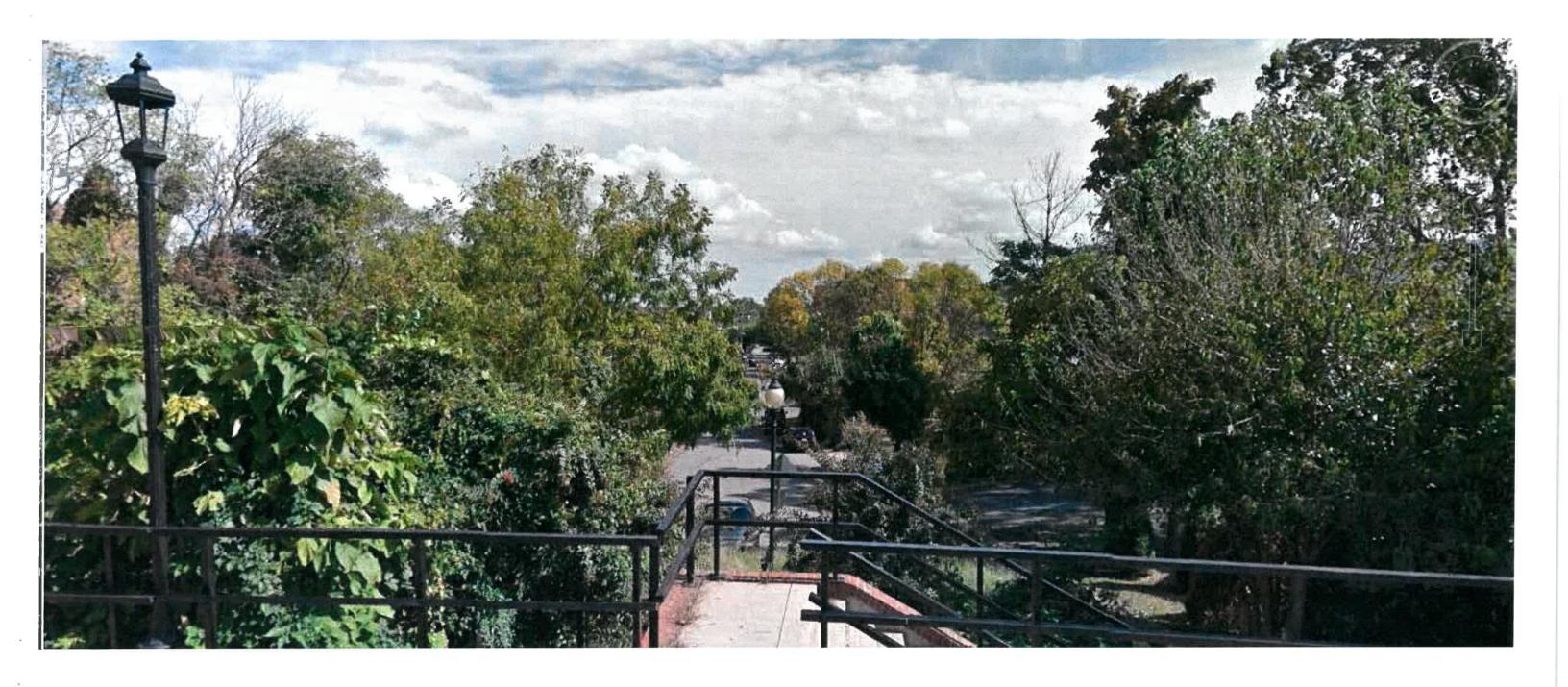


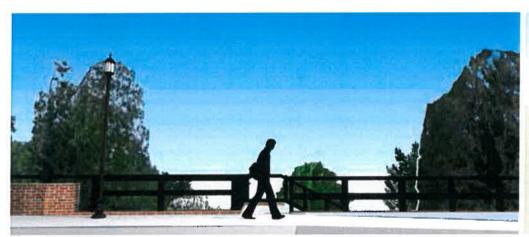


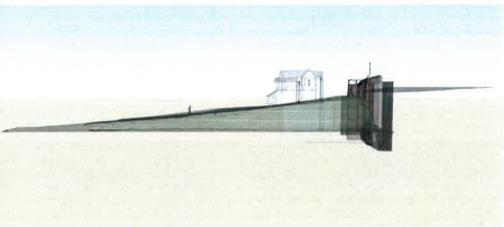


















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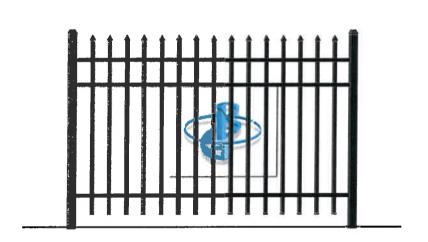




City Standards Site Elements:



Existing City of Charlottesville Signage



City of Charlottesville Standard Fence Type

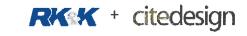


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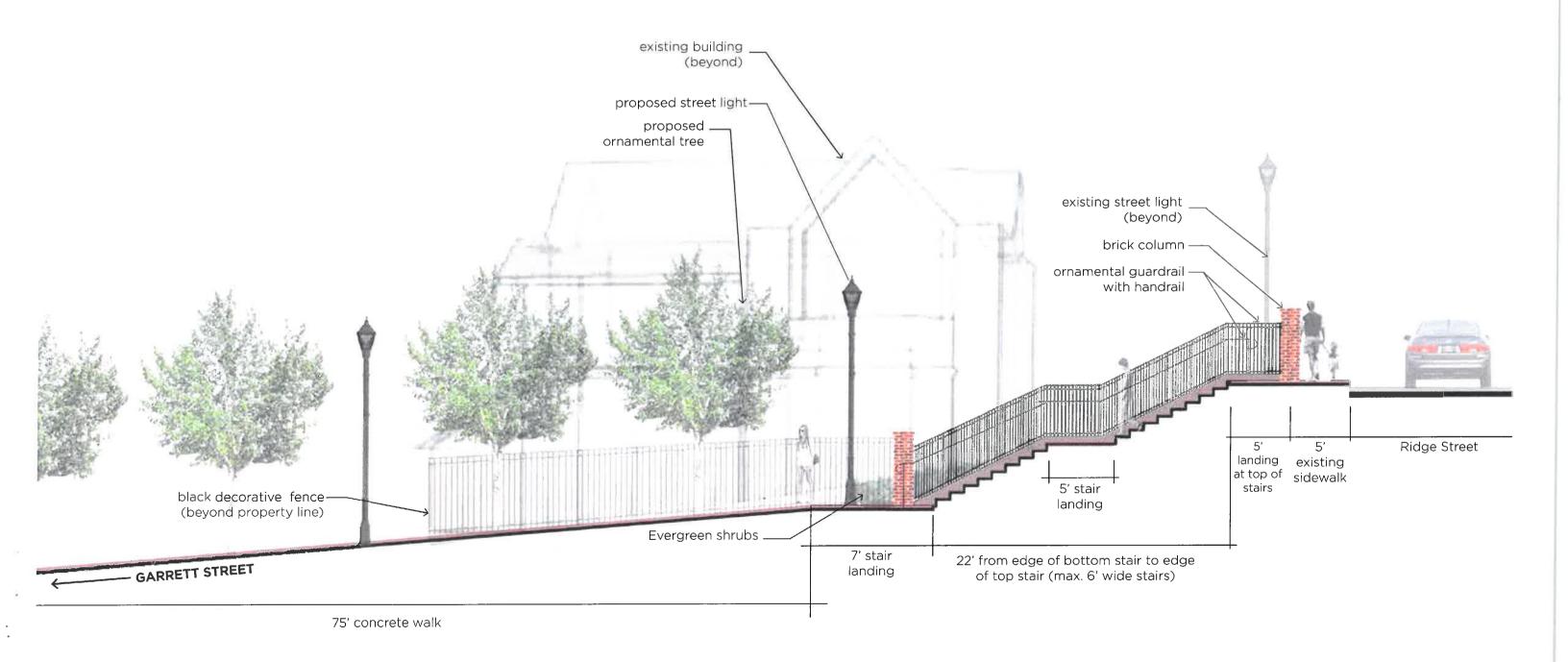
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GARRETT STREET STAIRS

APPENDIX

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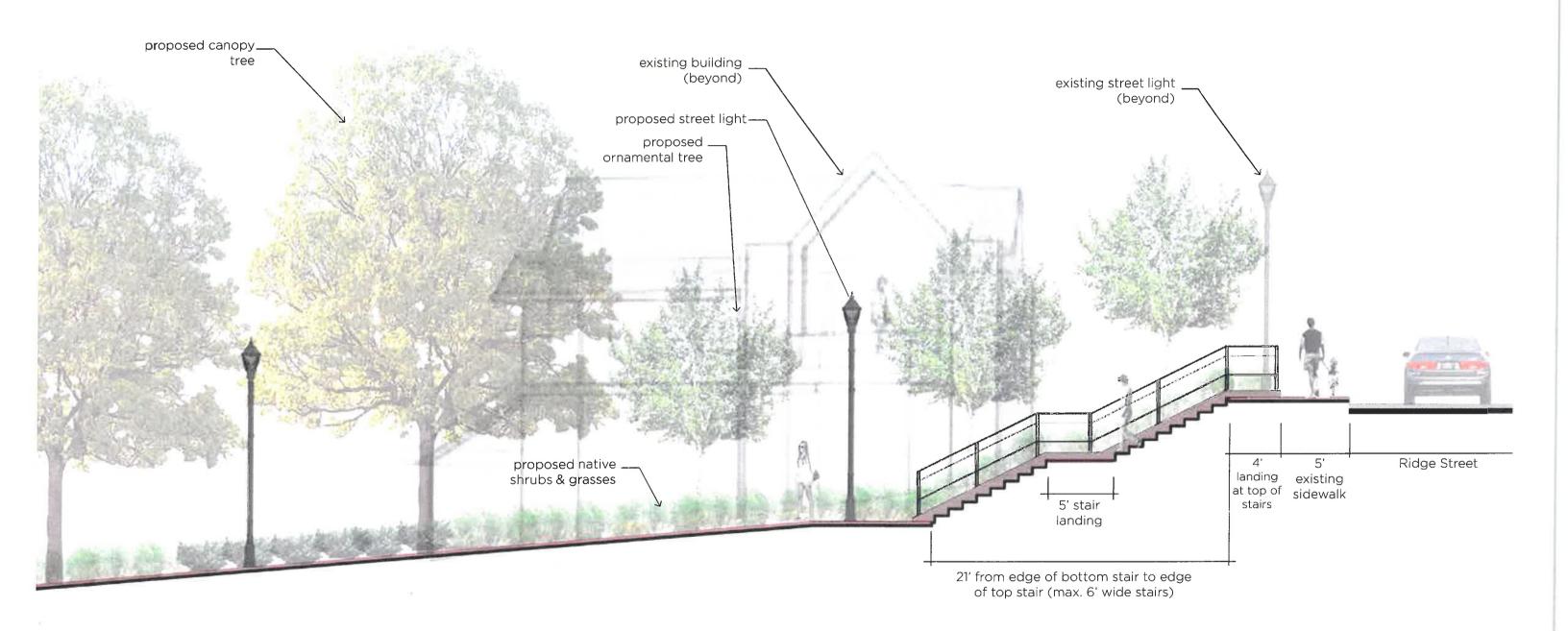


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Garrett Street Stairs

Streetscape Landscape and Hardscape Plans

City of Charlottesville, Virginia August 25, 2015

Project Team:

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General Note

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2 Trees and light fixture locations will be field adjusted to avoid conflicts with utility and drainage structures as constructed

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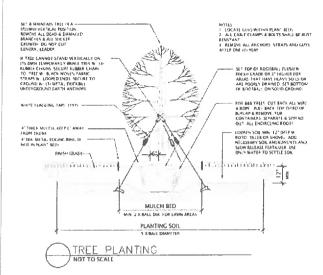
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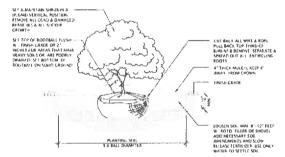
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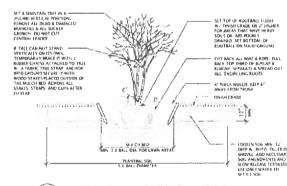
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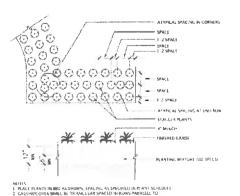




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Planting Notes

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- 2. Contractor shall verify plant material quantities shown on plan with totals in planting schedule. Notify Landscape Architect of any discrepancies prior to final bidding
- 3. All plant materials shall be guaranteed for one full year to be in a healthy growing condition. Plant materials which do not fulfill this guarantee shall be replaced at no cost to the owner. Replacement shall be guaranteed throughout the original guarantee period. Plants that die shall be replaced immediately.
- 4. Contractor is responsible for watering all plant material during installation and until final inspection and acceptance by owner. Contractor shall not assume irrigation system is fully operational at completion of planting installation.
- 5. Contractor is responsible for contacting Miss Utility prior to beginning of construction for location of all utility lines. Trees shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from sewer/water connections.
- 6. All plant materials, topsoil, mulch, fertilizers, soil amenities, planting supplies and methods shall be subject to LA approval. Rejected materials shall be removed from the site without delay.
- 7. All plant materials and planting methods shall conform to A.A.N. Standards.
- 8 Contractor shall layout and mark location for all plant material, planting, and improvements shown and request in field approval from LA
- 9. Beds to contain shrubs or ground cover shall be tilled to a depth of 6" and the soil conditioned by adding clean, well rooted manure. If existing soil is considered to be unusable by owner, beds shall be treated to eliminate weeds and weed seeds.
- 10. All planting bed areas shall be covered with a 3" min. layer of medium texture shredded hardwood mulch. Unless otherwise noted
- 11. All substitutions of plant material shall be requested in writing to the landscape architect and approved in writing by the owner
- 12. All planting operations shall be under the supervision of an experienced plantsman
- 13. For trees balled in wire baskets, cut and remove top and sides of basket after installation.
- 14. Landscape Architect reserves the right to reject any plants and materials that are in an unhealthy or unsightly condition, as well as plants and materials that do not conform to A.A.N. Standards See American Standard For Nursery Stock (current edition).
- 15. Soil shall be free of all weeds
- 16. Any area within the limit of work that is disturbed shall be either re-seeded or mulched to match existing conditions
- 17. Contractor to provide gator bags for all new trees.
- 18. Contractor to conduct soil tests within landscape areas and amend soils with compost and/or fertilizer as recommended by the results of the test. Soil sampling to follow guidelines recommended by Virginia Tech Soil Testing Lab.

Plant Schedule Explanatory Notes:

- The following plant palette is prepared as a selection of planting materials.
- Where an abbreviation is shown, the following notes apply.
 Quan quantity of plant materials required for the project (Note: contractor responsible to verify quantities indicated, Plan shall take precedence over schedule).

Abbry. - Botanical abbreviation

Botanical/common - name of plant material

Height - height of plant material

Spread - diameter of plant material

Cont. - container type in which plant material is encased upon
site delivery (size shall take precedence over
container).

Spacing - distance from center of each plant (plan shall take precedence over schedule)

Cal. - caliper/diameter of trunk (refer to specs for more information - caliper shall take precedence over height and spread)

Notes - specific notes further specifying or describing plant material

- The contractor shall locate all proposed and existing utilities prior to the beginning of work. The contractor shall repair any damage to utilities that are disturbed as a result of the work.
- 4 The contractor shall maintain all grassed areas, including the repair of erosion areas, until the grass has reached the level of final acceptance and throughout maintenance contract period, if applicable.
- All areas that are disturbed by construction inside or outside the limit of work shall be repaired, graded, and grassed.
 All plant beds shall receive double shredded hardwood muich at
- a depth of 3".

 7. All printing trees to be equal will have tree harrington installed.
- 7. All existing trees to be saved will have tree barricades installed around them prior to beginning of demolition. All work in those areas is to be done by hand. Fences shall be maintained and kept in place at all times.
- Provide erosion control where slopes are greater than 3.1 and where erosion is reoccurring
- All tree, shrub, and ground cover materials shall be planted within 24 hours after delivery.
- 10. Apply weed germination inhibitor ("Preen" or equal) to all plant bed areas.
- 11 Any plants located in direct sun shall be nursery sun grown

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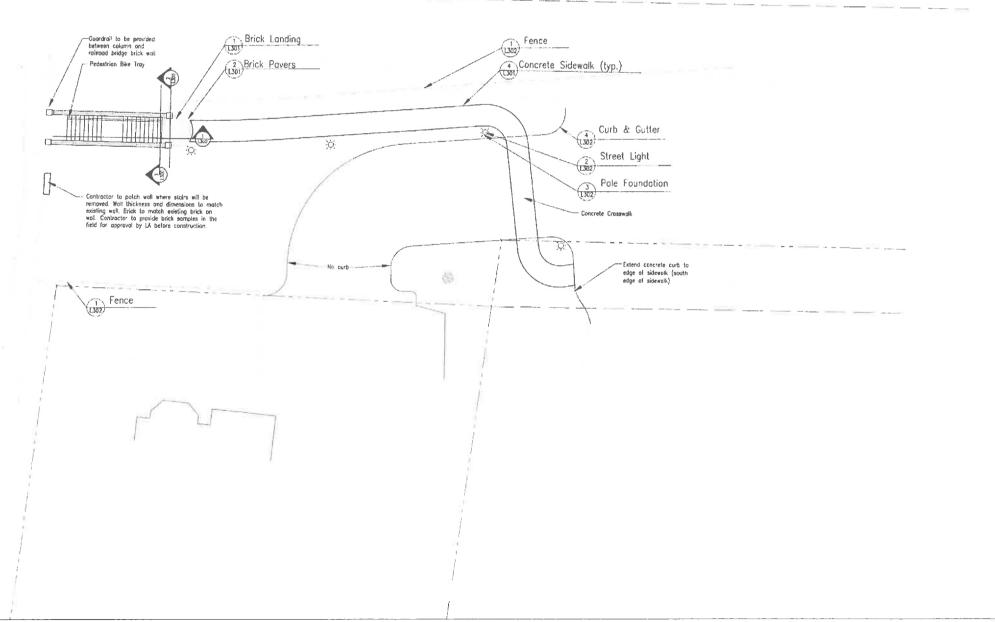
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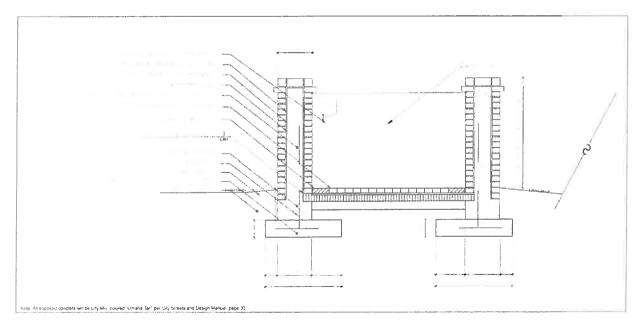
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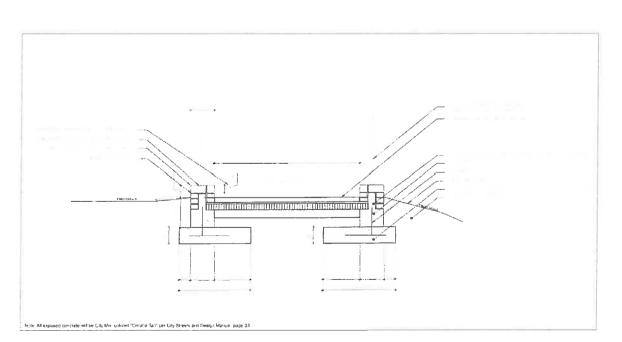
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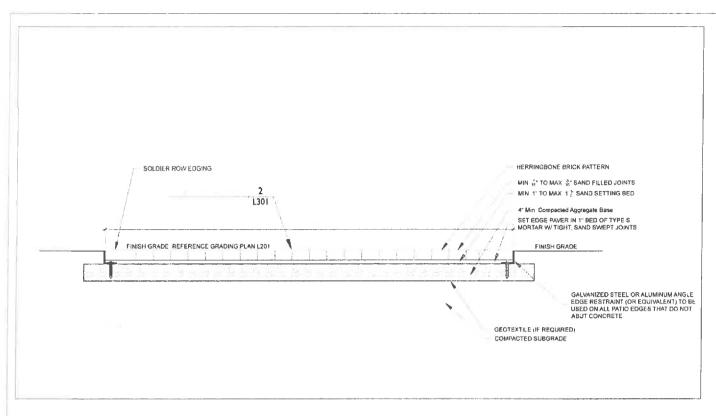




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Note Contractor to provide bnck samples (min 3 bncks) on site for approval by LA before construction

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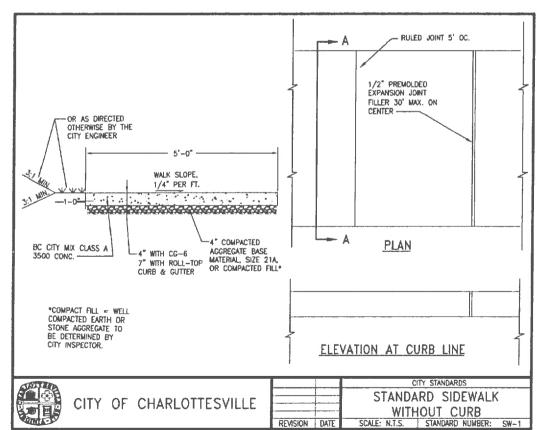
BRICK PAVER SPECIFICATION

Manufacturer Palmetto Brick Company or approved equal

Model Dark Red Wirecut

3 STEEL EDGING

1 BRICK LANDING



4 CHT STANDARD CONCRETE SIDEWALK

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