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## Action Summary Planning Commission

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Monday, September 15, 2014

1:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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### Roll Call

**Present** 9 - Mr. Rodney Poole  
Mr. Melvin Law  
Ms. Kathy Graziano  
Ms. Amy Howard  
Mr. David Johannas  
Ms. Jane Ferrara  
Ms. Lynn McAteer  
Mr. Jeffrey Sadler  
Mr. Doug Cole

### Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

**UDC No.** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of alterations to the  
**2014-12** Carytown Gateway sign at the intersection of W. Cary Street and the  
Powhite Parkway off-ramp/S. Thompson Street.

**Attachments:** [UDC Report to CPC](#)  
[Staff Report to UDC](#)  
[Location Map](#)  
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*This item was withdrawn by the applicant and deleted from the agenda.*

### Consent Agenda

*There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.*

**A motion was made by Ms. Graziano, seconded by Ms. McAteer, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by unanimously.**

**UDC No.** Final Location, Character and Extent Review of the Brown's Island Dam  
**2014-05(2)** Walk connecting the north and south banks of the James River

**Attachments:** [UDC Report to CPC](#)  
[Staff Report to UDC](#)  
[Location Map](#)  
[Application & Plans](#)  
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This Location, Character and Extent Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

**UDC No.**            Conceptual Location, Character and Extent Review of a roundabout at  
**2014-30**            the intersection of Idlewood Avenue, Grayland Avenue, and the  
                          Interstate 195 off-ramp

- Attachments:    [UDC Report to CPC](#)  
                          [Staff Report to UDC](#)  
                          [Location Map](#)  
                          [Application & Plans](#)  
                          [Letter of Support](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano, seconded by Ms. McAteer, that this Location, Character and Extent item be conceptually approved with the following conditions recommended by the Urban Design Committee:

- (1) That the applicant investigates all traffic calming options, including textured pavement and directional deflections, in order to reduce the speed of vehicles in the roundabout.
- (2) That the applicant narrows the apron and asphalt travel way around the central island to the smallest possible dimensions.
- (3) That the applicant considers providing cobblestones in the apron instead of the proposed concrete.
- (4) That the applicant consider providing larger trees in the central island.
- (5) That the applicant uses a more native plant palette, and that the invasive Barberry shrub is replaced with a native equivalent.
- (6) That the applicant provides evidence that the proposed landscaping plans have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works Urban Forestry and Grounds Maintenance divisions.
- (7) That the applicant considers providing irrigation to the central island to improve the survival rate of the proposed landscaping.
- (8) That the crosswalk from Grayland Avenue across Idlewood Avenue contain ladder-style markings consistent with the other crosswalk.
- (9) That the applicant removes the street surface on Grayland Avenue to the east of the "hammer head" and replaces it with grass and curb.
- (10) That the sidewalks from S. Cherry Street to S. Harrison Street be cleaned up and re-established as part of the roundabout installation project.
- (11) That the final plans include a lighting plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Agenda**

**UDC No.**            Conceptual Location, Character and Extent Review of traffic calming  
**2014-31**            improvements to Floyd Avenue, from N. Thompson Street to N. Laurel  
                          Street

**Attachments:** [UDC Report to CPC](#)  
[Staff Report to UDC](#)  
[Location Map](#)  
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A motion was made by Ms. Graziano, seconded by Mr. Sadler, that this Location, Character and Extent Item be approved with the conditions recommended by the Urban Design Committee. The motion was amended several times to include additional conditions that ultimately included the following:

- (1) That the applicant provides more research on automobiles, bike and pedestrian streets and how the combination of the modes of transportation effect speed limit and the applicant strongly consider lowering the posted speed limit along the subject corridor to 20mph.
- (2) That the applicant reconsiders the locations and/or use of design elements, including curb extensions, speed bumps and traffic circles, east of N. Boulevard to Harrison Street.
- (3) That the traffic circles are enlarged to the maximum possible dimensions.
- (4) That the applicant considers providing curb extensions at N. Allen Avenue, N. Vine Avenue, and N. Robinson Street.
- (5) That final plans include dimensions for the curb extensions.
- (6) That the final plans include a signage plan, and that the applicant considers providing directional signs from adjacent streets to the bike/walk street on Floyd Avenue, and providing unique branding for the bike/walk street (e.g. "Floyd Avenue Bike/Walk Boulevard").
- (7) That there are a minimum of 3 sharrow markings per block (at each end and the mid-point), and that the street markings are consistent with other designated bikeways in the City.
- (8) That crosswalks for each arm of the 28 intersections are denoted. For most crosswalks, parallel lines will suffice, however, ladder-style crosswalks should be provided at N. Boulevard.
- (9) That the curb material on the curb extensions match the immediately adjacent existing curb material.
- (10) That the sidewalk material in the curb extensions match the immediately adjacent existing sidewalk material.
- (11) That the applicant considers providing a bike corral in a curb extension or noparking zone where there is nearby commercial activity.
- (12) That the final plans include an inventory of tree wells along the subject corridor that are either vacant or contain a dead tree, and that a landscape plan is devised showing replacement tree species, quantity, and size at the time of installation.
- (13) That the final plans include landscaping plans for the traffic circles and curb extensions.
- (14) That the applicant provides evidence that the proposed landscaping plans have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works Urban Forestry and Grounds Maintenance divisions.
- (15) That the applicant considers the possibility of the traffic circles being used as locations for public art.
- (16) That the final plans indicate the color of the tactile warning strips on all new accessible ramps, to match those existing in the project area.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mr. Poole, Ms. Graziano, Ms. Howard, Mr. Johannas, Ms. Ferrara, Ms. McAteer and Mr. Sadler

**No:** 1 - Mr. Cole

**Excused:** 1 - Mr. Law

**ID 14-037**      Citywide Master Plan Update