

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
February 22, 2018

12:30 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Architectural Review Board Design Review Items – Action

721 Fairfax Avenue (a.k.a.: 315 Colley Avenue)— Education & Academic Administration Building

Applicant: Eastern Virginia Medical School

Project Request: Design review for new construction building with parking

Project Summary: The applicant came to the August 21, 2017 ARB meeting to discuss their vision for this building with conceptual drawings. The presentation looked at how the building will interact with the medical campus, light rail and the Ghent residential neighborhood. There is an eclectic and diverse mix of building styles, heights and materials. This building includes administrative offices, classrooms and parking. The building has been scaled to have the lowest part of the building at the corner of Brambleton and Colley Avenue and the height increases along Colley Avenue and towards the campus. The main entrance faces into the campus. The construction is contemporary and asymmetrical with glass curtain walls and panels for the building and open screening on the parking levels. The ARB had the following concerns: Look at addressing the relationship of the massive building along Brambleton and Colley Avenues to pedestrians on the sidewalk. The main entrance location further fortifies the building from the adjacent neighborhood.

The building will maintain the twenty-foot setback requirement. The applicant proposes to soften the setback area with generous landscaping of bio-retention plants and trees. They have further addressed the entrance location through landscaping, hardscaping and signage at the corner of Brambleton and Colley Avenues. Colors could help make the building look smaller. Offer some variation that can be distinguished easily.

ARB Recommendation: By a vote of 6-0, the ARB recommends approval for the building, landscaping/hardscaping, signage and furnishings as presented.

3. Presentations

- A. Text amendment to prohibit the new construction of attached front loaded garages in the Traditional Character District – Robert Tajan, AICP, Zoning Administrator**
- B. Zoning Ordinance Update – Jeremy Sharp, AICP, Principal Planner**

4. February 22, 2018 Public Hearing Preview

5. Director's Comments

- A. Council Actions**
- B. Tour of recent Monument Development sites**
- C. Petition to Rezone Newton Park Neighborhood**

6. Comments from Commissioners

7. Future Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

1:00 PM Zoning Field Trip

Thursday, March 8, 2018

1:00 PM Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018

1:00 PM Regular Meeting

2:30 PM Public Hearing Meeting

Design Review applications for items scheduled for the City Planning Commission meeting, exclusive of information only items, can be viewed at the website below:

www.norfolk.gov/Planning/designreview.asp