

**SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Monday, September 17, 2012
TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: Courthouse Plaza Room 311
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

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

Item 1. 1720 S. Eads Street Rezoning and Site Plan (SP #424) 7:00pm–8:30pm
(RPC# 35-011-001)
Planning Commission and County Board meetings to be determined.
Samia Byrd (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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ITEM 1
1720 S. Eads Street—Rezoning; and Site Plan (SP #424)
(RPC# 35-011-001)
Rosemary Ciotti, SPRC Chair

SPRC AGENDA: First Meeting—June 25, 2012

- 1) Informational Presentation
 - a) Overview of Site Plan Proposal (Staff)
 - b) Presentation of Site Plan Proposal (Applicant)

- 2) Land Use & Zoning
 - a) Relationship of site to GLUP, sector plans, etc.
 - i) Requested changes (if any)
 - ii) Justification for requested changes (if any)
 - b) Relationship of project to existing zoning
 - i) Special site designations (historic district, etc.)
 - ii) Requested bonus density, height, etc. (if any)
 - iii) Requested modification of use regulations (if any)

- 3) Site Design and Characteristics
 - a) Allocation of uses on the site
 - b) Relationship and orientation of proposed buildings to public space and other buildings
 - c) Streetscape Improvements
 - d) View vistas through site
 - e) Visibility of site or buildings from significant neighboring perspectives
 - f) Historic status of any existing buildings on site
 - g) Compliance with adopted planning documents

- 4) 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) LEED/Earthcraft/Green Home Choice Score
 - vi) Accessibility
 - vii) Historic Preservation (if applicable)
 - b) Retail Spaces (if applicable)
 - i) Location, size, ceiling heights
 - ii) Storefront designs and transparency
 - iii) Mix of tenants (small v. large, local v. national)
 - c) Service Issues
 - i) Utility equipment
 - ii) Venting location and type

- iii) Location and visibility of loading and trash service
- iv) Exterior/rooftop lighting

Second Meeting – July 30, 2012:

- 5) Revision and response to comments – architecture and streetscape
 - a) Applicant presentation
 - b) SPRC response
- 6) 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.)
- 7) Open Space
 - 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 (incl. tree preservation)

Third Meeting – September 17, 2012

- 8) Revisions and Response to Comments
 - a) Applicant Presentation
- 9) Community Benefits
 - a) Public Art
 - b) Affordable Housing
 - c) Underground Utilities
 - d) Historic Preservation
 - e) Other
- 10) Construction issues
 - i) Phasing
 - ii) Vehicle staging, parking, and routing

iii) Community Liaison

Site Location: 34,147 square foot site (.784 acres) located on the west side of Crystal City in the Crystal City Sector Plan area, on the block generally bounded by 15th Street South to the north, S. Eads Street to the east, 18th Street South to the south, and S. Fern Street to the west.

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BACKGROUND: A site plan is proposed for the site of the Crystal City Post Office on the west side of Jefferson Davis Highway in the Crystal City Planning and Metro Station Area. The applicant further requests to rezone the site from its current zoning designation of “C-M” Limited Industrial Districts to “C-O-Crystal City” Commercial Office Building, Retail, Hotel and Multiple Family Dwelling Districts. Upon rezoning of the site, the applicant proposes that it would be redeveloped with an 11-story, 203-unit residential building. There is neither a General Land Use Plan (GLUP) amendment nor any vacations requested in association with the site plan.

The following provides additional information about the site and location:

Site: The Post Office site is located on the west side of Jefferson Davis Highway in Crystal City on the block generally bounded by 15th Street South to the north, S. Eads Street to the east, 18th Street South to the south and S. Fern Street to the west. The site is approximately 34,147 square feet (.784 acres) and is surrounded by the following land uses:

- To the north: 12-story multifamily residential, Crystal Towers North and four (4)-story Lofts, 590 @ Crystal Towers (SP #13) designated “High-Medium” Residential and zoned “RA-4.8”. Across 15th Street South is the multi-phased, multiple building, Metropolitan Park residential development (PDSP-SP#105).
- To the east: S. Eads Street; 15-story Marriott Hotel and Expansion, and the 17-story Gateway Place Apartments (SP #144) designated “High” Residential and zoned “RA-H-3.2”.
- To the south: 18th Street South; Crystal Towers South multifamily development (SP #13) designated “Medium” Residential and zoned “RA 6-15”.
- To the west: 12-story multifamily residential, Crystal Towers North and four (4)-story Lofts 590 @ Crystal Towers (SP #13) designated “High-Medium” Residential and zoned “RA-4.8”. Across S. Fern Street, Dominion Virginia Power station; Claridge House residential development zoned “C-O-2.5” and designated “Medium” Residential on the GLUP.

Existing Zoning: “C-M” Limited Industrial Districts.

Proposed Zoning: “C-O-Crystal City” Commercial Office Building, Retail, Hotel and Multiple-Family Dwelling Districts.

General Land Use Plan Designation: “High-Medium” Residential (Up to 3.24 FAR Residential). Crystal City Coordinated Redevelopment District.

Neighborhood: The site is located within the boundaries of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association.



Existing Development: The site is currently developed with a one-story, 8,632 square foot by-right structure, which was previously a U.S. Postal Service, post office building. The site is also comprised of 12 surface parking spaces.

Development Potential:

Site Plan Area: 34,147 sq ft	DENSITY ALLOWED/TYPICAL USE	MAXIMUM DEVELOPMENT
Existing Zoning		
“CM” By-Right	Areas for light manufacturing, wholesale businesses and distribution centers and other uses inappropriate to residential or service business areas; Uses Permitted in “C-2”.	1.5 FAR: 51,221 sq ft GFA
Proposed Zoning		
“C-O-Crystal City” By-Right	Offices, Business and Professional; Uses customarily incidental to permitted uses and accessory buildings; and Churches and Other Places of Worship.	0.60 FAR: 20,488 sq ft GFA
“C-O-Crystal City” Site Plan	By-Right Permitted Uses; Office uses, not otherwise permitted; Retail; Hotels; and Multiple-Family Residential. Doctors and Physicians offices, medical clinics, dentist clinics, and veterinary Clinics. Post-secondary education	3.24 FAR Base Density: 110,636 sq ft Residential GFA. Additional density permitted by County Board Approval when furthering goals of plans and policies for the area.

Proposed Development: The following table sets forth the preliminary statistical summary for the proposed site plan:

	Proposed
Site Area	34,147 sq ft (.784 Acres)
Density	
Residential GFA	209,903 sq ft ¹ (203 Units)
Residential Density	6.15 FAR
“C-O-Crystal City” Max. Permitted Site Plan Base Density	3.24 FAR
Height	
Average Site Elevation	45.07 ft
Main Roof Elevation	155.00 ft
Main Roof Height	109.93 ft
Penthouse Roof Elevation	174.00 ft
Penthouse Roof Height	128.93 ft
Penthouse Height	19.00 ft
“C-O-Crystal City” Max. Permitted Height²	110.00 ft
Parking	
Standard Spaces	166
Compact Spaces	11
Handicap Spaces	3

¹ Does not include 4,162 sq ft of GFA, 1,320 sq ft of mechanical which is requested as an exclusion and the remainder of which is associated with loading and considered as gross parking area.

² Does not include penthouse or parapet walls. This site is not shown as being recommended for architectural features in the Crystal City Sector Plan.

Van Spaces	1
Residential Parking Spaces	181
Residential Parking Ratio	.89 Spaces Per Unit
“C-O-Crystal City” Max. Permitted Spaces	228
“C-O-Crystal City” Max. Permitted Ratio for Multifamily Residential³	1.125 Sp/Unit 1st 200 Units + 1 Sp/Unit each addl Unit
Building Tower Coverage	25.8%
“C-O-Crystal City” Max. Permitted	65%
LEED	50 Points – LEED Silver

Density and Uses: The applicant requests to rezone the site from “CM” Limited Industrial Districts to “C-O-Crystal City” Commercial Office Building, Retail, Hotel and Multiple-Family Dwelling Districts. The rezoning would then allow for redevelopment of the site with an 11-story, 203-unit, multifamily residential building. The proposed density is 6.15 FAR. The site’s current designation on the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) is “High-Medium” Residential and within the boundaries of the Crystal City Coordinated Redevelopment District. This GLUP designation permits up to 3.24 FAR residential. The CCSP indicates this site as one for potential redevelopment with residential use. The base density map provides a base density of 3.24 FAR for the subject site and a use of residential only. The proposed density and use is therefore generally consistent with the site’s GLUP designation and proposed zoning district as recommended in the CCSP.

Further, the applicant requests approximately 2.91 FAR in bonus density. The applicant proposes that .25 FAR of the bonus density would be achieved under the County’s current *Green Building Density Incentive Program*. The “C-O-Crystal City” zoning district in accordance with the CCSP provides that the County Board may approve additional density above the base density shown in the GLUP within the maximum building height limits in return for extraordinary community benefits as identified in the CCSP. While the CCSP is not site specific in terms of identifying relevant community benefits in association with requests for density above the GLUP, in the section on implementation it references considerations related to affordable housing, transportation, public open space, community building, and environmental sustainability primarily. A summary of what is included in the CCSP is below.

Affordable Housing:

- The Plan references the need for new affordable housing options in the Crystal City Metro Station area and achieving in addition to the Affordable Housing Ordinance, committed affordable housing units through the realization of bonus density. It indicates as a goal for additional committed affordable housing units negotiated with projects approved above the base density, 20% of that GFA above the GLUP be provided as affordable on-site units. It indicates that of all community benefits, affordable housing is a high priority.

Transportation:

- The Plan indicates a focus in this area of improving the multimodal transportation network to make it safe and comfortably accessible by everyone. It discusses projects being analyzed in

³ Crystal City Sector Plan recommends a range for parking ratio of between 1 and 1.125 spaces per residential dwelling unit.

context of transportation impacts and proposed mitigating strategies including TIA, sidewalk improvements, other measures, TDM, traffic calming, and way finding improvements.

Public Open Space:

- The Plan focuses on preservation and enhancement of existing open space, and where called, for the provision of new space such that the quantity and quality in Crystal City over time improves to a network of high quality and well distributed parks and plazas. It also indicates maximizing the opportunity to increase tree canopy and coverage throughout Crystal City.

Community Building:

- The Plan indicates the provision of community amenities such as day care facilities, grocery stores, community meeting spaces, elder care facilities, adult leisure/learning centers, civic centers, urgent/general health care facilities and encouraging provision of such amenities as part of community benefits packages. It also indicates providing civic services such as polling places, school, fire station, recreation center, and library.

Environmental Sustainability:

- The Plan references determining options for district energy and continuing the green building programs and other such initiatives to ensure individual buildings are constructed to be as environmentally friendly as feasible.

Site and Design: The subject site is located on the southeast quadrant of the block bounded by 15th Street to the north, S. Eads Street to the east, 18th Street South to the south and S. Fern Street to the west. The applicant proposes a rectangular shaped building with frontage on both 18th Street South and S. Eads Street. The 18th Street frontage would represent the primary front of the building, where the main entrance would be located. Also located on the 18th Street South frontage would be access to loading and the building's three and one-half level, below grade parking garage, which is proposed at the western most end of the building.



Perspective from 18th and Eads



Perspective from 15th and Eads

In addition to the building's loading and garage access points, the applicant proposes additional ground floor uses on the 18th Street frontage to comprise the building's lobby, with the leasing office immediately adjacent moving west to east and wrapping the corner turning north onto S. Eads Street. Continuing north on the site along S. Eads Street, the applicant proposes a fitness center and two (2) ground floor residential units. Ground floor uses north on the site would be comprised of additional residential units and a private landscaped courtyard. It is proposed that access from the lobby would lead through the building to the landscaped courtyard. The buildings western ground floor uses would include residential units as well as the loading and service and trash area accessed from 18th Street South. The applicant proposes on floors two (2)

through 11 a mix of residential units ranging from studios to two-bedrooms. The roof is designed for outdoor use with a pool, and landscaped terraces.

The building’s architecture is modern in style. The nearly 22’ façade marking the podium of the building would be comprised of a beige architectural precise masonry material. This distinguishes the first three (3) floors of the building from the tower. The façade of the building’s tower would be comprised primarily of two varying colors of red brick. To break the massing of the façade along 18th Street South and S. Eads Street, the applicant provides for a recessed vertical element from the podium to the tower in the middle of the facades. The building’s top is identified or capped by a metal canopy/shading device. To accentuate the nearly all brick façade of the building, the applicant proposes a vertical glass and metal element at the corner of 18th Street South and S. Eads Street.

The applicant proposes that the site’s landscaping would be comprised of tree pits on the S. Eads Street frontage with a landscape shy zone immediately adjacent to the at grade units and fitness center, and the site’s western boundary adjacent to Crystal Towers. The 18th Street South frontage provides for tree pits and bicycle racks.

LEED: The applicant has submitted a LEED Scorecard version 2009 for New Construction and Major Renovation proposing certification at the LEED Silver level. A request for .25 FAR bonus density is sought with the proposed development certification at this level and a commitment to optimize energy performance through the use of highly efficient equipment design strategies that would improve energy efficiency by at least 18%.

Transportation: The Master Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Crystal City Sector Plan classify both South Eads Street and 18th Street South as Type B – Primarily Urban Mixed-Use Arterials. Following is additional detail on the street typology as indicated in the MTP:

Street Name	Classification	Travel Lanes	Bike Accommodations	Restrict/Limit Driveway Access?	On-Street Parking	Pedestrian Way
Eads Street & 18 th St. South	Arterial	2+ Turning (one-way) 4 + Turning (two-way)	Bike Lane/Shared Lane	Yes	High	6 – 12 foot Sidewalk 6 ft. Furniture Zone or Tree Pits

The Crystal City Sector Plan (CCSP) provides additional recommendations in the way of streetscape and sidewalk widths. The CCSP calls for an 18’ – 22’ sidewalk, with a minimum six (6) foot clear zone on both Eads Street and 18th Street South in front of the subject site. In addition, the CCSP states that tree pit landscaping is preferred and that a continuous landscape strip is not permitted.

Transportation Analysis: Trip Generation: A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) was submitted by the applicant, prepared by Wells + Associates, Inc., and dated March 8, 2012. The analysis

assessed the impact of the development on the adjacent street network. The proposed residential development would generate 62 AM peak hour and 77 PM peak hour net new trips. The intersections in the study would continue to operate at acceptable levels of service with these additional trips.

Streets: South Eads Street, bordering the east end of the subject site, is a four (4) lane, undivided, minor arterial. On-street parking is currently provided on both sides of South Eads Street at the subject site. The southern side of the site is bordered by 18th Street South, a four (4) lane, median-divided, principal arterial with on-street parking. There is also a bike lane on the north side of 18th Street South.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian Circulation: There are existing sidewalks on both South Eads Street and 18th Street South. Upgraded sidewalks and full streetscape would be provided on the streets as part of the proposed development.

Parking and Loading: Proposed parking would be provided via an underground parking garage, with parking and loading access off of 18th Street South, consistent with the preferred locations of parking and loading called for in the Crystal City Sector Plan. The parking garage is proposed to be 3 ½ levels with a total of 181 parking spaces. The proposed residential parking ratio is 0.89 parking spaces per dwelling unit which is less than that permitted in the Zoning Ordinance (thus requiring a modification). The Zoning Ordinance provides for a parking ratio at 1.125 parking spaces per dwelling unit for the first 200 dwelling units and 1 parking space per dwelling unit thereafter. The CCSP recommends a parking ratio at a range of 1 to 1.125 parking spaces per dwelling unit for multifamily residential. Staff requested the applicant provide a justification, and propose mitigation, for the proposed parking modification.

The site is approximately one (1) block west of the Crystal City Metro Station (approximately 500 – 600 feet), with service to the Blue and Yellow lines. A bus stop on the Eads Street side of the subject site includes service to Metrobus routes 9A, 9C, 10A, 13B, 13F, and 13G, as well as the Fairfax Connector, which services Crystal City and the Pentagon.

DISCUSSION

Modification of Use Regulations: The following modifications to Zoning Ordinance requirements are requested with the subject site plan proposal:

- Density above the base density provided for by the GLUP and Crystal City Sector Plan of 3.24 FAR.
- Exclude from gross floor area square footage associated with mechanical shafts venting vertically through the building to the roof.
- Reduced number loading dock from the Zoning Ordinance required two (2) down to one (1).
- Reduced parking ratio from the Zoning Ordinance required parking at 1.125 space per unit for the first 200 dwelling unit and 1 space for each additional dwelling unit to .89 spaces per residential dwelling unit.

Adopted Plans and Policies: Redevelopment of the 1720 S. Eads site is guided by [Section 25.C “C-O-Crystal City”](#) district classification of the Zoning Ordinance and the [Crystal City Sector Plan](#) adopted by the County Board on September 28, 2010. Additional plans that provide recommendations relevant to development of the site include the [Aurora Highlands Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update 2008](#). Below is a summary of relevant recommendations and where appropriate, preliminary analysis of the site plan proposal within the context of these various plans and policy documents.

Aurora Highlands Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update 2008: The site is located on a block that comprises the eastern most edge of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association Boundary. Relevant specific recommendations of the Plan applicable to the site include the following:

- *Land Use and Zoning* – Conserve the single-family neighborhood, with appropriate transition from high-density buildings to single-family residential given the extensive development existing and proposed in Pentagon City and Crystal City, at the neighborhood’s fringe.

Specific recommendations provided for development on S. Eads Street, north of 23rd Street South include:

- In order to soften the appearance of this very broad street and to encourage traffic to move at speeds closer to the speed limit, the county should add a planted median along Eads Street between 15th and 23rd Streets.
- In order to preserve the residential character, new construction on the east side of Eads should taper down from the Crystal City high-rise building heights. From 23rd to 15th Street, heights and facades along Eads that face the neighborhood should step down to prevent “wall” effect.
- New construction on Eads should include adequate parking and first-floor retail. The building facades should be pedestrian-friendly and not turn their backs to Eads Street.
- Sidewalks should be pedestrian-friendly, with broad sidewalk widths, streetlights, and landscaping.

Finally, the Plan recognizes the proposed redevelopment of the site with a high-rise residential building and the loss of the community’s post office and provides the following recommendation:

- The County should work with all public and private sectors to retain a full-time retail post office with parking at this or an adjoining site.

Arlington County Zoning Ordinance Section 25C.E: Below is a summary of the district regulations for development by site plan on site’s proposed “C-O-Crystal City” zoning.

	Zoning District Regulations – Site Plans	1720 S. Eads Proposal
Uses Permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses permitted in 25C.A (by-right) • Office, if not otherwise permitted • Multiple Family Dwellings • Hotels • Retail • Doctors and Physicians offices, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary clinics • Post-secondary Education 	Multiple Family Dwellings
Density Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Density Base Map 25C.1: 3.24 FAR (Residential Only) 	6.04 FAR Residential ⁴ 3.24 FAR Base Density 2.80 FAR Bonus Density
Area Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	None
Use Mix Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Map 25C.2: Residential, Hotel Uses 	Residential Use
Height Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Heights Map 25C.3: 110 Feet excluding penthouse • Zoning Ordinance Section 31.B.2.a.: 23 Feet Max. Penthouse Height Above the Height 	110 feet, Main Roof Height 19 Feet, Penthouse Height
Bulk Plan Angle Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk Plane Angle Map 25C.5: NA for Site 	None
Building Tower Separation and Coverage Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. horizontal separation of 60 ft between building towers above the fifth floor • 65% Max. Building Tower Coverage on Block 	97.4 ft + Building Tower Separation 24.8% Building Tower Coverage
Streetscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscapes with curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light, street furniture, street lights, landscaping, etc. in accordance with CCSP and other County Board established policies: 18’ – 22’ Commercial/Mixed 	17.25’ – 22.8’ Streetscape: 18 th Street South 23’ wide Streetscape: S. Eads Street
Parking	1.125 spaces per residential dwelling unit the first 200 units plus an additional 1 space per residential dwelling unit for each space thereafter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 228 spaces 	.89 spacer per residential dwelling unit (181 spaces)
Transportation Demand Management	As required by Administrative Regulation 4.1 to demonstrate reduced vehicle trips and increased use of other transportation options in justification of reduced parking on the site	To Be Determined
Crystal City Block Plans	Site Plan Applications Located East of Jefferson Davis Highway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA for Site 	None

Crystal City Sector Plan (CCSP): The site is identified in the CCSP as Block E. As many of the recommendations of the CCSP related to land use and zoning have been codified in the zoning district regulations for the proposed zoning of the site, the table below will enumerate some additional relevant recommendations provided in the Plan on Density and the Built Form and Design Guidelines.

⁴ Additional density permitted at the discretion of the County Board where it is found that it furthers the goals, policies and recommendations in the Crystal City Sector Plan and other County Board plans and policies established for the area. Amount of density or other bonuses based on extent to which project meets the plans or provides such benefits and can be accommodated within the other established building form parameters.

CCSP Element	Recommendation
Density & Building Form: Retail Frontage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block frontages on the site do not require retail, although it is permitted
Land Use & Use Mix: Services and Loading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading, service and garage entrances located on 18th Street South
Building Massing: Podium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and reinforce quality of the public realm Engage RBL 0 to two (2) feet for a minimum of 80% of the street frontage Built no more than 10 feet behind RBL At least one frontage on RBL for minimum of 65 feet along the RBL No encroachments within Right-of-Way or open space exceeding greater than 6 feet into the RBL 65 ft Max. Podium Height Min. 40 ft Podium Separation Pedestrian friendly ground floor podium base Horizontal architectural unity of top podium.
Building Massing: Towers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. 60 ft separation Not exceed 65% tower coverage requirements Mass allows light, air, and views through block Max. 40,000 sq ft floor plate for Residential tower Distinct building tops upper two to four floors Mechanical penthouse setback from roof edge no less than wall height
Building Setback Profiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podiums engage build-to lines Ground level spaces not set back from build-to lines and meet back of sidewalk Towers employ multiple or single setbacks as appropriate Tops designed to achieve distinctive profile Mechanical integrated with overall building design Some sculpting
Architectural Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable for subject site
Building Frontage – Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street frontage more passive and quiet in character of residential neighborhood where no retail Lobby entrances front on streets Opportunities for ground floor units with separate entrances Lobby entrances at grade and 12’ min. clear height Ground floor elevated min. 24” above exterior grade along RBL Limited building frontage elements encroaching max. 6’ into the RBL Handicap ramps internal to building Landscape permitted between pedestrian clear zone and building face
Public Sidewalk Frontage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 ft. min clear sidewalk width 6 ft. min and 7 ft. max. street and furniture zone Residential shy zone only on residential frontages intended as landscape buffer between building face and sidewalk clear zone Concrete pavers 5’ x 12’ min. tree pit Tree grates permitted Tree pit landscaping preferred Continuous planting strip not permitted

Issues: The first meeting was held on June 25, 2012. At the conclusion of the meeting, the primary issues were: 1) how additional density above that permitted would be earned, 2) building architecture, and 3) streetscape. The applicant proposed revisions to the building’s architecture and modified the streetscape including the provision of an additional tree on each 18th Street

South and S. Eads Street frontages, which were discussed and reviewed by the SPRC at its meeting on July 30, 2012. In addition, to the review of issues from the previous meeting, the following additional issues were identified and/or questions raised and being evaluated:

Land Use & Zoning

- ~~Extraordinary community benefits to be determined for~~ Achieving the proposed density above the base density of 3.24 FAR.

Site Design & Layout

- ~~Site design and façade treatment of garage and loading doors should be enhanced to provide for a pedestrian friendly environment along 18th Street South.~~
- ~~Consider units at ground floor having front entrances to add interest and activation to the ground floor.~~
- ~~Consider ground floor uses and whether or not rearranging them such that the fitness center is located adjacent to the leasing center on S. Eads Street would provide for a better means to activate the street.~~

Building Design & Architecture

- Vents shown on facades should be eliminated.
- ~~Architecture at the corner of 18th and S. Eads should provide for the prominence of this corner in order to create a strong sense of space and place.~~
- Mechanical penthouse should be minimized and designed to integrate with the façade and treatment of the overall design of the building.
- ~~Lack of consistency in treatment of façades; Materials of building top and base not carried through on each facade.~~
- ~~Understatement of all façade elevations except the 18th Street façade.~~
- Balconies – conflict with tree canopy; eyesores.

Landscape, Streetscape, and Open Space

- Concerns expressed regarding the context of the building and urban streetscape in the residential block.
- ~~Request to provide and show decorative fencing around the tree pits.~~
- Consider continuation of tree lined median on 18th Street.
- Overall landscaping and streetscape should provide for an enhanced pedestrian experience along both frontages of 18th Street and Eads Street.
- ~~Reduce spacing between trees to provide for at least one additional tree on the site's frontages.~~
- ~~Provide reasonably sized landscape/shy zone between the building and the pedestrian pathway along S. Eads Street to provide better privacy for ground floor residential units and improve the pedestrian experience along this frontage. An alternative could be to relocate the fitness center along this frontage to address the issue of privacy.~~
- ~~Prepare and provide a landscape plan that better illustrates what is proposed, and in particular the purpose of the 7.5 foot tall fence.~~

Transportation

- Request for additional information on the direct route to bicycle network from the site.
- Cross section on Eads Street requested to be detailed/clarified.
- Potential for the sidewalk to meander as opposed to being linear at the rear of the building.
- Request for parking utilization data to be provided as well as recent ratio of residential approved in Crystal City.
- 1.125 spaces per unit for the first 200 units and 1 space per unit thereafter for additional spaces is the required parking per the Zoning Ordinance in C-O-Crystal City. The Crystal City Sector Plan recommends a range from 1 to 1.125 spaces per units. An appropriate justification is needed for the requested ratio of .89 spaces per unit.
- ~~Consistency of streetscape with recommendations of the Sector Plan.~~

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