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Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:12 PM

To: 'Janet Miller'

Subject: BAR Action - 900 West Main Street - April 18, 2017

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RE: Certificate of Appropriateness Application
BAR 17-04-01
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Tax Parcel 100078000 Hampton Inn & Suites, Owner/ Janet Miller, Applicant

Hampton Inn Planting Plan

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From:

Breck Gastinger < bgastinger@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:21 PM

To:

Scala, Mary Joy

Subject:

Hampton Inn, Main Street

Hi Mary Joy - Update re: Hampton Inn Proposed Planting Changes

Janet Miller and I met last week to review proposed planting changes at the Hampton Inn.

After some discussion, she made several revisions and submitted the changes for consideration. The following are my observations on that plan.

- I suggested that the planting be of a scale appropriate to the building and Main Street and to continue to incorporate more native species where possible. This planting along mainstreet Charlottesville should not be the same as a hotel in the suburbs or along the highway. The plan has moved positively in this direction.
- The primary large tree species has been changed to American elm (disease resistant varieties).
- There is good incorporation of native species in the shrub layer and in the native grasses.
- The previous plan of the large bank planting was too small and garden scaled (small groupings). This plan is improved in my opinion, with larger swaths of plantings more appropriate to the scale of the earthwork and street. I will note that the plan is more diverse than both the current planting of creeping junipers and the adjacent railroad crossing bridge abutment planting which are almost single species. If there has been any past discussion about planting along Roosevelt Brown, it would be appropriate to bring to bear here.
- The plan retains 7 crape myrtles along its west facade, which I feel stick out a bit from the rest of the plant palette, but there are some precedents of crape myrtles along Main Street.
- Likewise, the Karl Foerster and Pennisetum stick out as over-used ornamental grasses that don't seem to make as much sense in this palette, in Charlottesville.
- I would note that the Karl Foersters are on the rear facade, and in general, I feel there is more room for individual expression in the side and rear areas, and in the areas less seen from the street in the parking lots.
- The Pennisetum are used at the sign, which perhaps is an opportunity to be most appropriate to this location. I don't feel that there is anything particular to charlottesville about them, and it feels fairly suburban. Does the sign need foundation planting? (Janet seems to be reconsidering this choice).
- With the couple of small exceptions noted, I feel that the plan is a big improvement over the current condition. It will raise the scale and 'fittingness' of the hotel within the downtown context, provide more shade and screening of the parking lot, and is worthy of your consideration.

I'm not positive exactly when she will resubmit, but please feel free to distribute these comments as necessary if/when this comes up for further consideration by the BAR.

Thanks, Breck



Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Certificate of Appropriateness

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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.

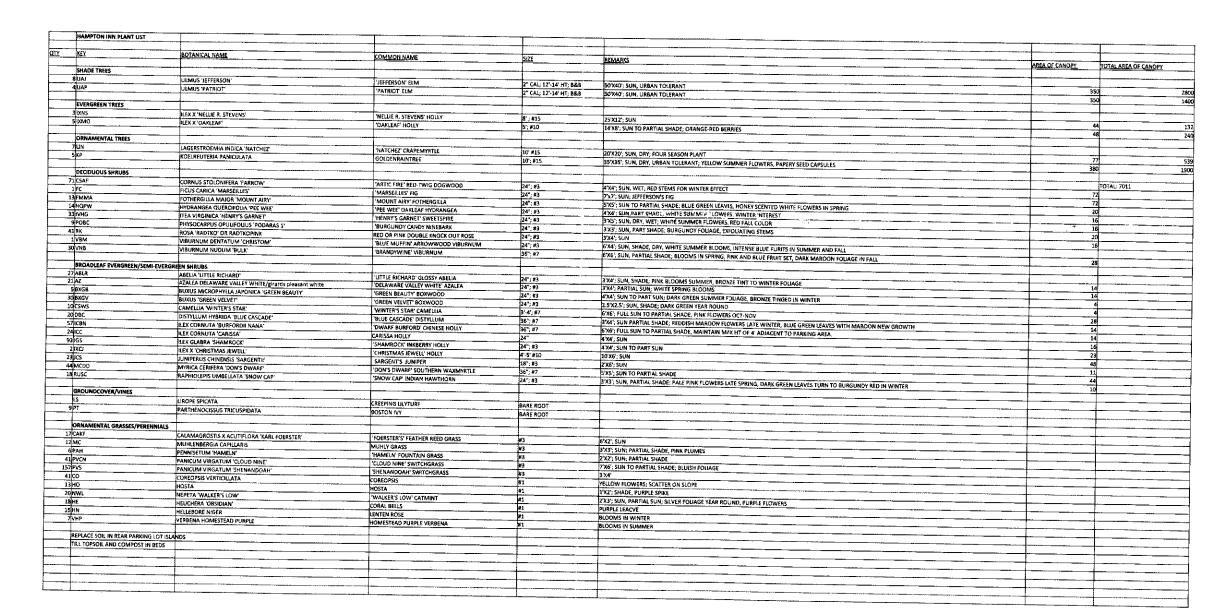
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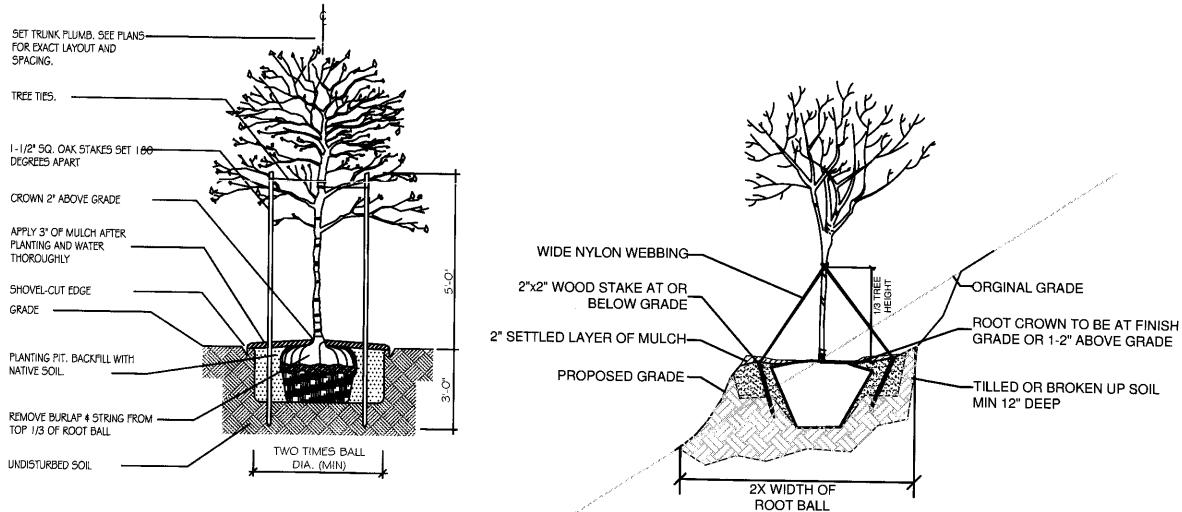
PLANTING NOTES

- 1. All tree, shrub and groundcover planting, seeding or grasses, and tree staking shall be in accordance with the standardized landscape specification as jointly adopted by the Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, The Virginia Society of Landscape Designers and The Virginia Nurserymen's Association.
- 2. Provide plant materials true to species and variety complying with recommendations of "American Standard of Nursery Stock" by the American Association of Nurserymen.
- 3. Handling and storage of all plant materials on the construction site shall be conducted in accordance with the "American Standard for Nursery Stock" and the above cited specifications.
- 4. All seeding and planting shall be done between August 15 and October 15, or alternatively between March 15 and May 1. Seeding or planting at other dates will be subject to approval by the Landscape Architect and may require special procedures.
- 5. Trees depicted hereon are shown with 20 year canopy spread.
- 6. Designated existing trees are to be protected by orange plastic fencing installed at a distance in feet away from the drip line equal to or greater than the diameter of the tree trunk in inches at breast height.
- 7. The landscape contractor is responsible for verifying all material quantities shown on these drawings before pricing the work.
- 8. The landscape contractor shall promptly make all replacements before or at the end of the warranty period (as directed by the owner). 9. Any plant material which dies, turns brown or defoliates (prior to the date of substantial completion of the work) shall be promptly removed from the site and replaced with
- material of the same species, quantity, size and meeting all the plant list specifications. 10. Locate and verify all utility locations and existing structures in and around the site prior to work. Maintain existing utilities and structures and protect against damage
- 11. The contractor shall be responsible for any damages to existing utilities, structures, paving and/or work of other trades resulting from landscape construction. 12. All plants must be healthy, vigorous material, free of diseases, insects, eggs, larvae, and defects such as knots, sun-scald, injuries, abrasions and/or disfigurement.
- 13. Water and water transportation is the sole responsibility of the contractor.
- 14. All plants are subject to the approval of the Landscape Architect and the owner before, during and until date of substantial completion of the work.
- 15. All plants must be container-grown (cont.) or balled and burlapped (B&B) as indicated in the plant list. 16. All trees must be straight trunked, full headed and meet all requirements specified.
- 17. After being dug at the nursery source, all trees in leaf shall be acclimated for two (2) weeks under a mist system prior to installation.
- 18. The Landscape Architect will approve the staked location of all plant material prior to installation.
- 19. All plants and planting areas must be completely mulched with double-shredded hardwood bark or as specified.
- 20. All trees must be guyed or staked as shown in the drawings.
- 21. The Landscape Contractor is responsible for fully maintaining all planting (including, but not limited to: watering, spraying, mulching, fertilizing, mowing, etc.) of planting areas and lawns until date of substantial completion.

PLANTING SOIL MIX NOTES

- 1. The Landscape Contractor shall furnish topsoil; topsoil must be approved by the Landscape Architect. Refer to specification section 02900 for topsoil requirements.
- 2. The Landscape Contractor shall supply all planting soil mix. 3. The planting soil mix must be approved by the Landscape Architect prior to any backfilling.
- 4. The typical planting soil mix for on-grade plantings (trees, shrubs and ground covers) shall consist of the following unless otherwise indicated on the drawings: 60% topsoil (as specified)
- 40% prepared additives (by volume as follows):
- 2 parts humus and/or peat
- 1 part sterilized composted cow manure
- 1 part shredded pine bark (bark pieces between ½ inch and 2 inches in length) Commercial fertilizer as recommended.
- Lime as recommended.





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