SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE <u>MEETING AGENDA</u>

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2017

TIME: 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

PLACE: 2100 Clarendon Boulevard

Conference Rooms C & D
Arlington, VA 22201

SPRC STAFF COORDINATOR: Samia Byrd, 703-228-3525

Item 1. Ballston Station (SP #443)

7:30pm-10:00pm *

(RPC# 14-024-017)

Planning Commission and County Board meetings to be determined. Michael Cullen/Matt Ladd (CPHD Staff)

The Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) is comprised of Planning Commission members, representatives from other relevant commissions and several appointed citizens. The SPRC reviews all site plans and major site plan amendments requests, which are submitted to the County Board and the Planning Commission for consideration. The major responsibilities of the SPRC are the following:

- 1. Review site plan or major site plan amendment requests in detail.
- 2. Advise the Planning Commission by recommending the appropriate action in regard to a specific plan and any conditions, which it might determine to be necessary or appropriate.
- 3. Provide a forum by which interested citizens, civic associations and neighborhood conservation committees can review and comment on a particular plan, or the effects that the proposed project might have on the neighborhood.

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http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/Planning/applications/site_plans/CPHDPlanningApplicationsSite_plansMain.aspx

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^{*} This item will be preceded by a Long Range Planning Committee meeting on the "Ball's Cemetery Historic District Designation Request" at 7:00 pm.

<u>I T E M 1</u> Ballston Station (SP #443)

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SPRC AGENDA: 1st Meeting - December 15, 2016

- 1) Introduction
 - a) Presentation of Site Plan Proposal (Applicant)
 - b) Overview of Site Plan Proposal (Staff)
- 2) Land Use & Zoning
 - a) Relationship of site to GLUP, sector plans, etc.
 - b) Relationship of project to existing zoning
 - i) Requested rezoning
 - ii) Requested density exclusions
- 3) Building Architecture
 - a) Design Issues
 - i) Building form (height, massing, tapering, setbacks)
 - ii) Facade treatments, materials, fenestration
 - iii) Roof line/penthouse form and materials
 - iv) Street level activism/entrances & exits
 - v) Accessibility
 - vi) Ball Family Cemetery
 - b) Commercial/Retail Spaces
 - i) Location, size, ceiling heights
 - ii) Storefront designs and transparency
 - c) Service Issues
 - i) Utility equipment
 - ii) Venting location and type
 - iii) Location and visibility of loading and trash service
 - iv) Exterior/rooftop lighting

SPRC AGENDA: 2nd Meeting – January 19, 2017

- 4) Meeting Agenda and Outline (SPRC Chair)
- 5) Applicant Responses to issues raised at Meeting #1
 - a) Status of adjacent property in relation to Site Plan application
 - b) Window treatments along Fairfax Drive
 - c) Relationship between building design and burial ground

- 6) Site Design and Characteristics
 - a) Circulation and alley characteristics (discussion of both transportation and design issues)
 - b) Allocation of uses on the site
 - c) Relationship and orientation of proposed buildings to public space and other buildings
 - d) Streetscape Improvements
 - e) Visibility of site or buildings from significant neighboring perspectives

SPRC AGENDA: 3rd Meeting – February 2, 2017

- 7) Meeting agenda and Outline (SPRC Chair)
- 8) Applicant Presentation and Responses to issues raised at Meeting #2
 - a) Density calculations (affordable housing bonus, LEED bonus, and modifications/ exclusions)
 - b) Alley circulation
 - c) Fairfax Drive streetscape
- 9) Public Art: Tiffany Stained Glass Window
- 10) Transportation
 - a) Infrastructure
 - i) Mass transit facilities and access
 - ii) Street systems (w/existing and proposed cross sections)
 - iii) Vehicular and pedestrian routes
 - iv) Bicycle routes and parking
 - b) Traffic Demand Management Plan
 - c) Automobile Parking
 - i) Proposed v. required (tenant, visitor, compact, handicapped, etc.)
 - ii) Access (curb cuts, driveway & drive aisle widths)
 - d) Delivery Issues
 - i) Drop offs
 - ii) Loading docks
 - e) Signage (parking, wayfinding, etc.)
- 11) Open Space and Landscaping
 - a) Orientation and use of open spaces
 - b) Relationship to scenic vistas, natural features and/or adjacent public spaces
 - c) Compliance with existing planning documents and policies
 - d) Landscape plan

12) Site Plan Features and Amenities

- a) Affordable Housing
- b) Underground Utilities
- c) Other

13) Construction Issues

- a) Phasing
- b) Vehicle staging, parking, and routing
- c) Community Liaison

Site Location:

The Ballston Station site is currently occupied by Ballston Central United Methodist Church and bounded by the Summerwalk Condominiums to the north, North Stafford Street to the east, Fairfax Drive to the south and a public alley to the west.

Applicant Information:

Applicant

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BACKGROUND: The applicant proposes a rezoning and site plan for redevelopment of the Ballston Central United Methodist Church at the eastern end of the block of N. Fairfax Drive between N. Stafford Street and N. Stuart Street. The subject application includes an 8-story building containing 119 residential units, of which 48 units are designated as affordable, with a daycare facility that could accommodate up to 100 children, and church space that will be used by Ballston Central United Methodist Church and include 200 seats.

The following provides additional information about the site and location:

<u>Site</u>: The site is located at 4201 N. Fairfax Drive (RPC #14-024-017), known as Ballston Central United Methodist Church, and defined by the following uses:

To the north: Immediately to the north is the Summerwalk condominium development,

zoned "R-C" and designated "Low-Medium" Residential on the General Land

Use Plan (GLUP).

To the east: To the east across N. Stafford Street is a Wells Fargo Bank branch, zoned "C-2"

and designated "High-Medium" Residential Mixed-Use (maximum 3.24 FAR)

on the GLUP.

To the west: To the west across a public alley is a block of one-story retail uses occupied by

multiple restaurants and a 7-11 convenience store, zoned "C-2" and

designated "High-Medium" Residential Mixed-Use (maximum 3.24 FAR) on the

GLUP.

To the south: To the south across Fairfax Drive is the Ballston Metro Station and the Ballston

Metro Center Office Building and Hilton hotel at 901 N. Stuart Street (SP #240), zoned "C-O-A" and designated Coordinated Mixed-Use Development District (maximum 6.0 FAR with office, or not more than 3.0 FAR) on the GLUP.

Existing Zoning: "C-2" Service Commercial-Community Business District

Proposed Zoning: "R-C" Multiple-Family Dwelling and Commercial District

<u>General Land Use Plan Designation</u>: "High-Medium" Residential Mixed-Use (maximum 3.24 FAR)

<u>Neighborhood</u>: The site is located within the Ballston-Virginia Square neighborhood. The Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association and Ballston BID have been invited to participate in the public review process.



Source: Image from Google Maps

Existing Development: The site is currently occupied by Ballston Central United Methodist Church and a public alley to the west of the church.

Proposed Development (Submission dated January 17, 2017):

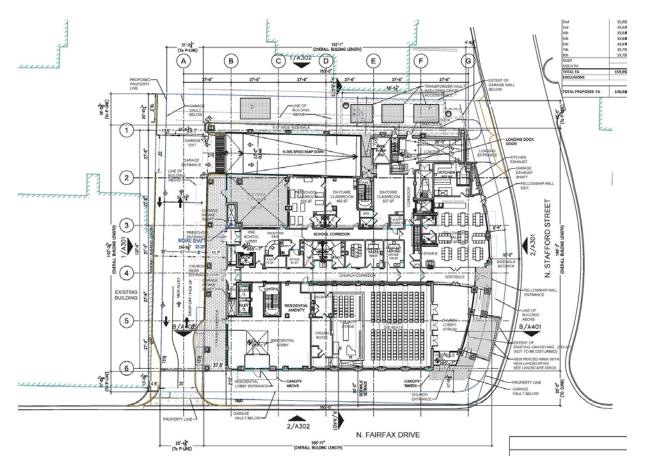
	"R-C" Max. Permitted	Proposed
Site Area		32,629 sf (0.75 ac)
Gross Floor Area/Density		
Base Gross Floor Area (GFA)	105,717 sf	105,717 sf
	3.24 FAR	
Requested Affordable Housing Bonus		25% of Base GFA
		26,429 sf
Requested LEED Bonus		0.4 FAR
LEED Gold + 2 Priority Credits		13,051 sf
Requested Density Exclusions		19,883 sf
Total Density		159,896 sf
		4.90 FAR
Total Density Minus Requested Exclusions		140,013 sf
		4.29 FAR
Use Mix		
Residential: 119 Units		128,280 sf (80%)
Daycare		11,440 sf (7%)
Church: 200 Seats		11,106 sf (7%)
Other/Shared Uses		9,070 sf (6%)

Height		
Average Site Elevation		265.19 ft
Total Height	111 ft	103 ft
AMSL		368.16
Upper Roof	95 ft	85 ft
AMSL		350.16
Penthouse	16 ft	18 ft
AMSL		368.16
Parking		
Total		129 spaces
Residential	134 spaces	119 spaces
Standard		107 spaces
Compact		10 spaces
Accessible		2 spaces
Van		0 spaces
Church	1 per 5 seats (40 spaces)	10 spaces
Standard		9 spaces
Compact		0 spaces
Accessible		1 space
Van		0 space
Daycare	1 per staff member or employee	0 spaces
Standard	employee	0 spaces
Compact		0 spaces
Accessible		0 spaces
Van		0 spaces
LEED Rating		Certified Gold

Density and Uses: The applicant proposes a 159,896 square foot building consisting of 119 residential units, of which 48 units are designated as affordable, with a daycare facility that could accommodate up to 100 children, and church space that will be used by Ballston Central United Methodist Church and include 200 seats. The second floor of the building includes space used for residential amenities, daycare, and church uses, including an outdoor terrace that would include a play area for the daycare facility. The applicant has requested that the floor area dedicated to the daycare use be excluded from density, and density tabulations in the application further exclude residential amenity and mechanical room space on the parking garage levels, as well as for vertical shafts. In total density exclusions total approximately 19,883 square feet. The building is served by a two-level underground parking garage containing 129 spaces that will be accessed from a proposed interior alley at the northeast corner of the site.

The site frontage along Fairfax Drive is designated as a "Gold" street in the Arlington County Retail Plan, which is planned for any type of retail use or retail equivalent as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance, and where exterior and interior design elements set forth in the Retail and Urban Design Guidelines of the Retail Plan are applicable.

Site and Design: The proposed eight-story building is oriented toward Fairfax Drive and N. Stafford Street, with a large 30-foot alley proposed on the west side of the building off of Fairfax Drive that includes two way drive aisles and a parking drop-off lane, and a secondary alley on the north side of the building that provides one-way egress onto N. Stafford Street. The orientation places the church entrance prominently at the corner of Fairfax Drive and N. Stafford Street, with the residential lobby located off of Fairfax Drive and the daycare facility entrance located off of the alley proposed on the west side of the building.



A revised design for the building carves out an approximately 325 square foot area to preserve the Robert Ball Sr. Burial Ground, currently under consideration for designation as a local historic district. The carve-out closely lines the estimated limits of the burial ground, and the building overhangs approximately two-thirds of the burial ground area. Six residential units are included in the building area that overhangs the burial ground. The applicant proposes to preserve the existing retaining wall along N. Stafford Street along the burial ground site, and to reuse stone from the remaining wall to create a border wall with fence around the burial ground.



The building's architecture seeks to distinguish the church and daycare uses from the residential units above with brick material contrasting with the white porcelain tile proposed for upper stories. Stained glass windows from the existing Central United Methodist Church building are to be reused in the church sanctuary façade along Fairfax Drive, framed by windows with a special film that graduates from opaque at the bottom to transparent at the top. There are two elevated outdoor terraces in the center of the building, one on the second floor including the childcare play area, and a second residential amenity terrace on the third floor.

Public Art Feature: The applicant proposes to incorporate a stained glass window depicting Jesus Christ, originally ornamented the Abbey Mausoleum in Arlington, in the façade wall abutting the Robert Ball Sr. Burial Ground. The mausoleum was built by the United States Mausoleum company from 1924-1926, the Romanesque style structure neighbored Arlington National Cemetery. It was a prestigious burial location in the 1930s and 1940s. With the bankruptcy of the Abbey Mausoleum Corporation in the 1950s, the building fell victim to vandalism and neglect. In 2000, the U.S. Navy gained ownership of the site and, based upon the mausoleum's poor condition, decided to tear it down. Arlington was permitted to salvage architectural features from the building, including the stained glass windows. Twelve of the thirteen windows had a simple geometric border with a central floral composition. Those have been restored and are being displayed permanently in the Arlington Arts Center and the Westover Library. The thirteenth and largest window portrayed Christ and was dedicated to E. St. Clair Thompson, a wealthy Mason interred at the mausoleum in 1933. While removing the stained glass windows, the inscription Louis C. Tiffany N.Y. was discovered in the lower right hand corner of this window. The inscription coincides with those used by Louis C. Tiffany at the

same time this window was created, confirming its authenticity to the degree possible absent written documentation regarding its commission. Tiffany's stained glass studio was renowned during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Tiffany window depicting Jesus Christ has been stored with the County since 2003. Numerous attempts to place this window in County projects and private projects have not been successful. The applicant for this site plan has agreed to restore and publicly display this window as their public art contribution to the Ballston neighborhood. County Historic Preservation staff and Public Arts staff are fully supportive of this measure. Issues regarding optimum placement in the new design, public access, restoration, lighting, and a long term loan and maintenance agreement are pending further discussions. No public access is provided to the window either through or around the burial ground site in the current design of the site.



Sustainable Design: The applicant is proposing to achieve a LEED Gold level of certification (LEED v4 for New Construction and Major Renovation).

Transportation: The proposed site, 4201 Fairfax Drive, is in the Ballston area and is on the south-eastern portion of the block bound by Fairfax Drive to the South, North Stafford Street to the east and North Stuart Street to the west and 11th Street North to the north. The project site is at the intersection of North Stafford Street and Fairfax Drive. The Master Transportation Plan (MTP) classifies Fairfax Drive as Type A – Primarily Retail Oriented Mixed-Use Arterial. North Stafford Street, North Stuart Street and 11th Street North are classified as Residential or Commercial Local Neighborhood Streets.

<u>Transportation Analysis and Trip Generation</u>

A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) dated April 1, 2016 and prepared by Wells + Associates

Transportation Consultants was submitted by the applicant. The analysis assessed the impact of the proposed development on the adjacent street network and found that the Ballston Central United Methodist Church redevelopment would have a minimal overall vehicular impact on the adjacent street network. The analysis concluded that the project would generate 54 AM peak hour vehicle trips and 68 PM peak hour vehicle trips upon project completion and full occupancy in 2019. This equates to 33 net-new AM peak hour vehicle-trips and 44 net-new PM peak hour vehicle trips over the existing site church and pre-school uses.

The TIA analyzed six (6) intersections within the vicinity of the site. The analysis found that, in the future with the redevelopment of the site, the four (4) signalized study intersections movements would operate at a Level of Service (LOS) D or better during the AM and PM peak hours with the exception of the of the Fairfax Drive/N. Randolph Street intersection, which would operate at LOS E during the PM peak hour. Each approach of the two stop controlled intersections in the study area would continue to operate at acceptable LOS (A or B) during both the AM and PM peak hours.

Streets

Fairfax Drive and N. Stafford Street provide direct access to the project site. Currently, there is a single curb cut on N. Stafford Street providing access to the existing parking lot. There is also a curb cut on Fairfax Drive providing northbound-only alley access to a parking lot for the retail space adjacent to the project site. The development proposes to widen (to 30-feet) the existing alley curb cut on Fairfax Drive to provide two-way access to the project site as well as the existing adjacent retail. The curb cut on N. Stafford Street will remain and is proposed to be a 16'-wide exit-only (eastbound) alley connected to the alley off of Fairfax Drive. An additional curb cut is proposed on N. Stafford Street for loading access.

The project proposes to maintain the existing N. Stafford Street and Fairfax Drive curb alignments and to maintain a curb-to-curb cross-section of approximately 35 feet on N. Stafford Street and a curb-to-median cross-section of approximately 36 feet for the north side (westbound) of Fairfax Drive. On-street parking spaces will remain available on both the N. Stafford Street and Fairfax Drive frontages within the site vicinity.

Parking and Loading Access and Site Circulation

Access to the underground parking garage will be via a 12'-wide alley off of Fairfax Drive. Loading for the proposed project would be via N. Stafford Street. The proposed development includes 119 residential units in 6-stories above a two-story church/daycare use. 129 total garage parking spaces are provided in two levels, 119 for the residential use and 10 for the church/daycare use. The residential parking ratio is 1.0 spaces per unit.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian Connections

Sidewalks currently exist on the Fairfax Drive and N. Stafford Street frontages. The project proposes widening the Fairfax Drive sidewalk width from 7.7' to 20' with 16' clear sidewalk widths and the N. Stafford Street sidewalk width from 5' to 16' with 10' clear sidewalk widths.

Also proposed is a 6' wide landscape area (tree pits) between the proposed sidewalk and curb for both of the site frontages.

Crosswalks with pedestrian signals and ADA access ramps are present at the Fairfax Drive and N. Stafford Street intersection and will remain. The proposed crosswalk alignment may shift slightly to coordinate the changes on the other side of Fairfax Drive with the Ballston Metro station improvements.

Public Transit

The existing site is served by numerous public transit options. The site is located approximately 300 feet from the Ballston-MU Metro Station which serves the Orange and Silver Lines. The Ballston-MU Metro station is served by 15 bus routes provided by WMATA (Metrobus) and Arlington County Transit (ART) bus lines 42, 51, 52, 53, 62 and 75. There are two bus stops within a one block radius of the site serving the 61 A and 61B ART bus routes.

Bicycle Access

There are four (4) Capital Bikeshare stations within the site vicinity. In addition to the Capital Bikeshare stations, bicycle connectivity is provided via on-street bicycle lanes on Fairfax Drive and N. Quincy Street. Additionally, several streets surrounding the project site are classified as on-street bicycle routes, including: N. Stafford Street, N. Stuart Street, 11th Street N., 9th Street N., N. Taylor Street and N. Utah Street. The proposed project includes 49 bicycle parking spaces on the P2 level of the garage.

Utilities

The applicant is proposing water and sanitary sewer connections from Fairfax Drive. A public storm sewer is proposed on N. Stafford Street.

DISCUSSION: The applicant proposes a rezoning and site plan for redevelopment of the Ballston Central United Methodist Church along N. Fairfax Drive on the eastern portion of the block between N. Stafford Street and N. Stuart Street. The following discussion is based on the 4.1 Resubmission dated January 17, 2017. Additional discussion based on the applicant's SPRC #3 presentation (received by staff on January 26, 2017) is provided in italics. The following analysis is provided:

Adopted Plans and Policies: The site is located within the Ballston Sector Plan (1980), which depicts this area as "high medium" residential (73-90 apartment units per acre). The Sector Plan notes that the "high medium" area along Fairfax Drive should include buildings situated to achieve a transition into the lower density areas immediately to the north. The Plan also notes that the current "C-2" zoning designation is inconsistent with the plan designation for "high medium" residential, and recommends the Board rezone these properties to the "R-C" district. The site is also designated "High-Medium" Residential Mixed-Use (maximum 3.24 FAR) in the General Land Use Plan, which lists "R-C" as the appropriate zoning district.

Modification of Use Regulations: The applicant requests the County Board modify the following use regulations:

<u>Density Exclusions</u>: The applicant is requesting that 19,883 square feet of gross floor area be excluded from density calculations for the daycare use (11,440 square feet), for below-grade utility, residential amenity and storage areas, and mechanical room space, and for vertical shafts in above grade floors.

<u>Bonus Density</u>: The applicant requests 39,481 square feet of bonus density, justified by LEED Gold Certification of the building (plus two priority credits) and for provision of on-site affordable dwelling units.

Green Building Density Incentive Program: Arlington County's Green Building Density Incentive Policy for Site Plans contains bonus density provisions for site plan projects that meet the objectives of the County's green building program. Per Section 15.5.7 of the Zoning Ordinance, the County Board may permit bonus density for provisions made for open space and other environmental amenities. The applicant is proposing to commit to a certification of LEED Gold and two Arlington priority credits. The applicant is therefore requesting, consistent with the County's policy, bonus density of 0.40 FAR for the project. Total LEED bonus density equals 13,052 square feet.

Affordable Dwelling Units: ACZO Section 15.5.9 permits bonus density in residential site plan projects in exchange for a Low or Moderate Income Housing Plan. The bonus density permitted may result in density that exceeds the GLUP designation for the project, provided it does not result in density in excess of 25% of the residential density for the site plan. The applicant proposes 25% residential bonus density resulting in 26,429 square feet.

Preliminary Issues: A number of issues have been identified within the proposal, which are detailed below.

Phasing

The most recent 4.1 submission (dated January 17, 2017) includes off-site properties (the western portion of the block containing Central United Methodist Church) in the request to rezone from "C-2" to "R-C." Staff cannot support a rezoning request for properties that are not part of the site plan application. While the remainder of the block may, in the future, request rezoning and site plan approval to allow redevelopment, the subject application is not a Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP), and references to this portion of the site as "Phase 2" of the subject application are not appropriate.

Density

The applicant's density and gross floor area tabulations are anticipated to be revised as the applicant addresses the design and transportation issues discussed in this report. Staff is

continuing to evaluate the proposed site plan density, including proposed modifications and appropriate exclusions, for conformance with the ACZO and adopted County policies and plans.

Robert Ball Sr. Burial Ground

The proposed design was revised to carve out an approximately 325 square foot area to preserve the Robert Ball Sr. Burial Ground. The carve-out closely lines the estimated limits of the burial ground, and the building overhangs approximately two-thirds of the burial ground area with six residential units above. At the direction of the County Board, staff anticipates the burial ground's designation as a local historic district concurrently with the site plan approval. Staff is concerned about the impacts that the overhang of the building would have on the burial ground area that would be subject to historic designation.

Public Art

Staff supports the proposed incorporation of the Tiffany stained glass window into the façade as a public art benefit, but the current design does not provide public access to the Tiffany window. Access should be provided, preferably, by open space access around the fenced in burial ground site so that it may be appreciated as a public amenity. The applicant should also develop a lighting plan for the Tiffany window and for the other exterior stained glass windows associated with the church.

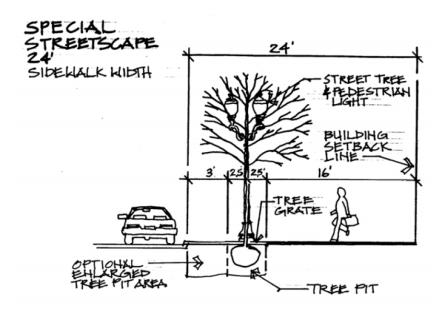
Alley and Site Circulation

The proposed alley off of Fairfax Drive (4.1 Resubmission dated 01/17/2017) poses two issues: 1) width and 2) travel direction. The proposed 30' wide alley width allows for two 11' travel lanes and an 8' parking lane that is to aid in daycare drop-off and pick-up. The existing alley is 11.4' wide and provides one-way-in access to the adjacent retail parking lot. The proposed alley is to provide two-way site circulation which is not supported by County staff. Eliminating the exit travel lane would result in a 19' one-way-in alley that still accommodates the daycare use at the site while minimizing the curbcut on Fairfax Drive for pedestrians and bicycle users. *Note: A subsequent applicant document (SPRC #3 Presentation received by staff on 01/26/2017) shows a new design for the alley: a 12' wide driveway curbcut from Fairfax Drive and a 12' wide northbound only travel lane with an 8' wide parking lane adjacent to the building. Staff is in support of the redesign of the center alley.*

Ideally, with a future re-development of the western side of the block, the Fairfax Drive curb cut could be eliminated and all of the site's circulation would occur via a two-way back alley connecting N. Stafford Street and N. Stuart Street, parallel to Fairfax Drive. The current parking garage entrance does not easily support the elimination of the Fairfax Drive curb cut and the proposed 16' wide one-way (eastbound) alley precludes future conversion to a two-directional alley. Staff supports the rear alley to remain one-way until the rest of the block is redeveloped, but would like for a 20' width so that it could be converted to a two-way alley in the future. A subsequent applicant document (SPRC #3 Presentation received by staff on 01/26/2017) shows a new design for the rear site alley at 18' wide, which still precludes future conversion to a two-way alley. Staff would like to see a minimum 20' wide rear alley.

Streetscape

The Fairfax Drive frontage of the proposed site falls within the Ballston C-O-A Area as defined in the <u>Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor Streetscape Standards</u>. Per the C-O-A standards, Fairfax Drive is a "Special Streetscape" with a minimum sidewalk width and building setback from street curb at 24 feet and a minimum 16 feet clear sidewalk.



The proposed project provides a 20-foot sidewalk width on Fairfax Drive, which does not meet the above standard. An examination of the building to curb dimensions for the blocks surrounding this proposed development show that the narrowest streetscape dimension is 24' (which is located on the block south of Fairfax Drive at southwest intersection with N. Randolph Street). In order to fit in with the character of the surrounding developments as well as to provide adequate space for other future streetscape uses on the entirety of the block staff supports a 24' wide streetscape dimension for the proposed development frontage.

The N. Stafford Street frontage is defined as a "B" Streetscape outside of the Ballston C-O-A area, which calls for a minimum sidewalk width of 13 feet. The project provides a 16-foot sidewalk width on N. Stafford Street with hardscape shown in the setback zone. This does meet the above standard, except for a portion of sidewalk adjacent to undisturbed area for the Robert Ball Sr. Burial Ground that results in an approximately 7.5-foot clear sidewalk width at the narrowest point. Staff has not identified this as an issue due to the existing constraint of the burial ground.

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