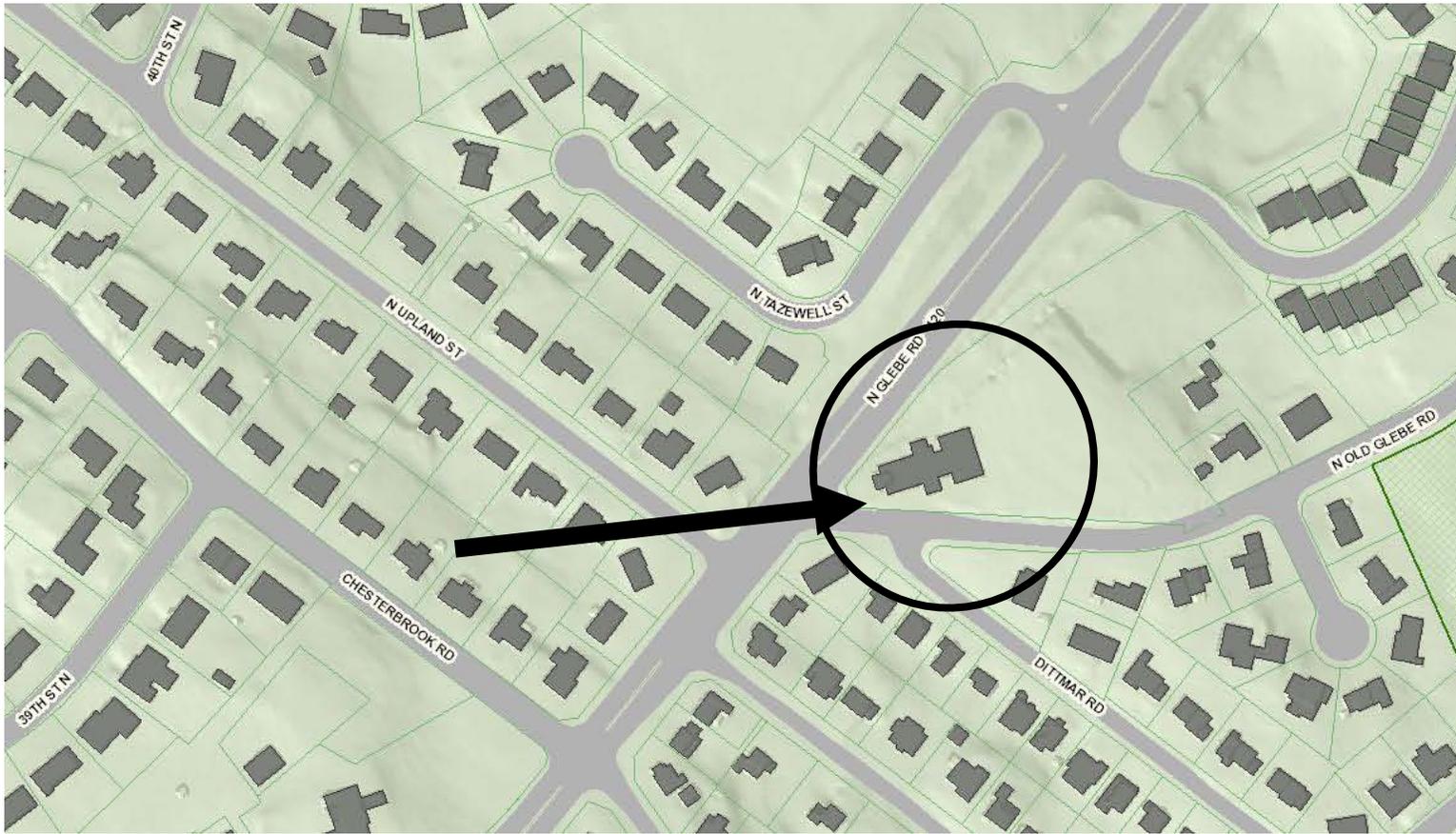


Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia

HALRB Case 13-26 (HP1300028)



After-the-fact requests by James Wright, representative for Walker Chapel located at 4102 North Glebe Road in the Walker Chapel and Cemetery and historic district for the following items:

- 1) Installation of light poles;
- 2) Installation of pavers and stone and block wall for Memorial Garden;
- 3) Installation of hardscape, stone and block walls, and handrail for Memorial Terrace.

For DRC (*circle those present*): **Robert Dudka, Charles Craig, Charles Matta, Darren Hannabass,**

For Arlington County (*circle those present*): **Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Rebecca Ballo**

Case #13 - 26 Agenda Item # No 5

Application Complete

Application Incomplete

Applicant(s): Walker Chapel & Cemetery

For Applicant(s): James Wright

(See attached application for applicant, address, name of property and property description, drawings, photographs, and proposed scope of work.)

Design Recommendations:

1. Suggest adding ground cover to help soften "Tal's Garden".
2. No other comments.
- 3.
- 4.

Findings:

Return to next DRC meeting

Send to HALRB (see below for recommended actions)

If sent to HALRB, recommended action is:

Place on consent agenda

Place on discussion agenda:

Recommend approval of CoA, with DRC design recommendations and/or additional information provided

Recommend deferral of ruling on CoA (explanation):

Recommend denial of CoA (explanation):

No recommendation.



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

TO: HALRB
FROM: Rebecca Ballo, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: September 9, 2013
SUBJECT: 4102 North Glebe Road, Case 13-26, Walker Chapel and Cemetery Historic District

The Walker Chapel and Cemetery Historic District is one of the County's first locally-designated districts, and was designated in 1978. It encompasses the cemetery, with the first interment occurring in the 1840s. The first Walker Chapel was built and dedicated in 1875. The current building has had major alterations, dating mostly from the 1950s.

This application encompasses three separate items. All have been completed and the application is for after-the-fact approvals.

The first item is the Cemetery Driveway Memorial Landscape Lights project. These lights were installed in 2012. The project consists of 12 LED light bollards, measuring approximately 42" high, installed adjacent to the parking lot on the north side of the chapel. The light bollards are black and they are specifically designed to cast light down, not add to light pollution on the property, and to help with pedestrian safety in this area of the parking lot.

The second item is for the Cemetery Memorial Garden project, also known as Tal's Garden. This project involves a small amount of landscaping, hardscape improvements, installation of low lighting, and a memorial bench. The Garden is located adjacent to the church driveway and the cemetery gates. The hardscape materials consist of flagstone pavers with a granite cobblestone border.

The third item is for the Cemetery Memorial Terrace project. This hardscape project is directly adjacent to Tal's Garden and the cemetery gates. The hardscape measures approximately 18' x 14' with two low stone retaining walls flanking the terrace. A bench has been placed in the middle of the terrace. The low walls are made from split faced block; the terrace is made of paver stones. This project also involved the installation of a metal handrail in the middle of the steps leading up to the cemetery gates and the Terrace.

The DRC mentioned that Tal's Garden might benefit from some additional groundcover to help soften its appearance. Staff asked if the applicant had probed for graves prior to the installation of any of the hardscape, and the applicant responded that they had. They did not find any potential graves or other markers or features in the course of their investigations.

The DRC recommended approval of this application and asked that this case be placed on the consent agenda for the September 18, 2013, HALRB meeting. The DRC had no issues with any of the requests and commended the applicant on the aesthetics and compatibility of each project. As there are no Design Guidelines for this historic district, staff finds that the request meets the intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and recommends approval.